



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

November 2010

# COMMUNICATOR

Publication Designed & Edited By: Chief of Police Phil Kringlie

This year has certainly gone by very fast and was a busy year for the Village of Hodgkins. As you are aware, we opened up the new Village Hall this past Spring and have been enjoying all of the compliments from our residents and officials from the surrounding communities. We can all be proud of such a nice facility that not only will allow for any future growth but represents our Village so professionally.

The Village has seen much progress over the past 30 years. We have come a long way, and are just now starting to see the results of many years of hard work and decisions.

In the late 1980's the Village Board created the first Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) in Hodgkins, which consisted originally of trucking terminals. Due to the TIF we turned the trucking companies into the successful Quarry Shopping Center that you know today.

With thanks to our good neighbor, the Mayor & Board of Trustees in the Village of McCook, we formed the McCook-Hodgkins Enterprise Zone. This enabled us to bring in many industrial businesses which include Industrial Steel, Interstate Brand Bakery and many other industrial users on Santa Fe Drive and River Road.

The Enterprise Zone also gave us the opportunity to negotiate with United Parcel Service, giving us the largest package handling facility in the world. We also expanded our Village Corporation limits from the original I-294 Tollway to Willow Springs Road, adding over 300



NOEL B. CUMMINGS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

acres to the Village for UPS.

During that time period our efforts were to assist bringing in new businesses in Hodgkins. Once we had accomplished that and due to the success of our businesses we wanted to start helping our residents. The residents of Hodgkins stood by us and were very supportive during this entire restructuring process. The first thing we wanted to do was have free pick up by our Public Works Department. Any item you threw out in front of your home they would pick up free. We then provided free waste disposal service for our residents. Every residential

home in Hodgkins gets their garbage picked up at no cost. We wanted to extend this benefit to our Mobile Home and Apartment residents, so we offered them a garbage rebate once a year.

In our effort to help our residents in any way, we then offered them free vehicle stickers and animal licenses. Even though we have waived the cost of these licenses, they are still necessary to have.

The last thing we have done was to rebate back the Village portion of your real estate tax bill to all homestead owners. To allow the mobile home park and apartment residents this same benefit we added an additional amount to their garbage rebate.

The Village Board and I are constantly looking for ways to assist the residents of the Village of Hodgkins and will continue to work tirelessly in this effort.

*Noel B. Cummings*

# TAX REBATES BEGIN

The Village Board has approved the 2010 Tax Rebate Program for our residents. For the past four years the Village has been able to rebate back to our residents a portion of their property tax bill.

On Monday November 16th, we will start issuing these rebates to our residents. If you have lived in the Village of Hodgkins for at least one year, you are eligible to receive this rebate. Mobile Home residents and those residents who rent or lease an apartment can pick up a check for \$180.00 between November 16th and December 16th, 2010.

Homeowners, who have the Homeowners Exemption, need to provide a copy of their Cook County Property Tax bill with a receipt showing the tax bill has been paid. Cook County is once again late in the mailing of these 2010 Second Installment Tax Bills. Homeowners should receive them in the mail after November 22nd. Once you receive them and pay your tax bill, drop off a copy of your paid tax bill at the Village Hall. We can make the copies for you, if needed. If your



MELODY SALERNO  
VILLAGE COMPTROLLER

mortgage company or bank pays your real estate taxes, you will need to get a statement from them showing that your taxes have been paid.

On your tax bill from Cook County, you will see a detailed listing of every taxing body in our area which receives a portion of your total taxes. There are about 17 entities that will be listed on your Property Tax Bill.

The list will also show exactly how much of your tax bill is distributed to each entity. Our Village will rebate back to you the portion that is levied by the Village of Hodgkins on your tax bill.

This program is not available in most other communities. Actually we are only one of a few communities that issue back these types of rebates to our residents. We are very fortunate to be able to offer these rebates. It is a direct result of the progress our Village has made over the past 30 years that allow these rebates.

The Hodgkins Residential Tax Rebate program is approved each year and as long as the Village is financially able to pass these rebates onto our residents, the program will continue.

