

COMMUNICATOR

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TOYOTA DEALERSHIP OPENS

On August 11th, 2009 the new Continental Toyota Car Dealership opened its door for the first time in Hodgkins. This project is the result of many months of planning and negotiations between Continental Motors and the Village of Hodgkins.

For the past three years, the Village has been developing a plan for the property located at 67th Street and LaGrange Road. One of the issues to work out was getting enough property that could satisfy the needs of the dealership. In addition, the property had to have extensive preparation work to make it buildable. The land was far from level and had a deep ravine that ran through the middle of the parcel. A good part of the site preparation was what really took the most time.

In addition, the village set aside part of the property to allow for a new street to connect 67th Street to Weeping Willow Road. The old unofficial passage was commonly referred to a Burma Road, which was referring to the poor condition of the roadway.

The long awaited opening of the new Continental Toyota finally came on August



11, 2009.

The dealership is owned and operated by the Weinberger Family, who have been in the Auto Business for the past 45 years. This Facility is truly state-of-the-art and built to be as environmentally friendly as possible.

The building is 102,000 square feet in size and sits on 10 acres of land. A 30

foot retaining wall had to be placed on the east side of the property to allow for construction. It has a 18 car indoor showroom, 44 car service bay which has a 16 car indoor service write up area. The facility has two automatic car washes and 762 outside parking spaces. The Collision Shop consists of 22,000 square feet that houses 3 paint booths and 3 frame straightening machines.

The Dealership has about 120 employees and expects to sell about 3000 new and used car each year. Continental Toyota is the ONLY Toyota Dealer in the State of Illinois to have grown from 2008 into 2009.

When you get a chance, stop by and welcome Owner Cheryl Nelson and General Manager Dennis Pecoh into our community.



NEW STREET TO BE DEDICATED “DON CUTTILL DRIVE”



On Saturday September 12th, 2009 the newest street in Hodgkins will be dedicated and named after Village Trustee Don Cuttill.

The newly constructed “Don Cuttill Drive” has been in the construction phase for the last 2 years. As part

of the development of vacant property along LaGrange Road and 67th Street, the village was able to construct a new street that primarily will allow residents of Weeping Willow Ranch to exit onto 67th Street. They will then be able to access



LaGrange Road in a much safer area.

Don has been a Village Trustee for the past 27 years. He has been a great asset for the residents of Hodgkins, especially those in Weeping Willow.

RESIDENTIAL STREETS SET FOR REPAIRS

About mid-September the Village will begin a full street resurfacing project, including some curb and sewer repairs. This project has been in the planning phase for several years. After waiting for three years, the federal funding has come through. The bid process was let out and Central Blacktop was awarded the contract.

This project will grind and repave 8 residential streets. These streets include Lyons, Cobb and 67th Street from Kimball through Chester



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SUPERINTENDANT

Avenues. There will be some curb and sewer repairs that will take place at the same time. We are hoping to have this project completed by December 1st. We will deliver more information to the residents of those streets as the repairs begin.

As with any construction project, we will be inconvenienced somewhat during the work, but the end result will be new roads.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at the Village Hall, 579-6700.

HODGKINS VILLAGE
OFFICIALS

CONTACT ANY OF THESE
OFFICIALS BY TELEPHONE AT:

HODGKINS VILLAGE HALL 579-6700

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MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT

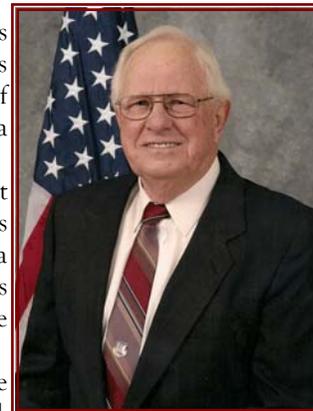
Three events have occurred in the last few weeks that reflect pride within our community, residents and support teams. First of all, after three years of planning and construction, the Continental Toyota Store has opened for business.

The establishment of our second Tax Increment Financing District allowed us to partner with owners Herman Wienberger and Cheryl Nelson to create a state of the art automotive facility. If the first week is any indication, this dealership will bring the Village an impressive return of sales tax revenue.

