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CORTLAND SUMMER FEST A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Monday, August 27, Town Trustee Brad Stone reported on the success of Summer Fest. Friday night started with a prayer and the raising of the American & POW flags while the National Anthem was played on guitar, followed by a cannon salute. The band Shooter played a mix of southern country rock.

Saturday the event started with a prayer and the National Anthem. Hitman Rockband took the stage first. At 3 p.m. the band Menagerie of Sycamore played their mix that included everything from Johnny Cash to Pink Floyd. At 7:30 Back Country Roads took the stage and played until the spectacular fireworks display at 9 p.m. Back Country Roads continued playing until closing. All bands did a wonderful job and the crowd of approximately 800 people had a great time. Cortland Library and the Cortland Lions Club had food and desserts for sale outside the beer garden.

Trustee Stone thanked the following people for donating their time, services, or money to help make this, the 3rd Annual Cortland Summer Fest, such a great success: Festival & Parade Committee and its members Judy Butler, Alvina Stover, Fred Hornbuckle, and Rich O'Donnell; the Streets and Maintenance Department and Police Department, Cortland Library, and Lions Club; fellow Trustee Chuck Lanning, Bert Butler, Paul Stover, Kim Stone, John Kocker, Sue Lanning, Travys Lanning, Samantha Hadley, Mayor Seyller, Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis, Town Treasurer Mark Davenport, and Trustee Sandra Barzso.

Thanks again to everyone who attended the 3rd annual Summer Fest. If you had fun (and it seems like most of you did) we look forward to seeing you again next year!

31st ANNUAL CORTLAND FESTIVAL & PARADE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 2012, at 1:00 pm

The 31st annual Cortland Festival & Parade will be on Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 1:00 pm The theme this year for the parade is "Heroes". 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.

The Cavern Beat, a Beatles tribute band, will be playing during the festival! This band is known for its authentic style and vintage look. Come check them out!

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. This is graciously donated by the Cortland Lions Club and Festival & Parade Committee.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 3 Labor Day
(Town Hall Closed)
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 24 Town Board meeting

October

- 1-5 Hydrant Flushing
- 1 Planning Commission meeting
- 8 Columbus Day
(Town Hall Closed)
- 8 Town Board meeting
- 22 Town Board meeting

November

- 4 Daylight Savings
(turn clocks back)

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You may reach any Trustee by email by using their first initial and last name @cortlandil.org. For information regarding articles for this newsletter you may email the Deputy Clerk at deputyclerk@cortlandil.org.

Police Department Reminders

School is now open

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

Refuse and Garbage

Refuse and garbage should be placed at the curb NO earlier than 6 pm the night before your pickup day. The empty containers should be removed from the curb by midnight the day of the pick-up.

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.

During these hard economic times the police department would rather have compliance with ordinances and laws rather than to be issuing citations and having citizens taking time off to appear in court, etc.

FIVE FACTS ABOUT WATER

1. On average, each American uses about 160 gallons of water a day.
2. The average 5 minute shower takes between 15 and 25 gallons of water.
3. An automatic dishwasher uses approximately 9 to 12 gallons of water while hand washing dishes can use up to 20 gallons.
4. The average person spends less than 1% of his/her total personal income for water, wastewater, and water disposal services.
5. You can refill an 8oz. glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda.

RADIO TIME

TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE 4th MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 9:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.



Town Clerk Cheryl Aldis has started collecting articles, pictures, and memorabilia for the Town's sesquicentennial (150 year celebration) in 2015, so please contact her at 815-756-3030 with any contributions or information you would like to share.

CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5
website: www.cortlandlibrary.com
Follow us on Facebook
(815)756-7274

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Back-to-school time is the perfect time to get a Cortland Community Library card. If you reside within the Town of Cortland, simply bring in a photo id and proof of residence (such as a utility bill). Cortland town residents support the library through their taxes. Non-residents may have a library card by paying an equivalent fee. For renters, this amount is 15% of one month's rent. For homeowners, this amount is .0033104% of your EAV calculated as the yearly fee. Please bring the appropriate documentation into the library and we will be happy to help you. We now offer the option of a Family Library Card. Families with multiple library users at the same address are encouraged to exchange their existing library cards for one family card that everyone can use. All of your family's holds, checkouts, renewals, and fines will be on one card--much easier to manage! Throughout the month of September, anyone who signs up for a new Cortland Library card or converts their existing cards into a Family Library Card will be entered into a prize drawing!



The library is looking for donations of gently used LEGOs! If you have LEGOs in your basement that no one plays with anymore, the library would love to have them for use in programs.

