



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

April 2012

COMMUNICATOR

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Message From The Mayor:

I hope everyone enjoyed the mild winter this year, because we never know what is coming next. Hopefully, the mild weather will continue for our area.

We have been working very hard on several projects for the village. Our third TIF District has already begun to make a difference. This TIF District was planned to help develop the east side of East Avenue from Joliet Road southward to about 63rd Street. D&S Truck Sales has already purchased property, paved a sales lot and has on display an assortment of service trucks for sale. D&S will be building a sales and service building on the property in the near future.

As part of our beautification program, grant funds were obtained from Cook County for the replacement of street lights. We started this project over a year ago. The Street Light Project has been split into several phases. Last year Phase One replaced the street lights on Kimball and Kane Avenues. Phase Two was completed about a month ago and included Conrad Avenue and a section of Cobb Street. The new lights are beautiful, brighter



NOEL B. CUMMINGS
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

and use less energy. Future phases will be completed as the grants become available.

We are also looking into the possibility of building new homes on two residential lots that are owned by the village. These lots were purchased from banks that had foreclosed on the property, and due to the condition of the homes, they needed to be demolished. With assistance from our local Menards store, it is our hope that we can build these homes at a lower price and be able to sell the homes at our cost.

I would like to thank Ron Kubicki for his 40 years of service to the Hodgkins Park District. His dedication and hard work has made our Park District one of the leading facilities in the State. Ron has also served proudly for the past 27 years on the Board of Trustees for the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, serving as President of the Board since 2004. Congratulations and many thanks to Ron for his service to our community!

Noel B. Cummings

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



ERNIE MILLSAP
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

This is a reminder for those residents who have not signed up for our Residential Telephone Notification System. If you have not received any computerized telephone messages from the Village, such as our “Heat or Cold Warning Advisories”, “Trick or Treat Hour Notifications”, sent out this past year, 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.



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.

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ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #: _____

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and request a Police Officer To Pick This Form Up)



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Quarry Shopping Mall
Hodgkins, Illinois*

*Hodgkins Applebee's Manager Renee Oscarson and
Mayor Noel Cummings Welcome You!*

HODGKINS VILLAGE OFFICIALS

CONTACT ANY OF THESE
OFFICIALS BY TELEPHONE AT:

HODGKINS VILLAGE HALL 579-6700

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Village Attorney
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Chief of Police
Phillip H. Kringlie



THE HODGKINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

The Community Center Building on Kane Avenue once served as our Village Hall and also housed our volunteer Fire Department. So it is only right that the building be used as the "Hodgkins Historical Society". The building had to be cleaned up and a few minor changes made to the inside, but now is almost ready to house our history.

We need your help. If you have any items or pictures that you would like to donate or put on display, just let us know. If you have any old pictures, we would like to scan them into our computer system and save them in our archives. The original photo will be returned to you. We are also looking for information about our community. If you know any history or would like to share your stories, just let us know. Give us a call at the Village Hall - 579-6700 or stop by and we can make arrangements to either pick up the item(s) or make copies.

Thanks, *Dianna*



DIANNA KNACK
OFFICE CLERK



HODGKINS SCHOOL SHOWS OFF RECENT IMPROVEMENTS

BY: RODNEY CUMMINGS

On Thursday evening, March 15th, the Hodgkins Elementary School, of School District 105, held an open house for parents, residents of the Village of Hodgkins, the Board of Education, and the community at large to celebrate the completion of a recent construction project. Impacting a large number of students, the District 105 Phase II construction project also included renovations to Gurrie Middle School and Spring Avenue Elementary School, both in LaGrange.

Present at the open house were District 105 Superintendant Glenn Schlichting, School Board President Mark Smith, Hodgkins Elementary Principal John Signatur, Village President Noel Cummings, Village Trustee Ernest Millsap, and Police Chief Phil Kringlie, among other leaders of the community, and an array of teachers from the school. Students, parents, and residents of Hodgkins came for tours of the renovated building and enjoyed refreshments. Principal Signatur spoke glowingly of his and his staff's appreciation of the



PRINCIPAL JOHN SIGNATUR GIVES MAYOR
NOEL CUMMINGS THE GRAND TOUR

work that has gone into this renovation.

