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Town Garage Sale Coming May 4-5; Plan Now!

Depending on your perspective, Spring is already here or it's right around the corner, and that means the annual Town of Cortland Garage Sale is near. This event was conceived and organized by Cortland resident Donna Klemm years ago and the event has grown each year since. This year's event promises to be bigger than years past and offer some new features. This event is a good reason to clean out those closets, garages, and basements. More information about registering for the Annual Garage Sale may be found in the insert in this edition of the Town Newsletter.

Town Water System Recognized

The Town's water system was recently awarded the Fluoridation Award by the Illinois Department of Public Health for twelve consecutive months of perfect fluoridation process. This marks the fourth consecutive year the Town's water system has been recognized with this award.

Hydrant Flushing to Resume April 16-20

The Town's Water/Wastewater Department will begin hydrant flushing during the week of April 16 thru 20. Signs will be posted when the hydrant flushing process is set to begin. Hydrant flushing is necessary to flush the water mains in order to remove sediment and to exercise the fire hydrants throughout the town to keep them operational and in good working order for emergencies.

Town Employee Completes Homeland Security Training

One of our Water/Wastewater Department employees recently completed disaster preparedness training sponsored by the US Department of Homeland Security. The training was specifically focused on protecting public water supplies from acts of terrorism and the appropriate responses and counter measures to various incidents involving the public water supply. We are pleased to announce that Jeff Lemke not only successfully completed the training but was cleared to return to work since workshop participants were exposed to various dangerous chemical substances during training. Cortland was selected from hundreds of communities to participate in this unique training program. The training was paid in its entirety by the US Department of Homeland Security.

DATES TO REMEMBER**March**

- 5 Planning Commission meeting
- 12 Town Board meeting
- 11 Daylight Savings Time
(Turn clocks ahead)
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 20 Election Day
- 26 Town Board meeting

**April**

- 2 Planning Commission meeting
- 6 Good Friday
(Town Hall closed)
- 8 Easter Sunday
- 9 Town Board meeting
- 23 Town Board meeting

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Electric Aggregation Referendum On Ballot March 20

The Town Board approved placing a referendum question on the March 20 ballot for the purpose of giving residents the choice of participating in a program to reduce the cost of household monthly electric bills. Municipal electric aggregation, as it is commonly known, is a process where all residential and small commercial electric customers in a municipality can pool together to negotiate for lower electric costs (based on the kilowatt/hour cost) than what is being offered by ComEd. The referendum does not obligate any resident to participate in any electric aggregation program the Town Board may approve following a successful referendum. More information on electric aggregation will be provided in print and radio media and on Cortland's website in the coming weeks prior to the referendum.

New Town Garage Completed

The renovation of the former Barb City Grinding building on Halwood Street transforming it into the garage and maintenance facility for the Town's Streets and Maintenance Department is complete and the Department is moved in. The 15,000 square foot building was purchased by the Town when it became available and has been undergoing renovations to transform it from a machine shop into a vehicle garage and work space. In addition to the new door openings cut into the walls, a new roof was placed on the building, and a new ventilation system was added as well as a drainage system inside the building to collect water from vehicles standing in the building. A wash bay was constructed to wash snow plows after salting operations to prolong the life of the trucks. The facility also provides space for vehicle maintenance and a sign shop, and generally gives our guys elbow room to do their work.

Just a Reminder

While this winter has been comparatively mild, Spring is approaching and more and more residents will likely be outside. Please be mindful of where you park your vehicles in the driveway. It is unlawful to obstruct a public sidewalk with your parked car. Moms and dads pushing strollers and our senior residents appreciate your consideration. And if you want to walk Fido, keep in mind that dogs must be leashed when they're not in their yard, and you have to clean-up after your dog.

CORTLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-9

Friday & Saturday 9-5

website: www.cortlandlibrary.com**Children's Programs**

Elementary Age Story time, Tuesdays at 7 pm

Preschool Story time, Wednesday & Thursdays at 10 am

First Grade & Up Story & Craft, Thursdays at 4 pm. Pre-registration is required, please contact the library.

Teen Book Discussion

April 10th at 7:05 on the NIU campus

We will be discussing *The Carbon Diaries 2015* by Staci Lloyd as well as environmental issues with a panel of NIU experts. STEMfest SF Teen Read is a cooperation of NIU STEM Outreach, DeKalb Public Library, Sycamore Public Library, Cortland Community Library, Hinckley Public Library, NIU Founders Memorial Library, and Friends of the NIU Libraries.

National Library Week April 8th - 14th

Check with the library for details on how we will be celebrating!

eBooks

You can download free ebooks or audiobooks using your Cortland Library card. Either go to the library's website to the OMNI link or visit the library for one-on-one assistance.

Follow us on Facebook: www.cortlandlibrary.com**Cortland Elementary PTA Info and Events
Upcoming Dates**

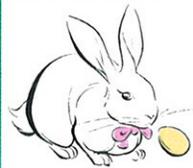
March 1	Family Fitness 6:00-7:00 pm
March 12	PTA Meeting 7:00 pm (daycare provided)
March 22	Family Fitness 6:00-7:00 pm
March 23	Fun Fair 5:30 -8:00 pm
March 26-30	Book Fair (See times below)
April 9	PTA Meeting 7:00 pm (daycare provided)
April 11	Market Day pick-up 4:30-5:30 pm
April 26	Family Fitness 6:00-7:00 pm

On March 23rd from 5:30 – 8:00 pm, Cortland School PTA will be holding its annual Fun Fair. Please join us for an evening of fun, food, and games. There will be a silent auction, drawings, cake walk, games, food and tons of fun. We will need volunteers to make this evening a success so please consider donating some of your time. Everyone is welcome. For information or questions, please contact Jammi Martin at (815) 758-1019.

The Book Fair is coming! Book Fair will be open on the following dates/times: Tues., 3/27, 8:30-10:30 am & 2:30-4:00 pm. Wed., 3/28, 8:30-10:30 am & 2:30-5:00 pm. Thurs., 3/29, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm. Fri., 3/30, 8:00am - 1:00 pm. So stop in and buy a book for your student and/or their teacher.

**LIONS CLUB EASTER EGG
BREAKFAST**

**MARCH 31, 9:00-11:00
CORTLAND COMMUNITY PARK
70 S LLANOS**



**A non-perishable food item or monetary
donation would be appreciated.**

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.

Hello,

Spring is on the way, and so far winter has been easy on us, but I'm sure it's not over yet. I am looking forward to a fun-filled year of activities starting with the Town Garage Sales. This has turned into a huge success thanks to all the hard work and efforts of Donna Klemm. She continues to make this event bigger and better every year. I would like to encourage everyone who wants to participate in this year's sale to sign up, to be included in the map and all the advertising. The more that sign up the bigger the event becomes and the more people we can attract.

You're going to be hearing a lot about Electrical Aggregation and be asked to vote on a referendum to allow the Town to negotiate a better electric rate for its residents. My personal belief is this is a good thing for all of us. The residents will not pay a higher rate than they pay now, and it does not obligate anyone to change suppliers if they choose not to. We would be able to negotiate a quantity discount if approved as opposed to each individual negotiating on their own. Please be informed on this issue; it should save you some money on your electric bills.

If you ever have any questions don't hesitate to ask. You can e-mail me at mayor@cortlandil.org, or call Town Hall and I will do my best to get answers to your questions and concerns.

Wishing your family health and happiness this Easter season.

Mayor Bob



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