## SENIOR CITIZEN ASSESSMENT FREEZE EXEMPTION:

Qualified senior citizens can apply for a freeze of the assessed value of their property. Over time, in many areas, this program results in taxes changing minimally and often decreasing as surrounding properties continue to rise in assessed value. This is the most valuable Homeowner Exemption program. The value increases over the years as it eliminates the impact of regular re-assessment increases that may occur every three years.

For the 2009 tax year (payable in 2010), the applicant must have owned and occupied the home on January 1, 2008 and January 1, 2009 and have been responsible for the 2008 and 2009 taxes. Any exemption that is granted will be reflected on the Second Installment tax bill.

This program is administered by the Cook County Assessor's Office and requires an annual application (due to income requirements that must be met each year) to:

**Cook County Assessor's Office**  
118 North Clark Street, Suite 301  
Chicago, IL 60602  
312.443.7550

## HODGKINS VILLAGE OFFICIALS

CONTACT ANY OF THESE  
OFFICIALS BY TELEPHONE AT:

HODGKINS VILLAGE HALL 579-6700

Village President  
Noel B. Cummings

Village Clerk  
Claude Sexton

Trustee  
Tom Christopher

Trustee  
Don Cuttill

Trustee  
Ernest Millsap

Trustee  
Vicky Moxley

Trustee  
Larry Rice

Trustee  
Paul Struve

Village Comptroller  
Melody Salerno

Deputy Clerk  
Sharon Wells

Village Attorney  
John T. O'Connell

Village Attorney  
Tim Callahan

Chief of Police  
Phillip H. Kringle



On Behalf of the  
Village of Hodgkins  
We Would like To Wish  
You and Your Family  
The Very Best Holiday  
Season!

***MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR***



# EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



ERNIE MILLSAP  
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

If you have not received any computerized telephone messages from the Village, such as our “Heat Warning Advisories” sent out this past summer, then you are not on our list. To be listed on our computer database, just fill out the form below and submit it to the Village Hall or Police Department. We will even have a Police Officer pick it up if you need.

Your name and information remains confidential and will not be given out or sold to any person, business or organization. Your phone numbers and e-mail address stays with our database and is only used by the Village Hall or Police Department for notifications pertaining to Village information and/or emergency information that needs to be disseminated quickly. If you know of a neighbor that isn’t on the list please pass on this information.



## HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT RESIDENTIAL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



Please include my information in the contact list for the new Residential Notification System. I understand that this information shall remain in the possession of the Village of Hodgkins and only used for the purpose of Emergency Messages and/or Village News Information.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

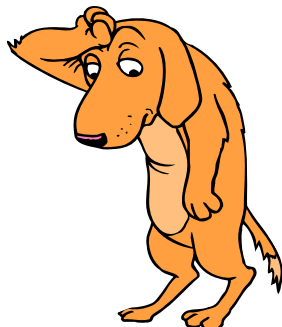
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADD: \_\_\_\_\_

(For Your Convenience, Call The Hodgkins Police Department Office At 352-4623  
and request a Police Officer To Pick This Form Up)



## VILLAGE LICENSES:

Do you have your Village licenses? Remember, you need a Village license for your vehicle(s), and any pets you have. Stop by the Village Hall and pick up your 2 year Village Vehicle Sticker, valid until May 31, 2012. Also, don’t forget to get a pet license for any pets you have.



# PUBLIC WORKS GETTING READY FOR THE SNOW

We hope the fall weather stays with us for as long as possible, however, the winter is coming our way and soon.

In the meantime, the members of the Hodgkins Public Works are hard at work preparing for the upcoming winter season.

You will see the crew out working to clear the falling leaves from our streets during the next couple of weeks. We are asking our residents to rake the leaves from their yards to the edge of the street in front of their homes. Please sweep the leaves off of the parkways and over the curb, into the street. Once the leaves are piled up along the curb, please do not park your vehicle on top of the pile of leaves. If the leaves are dry, a hot exhaust pipe can cause a lot of problems. If you have to park your vehicle on the street, please leave enough room for us to get the vacuum truck close enough to pick up your leaves.



