



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

August 2011

# COMMUNICATOR

Publication Designed & Edited By: Chief of Police Phil Kringlie

As we finish off the summer, I hope that everyone has been able to enjoy the warm weather. We endured only one real heat wave so far and had a few power outages, the worst being a portion of town that was without power for about 3 days.

The village services including Police, Fire, Public Works, ESDA and Village Administration all worked together to provide an effective response to the storms that passed through and the power outages. Although we have no control over the electric service, our Village Hall shelter was opened as a cooling center during the heat warnings that were issued.

In 2009 the Village purchased the buildings which housed Murphy's tavern along with the Laundromat and the Little Store on East Avenue. The tavern property had become run down and was immediately demolished. The Laundromat and the Little Store, however, had become important to a number of Village residents. The Village hired a local resident to run the Laundromat and we entered into a new lease with the operators of the little store. This past month a decision had to be made by me and the Village Board as it related to the Laundromat. The equipment began failing on a



NOEL B. CUMMINGS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

regular basis. We needed to replace the equipment and repair the interior of the Laundromat. We felt we needed to make this investment for our residents and keep this facility open for their convenience. This facility has served our residents for over 50 years. For many, it is the only access they have to family laundering.

Further, because the building is in our TIF District we could use surplus funds from that successful venture to pay for the repairs and equipment to make the Laundromat like new. The floor has been restored to a safe and durable condition. The walls will

be painted to give a fresher and cleaner appearance. All but two of the machines are now new, workable and efficient. Hopefully, the Laundromat and Little Store will serve our community for years to come.

Our Annual Village Picnic "Quarry Days" will be held on September 9th & 10th at our Park District at Lyons Street and East Avenue. This festival is for our residents to enjoy and visit. It will close on Saturday night with our great fireworks show. Hope to see you there!

*Noel B. Cummings*

*"Believe you can and your half way there"*  
*- Theodore Roosevelt*

# EMERGENCY PLAN APPROVED



The Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Approved the Village of Hodgkins Emergency Operations Plan. At the Village Board meeting on July 11th, 2011, Mr. Jeffrey Rodrigues of the Cook County DHS & Emergency Management presented Village Board President Noel Cummings with an Official Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Approval Certificate.

Emergency Operations Plans are a roadmap that local emergency responders and public officials follow when responding to and recovering from disasters. Depending on the nature and size of the emergency, we may ask for County, State or Federal assistance and this plan will help coordinate those efforts.

Our Emergency Operations Plan focuses on the measures that are essential for protecting our residents. These include warning our residents by providing emergency public information, evacuation information, and shelter.

Inside our EOP we have described how people and property will be protected during



**ALLAN W. MILLS  
COORDINATOR  
HODGKINS ESDA**

emergencies and disasters. We have assigned responsibilities to department heads and organizations within the village to carry out specific actions in emergency situations. The plan also details what must be done if the emergency or disaster goes beyond the single agency handling the emergency and provides organizational responsibilities and lines of authority for multiple agency coordination.

Furthermore, our plan identifies equipment, facilities, supplies, and other resources that are available to the village during response and recovery operations.

The process for developing this Emergency Operations Plan was lengthy and involved several people. Hodgkins Police Lieutenant Rick

Ceplecha helped tremendously in assisting me in organizing this plan.

In addition, Countryside Emergency Management and Homeland Security Coordinator, Steve Norman was a great resource and shared his expertise and Emergency Management knowledge and guidance.

For more information about our ESDA program, call the Village Hall.

**L-R: Hodgkins Police Lt. Rick Ceplecha, Hodgkins ESDA Coordinator Al Mills, Cook County Department of Homeland Security Jeffrey Rodrigues presents Hodgkins Village President Noel B. Cummings with our Approval Certificate**



## 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

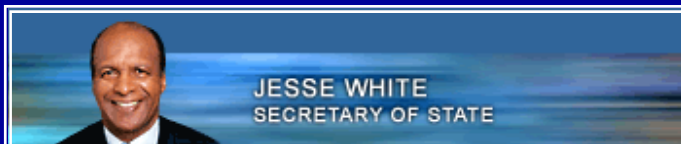
Chief of Police  
Phillip H. Kringlie

# S.O.S. IN HODGKINS!

On October 27th, 2011, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm the Illinois Secretary of State Office will be hosting a Mobile Driver Services Facility at the Hodgkins Village Hall. So if you need to renew, correct or get a duplicate license, get a State ID Card or renew your vehicle license sticker, you can stop by the Village Hall.

### NO DRIVING TEST IS AVAILABLE

No appointment necessary. Bring any official forms of Identification with you. Vision and Written Testing will be available. For more information, call the Village Hall 579-6700.



