



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

April 2011

COMMUNICATOR

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As I begin my 9th term as your Mayor, I count my blessings. When my wife Nelda and I moved into this village in 1961, I am certain that it was God's providence that guided us here. Raising our family in this wonderful community was a true blessing. Being Mayor for the last 32 years, however, has been a joy that I could never have expected in my wildest dreams.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to work with my wonderful Board of Trustees to keep Hodgkins as the best village to live and work in. We have come a long way during the past 30 years. The improvements made were not done overnight, and we are starting to see the results of our progress now.

First on our agenda will be to redevelop the east side of East Avenue, from Joliet Rd south to the northern part of the Park District. This will be the culmination of the redevelopment of Hodgkins that began in 1986 with creation of the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) District. The East Avenue project will be designated as TIF 3. The Hodgkins Planning Committee will start having hearings in May. These hearings will keep all residents and businesses informed of Village progress and whether such redevelopment efforts are feasible. The creation of a TIF district must balance many factors including unemployment, vacancies and blight. Essential to all Village development activities is the sensitivity to ownership interests be they business or residential. We'll keep everyone informed as we move along on TIF 3.

Currently, you might notice the new street lights being installed. The new lights, similar to the ones along Lyons Street are part of our



NOEL B. CUMMINGS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

beautification program. These are beautiful lights and use less energy and will stay lit longer, because they are LED lights. This year, the new lights are being installed on Kimball & Kane Avenues and a section of Cobb Street. A large portion of the cost of this project was obtained through the Cook County Block Grant program.

We are looking forward to a few additions in the Quarry Mall. Advantage Chevrolet is in the process of remodeling the showroom and service areas. Ettleson Cadillac Buick are in the planning stages for their pending remodel also. Sam's Club is planning an extensive remodel and Target will soon be adding a Starbuck's Coffee

counter inside their store.

An important reminder as the weather changes is to watch for the kids in our community. With nice weather comes a lot of pedestrian activity. Please be cautious as you drive through our community. We will be adding a few more of the neon yellow crosswalk stop signs at the intersections along Lyons Street. Also, when you park your vehicle, be careful not to block the sidewalk. We have a lot of residents, young and old, who use the sidewalks. So please be courteous when you park.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for the trust and confidence you have placed in our Village Board over the years. We work very hard to continue improving our community for our residents.

Sincerely,

Noel B. Cummings

NEW STORM SHELTER OPENS



ALLAN W. MILLS
COORDINATOR
HODGKINS ESDA

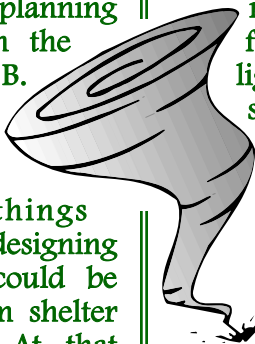
When the planning began on the new Noel B. Cummings Administration Building, one of the first things discussed was designing an area that could be used as a storm shelter when needed. At that time, the Village utilized an area inside the Hodgkins Park District

facility as the designated storm shelter.

For the past few months, we have been completing some finishing details for the shelter area. The shelter is now complete and ready for use, if necessary.

At the first signs of a severe storm in our area, our Emergency Services personnel are placed on alert. In our area, the tornado sirens are activated by the Pleasantview Fire Protection District. When the sirens are activated, our personnel will report to the Village Administration Building and open the shelter.

When possible, please try and park in the parking lot at the south entrance of the Village Hall. Parking on Lyons Street is available when



necessary. As you approach the building from the front you will see a blue flashing light; when this light is on, that means the shelter is open. Those of you approaching from the back will see the Emergency Vehicles in the parking lot.

After entering the building you are required to follow the directions of the Emergency Personnel and go directly to the basement shelter area.

Once in the basement you will be able to get current weather information via cable television and NOAA weather radio. The basement is equipped with tables, chairs, water fountains and bathrooms to keep you comfortable during your short stay with us.

Many severe weather events cause power outages. If this should happen, our building, including the basement, will switch to generator power. In the event of a wide spread power outage we will leave the shelter open until power has been restored or those in the shelter have found a place to stay.

If you hear the outdoor warning sirens, please do not call the Police, Fire Department or ESDA office - seek shelter immediately. On Tuesday April 12th, the Village sent out a telephone notification about the new Storm Shelter. If you Did Not receive this message, then you are not on our calling list.

Contact the Village Hall or Police Department to join our Residential Emergency Notification System.