**Public Works: 1st Row L-R: Superintendent Eric Rice, Jack Scott, Albert Mills, Jody Kovel,  
2nd Row: Vern Millsap, Ken Tucker, Matt Struve, Dennis Folkerts**

Our street sweeper will come around each morning and vacuum up all the leaves that are in the streets. For those residents who live in one of our Mobile Home Parks, you will need to follow your Parks directions for clean-up.

We are also getting ready to handle the upcoming snow and ice for the winter. Once the snow begins falling, we need your help in moving any vehicles that are

parked on the streets. This will help us keep our streets clean of snow and ice.

We also plow our senior citizen and handicapped residents driveway after we complete the streets and sidewalks. If you are a senior citizen or handicapped, call the Village Hall and make sure that your driveway is on our list to be plowed.

Your help is greatly appreciated by the public works crew, as we work hard at keeping our streets clean and safe for travel.



**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

# TIME CAPSULE BURIED

On Saturday September 11th, the new Village Hall was open for inspection.

During the Open House, Village President Noel Cummings and the Board of Trustees dedicated a "Time Capsule" that is now buried in the front of the "Noel B. Cummings Administration Center".

A previous time capsule was buried during the 100 Year Centennial Celebration back in 1996. At that time, numerous items and artifacts from the Village were placed inside the vault that focused on events and the history covering 100 years of progress from 1896 to 1996.

The Village Board felt that another time capsule could cover the 1996 through 2010 time frame, including the celebration of the new Village Hall opening. Both time capsules are scheduled to be opened during the Village's 150 year anniversary celebration in 2046.

Many different items reflecting the Village were



Mayor Cummings and Board Members prepare the Time Capsule to be sealed

placed into the vault. Mayor Cummings included some personal belongings like a couple of his hats and also a copy of his recently published book, "Once Upon A Mountain".

A scrapbook containing photographs of assorted Village functions over the past 14 years was also included. Even more items were provided by the Police Department, Hodgkins Library and Park District.

In 2046, when these time capsules are opened, residents will look through the items that were left.

We hope that they will have a good idea of what our community was like not just during the 20th Century, but how we started the 21st Century with Hope & Progress.



PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES L-R: KEN TUCKER, MATT STRUVE, SUPERINTENDENT ERIC RICE AND JODY KOVEL PREPARE THE TIME CAPSULE FOR BURIAL

## SPECIAL THANK YOU!

THE VAULT THAT WAS USED FOR OUR TIME CAPSULE WAS GEREROUSLY DONATED BY:  
THE AMERICAN WILBERT VAULT CORPORATION IN FOREST PARK ILLINOIS