An integral part of the Toyota plan was the permanent construction of a new road that will connect 67th Street with our residents in the Weeping Willow Mobile Home Park. This so-called "Burma Road" had been only a makeshift route that was never an actual dedicated roadway. Residents of Weeping Willow will no longer endure the mud, potholes and snow that made it so difficult, and hazardous, to reach 67th Street. We also improved Weeping Willow Road and are in the process of requesting a traffic signal at the intersection of La Grange Road and Weeping Willow Road.

On September 12, we will name this new roadway for our senior trustee and long time resident of Weeping Willow, Don Cuttill. We are so proud of what he has done for our Village during his tenure as Trustee since February, 1982. When you travel down Don Cuttill Drive, please remember that it was his tireless efforts on behalf of his neighbors in Weeping Willow Ranch that made this beautiful road possible. We hope everyone makes it to the ribbon cutting ceremony of DON CUTTILL DRIVE.

Finally, what could have been a disaster for our Quarry Shopping Center became a vivid reminder of what a great Fire Protection District we have. On August 6 the roofing materials on the newly expanded WAL-MART were accidentally ignited. Great billows of flame and black smoke spewed out of the new construction part of the building. The Pleasantview Fire Protection District responded immediately. This group of professionals were soon joined by other municipal fire departments as far away as Romeoville. The fire was struck after 100,000 gallons of water were poured on the new and existing store where the roof fire had spread. Fortunately, no one was injured and the damage to WAL-MART and its inventory were minimal considering the brief but intense fire. The store was open for business within 48 hours. We are proud to have the Pleasantview Fire Protection District as our fire service. We thank Pleasantview and all the other fire services that responded to this fire.



VILLAGE PRESIDENT
NOEL B. CUMMINGS

Village President,

Noel B. Cummings

H1N1 FLU UPDATE



VICKY MOXLEY
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

The flu season is starting and will last through the fall and winter. More than one kind of flu virus will be spreading this season, including seasonal flu and the 2009 H1N1 flu. If you get the flu, you can get sick and can spread the flu to others at home, at work, and in the community. Symptoms of flu

include fever or chills *and* cough or sore throat. In addition, symptoms of flu can include runny nose, body aches, headache, tiredness, diarrhea, or vomiting.

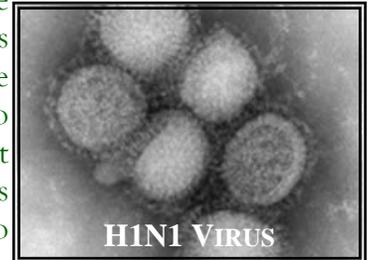
STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK until at least 24 hours after you no longer have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or 38 degrees Celsius) or signs of a fever (have chills, feel very warm, have a flushed appearance, or are sweating). This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medicines (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen).

Also remember to cover your coughs and sneezes and wash your hands often with soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand cleaner if soap and water are not available. If a severe flu outbreak hits our community, we will take additional steps to avoid spreading the flu virus.

H1N1 VACCINE:

Every flu season has the potential to cause a lot of illness, doctor's visits, hospitalizations and deaths. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) is

concerned that the new H1N1 flu virus could result in a particularly severe flu season this year. Vaccines are the best tool we have to p r e v e n t influenza. CDC hopes that people will start to go out and get vaccinated against seasonal influenza as soon as vaccines become available at their doctor's offices and in their communities (this may be as early as August for some). The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against novel H1N1 influenza. However a novel H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and may be ready for the public in the fall. The novel H1N1 vaccine is not intended to replace the seasonal flu vaccine - it is intended to be used along-side seasonal flu vaccine.



H1N1 VIRUS

THE GROUPS RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE THE NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE INCLUDE:



- **PREGNANT WOMEN** because they are at higher risk of complications and can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated;

- **HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS** and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age because younger infants are at higher risk

of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination of those in close contact with infants less than 6 months old might help protect infants by "cocooning" them from the virus;

- **HEALTHCARE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL** because infections among healthcare workers have been reported and this can be a potential source of infection for vulnerable

WHAT CAN I DO TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM GETTING SICK?

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against novel H1N1 virus. However, a novel H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and may be ready for the public in the fall. As always, a vaccine will be available to protect against **seasonal influenza**. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza.

TAKE THESE EVERYDAY STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR HEALTH:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. **Alcohol-based hand cleaners*** are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

OTHER IMPORTANT ACTIONS THAT YOU CAN TAKE ARE:

- Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.

Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for a week or so; a supply of over-the-counter medicines, **alcohol-based hand rubs,*** tissues and other related items might could be useful and help avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick and contagious.

patients. Also, increased absenteeism in this population could reduce healthcare system capacity;

- **EVERYONE FROM 6 MONTHS THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE, CHILDREN FROM 6 MONTHS THROUGH 18 YEARS OF AGE,** because we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in

children and they are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread, and;

- **YOUNG ADULTS 19 THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE** because we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in these healthy young adults and they often live, work, and study in close proximity, and they are a frequently mobile population; and;

- **PERSONS AGED 25 THROUGH 64 YEARS WHO HAVE HEALTH CONDITIONS** associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.

The CDC does not expect that there will be a



shortage of novel H1N1 vaccine, but flu vaccine availability and demand can be unpredictable and there is some possibility that initially, the vaccine will be available in limited quantities.

Remember - washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. Wash with soap and water or clean with an alcohol-

based hand cleaner. We recommend that when you wash your hands, with soap and warm water, that you wash them for 15-20 seconds. When soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers may be used. You can find these in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using gel, rub your hands until the gel is dry. The gel doesn't need water to work, the alcohol in it kills the germs on your hands.

Remember the 3 C's: **Clean** - Wash your hands, **Cover** - Cover your cough and sneeze, and **Contain** - Contain your germs, stay home if you are sick.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

www.flu.gov

www.cdc.gov

www.cookcountypublichealth.org

QUARRY DAYS 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:00 PM
7:00 PM - 10:30 PM
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM
11:00 PM

PICNIC OPENS
FOOD & BEER BY MURPHY'S
POLICE VS FIRE DEPT SOFTBALL GAME
COUNTRYSIDE ROTARY BINGO
YOUTH GAMES
BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT
PARK CLOSES

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
12:00 PM - 11:00 PM
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
8:00 PM - 9:15 PM
9:15 PM - 9:35 PM
9:35 PM - 10:30 PM
11:00 PM

FLEA MARKET
TOUCH-A-TRUCK
FOOD & BEER BY MURPHY'S
CHILDREN'S INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING
DANCE HEADS MUSIC VIDEO MAKER
JAZZERCISE SHOWCASE
YOUTH GAMES
CAR SHOW CRUISE NIGHT
COUNTRYSIDE ROTARY BINGO
BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT
LIVE MUSIC BY 'CLASS OF 68'
FIREWORKS
LIVE MUSIC BY 'CLASS OF 68'
PARK CLOSES

Time To Celebrate

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THIS YEAR:



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2009

7:00 P.M.

COME AND CHEER ON OUR FIRST RESPONDERS!



POLICE VS. FIRE DEPARTMENTS SOFTBALL GAME

COUNTRYSIDE & HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT
VS
PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



STREET DEDICATION:

On Saturday September 12th, 2009 at 10:30 A.M.

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting Dedication Ceremony as we Dedicate
"DON CUTTILL DRIVE"

We will be meeting at Weeping Willow Road and Don Cuttill Drive



HODGKINS FRATERNAL
ORDER OF POLICE
LODGE 151



"QUARRY DAY'S RAFFLE"

1st Prize — 32" Vizio LCD HDTV

2nd Prize — Nintendo Wii

3rd Prize — Garmin GPS Unit

Drawing held:

September 12, 2009

8:30 p.m. @

"Quarry Day's"

Hodgkins Park District

Tickets \$10.00 each

To purchase tickets early call:
708-352-4623 or
Email: police@hodgkinspd.org



FIREWORKS SHOW:

Saturday Night at about 9:15

PUBLIC WORKS

UPDATE:

As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, the new Continental Toyota Dealership is open for business. It is a beautiful facility that will benefit our community for many years to come. The construction project was complicated due to the condition of the ground that had to be prepared not only for the car dealership, but also, for the new village street connecting 67th Street to Weeping Willow Road.

The new roadway, which will be dedicated on September 12th as “Don Cuttill Drive” has been a long time in the making. As the residents of Weeping Willow are aware, the old road, referred to as Burma Road, was always in need of repair and at points treacherous. Thus, the name “Burma Road” just seemed to fit. It was never an actual village street until this project started. The old road was part of the Certified Grocers property and they allowed the village to use that portion as an access road.

You have probably noticed the construction at our WAL-MART Store has begun. The project is on schedule and should be completed in the spring of 2010. The new SUPERCENTER WAL-MART will include a new seasonal garden center, Vision and Pharmacy sections and will have groceries available for literally one-stop shopping. In addition, the mall is getting a new parking lot stretching from Kohl’s to Wal-Mart.