Severe Weather Shelter



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

VILLAGE OFFICIALS SWORN INTO OFFICE



At the April 11th, 2011 monthly Village Board Meeting, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Pat Rogers administered the Oath of Office to our Re-Elected Village Officials.

DOG COMPLAINTS WILL PROMPT ACTION



Every year we receive numerous complaints from residents who are concerned about dangerous and vicious dogs in the community. As you are aware the Village has discussed different options on how to deal with the issue of these dogs, and dogs that might intimidate our residents.

The Village board strives to protect our residents against possible dog attacks, while at the same time protecting the rights of law abiding dog owners in our community.

We have directed the Police Department to aggressively investigate reports of "Dangerous Dogs" and incidents involving intimidation to anyone on a public street or sidewalk.

As a dog owner, you are responsible for the actions of your pet. It is your responsibility to make sure that your pet cannot scare or intimidate a citizen walking on the sidewalk or in the street.

Pet owners are reminded to make sure their pet has a current

REMEMBER:
As a dog owner, you are responsible for the actions of your pet.

Officers to enforce and investigate any violations of this ordinance.

You should be aware that your pet can scare or intimidate a law abiding resident who is simply walking down the sidewalk. Even if your yard is fenced in, a dog can give the appearance that it is dangerous by the mere action of barking and running toward a person or child. If you have a problem with your pet, it is your responsibility to

make sure that the animal cannot get close enough to justify "reasonable fear", as defined in the ordinance.

We remind all pet owners that it does not matter how big your pet is, it is still your responsibility to ensure that your pet cannot threaten or harm the general public.



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS ORDINANCE: 5-3-1 ANIMAL CONTROL

DANGEROUS DOG OR OTHER ANIMAL

A dog or other animal which shall cause annoyance or reasonable fear of bodily injury to any person by attacking or threatening to attack such person.

PET LICENSE REQUIRED FOR ALL PETS

ORDINANCE: 5-3-2A - License Required, Fee: Every owner of a dog or other animal within the limits of the Village shall report to the Village Collector annually within thirty (30) days after January 1 in each year, his or her name and address, and the name, breed, color and sex of each and every dog owned or kept by such person, and obtain a license for such dog. Such person shall pay the Village Collector the sum provided for in Section 3-1A-1 of this Municipal code for each dog. (1979 Municipal Code S18.33)

VILLAGE BLOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!

On behalf of the Hodgkins Village Board, I would like to thank everyone who participated in our April 5, 2011 Election Day Blood Drive at the Hodgkins Village Hall.

We had 8 pre-registered donators, and several more who just walked in to donate. From there, we were able to provide 12 units of blood to Heartland Blood Centers. Volunteers Alice Katzmarek and Lorraine Guisinger were on hand to guide people through the process, and give out snacks and juice to our participants.

The Village offered a \$25.00 gift card from Target as a raffle prize to anyone who donated blood on April 5th. Congrats to Brenda Kringle for winning the card and donating. We can only



Vicky Moxley
Village Trustee

do this with your continued help!

On September 1st, 2010 we held our first blood drive and gathered 18 units with the help of potential donators. Not everyone can donate blood for various reasons, but you won't know if you don't try. Because this is so vitally important, we plan to host blood drives twice yearly at the Village Hall. We are currently working with Heartland Blood Centers to schedule our fall Blood Drive. It will probably be in October. As soon as the date is confirmed, we will let our residents know.

Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate. There is no substitute for your donation.

8 REASONS TO DONATE BLOOD

1. Someone needs blood every 3 seconds in this country. Averages of 40,000 units are needed every day in the U.S.
2. 60% of the population will need blood at some time in their lives, yet less than 5% donate.
3. Disasters like car accidents, fires, and other trauma cases happen every day and these patients need blood, and rarely do they need only one pint. A bleeding trauma victim can run through 100 units of blood in no time.
4. Because of our growing and aging population, our blood usage is growing at three times the national rate. Blood usage outpaces donor collections.
5. If all eligible donors would donate on a regular basis, four to six times a year, blood needs would be met and shortages could be a thing of the past.
6. For decades this nation relied on a large pool of blood donors from "The Greatest Generation," the heroic World War II veterans who considered blood donation to be an on-going patriotic duty. Sadly, that generation is fast disappearing and other new donors are not stepping forward to replace them.
7. Blood donation is safe and a healthy thing to do. Not only do you get a free mini physical, including blood pressure check, heart rate, temperature and iron levels, but it's the fastest way to lose a pound!
8. For men, there is a life-saving benefit to donating blood. Men are at higher risk for "hemochromatosis or iron overload" a potentially deadly problem where too much iron builds up in the blood. It can lead to heart disease and other major health problems. Research shows if men give blood 3 times a year, they can reduce their iron overload and therefore their risk of a heart attack by as much as 50%!