# HODGKINS SCHOOL STUDENTS CELEBRATE MAYOR CUMMINGS BIRTHDAY

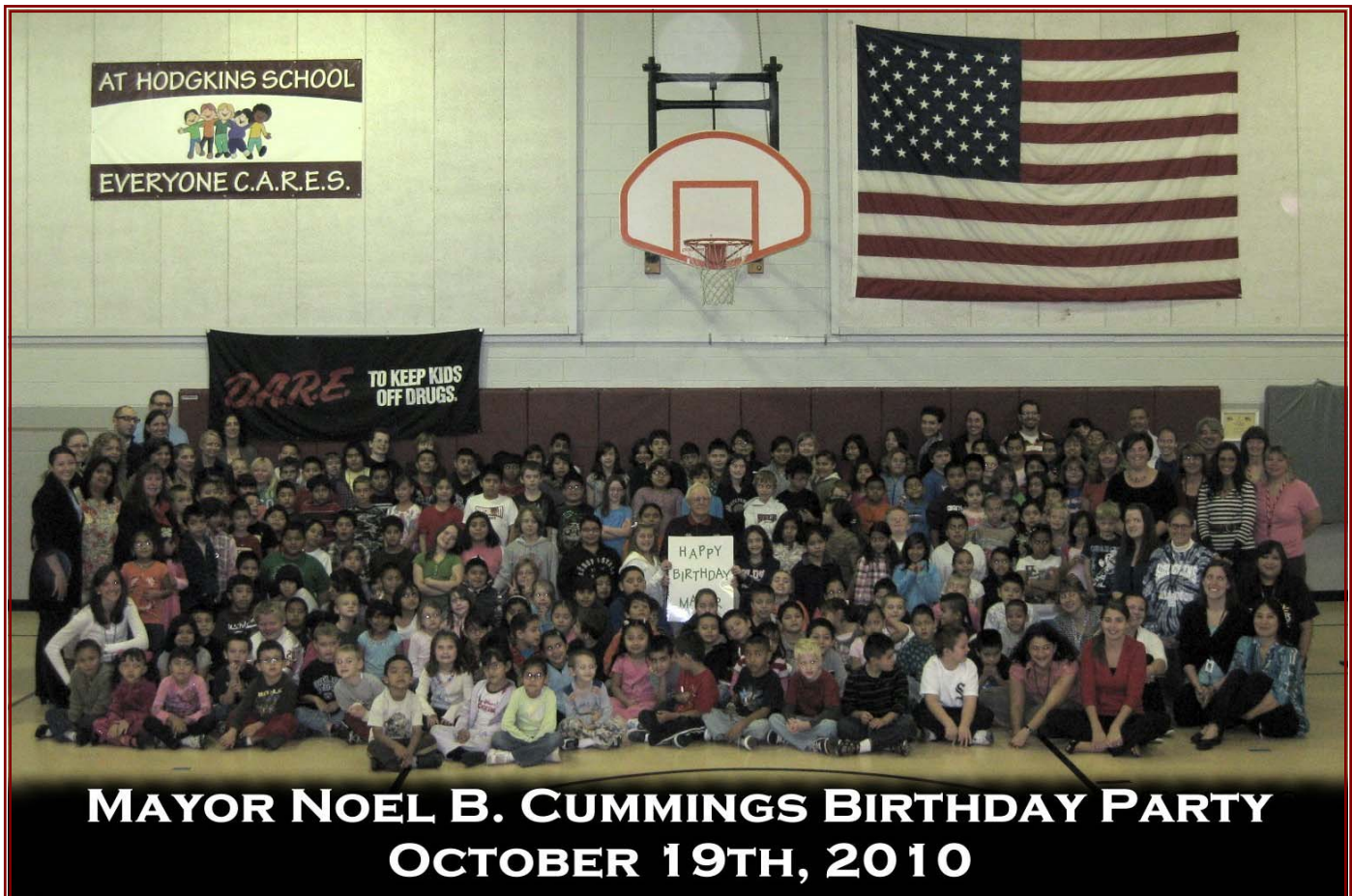


By a Village Ordinance enacted on May 5th, 2010 the Village of Hodgkins officially recognized October 19th as "Noel B. Cummings Day". At about 9:00 AM on that day the Mayor attended a celebration in recognition of "Noel B. Cummings Day" at the Hodgkins Elementary School.

The entire school, students and staff, were brought into the gymnasium to listen to Mayor Cummings speak about his years of service to our community. The Mayor talked to the kids about the importance of public service and how it has



affected his life. The entire student body sang Happy Birthday to the Mayor and then joined in for a group photo.



**MAYOR NOEL B. CUMMINGS BIRTHDAY PARTY  
OCTOBER 19TH, 2010**

# "SANTA'S HOLIDAY BASH" AN ALL DAY EVENT!



The Hodgkins Park District is hosting "Santa's Holiday Bash" this year on Saturday December 4th, 2010.

The day will begin with Breakfast With Santa starting at 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Bring your camera for those

unforgettable pictures with Santa and Family pictures at the Tree Walk. The Park District will not provide pictures this year, but will be glad to assist you in taking those family photos.



At 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm the Park District will host several activities including Story Time with Mrs. Claus, Inflatable rides and activities, PTO Bake Sale, Hay Rides, Face Painting, Cookie Decorating, Crafts, Family Photo Area, Christmas Card Signing for The Troops and concessions.