## GOT BLOOD? We Need Some



Vicky Moxley  
Village Trustee

The Village of Hodgkins will be hosting our Third Blood Drive on October 27th, 2011. Heartland Blood Centers will be set up in the lower level of the Noel B. Cummings Administration Center from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Call the Village Hall for an appointment, walk-ins are accepted too.



Heartland  
Blood Centers

Every 3 Seconds  
Someone Needs Blood

### BLOOD DONATION DRIVE:

Noel . B. Cummings Administration Center  
8990 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

Call For Appointment:  
708-579-6700



# FIRE TRUCK RETURNS HOME

The Village of Hodgkins now has a terrific and auspicious boost to its collection of local history memorabilia. Earlier this year, a Hodgkins former mayor, Sid Eiserman, donated an item back to the Village that his brother purchased in March of 1980: the original 1941 Chevrolet Fire Truck that was used by the Hodgkins Volunteer Fire Department for over 30 years in the middle of the Twentieth Century.

The Village of Hodgkins purchased the fire truck brand new in 1941 from Central Fire Equipment in Saint Louis, Missouri, for the volunteer fire department, when Fred Klotz, Sr. was Fire Marshal. It was paid for in part by money collected from firemen's dances and fundraiser picnics.

"I remember seeing it used in the Lyons Fourth of July Parade," said Trustee Paul Struve, whose father, George, was the Fire Marshal of the volunteer fire department for a number of years. "It was also invited to participate in the Keepataw Days festival in Lemont from time to time." Struve also recalled seeing his father use the fire truck to water newly-planted trees at the Park District every night for a time.



SID EISERMAN, RUTH DOYLE, MAYOR NOEL CUMMINGS  
STAND IN FRONT OF THE DONATED FIRE TRUCK

The Village purchased a new fire truck in 1960, and the original 1941 Chevrolet became the backup fire truck. It continued serving the Village for many years until it was finally retired, and was later purchased by Sam Eiserman. This past spring, Sid Eiserman, Sam's brother, donated the truck back to the Village in order for it to be used as the centerpiece of a Hodgkins History Museum. Fire Marshal Dan Tholotowsky of Pleasantview Fire Protection District and Village Trustee Paul Struve worked together to arrange for the return of the Fire Truck to the Village. Airline Towing provided tow service to relocate the fire truck safely to the inside of the Public Works building.

Depending on costs involved, the Village is looking into restoring the old fire truck, to be kept at the old Fire Hall on Kane Avenue, which will become a historical museum for Hodgkins local history.

Added Struve, "The Village of Hodgkins would like to say thank you to the Eiserman family for having the foresight to purchase and keep this piece of Hodgkins history so that it could be preserved for posterity."

## 1941 HODGKINS FIRE DEPARTMENT



# SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

By: ROBERT EVANS  
HODGKINS BUILDING INSPECTOR

**O**n June 26, 2011 at 5:35 a.m., a fire occurred within the Village of Hodgkins. Starting in the living room, the fire spread rapidly, filling the home with smoke. The smoke alarm sounded and the residents were awakened. Their route out the front door was cut off, and their only escape was the rear door. The father and mother took their four children and escaped to the outside. The thick heavy black smoke caused the occupants to gasp for air as they made their way to safety.

Pleasantview Fire Protection District arrived on the scene and administered aid to the family and successfully struck out this fire. Because of a smoke alarm, this family of six is alive and well today.

Smoke alarms have been required since July 1, 1988 in all residential homes in the State of Illinois. Deaths by fire have dropped approximately 50% since smoke alarms were introduced in the late 1960's. This year, 2011, approximately 3,500 lives will be lost in residential house fires in the U.S.A. without smoke alarms. So why are people still dying in their homes? It is estimated that a third of the smoke alarms in place are not working and many homes do not have as many smoke alarms as needed to protect the occupants.

Smoke alarms are needed the most  
when we are sleeping:

1. Each bedroom should

have at least one smoke detector.

2. Hallways outside all bedrooms should have one.
3. Multi-story homes need a minimum of one for each level.
4. Basements should have at least one.
5. The top of all stairways should have one.
6. Residents must be able to hear the alarm.