Tornadoes are not the only severe weather threat in Illinois. Nineteen people have been killed by lightning in the last 10 years and dozens more have been injured. Most lightning casualties occur in the summer between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Most victims are outdoors under a tree, in an open field, near a vehicle or near a building.

Large hail can also accompany severe thunderstorms. Hail rarely causes injuries in Cook County but it can cause millions of dollars in damages to crops, vehicles, roofs of buildings and homes each year.

*Emergency
Agency*



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

***E*MERGENCY *S*ERVICES & *D*ISASTER *A*GENCY**

Spring has arrived, with summer not far behind. Along with the nice warm spring weather comes thunderstorms and even tornadoes. Severe weather can strike with little or no warning. Be alert to changing weather conditions.

Residents are encouraged to seek shelter during ***Tornado Warnings***. A shelter can be your basement, a neighbor's basement, an interior room with no windows or a designated building within our community.

TORNADO WATCH:

This is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area. Their size can vary depending on the weather situation. They are usually issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours. They are normally issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should review tornado safety rules and be prepared to relocate to a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

TORNADO WARNING:

This is issued when a tornado is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or sighted by spotters. People in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Warnings can be issued without a Tornado Watch being already in effect. They are usually issued for a duration of around 30 minutes.

The only designated Tornado Shelter for the Village of Hodgkins is our new Village Hall at 8990 Lyons Street. The shelter area is located in the basement, which can be reached by stairs or an elevator. Emergency Services personnel will open the facility during non-business hours in the event a Tornado Warning is issued in our area and our sirens have been activated.

During normal business hours you will receive instructions from on-duty staff until Emergency Services personnel arrive.

When reporting to the Village Hall you should go directly to the designated shelter area in the basement. Please keep in mind, there are rules that need to be followed while in the Shelter.



**ALLAN W. MILLS
COORDINATOR
HODGKINS ESDA**

The Pleasantview Fire Protection District monitors weather conditions for our area and activates the sirens as needed.

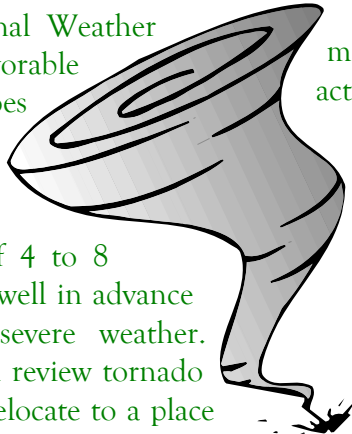
When you hear the Tornado warning siren it is important to remain calm and proceed to a safe place.

WHAT TO DO DURING A STORM:

- Listen to NOAA Weather Radio or to commercial radio or television newscasts for the latest information.
- Look for approaching storms.
- Look for the following danger signs:
 - **Dark, often greenish sky**
 - **Large hail**
 - **A large, dark, low-lying cloud (particularly if rotating)**
 - **Loud roar, similar to a freight train**

If you see an approaching storm with any of these danger signs, be prepared to take shelter immediately. Hodgkins Emergency Services personnel receive the same notification that you, the resident, receive when it comes to severe weather.

In 2009, we added a new outdoor Warning Siren to increase public notification when a tornado is sighted in or around our area. When the sirens are heard, Emergency Personnel will proceed to the Shelter.



What did one tornado say to the other?

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Let's twist again, like we did last summer....

IT'S TERMITE TIME



KEN TUCKER JR.
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS

As springtime arrives we have more projects to think about around the house. In addition to all the spring cleaning and yard work to be done, we need to be on the lookout for various insect problems. Active in our area are the dreaded Termites.

The Village has instructed the Department of Public

Works to place some "Termite Test Sticks" around our community to see how active these pests are in our town. These testers are simply a piece of 1x4 pine that we drive into the ground about 10 inches. We will then pull the test sticks out in about 3-4 weeks. If they have termite damage on the stick it is safe to say that there is activity in that area. This is one of the ways that professional pest companies look for termite activity. These test sticks will not cause you to have termites, it will simply let you know if you already have termite activity.

If you would like us to place some of these test sticks on your property, please call the office at the Village Hall at 579-6700 to find out more details.