The Official Village Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at 4:30 pm, in front of the Veterans Memorial on Lyons Street.

To finish up the day, the Park District will then host a showing of the Holiday Movie "ELF", starring Will Farrell, beginning at about 5:00 pm.

## Breakfast With SANTA

**Saturday, December 4th, 2010  
ALL DAY EVENT!**

**FREE ALL DAY WRISTBAND FOR RESIDENTS OF HODGKINS**

**Avoid The Lines:**

**Non-Residents can come anytime and Buy a Pass or Wristband**

**\$7.00 Non-Resident - Breakfast Pass**

**\$7.00 Non-Resident - Event Pass**

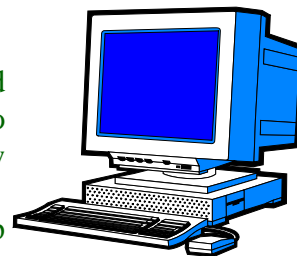
**\$12.00 Non-Resident - All Day Wristband**



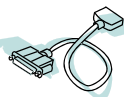
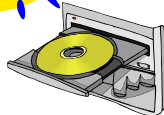
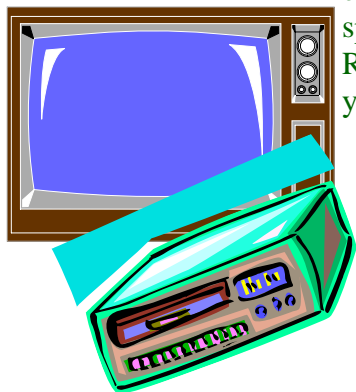
# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM



Got an old PC that's on the blink? Has your cell phone reached out and touched someone for the last time? Not sure what to do with your old glitchy TV now that you've got that brand new High Definition model? You're in luck.



The Village of Hodgkins Department of Public Works is now picking up electronics. This electronics recycling program is sponsored by the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. All you have to do is put your item in front of your home or in the alley just as you do for regular pick ups. If you live in a mobile home park you will need to call the Village Hall at 708-579-6700 to let us know you have a pick up ready.



## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED:



Televisions  
CRT Monitors  
LCD Monitors  
Computers  
Laptops  
Printers  
Fax Machines

Microwaves  
Stereos  
Speakers  
Miscellaneous Cables  
Computer Parts  
Telephones  
Cell Phones

Copiers  
VCRs  
Keyboards & Mice  
DVD Players

Game Consoles  
Handheld Electronic Devices  
iPods, CD Players, Game Boys, etc.  
Chargers for any electronics

## IMPORTANT IDENTITY THEFT NOTICE:

BEFORE THROWING ANY DEVICE AWAY THAT CONTAINS A HARD DRIVE OR SIMILAR DEVICE - BE SURE TO REMOVE THAT HARD DRIVE, SIM CARD OR DATA STORAGE DEVICE AND DESTROY IT. ANY INFORMATION THAT IS LEFT ON THESE ITEMS CAN BE RETRIEVED LEAVING YOU OPEN FOR IDENTITY THEFT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT THE HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE

## SEIZED VEHICLE AUCTION:

The Hodgkins Police Department will be conducting an auction of Two (2) 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 two hours before the bids are to be opened.

Sealed Bids To Be Opened at 11:00 am on Wednesday November 17th, 2010

1997 GMC Jimmy 4.3L V6 Motor 4X4 w/4 Doors 147,711 Miles

1995 Ford Escort LX 2 Door Hatchback 88,317 Miles

## WE COLLECTED OVER 100 POUNDS!

Our 2010 Aluminum Tab drive was a tremendous success thanks to many of our residents, friends and some local businesses.

We had our containers on display at this year's Quarry Days Village Picnic. On Sunday September 12th, we dropped off 113 pounds of aluminum tabs to the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Maywood Illinois! This is our record so far. Last year we collected and donated about 92 Pounds.



basis and some who collect at their work to bring in also.