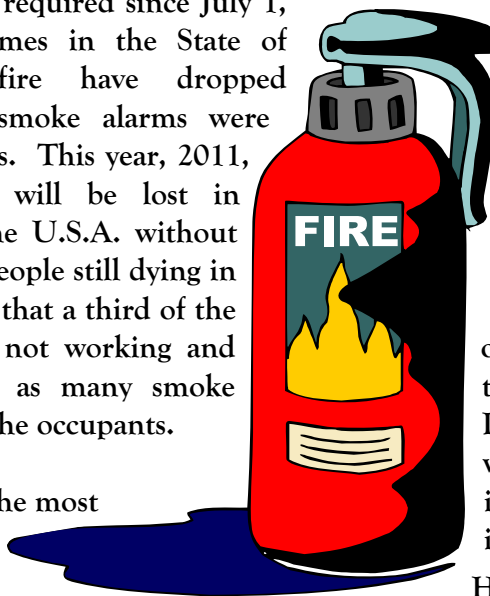
Smoke alarms should be tested once a month. If the testing mechanism does not work properly, the alarm should be replaced. Never use an open flame to test a smoke alarm!

Smoke alarms need no maintenance other than changing batteries and an occasional vacuuming of dust or cobwebs.

Smoke alarms have a useful life of approximately ten years. It is recommended that you replace a smoke alarm after ten years.

Currently, the village is looking at obtaining smoke detectors to hand out to residents who need them. However, Pleasantview Fire Protection District will assist any residents in the installation process. For more information, call the Hodgkins Village

Hall at: 579-6700



*Every two and a half hours someone dies in a home fire.  
Don't be one of them.*

## PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CHIEF DAN HERMES RETIRES

Pleasantview Fire Protection District Chief Dan Hermes retired on July 8<sup>th</sup> after 34 years of dedicated service to the community. Dan joined the Pleasantview Fire Protection District in 1977 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He was hired as a career firefighter in March of 1980. Dan quickly rose through the ranks and in 1983 was promoted to Lieutenant.

Dan received his paramedic certification in 1985 and was the first Pleasantview officer to become a paramedic. He was deeply involved in setting the direction of a rapidly growing fire department and assisted on many critical projects. In 1986 he was promoted to Captain.

As Captain, he oversaw the daily operations of four stations and an on-duty staff of sixteen firefighters.



In 1990 Dan was promoted to Deputy Chief. He took on a much larger role on setting the future course of the organization and played an integral part in shaping the department into what has become a “best-in-class” fire department that is highly respected throughout the state.

In 1995 Dan was promoted to Fire Chief. He continued to work tirelessly as Chief to ensure that Hodgkins and the other five communities that Pleasantview serves continued to receive unmatched service. Dan served as Pleasantview’s Fire Chief for sixteen years until his retirement in July.

On behalf of the Village of Hodgkins, we wish Chief Dan Hermes and his family the very best in his well earned retirement.

## PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW FIRE CHIEF

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, the Pleasantview Fire Protection District swore in a new Fire Chief for only the fifth time in their nearly sixty-five year history. Deputy Chief Kevin Doyle was appointed Fire Chief by the District’s Board of Trustees following the retirement of long-serving Fire Chief Dan Hermes.

Chief Doyle began his career with Pleasantview in 1986. During the past 25 years he has served as paramedic and the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief and Deputy Chief. He has served on numerous committees and participates in all aspects of the Fire District.

We look forward to working with Chief Kevin Doyle in the future and congratulate him on the promotion to Pleasantview Fire Protection District Chief.



FIRE CHIEF KEVIN DOYLE AND VILLAGE  
PRESIDENT NOEL CUMMINGS



# HODGKINS QUARRY DAYS 2011

## FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH:

7:00 PM

7:00 PM - 10:30 PM

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**\*INCLUDING THE U.S. ARMY COLOR GUARD FOR 9-1-1 CEREMONY\***

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

8:30 PM - 11:00 PM

11:00 PM

Picnic Opens

Food and Beer by Buck's Pit Stop

Police & Fire Softball Classic

Countryside Rotary Bingo

Capture the Flag & Water Balloon Toss

The Mostly Cloudy Band

Park Closes



IN HONOR OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2001 TERRORIST ATTACK

THE U.S. ARMY COLOR GUARD WILL RENDER  
HONORS FOR THE PLAYING OF THE  
NATIONAL ANTHEM.



## SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH:

6:00 AM - 9:00 AM

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

12:00 PM - 11:00 PM

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9:40 PM - 10:30 PM

11:00 PM

Mayor Cummings Fishing Tournament

Flea Market in The Park

Vulcan Materials Quarry Tours

Food & Beer by Buck's Pit Stop

Children's Inflatable's

Rock Climbing Wall

Dunk Tank

Face Painting

Jazzercise Showcase

Adult Scavenger Hunt

Youth Games

Car Show Cruise Night

Countryside Rotary Bingo

Live Music by '28 Days'

Raffle & Prize Winners Announced

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

Live Music by '28 Days'

Park Closes

# TROPHY FOR AGING WELL

**T**he Hodgkins/McCook Aging Well Community Action Team was among 12 recognized with the Community Service award at Aging Care Connections Annual Luncheon held in October. Aging Well, a program of Aging Care Connections, is dedicated to working with communities to create an environment in which people can age well. Serving 20 communities in the Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships, the program is composed of hundreds of older adults and more than 130 community-based organizations working together to address aging issues in their local communities.

