Hello, Friends and Neighbors,

I am sure this has been a busy summer for all of us, and I surely hope you were one of those lucky folks that made time to attend this year’s Cortland Summer Fest. Great weather, bands, food, and beverages combined to make for one of the largest crowds yet for this event. Activities for the kids provided by the Cortland Library and the Cortland Methodist Church, and the fantastic fireworks display on Saturday evening, certainly added to this successful yearly event. I commend everyone on the Cortland Festival & Parade Committee, the many volunteers, and members of the Cortland Police and Fire Departments for their efforts in making Cortland Summer Fest both fun and safe for everyone.

Since the last newsletter:

Attorney Stewart Diamond and I met with representatives from Cambridge Homes, Inc. There was truly a spirit of cooperation, and in essence the “stand-off” regarding completion of Richland Trails Subdivision has been somewhat tempered. Cambridge Homes has agreed to repair the concrete curbs and complete paving of the roadway. This will allow the Town to accept the roadways. When this occurs the streets will be plowed and maintained by our Streets & Maintenance Department. Parking Ordinances will then be enforced by Cortland Police.

Improvements are underway in Welsh Park, Hetchler Park, and Suppeland Park. Playground equipment is being renovated by local Boy Scout Seth Pinne as part of his Eagle Scout project in Welsh Park. New open-air shelters are being constructed in Hetchler Park and Suppeland Park. Both will be constructed having concrete floors, and new picnic tables will be present in those shelters.

The extension of electric service into Cortland Community Park was completed in time for the Cortland Summer Fest activities. I must recognize Trustees Chuck Lanning and Brad Stone for spearheading this initiative, and thank Larry Coward of Coward Electric, members of our Streets & Maintenance Department, and members of the Festival & Parade Committee for their assistance in making this happen. This project came in under budget, in part thanks to donations from H.I. Stone & Sons and Peoria Pump.

Our Streets & Maintenance Department replaced 373 feet of sidewalk in various locations. Road repairs will be taking place this fall on Dogwood Street, Ellen Avenue, and Linda Avenue. Road repairs are also scheduled for Loves Road, south of the Railroad crossing, and Airport Road, south of North Avenue.

The residents of Chestnut Grove no longer have to look at the 2 large construction storage trailers that were abandoned in their neighborhood. They were recently removed thanks to the efforts of Cortland Police Chief Dennis Medema and the Town’s General Legal Council Kevin Buick and his staff.

Efforts are on-going to have a large dirt pile located in Nature’s Crossing just north of the Heatherfield neighborhood on Prairiefield Avenue graded, in order to better abate the problems of tall weeds and their problematic seeds.

Preliminary work is due to begin this fall on the construction of the new Sanitary Lift Station which will be located on North Avenue East of Prairie Street. The Town was approved for a low-interest loan through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). We are currently exploring the means to comply with the IEPA mandate to upgrade our Sewer Treatment Facility to treat for phosphates and to fund the much needed repainting of our older water tower.

Don’t forget the 32nd Cortland Festival & Parade being held on Sunday, October 13, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.

As always, I thank you for the opportunity to serve our community.

Russ Stokes
Mayor
DATES TO REMEMBER

September
2 Labor Day  
(Town Hall closed)
9 Town Board meeting
23 Town Board meeting
? Planning Commission meeting  
date is to be determined

October
14 Columbus Day  
Town Hall closed
15 Town Board Meeting  
(Tuesday)
28 Town Board meeting
31 Halloween

All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Please check our website for cancellations or changes to meeting schedule.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE TOWN PLANNING COMMISSION?

The Town is actively seeking residents that would be interested in volunteering their time to serve on the Town of Cortland Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission is responsible for reviewing plans for residential, commercial, and industrial development and making recommendations to the Town Board of Trustees on those respective plans.

Interested residents are encouraged to submit an application. Applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope to Cortland Town Hall addressed to the attention of Planning Commission Chair Brad Lawson. Applications will be reviewed and interviews conducted by current members of the Planning Commission. Appointments will be made by the Mayor pursuant to recommendations by the Commission.

Application is available on-line at www.cortlandil.org or the Town Hall.

Police Department Reminders

School is now open
Please pay attention to the 20 mph speed limit within the school zone. The law prohibits talking on cell phones while driving in a school zone.

Cell Phone
Remember to REMOVE the batteries from old cell phones before giving them to children to play with..... Even though these cell phones have no service they will still call 9-1-1 when buttons are pushed.

HYDRANT FLUSHING
October 7-11

HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT
HOURS
4 TO 8 P.M
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 31.
How Much Water Does The Average Person at Home Use Per Day?

According to a U.S. Geological study estimates vary, but each person uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day. Are you surprised that the largest use of household water is to flush the toilet, and after that, to take showers and baths? That is why, in these days of water conservation, we are starting to see toilets and showers that use less water than before.

Bath - About 36 gallons.
Shower - 2 gallons per minute, old shower heads as much as 5 gallons per minute.
Hands & face washing - 1 gallon.
Dishwasher - 10 gallons/per load, depending on efficiency of dishwasher.
Dishwashing by hand - 20 gallons. Newer kitchen faucets use about 2.2 gallons per minute, older use more.
Clothes washer - 25 gallons/per load for newer washers. Older models use about 40 gallons per load.
Toilet flush - 3 gallons. Most new toilets use 1.6 gallons per flush, but many older toilets use about 4 gallons.
Outdoor watering - 5-10 gallons per minute.