We don't have enough room to list your names, but you

know who you are. Whether you collect these tabs at home, or at work, rest assured that your efforts are worth while. Some of our residents have their whole family collecting these tabs now.

If you have any tabs to donate, you can either drop them off at the Village Hall or the Police Department. If you need, simply call the police department and they will have an officer pick them up. Keep on collecting and we'll see you at next year's Quarry Days Village Picnic.



MRS. BRENDA KRINGLE



The response for this charity drive grows bigger each year and you are doing great. There are residents who drop off small zip lock bags of tabs on a regular



# THANK A VETERAN!

**HERE ARE ADDRESSES OF SOME OF OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY. WHY NOT SEND A CARD-LETTER OR PACKAGE. IT IS SO EASY TO SAY : "THANKS FOR SERVING"**

USS Buffalo SSN715  
MMFN Flores, Jorge A.  
PSC 455 Box 162  
FPO AP 96546

Son of Residents Kathy & Cleto Flores

SPC. Steven Kovel  
4521A Dogwood Street  
McChord AFB, WA. 98439-1304  
Grandson of Resident Phyllis Kovel

1LT. Brandon J. Cummings  
3501 E Gore Blvd Apt 514  
Lawton, OK 73501-6852  
Grandson of Mayor Noel Cummings

GSgt. Mario J. Mazzuca Jr.  
27455 Mangrove Street  
Murrieta CA. 92563  
Son of Resident Jeanette Mazzuca



**THANKS FOR  
SERVING!**

Sgt. Eliseo Valenzuela  
1732 Bluecreek Rd.  
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Son of Residents Marie & Jessie Valenzuela

IT SR Robert Millsap  
CC/CS  
USS Momsen (DDG92)  
FPO AP 96672-1307

Son of Residents Diane & Vern Millsap

SSG. Rick Penkala  
C CO 1-21 IN BN  
2-25 SAAB  
FOB Warhorse  
APO AE 09336

Friend of Chief Phil Kringlie

**If you would like to add a military address to this list, contact Elaine Thompson at the Hodgkins Police Department: 352-4623**

## VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11TH, 2010

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

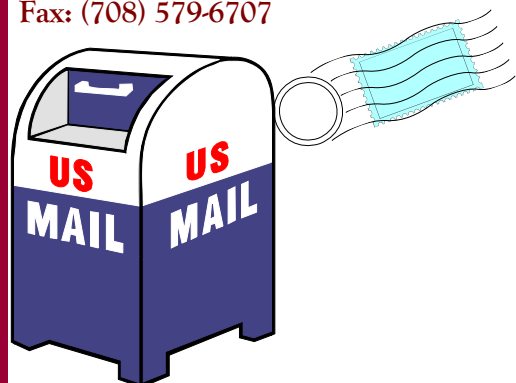
In November 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..."

### ENJOY YOUR FREEDOM? - THANK A VETERAN!



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS  
8990 LYONS STREET  
HODGKINS, IL. 60525

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Monday-Friday 8:00 - 5:00  
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Fax: (708) 579-6707



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"INCORPORATED IN 1896"*

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*CHECK OUT THE NEWLY DESIGNED VILLAGE WEBSITE*

# HODGKINS FOOD PANTRY

**D**uring the Holiday Season it is important to remember those in our community that are not as fortunate. In this struggling economy many have found themselves struggling to balance their finances. The Hodgkins Food Pantry has been in existence since 2004 and we have assisted many residents over the years.

We accept most non-perishable food items in the Hodgkins Food Pantry. If you have any questions would like to donate to the food pantry, give us a call at the Village Hall. If you have some items at home or are planning



Melody Salerno  
Village Comptroller

to buy some things to donate, give us a call at the Village Hall and we will give you some ideas of what to donate. If you can't bring them to us, we will come and pick the donation up. We will not accept any alcohol or tobacco products.

The Food Pantry will collect donations until the end of December. During the Holiday Season we will distribute these items to families in Hodgkins that could use a little help.

If you have any questions please call the Village Hall:

**579-6700**

**"If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble." - Bob Hope**