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30th Annual Cortland Festival & Parade

Mark your calendars! The 30th annual Cortland Festival & Parade will be on October 16, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Harvest" and we encourage everyone in the community to be a part of our wonderful family event. 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!

All floats that participate in the parade are eligible to win 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or "Chairperson Choice Award." All participants in the parade receive a hot dog, chips, and drink after the parade. Please contact Judy Butler at 815-751-6683 if your business or organization is interested in participating in the parade.

Monetary donations are being accepted by the committee to help offset the cost of the parade. Please send donations to the Town of Cortland Festival & Parade, PO Box 519, Cortland, IL 60112-0519.

Wastewater Reclamation & Reuse Facility Receives Global Attention

Can we say *world renowned* wastewater reclamation and reuse facility? The Town's wastewater reclamation and reuse facility has hosted visits and tours by scores of officials from other communities throughout the state since it was opened. But did you know our reclamation facility is getting international attention? Recently a group of designers from England and Germany who will be designing a similar facility in Saudi Arabia visited our wastewater plant. Last summer the facility was visited by a group from Cyprus considering alternative wastewater treatment technology, and prior to that a group from Canada toured our facility. *Bienvenue! Welkommen!*

ADOPT A STORM SEWER

The Town is asking residents to volunteer in helping a critical part of our utility infrastructure. By keeping storm drains in the curb or your yard free of debris you are helping to prevent flooding in your neighborhood. This is especially important during fall months when rain increases and falling leaves block drains.

LIONS CLUB 5K TURKEY TROT

Come out and cheer on the 2nd annual 5K Lions Club Turkey Trot Runners on November 12th. See their link on the Town's website for registration information. For pre-registration opportunities, check out their booth at the Festival on October 16th (after the parade). Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For information you may contact Chris Fowler at cortlandlion@yahoo.com or 815-549-1205.

DATES TO REMEMBER**September**

- 3 Labor Day (Town Hall closed)
- 7 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 26 Town Board meeting

October

- 3 Planning Commission meeting
- 10 Town Board meeting
- 16 Parade & Festival
- 24 Town Board meeting
- 31 Halloween

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WHAT'S NEW IN CORTLAND**Emerald Ash Borer Confirmed in Cortland**

The Illinois Department of Agriculture recently added Cortland to the growing list of northeastern Illinois communities that have ash trees infected with the notorious emerald ash borer (EAB). Representatives from the Department have confirmed that a number of trees in Cortland are infested with the EAB.

The EAB is an invasive species of beetle that feeds on the life giving part of the ash tree. Once infected, the ash tree will die. Until a reliable insecticide can be developed the objective is to limit the spread of the beetle.

White Ash and Green Ash are native to Illinois and are common in this part of the state. If you have an ash tree on your property there is a high probability the tree will become infested and will eventually die. You may choose to treat the tree with an insecticide but these treatments will require an annual occurrence and cost and their effectiveness is still to be determined. Eventually, untreated ash trees will need to be removed because they will die. The sign the tree is infested and dying is crown dieback. Branches at the top of the crown will be the first to die and more branches from the top down will die in subsequent years. As the tree declines, "sucker" or new young branches will sprout from the base of the tree trunk. The bark may also split vertically and woodpeckers may begin feeding on the beetle leaving visible damage on the bark. But unless it is already dead, you may be able to wait any number of years to remove it. Property owners are responsible for maintaining trees on their property, including removing dead or dying trees and should begin preparing for the eventual tree removal.

21 counties in northeastern Illinois are under a quarantine to prevent the spread of this insidious pest. Consequently, moving firewood within the quarantine area is restricted and moving wood outside the quarantine area is prohibited. Residents are advised to make sure any landscaping contractor or arborists that you hire to maintain, treat or remove your ash tree has an Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. For a complete list of landscape companies, nurseries, and arborists that have agreed to comply with the terms of the quarantine and disposal methods visit www.illinoisEAB.com.

You may also obtain information about the care of ash trees and protecting them from the EAB from the University of Illinois Extension office, www.web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/index.html; the Morton Arboretum Plant Clinic (630.719.2424), www.mortonarb.org; www.emeraldashborer.info; or to find a certified arborist in our area, visit www.illinoisarborist.org.

CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday & Saturday 9-5
website: www.cortlandlibrary.com

September is National Library Card Signup Month!

Come in and get your card. Bring a photo ID and proof of residence within the Town of Cortland. Parents must apply for cards for their children under 18.

Internet permission from a parent is required for student 8-18. Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent to use the library internet.

Story Time Hours

Pre-school Story Times: Wednesday & Thursday at 10 a.m.
Elementary Story Time: Tuesday at 7 p.m.
First Grade & Up Story and Craft Time: Thursday at 4 p.m.

BUSINESS EXPO

Tuesday, September 13, 2011
5:45-8:00p.m.
Cortland Elementary School

The Business Expo is being held in conjunction with the Fall Meet & Greet for the school.

Come join us for this excellent opportunity to reach out to the community and let them know about your Business!

Bring a table and information you'd like to hand out~ Meet the people in your community!!

If you are interested in participating please RSVP to Darci @ Resource Bank by Friday, September 9, 2011
815-748-1645

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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') feet 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 DATES TO REMEMBER

October 17 thru 21



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

**4 TO 8 P.M.
MONDAY,
OCTOBER 31**

RADIO TIME

TUNE INTO WLBK AM (1360) OR ONLINE (1360WLBK.COM) THE LAST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT APPROXIMATELY 8:40 A.M. TO HEAR THE MAYOR DISCUSSING INFORMATION CONCERNING CORTLAND AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

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.

Lift Station Severely Damaged by Lightning Strike

On July 29 the lift station on Barber Greene Road was severely damaged by a lightning strike in the wee hours of the morning. The lightning destroyed the electrical control panels, burned pumps, motors, and wiring in the lift station, and destroyed a ComEd transformer. Quick action by the Water/Wastewater Department staff and ComEd crews got power restored to the facility and usable components were salvaged to get the facility operational, albeit at only a third of its capacity. The lift station is now completely repaired and in full operation.

Hello,



Where has the time gone? School has started, so be careful to watch out for children crossing streets. It won't be long and we'll be watching the corn disappear from the fields and raking the never ending supply of leaves. The Town's 30th Annual Parade & Festival is just around the corner. 30 YEARS, that is amazing! Don't forget to sign up for the Apple Cooking Contest! Forms will be available on the Town's website. I look forward to seeing you at the parade and festival.

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 with any contributions or information you would like to share.

The Festival and Parade Committee did another great job planning Summer Fest. I would like to extend my thanks to all who attended and supported the Summer Fest event. Numerous volunteers and Town staff work together to plan and orchestrate this celebration. We also had an incredible fireworks display this year. Plan on visiting the Town's website (www.cortlandil.org) in the near future to view pictures.

The Town held a public meeting on August 22nd regarding the new TIF District Re-development Program. If you were not able to attend this meeting and would like more information, please visit our website at www.cortlandil.org. This page is currently "under construction," but information will be posted soon. Please feel free to call me or the Town Administrator if you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any issue regarding Town business.

Bob



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