Hodgkins/McCook is proudly represented by an Aging Well Community Action Team. The Community Service Award is "traveling" to the meeting place of each of the teams and will be on display in recognition of your Team's dedicated efforts to make Hodgkins and McCook elder-friendly communities. We invite you to join us in acknowledging the efforts of the Hodgkins/McCook Aging Well Community Action Team. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Don Cuttill at (708)579-6700.

The Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well program meets every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the downstairs community room of the Hodgkins Village Hall. These meetings usually feature guest speakers who speak on a variety of topics of interest to the aging population of the community. Trustee Don Cuttill says the



HODGKINS RESIDENT DOMINIC MISASI, TRUSTEE  
DON CUTTILL, VILLAGE PRESIDENT NOEL

list of speakers has been impressive. "Past speakers have included American Cancer Society Regional Director Dolores Garcia; Attorney at Law Peggy Pratscher, who spoke to us about Elder Law; and Pleasantview Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Keith Miller, who spoke to us about fire safety," he said. In addition to these events, Co-Team Leader Elsie Heavrin hosts a movie-viewing every first Wednesday of the month at the McCook Village Hall.

In addition to Trustee Don Cuttill's and Elsie Heavrin's leadership, Hodgkins resident Dominic Misasi serves as the Coordinator and Assistant Team Leader, and Mary Ann Sobus is another Co-Team Leader (along with Elsie Heavrin) for McCook.

Aging Care Connections is a non-profit organization which is the connection to the most comprehensive, expert information, programs and services enabling older adults to remain independent and their families to make the best, most informed decisions regarding needed care in their lives. Serving 22 communities in Lyons, Riverside and South Proviso Townships and an additional ten communities in Leyden and Norwood Park Townships for elder abuse investigation, Aging Care Connections' programs and services are made possible by community support and donations, and, in part, by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), AgeOptions, Community Memorial Foundation and local United Ways.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE HODGKINS - MCCOOK AGING WELL  
PROGRAM CONTACT DON CUTTILL AT 708-579-6700 OR

[www.agingcareconnections.org](http://www.agingcareconnections.org)



# KOHL'S STORE GRAND RE-OPENING

On August 10th, 2011 Kohl's Department Store held a Grand Re-Opening Ceremony. The event took place at about 7:45 am and included Village President Noel B. Cummings, Hodgkins Park District Executive Director Ron Kubicki and Chief of Police Phil Kringlie with many employees of the store in Hodgkins.

The Kohl's Store in Hodgkins opened for business in 1992 and included about 75,000 square feet of shopping area. During the first Re-Modeling in 2002, the store was enlarged the store to almost 95,000 square feet.

The most recent remodeling was completed this summer and the store hosted a "Grand Re-Opening" ribbon cutting ceremony. Store Manager Bonnie Primbas cut the ribbon to officially dedicate the re-opening. The Hodgkins Kohl's store has about 170 employees and is open 7 days a week.



## REMINDER: BACK TO SCHOOL TIME



The Hodgkins Police reminds everyone that it is back to school time. Over the next couple of weeks you will start seeing the school buses begin to move around and pick up our kids. Be aware of your surroundings, especially if you travel through a "School Zone". Our marked school zone on East Avenue is identified with signs in both directions. The Village even went farther and installed the flashing yellow lights in both directions to help remind drivers of the hazards.



Please remember, this is an exciting time for our young children also. They might not be paying attention to local traffic and need your help. Be alert and watch for any children and school bus activity.

**DRIVE SAFE!**



## POP TABS ON DISPLAY

**W**e have been collecting aluminum tabs for a few years now and donating them to the Ronald McDonald House in Maywood, Illinois. Each year we have collected more than the previous year.

In 2009 we donated 92 Pounds. In 2010 we turned in 113 Pounds. We have already surpassed the 113 lbs mark and are still going strong, thanks to you!

We will have the entire collection on display during the "Quarry Days" village festival on Saturday September 10th. Stop by the Fraternal Order of Police display and to see our 2011 collection. If you have anymore to donate, bring them with you. We will be delivering these tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in



MRS. BRENDA KRINGLE

Maywood on Sunday September 11th.