We are reminding our residents that items placed on the parkways for pickup by the Public Works should be under 40 pounds. If you have an item that is heavier or anticipate a large number of objects, please contact the Village Hall and we will arrange for a truck to be dropped off.



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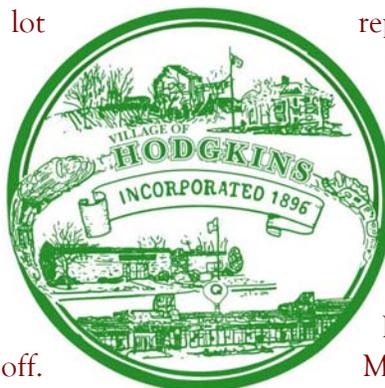
This will help keep our parkways from looking bad with items thrown out that may blow around. Please remember that we do not pick up rock, dirt, tires or car parts or any hazardous or toxic chemicals.

If you are trimming trees and/or shrubbery, please place the branches orderly on the parkways with the cut ends facing the streets. This makes it easier to pick up. Remember to place all grass clippings in recyclable paper bags. We cannot take plastic bags.

Soon we will be dealing with leaves falling from the trees. When raking leaves, please rake them to the street so we can get them with the vacuum truck. Also, please do not park on top of them, as we cannot reach them with our truck and it is a fire hazard. Please remember to use common courtesy for our Public Works employees.

Our Public Works summer projects have involved trimming of all trees within the village. This is so they can have room to grow and also to be out of the way of our resident walkers. Public Works has also been putting down topsoil on parkways and seeding them to make them more presentable. The Village has also hired summer help this year. They were a great asset to us

in helping get many jobs completed—such as repainting all the curbs, fire hydrants, the Community Center outside walls and garage door, and painting and weeding the Public Works fence, as well as various other jobs throughout the village. The names of the summer helpers that we would like to recognize are: Robert Millsap, Jorge Flores, Cameron Cottrell, and Esteban Murillo.





WELCOME HOME: SPC. BRANDON CASPER

On Sunday August 2nd, 2009 this Village of Hodgkins welcomed home a local hero.

Specialist Brandon Casper of the U.S. Army National Guard arrived home following a year of service in Afghanistan.

Police Chief Phil Kringlie had been in contact with Brandon's parents about his return date. The information was tentative, but we knew he would be back in Illinois sometime around the end of July. The day before his return, we learned that Brandon's Unit would be arriving at their Unit Headquarters in Kankakee at around 1:00 pm on Sunday.

The police department then made door-to-door notifications to all of the Casper's neighbors. The response was truly magnificent. We had requested some surrounding police departments to send a car for an escort. Then Officer Ryan Carrasquillo rode the Hodgkins Police Motorcycle to Kankakee and attended the reception for



Brandon's Unit. Ofc Carrasquillo then escorted Brandon and his family back to Hodgkins for another reception that Brandon wasn't aware of.

The Hodgkins Police and ESDA were waiting for Brandon at 75th Street as the family exited off of I-294. Also waiting were - Pleasantview Fire Protection

District, Willow Springs Police, Justice Police, McCook Police, Countryside Police and ESDA, and Indian Head Park Police. The loud and celebrated procession went through town and down Wenz



Avenue to the front of the Casper's home - where over 100 friends and neighbors welcomed Brandon Home!

Of course Brandon didn't want a big reception and certainly doesn't consider himself a Hero—BUT WE DO!!

THANKS BRANDON!



"UNITED WE STAND"

United States
**Census
2010**

ALMOST TIME TO COUNT

- *The census is a count of everyone living in the United States every 10 years.*
- *The census is mandated by the U.S. Constitution.*
- *The next census is in 2010.*
- *Your participation in the census is required by law.*
- *It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.*
- *Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.*
- *Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.*

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to distribute congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide. The 2010 Census questionnaire will be one of the shortest and simplest to complete in history. Strict laws protect the confidentiality of respondents and the information they provide.



MELODY SALERNO
VILLAGE COMPTROLLER

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun printing 2010 Census questionnaires as the agency continues preparations for next year's count of the U.S. population. The new questionnaire, which every residential address will receive, is designed to be one of the shortest since the first census in 1790, asking just 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete.