Weekly Programs

Elementary Age Storytime, Tuesdays at 7 pm
Preschool Storytime, Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am
Third Grade & Up Readers & Writers Group, Wednesdays at 4 p m
Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.
First Grade & Up Story & Craft, Thursdays at 4 pm Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.
Special Events. Please check with the library for additional fall programs & events.

STEM Teen Read

Throughout the year, teens read science fiction books, participate in fun, interactive online programs, and then meet up virtually or live at Northern Illinois University for free discussions and Q&A sessions with experts who explain the science behind the fiction. Participate in virtual chats, find cool science articles and videos, connect with other teen science fiction fans, and share questions and fan fiction stories with other readers and experts. All STEM Teen Read programs and events are free, and you or your school or library group can join to access information and resources on any book at any time. More information is at <http://teenread.niu.edu/>

Download ebooks or audiobooks for FREE using your Cortland Library card. Information is on the library's website under the OMNI link. One-on-one assistance is available at the library. Follow us on Facebook at www.cortlandlibrary.com

BACK TO SCHOOL PTA NEWS**September**

10 PTA Meeting at 7 pm (childcare provided)

26 Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30 pm

October

10 Fall Portraits

15 PTA Meeting at 7 pm (childcare provided)

24 Market Day pick-up 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Support our ongoing fundraisers by sending your Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Labels in to the Cortland School. Market Day flyers will be sent home monthly with students or they can be picked up at the Cortland Library. Want to help out or have a question and need to contact the PTA? Email us at Cortland_PTA@yahoo.com.

**BURNING RESTRICTIONS
REMINDERS**

No hay, straw, or other combustible material shall be burned in any of the streets or street rights-of-way of the Town without written permission from the Streets and Maintenance Department nor on any lot in the Town within thirty feet (30) of any building. Any persons violating any provision of this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (1998 Code). Burning is allowed within the Town Limits. Your burn pit must be 30' from a structure. The following items generated at the home property are OK to burn: Landscape waste, dry leaves and branches, and wastepaper. You may not burn the following: Green vegetation, construction waste, and garbage. Please be considerate of your neighbors; check wind direction before and during burning. If smoke becomes an issue a resident can call the police non-emergency number at 815-756-2558.



**Hydrant flushing will take place
the week of October 1 - 5.**

Town Board Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Agendas for all meetings are typically available on the Friday before. To view agendas go to www.cortlandil.org.

Hello,

Where has the time gone? School has started, so be careful and watch out for children crossing streets and at bus stops. It won't be long and the corn will be disappearing from the fields and we'll be raking the never ending supply of leaves. The Town's 31st Annual Parade & Festival is just around the corner. 31 YEARS, that is amazing! Parade and Big Red's Apple cook-off forms will be available on the Town's website. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Parade and Festival.

I want to thank everyone who helped to make the 3rd Annual Summer Fest such a "huge" success. The Festival and Parade Committee did a great job organizing this event. To the volunteers who donated their time and to everyone who donated money, services, and materials, thank you for your generosity on a job well done.

I would also like to recognize Cortland Police Officer Kim Everhart as she has been named Law Officer of the Year by the Grand du Illinois. This award in addition to the Medal of Valor that Officer Everhart received last year makes her a candidate for national recognition. Thank you Officer Everhart, for your heroic actions on that night in July 2011. Cortland is honored and privileged to have such a well trained and dedicated Police Department.

I've been getting a lot of questions from Town residents regarding the removal of some trees from Cortland parks and streets. As you may know, the emerald ash borer (EAB) has infected tens of thousands of green ash trees in Northern Illinois. Unfortunately, Cortland has not been spared. The EAB was confirmed in Cortland last year, and the green ash trees in Town are beginning to show the signs of infestation. Sadly, once the signs of infestation are visible the tree is already dying and will eventually have to be removed. Our staff has inventoried all the trees in Town parks and we have more than fifty green ash trees in all five of our parks, alone. Several have already died as a result of this pest. In order to avoid anyone being injured by a dead tree, of the unsightliness of a dead tree, our staff is removing the dead ones as time permits.

The tree removal process will be a slow ongoing process since the green ash trees will not all die at the same time. We intend to replace the trees we remove. Homeowners should be aware that they may have green ash trees on their property. Green ash was a very popular tree and was planted in street parkways, parks, private lots, and in parking lots. It's likely one or more were planted on your lot. Homeowners need to begin preparing for the eventual removal of their green ash trees once they die from this pest. You can learn more about the EAB and the quarantine that has been placed on northern Illinois at the Illinois Department of Agriculture's website, www.IllinoisEAB.com.

Again, I look forward to seeing all of you at the parade and festival on October 14.

Mayor Bob



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