Termites are weak and relatively fragile insects that need to stay moist to survive. They can be overpowered by ants and other predators when exposed. They avoid these perils by covering their trails with tubing made of faeces, plant matter, and soil. Thus the termites can remain hidden and wall

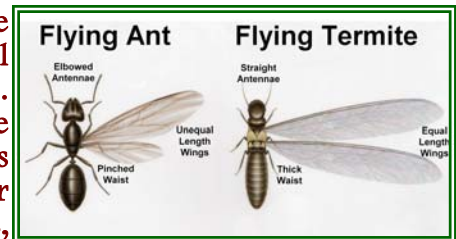
out unfavorable environmental conditions. Sometimes these shelter tubes will extend for many meters, such as up the outside of a tree reaching from the soil to dead branches.

The first sign of a termite infestation may be worm-like mud tunnels that run up walls or foundations. Termites are particularly attracted to damp wood which may be found in basements and tunnels and are often found either within basements or emerging from them.

Termite activity isn't anything new to our area, or the U.S. for that matter. According to the National Pest Management Association, termites cause about \$5 billion in property damage per year in the U.S.

Although termites resemble ants, their bodies are wider and softer than those of ants. In addition, termites have shorter, smaller legs and move much more slowly than most ants do.

When a colony has matured, winged, swarming termites can be seen around windows and doors. Winged termites are highly attracted



PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE KEN TUCKER JR. AND
SUPERINTENDANT ERIC RICE WITH A TEST STICK



to sources of light and are most active in springtime. After mating, these termites locate a new breeding site and create another colony, spreading infestations throughout multiple locations.

So, if you would like us to place some test sticks in your yard, just call the Village Hall. Diane or Sherri will gladly explain the procedures. Remember, there is NO cost for this service.

579-6700

SPRINGTIME IS HERE HELP CLEAN UP PARKWAY DEBRIS

Your Public Works crew were happy to finally put away all of our snow plowing and removal equipment after this past winter. Our crew worked very hard keeping the roadways and sidewalks clear and safe this winter. We would like to thank all of our residents who promptly removed their vehicles from the side streets after each snow, to allow us to get the streets cleaned up. It certainly makes it a lot easier on our drivers and the equipment.

Now, we are preparing all of the spring and summer equipment. As we all get ready to clean up our yards, I wanted to remind our residents of some of the programs that our Village offer.

Our Public Works crew will be picking up your lawn and yard debris Monday - Friday. Please remember that we can only pick up debris that is in paper bags. **NO PLASTIC** garbage bags will be picked up, due to landfill regulations. When packing your lawn clippings up, keep the weight of each bag under 40 lbs. We will pick up as many lawn clipping bags as



ERIC RICE
DPW SUPERINTENDANT



Public Works Foreman Dennis Folkerts picks up bags of lawn clippings off the parkway



you have, but they need to be manageable.

We will also pick up other types of debris, such as appliances, cabinets or any remodeling trash that you may have after a home project.

If you have a big load of debris from a home project, call the Village Hall and request information on getting a truck parked by your home during the project. This will save you on having to pay for a dumpster and will also make it easier to clean up.

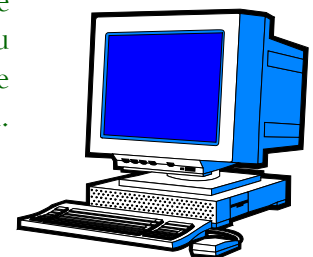
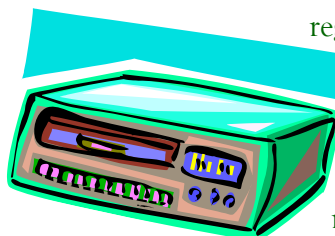
When working around your home on the weekends, please wait until Sunday night to place any debris or trash on the parkway. This will help keep the streets clean over the weekend since we can't pick anything up until Monday morning.

We also have our Electronics Recycling Program. This is sponsored by the West Cook County Solid Waste Agency and Vintage Tech Recyclers, Inc. If you have any old electronics that can't be thrown into the

regular trash, we can take care of it. 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 to let Diane or Sherri know that you have a pick up for the Electronic Recycling Plan. Contact the Village Hall at:

579-6700





POLICE DEPARTMENT NOTICE: SEIZED AUTO AUCTION



The Hodgkins Police Department will be conducting an Auction of 1 Motor Vehicle. This car was seized pursuant to State of Illinois Statutes and has been forfeited and awarded to the Hodgkins Police Department.