Over the past year we have had so many people and local businesses save up and donate for this cause. Sam's Club does a fantastic job in collecting from other employees, Silbrico Corporation is another company that collects for us. It is really so easy to collect these tabs.

We also have a regular group of residents who collect all year round.

So keep collecting and save those tabs. You can drop them off at the Village Hall or the Police Department. If you need, we'll come and pick them up just call the Police Office at 352-4623.

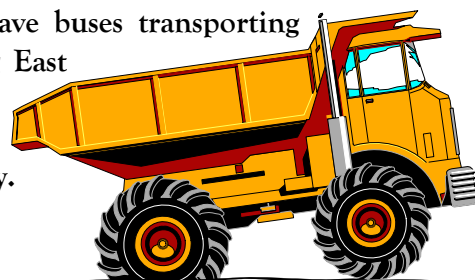


## HODGKINS QUARRY DAYS VULCAN MATERIALS QUARRY TOUR

**O**n Saturday, September 10th, 2011 during our Hodgkins Quarry Days Festival, Vulcan Materials will be hosting guided tours of their quarry operations in Hodgkins and McCook. Starting at 10:00 am and running through about 3:00 pm, Vulcan will have buses transporting visitors from the west Hodgkins Park District parking lot along East Avenue into the rock quarry.

Tours will last about 30-45 minutes and will cover the heavy equipment operations and give some history about our local quarry.

*'A Rockin Good Tour!'*





# 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"**

Cpt. Brandon J. Cummings  
CMR 415  
Box 4023  
APO AE 09114

Grandson of Mayor Noel Cummings  
U.S. Army Stationed in Germany

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

Friend of Officer Phillip L. Kringle  
US Army Stationed in Iraq

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

Son of Residents Kathy & Cleto Flores  
US Navy Stationed with Pacific Fleet

Spc. Steve Kovel Jr.  
4521A Dogwood Street  
McChord AFB, WA. 98439

Grandson of Resident Phyllis Kovel  
US Army Stationed at Ft. Lewis, WA.

GSgt. Mario J. Mazzuca Jr.  
2507 Beaver Falls Rd.  
Midlothian, Va. 23112

Son of Resident Jeanette Mazzuca  
USMC Stationed in Virginia

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

Son of Resident Vern & Diana Millsap  
US Navy Stationed with Pacific Fleet

Lt. Cody Sneed  
"C" Co. 302nd BSB  
Unit #15610  
APO AP 96224-5610

Grandson of Ruth Sneed  
US Army Stationed in Korea

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

Son of Maria & Jesse Valenzuela  
USMC Stationed at Camp LeJeune, N.C.



**SEPTEMBER 11TH  
2001-2011**



**"NEVER  
FORGET"**



## "SUPPORT THE TROOPS BENEFIT"

OCTOBER 8TH, 2011 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION COULTER POST #1941  
51ST & LAGRANGE ROAD, LAGRANGE, ILLINOIS

LIVE BAND - FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZES

MORE INFORMATION & RAFFLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE  
HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT 352-4623





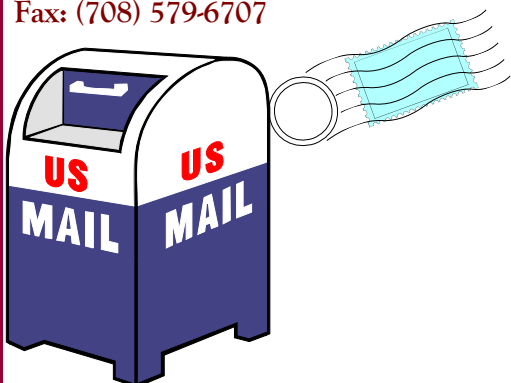
VILLAGE OF HODGKINS  
8990 LYONS STREET  
HODGKINS, IL. 60525

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Monday-Friday 8:00 - 5:00

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**CHECK OUT THE NEWLY DESIGNED VILLAGE WEBSITE**

# ANNUAL VILLAGE PICNIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, September 10th, 2011, the Village will be hosting our 2nd Annual Noel B. Cummings Fishing Tournament. The event is held along the Des Plaines River, accessible from River Road in the Industrial section of Hodgkins.

For more information on registering for free for this event, stop by our Village Hall. The Tournament is free to residents and prizes will be awarded that evening before the

fireworks show at 9:15 p.m.

So sharpen your hooks and dig up some worms for this year's Village Fishing Tournament. It starts at 6:00 am and finishes at 9:00 am.

Why not enjoy a beautiful, peaceful

Saturday morning along the Des Plaines River fishing for the BIG ONE!

Stop by the Village Hall for more information.

**IT'S FREE!**