How Many Gallons Of Water Did The Town Pump In The Past 3 months?

Approx. 6.7 million gallons of treated water were pumped in May 2013 as compared to 8.1 in May 2012.
Approx. 6.8 million gallons of treated water were pumped in June 2013 as compared to 9.8 in June of 2012.
Approx. 8.4 million gallons of treated water were pumped in July 2013 as compared to 8.5 in July of 2012.

4TH ANNUAL CORTLAND SUMMER FEST IN REVIEW
Trustee Brad Stone’s Report

Let me start by saying without the help of many special people, the 4th Annual Cortland Summerfest, as with every event, would not have happened. First, through the hard work of Chuck Lanning, Larry Coward Electric, H.I. Stone & Sons, and the Streets & Maintenance Department, we were able to complete the project of putting electricity into the Cortland Community Park. This was a huge undertaking and will be a great addition to the park.

Next, committee members, along with Chuck Lanning, stripped the stages down to bare steel at the Streets & Maintenance garage. With approval from the Town Board, and a great deal from Lowe’s Home Improvement, we rebuilt the stages and had the whole thing covered with a rubberized coating that should protect our stages for years to come.

On Wednesday, the Streets & Maintenance Department delivered and leveled the stages. On Thursday, we erected the stage halo with the help of O’Donnell Crane. Champion Fence put up our beer garden barrier fence & Waste Management brought the porta-potties and wash sinks. Friday morning started with Tool Time Rental putting up the beer garden tents, then Euclid Beverages delivered the beer wagon. One by one, the food vendors set up and readied themselves for a busy weekend.

Friday evening started with a prayer from Chuck Lanning. Cortland resident Dennis Lexa sang the national anthem. At 7 p.m. Menagerie took the stage with their mix of rock and roll, followed by 29 Needles, featuring Cortland’s own Travys Lanning, at 10:30 p.m. Attendance seemed to be down Friday, possibly due to the Steam Power Show. Saturday’s festivities started with a car show at noon. The Cortland Lions Club hosted a motorcycle ride for Literacy. The Cortland Library had lots of free and exciting things for the young attendees to do. At 12:00 p.m. the band, Relics started Saturday’s music off with a nice mix of forgotten oldies giving way to the southern rock sounds of Shooter at 3:30. The pace of the evening picked up as headlining Saturday evening music was Back Country Roads from Maple Park. They have a huge following of die-hard country music fans. At 9:00 p.m. DCV Imports filled the skies with an awesome display of fireworks. Saturday proved to be very busy as almost every food vendor sold out of goodies.

As I said in the beginning, without the help of many, special people this event would not have happened. I would like to thank the Cortland Festival & Parade Committee, their spouses and families, who always get wrangled into helping. The Cortland Mayor, Town Hall staff and Town Board members who helped behind the check-in table and wherever else they were asked to pitch in, the ever-helping Streets & Maintenance Department. Chuck Lanning, for his “just ask” attitude. Cortland’s Police & Fire Depts. for their roles in public service and safety. Cody O’Donnell for his awesome job as parking supervisor. And last I’d like to thank Judy Butler who makes me look ready and organized at every festival & parade event. I’m sure I have forgotten someone, and to them I’m sorry, and thank you.

Respectfully, Brad Stone, Parade & Festival Liaison
32nd Cortland Festival & Parade
**Sunday, October 13, 2013, at 1:00 p.m.**
Mark your calendar! The 32nd Annual Cortland Festival and Parade will kick off at 1:00 p.m. and will feature members of local bands, scout troops, clubs, and other organizations. The parade will begin at Loves Road and Cortland Center Road and end at Cortland Community Park. Please join us at the park after the parade for the Town Festival from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Festival will have food vendors, rides, and attractions for all ages.

Please contact Judy Butler at 815-751-6683 if your business or organization is interested in participating in the parade. All participants receive a hot dog, chips, and a drink after the parade, graciously donated by the Cortland Lions Club and the Festival & Parade Committee.

**CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS**
**Hours:** Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5

**website:** www.cortlandlibrary.com

September is “Library Card Month.”
Come in to Cortland Library for books, DVD movies, CD audiobooks, magazines, music CDs, and to use our public computers. No time to visit the library? Go online to www.cortlandlibrary.com to download ebooks through our OMNI portal, or a selection of magazines through Zinio. Cortland Library has prepaid these items for our busy patrons. All you need is your device and your Cortland Library card barcode.

Cortland Library provides Preschool Story Times at 10 a.m. on Wednesday & Thursday. School-Age Story Time occurs weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Prior sign-up is requested for:
- Writer’s Group, grades 3 and up (Monday @ 4:30 p.m.)
- Crochet Group, open to all ages (Wednesday @ 7 p.m.)
- Story & Craft for elementary students (Thursday @ 4 p.m.)

Families living outside the limits of the Town of Cortland may purchase a yearly library card. Come in and ask for details.

Use your library card for entertainment and educational needs; it may be the most valuable card in your wallet!