The vehicle 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. Upon request, we will hand out an information sheet containing basic information and the starting bid amount on each vehicle. The vehicle 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 May 16th, 2011

1995 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4~WHEEL DRIVE
COLOR: RED 2~TONE
MILES: 144,535

KEEP THE TABS COMING!

We are getting a tremendous response from our residents and businesses with collections of these aluminum pull tabs. What a great accomplishment that we can take pride in something that is so easy to do and does so

much good for people in need.

I have been hearing from many residents who have family and friends all collecting these tabs. We will



have the display of the entire collection at this year's Village Picnic in September, so keep on saving the tabs.

Remember, you can drop them off at the Village hall

or the Police Department. If you need, just call the police department and an officer will stop by and pick them up.

Collecting pop tabs is a great way to teach kids about philanthropy and the importance of recycling, and raise funds to help children and their families at the same time.



MRS. BRENDA KRINGLE





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"

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

Grandson of Mayor Noel Cummings
Stationed at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma

Lt. Cody Sneed
"C" Co. 302d Bsb
Unit 15610
APO AP 96224-5610

Grandson of Resident Ruth Sneed
Stationed in Korea

1SG. Fernando Fernandez
272nd MP Company
FOB Warhorse
APO AE 09336

Friend of Officer Phillip Kringlie
Stationed in Afghanistan

Ssgt. Ivan Robles
ROBOTICS
AMC LTF 3/401st AFSB
Camp Mike Spann
APO AE 09368

Friend of Officer Ryan Carrasquillo
Stationed in Iraq

GSgt. Mario J. Mazzuca Jr.
27455 Mangrove Street
Murrieta CA. 92563

Son of Resident Jeanette Mazzuca
Stationed in California



**THANKS FOR
SERVING!**

**IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO ADD A
MILITARY ADDRESS
TO THIS LIST,
CONTACT:**

ELAINE THOMPSON
HODGKINS POLICE
DEPARTMENT:

352-4623

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

Friend of Chief Phil Kringlie
Stationed in Iraq

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

Son of Residents Marie & Jessie Valenzuela
Stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

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

USS Buffalo SSN715
MMFN Flores, Jorge A.
PSC 455 Box 162
FPO AP 96546
Son of Residents Kathy & Cleto Flores
Assigned to the Pacific Fleet

IT SR Robert Millsap
CC/CS
USS Momsen (DDG92)
FPO AP 96672-1307
Son of Residents Diane & Vern Millsap
Assigned to the Pacific Fleet



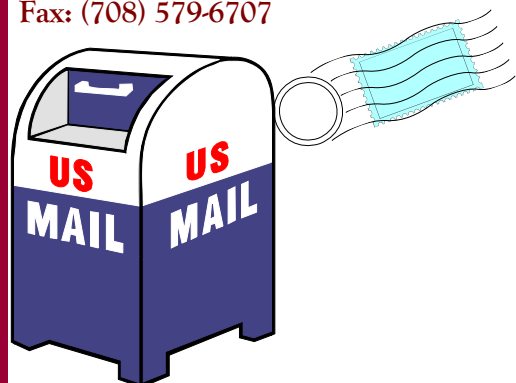
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



10:30 A.M. MONDAY MAY 30TH, 2011
HODGKINS VETERANS MEMORIAL - LYONS STREET @ WENZ AVENUE

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS
8990 LYONS STREET
HODGKINS, IL. 60525

Village Hall Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 - 5:00
Phone: (708) 579-6700
Fax: (708) 579-6707



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CHECK OUT THE NEWLY DESIGNED VILLAGE WEBSITE*

AGING WELL SENIOR HEALTH FAIR

It is estimated that by 2030, people older than the age of 65 will represent about 22% of the population in the United States, with the fastest growing segment of the older adult population being those 75-plus years of age.

Would you like to participate in the Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well Community Action Team? We meet at the Hodgkins Village Hall once a month. Our usual date for the monthly meeting is the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Call the Village Hall (579-6700) first just to make sure the meeting has not been



**DON CUTTILL
VILLAGE TRUSTEE**

moved to another date or location.

The Hodgkins & McCook Aging Community Action Team invite you to attend our Annual Senior Health Fair. Stop in at the Hodgkins Park District on May 11th, 2011 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We will have 'Singin Dan Hamilton' to entertain us from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Vendors will have information on health and safety. Including Blood Pressure Screenings provided by the Pleasantview Fire Protection District and the McCook Fire Department. We will have door prizes and refreshments, so stop by and enjoy our fair.