Beginning in mid-March 2010, more than 120 million questionnaires will be delivered to U.S. residential addresses. To meet the goal, the Census Bureau will print more than 1.5 million documents

every day.

For the first time, more than 13 million questionnaires will be bilingual (English - Spanish). The move is based on tests showing that targeting the bilingual questionnaires toward areas with high concentrations of Spanish-only speakers will improve response rates. Questionnaires are also available on request in Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian. Language guides, which provide instructions on how to complete the questionnaire, are available in nearly 60 languages.

The Village of Hodgkins will be assisting our residents to make sure we are all counted. It is important and beneficial for our village to have an accurate count. Federal funds are distributed to local communities based partly on population counts. To help us receive our fair share of tax revenues, please make sure you complete the forms correctly when you receive them next year.

We will have more information on the 2010 U.S. Census as it approaches in the spring. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about the census.

DID YOU KNOW:

In 1790, the first census was taken by U.S. Marshals on horseback and counted 3.9 million people. The 2000 Census counted more than 281 million people.



NOTICE: SEIZED AUTO AUCTION

The Hodgkins Police Department will be conducting an auction of 8 Motor Vehicles. These cars were seized pursuant to State of Illinois Statutes and have been forfeited and awarded to the Hodgkins Police Department.

These vehicles might not be in very good shape and will be sold “AS IS” and with “NO WARRANTY”. For more information, stop by the Hodgkins Police Department and request a Vehicle Information Sheet. The Information Sheet will contain basic information and the starting bid amount on each vehicle. The vehicles will be available for a physical inspection 2 hours before the bids are to be opened.

Sealed Bids To Be Opened at 11:00 am on Monday September 21st, 2009

- 1992 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED 4WD**
- 1995 ISUZU RODEO SUV**
- 1997 FORD TAURUS GL 4 DR**
- 1998 MERCURY SABLE LS PREMIUM**
- 1998 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4WD**
- 2000 GMC SIERRA K1500 Z71 4WD**
- 2000 CHEVROLET BLAZER 2-DOOR, 2WD**
- 2002 HONDA CIVIC LX 4DR**

KEEP SAVING YOUR ALUMINUM TABS

For the past several years I have been saving aluminum pop can tabs and taking them to the Ronald McDonald House located by Loyola Hospital. We put this notice in the last couple of issues of this newsletter and the response has been great.



MRS. BRENDA KRINGLIE

I have several residents who drop off bags of tabs either at my house, Police Station or the Village Hall. A few business' also collect the tabs for us. Last year we contributed 45 pounds of aluminum tabs. This year we are hoping to double that number, with your help. I will have our tabs on display at the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Tent at this years Quarry Days festival. Please stop by and see what we have collected so far.

If you have any to donate, bring them by.

The Ronald McDonald House is a “Home-Away-From-Home” temporary lodging facility for the families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

So the next time you pop open an aluminum can, pull the tab off and save

them. You can drop them off at the Hodgkins Police Department or if you need, just call, and the Chief will make sure they get picked up.

Thanks for your help and we will keep you posted on how many tabs we turn in this year.



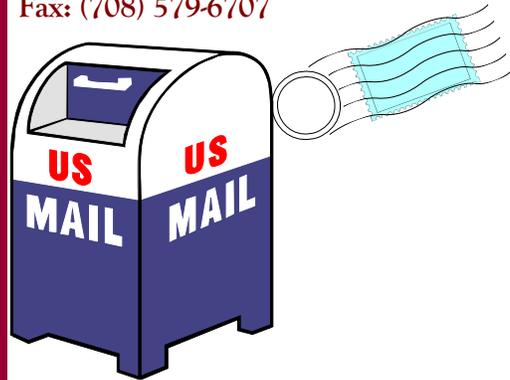
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This September 11th, 2009 will mark the 8 Year Anniversary of the cowardly Attacks on our Nation in New York, Arlington Virginia and Shanksville Pennsylvania.

There were a total of 2,993 deaths, including the 19 hijackers: 246 on the four planes (from which there were no survivors), 2,603 in New York City in the towers and on the ground, and 125 at the Pentagon. An additional 24 people remain listed as missing.



deaths in the attacks were civilians except for 55 military personnel killed at the Pentagon.

Take a moment to remember what you were doing or where you were at. Do not ever forget these acts of terrorism.

Display your American Flag Proudly, especially on September 11th in honor of those who lost their lives and those who continue to serve and protect us.



 September 11, 2001
We Will Never Forget