"We have been back at Hodgkins School since the fall, and we still continue to be so excited and pleased with how it has all turned out," he said. "Our updated and enhanced building has really created such a beautiful and inviting learning environment for our students."

Comprehensive in scope, the Phase II construction

project effectively overhauled the entire school. Among the improvements were new spaces, such as a library expansion, a new conference room, reconfigured office space, and itinerant spaces for small group studies. New flooring, carpeting in classrooms, tile in the hallways, and a new parking lot have given a sheen to existing portions of the facility. Many of the classrooms got brand-new cabinets, countertops, and sinks, while new vents provide improved air flow. Utilities were enhanced with plumbing and electrical upgrades, and a new server room was constructed to enhance the wireless network throughout the building. In addition to these improvements, an additional outdoor play area consisting of fresh blacktop and a basketball net has helped supplement recreational options for the students.

The open house provided the first public recognition of these improvements, and Principal Signatur was quick to thank their guests.

"It was really special to have this open house tonight, to bring together staff members, parents, and a great representation from our community to help celebrate the completion of the many months of construction and the many new opportunities for our students."



MAYOR NOEL CUMMINGS, SCHOOL DISTRICT 105
SUPERINTENDANT GLENN SCHLICHTING, CHIEF OF POLICE
PHIL KRINGLIE ENJOY A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL

HODGKINS PARK DISTRICT

WELCOMES A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

BY: RODNEY CUMMINGS

With the retirement of Ronald Kubicki at the end of March, the Hodgkins Park District now has a new executive director. Appointed by the Park District Board at their February meeting, Kelly Young commenced her first official day of duties as the new director on Monday, April 2nd.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KELLY YOUNG
HODGKINS PARK DISTRICT

Young has been on the staff of the Park District for eleven years. A lifelong resident of Hodgkins, she is the daughter of R.V. and Beverly Millsap, and the granddaughter of former Village Trustee Vernon Millsap and his wife, Alida. Young attended the Hodgkins Elementary School, and graduated in 2004 from Lyons Township High School. During her high school years, she worked as a Recreation Leader at the Park District, eager to help out with programs that had made such a big difference in her own life.

"I grew up playing at the Park District. My friends and I were very lucky to have such a great place to hang out and grow up together," said Young. "My parents, and most parents in the Village, trusted the Park District with their children, and I want this to continue."

Young attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, where she received a Bachelor of Science in Advertising in 2008. In 2009, she became the Assistant Executive Director at the Park

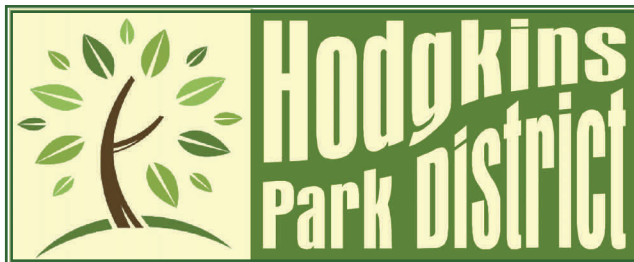
District, shouldering some of the administrative and managerial duties under Ron Kubicki. Young went on to earn her Master of Science Degree in Recreation, Sports, and Tourism, also at the University of Illinois in Champaign, before undertaking the new challenge of administrating the Hodgkins Park District upon Kubicki's retirement.

Among Young's goals for the Park District is the completion of the outdoor OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition & Development) Grant Project, which includes improvements to the playground, construction of an outdoor fitness center, a walking path, and a splash pad. Young was very clear about her intentions to keep the Park District the haven of safe and fun recreation it has been throughout most of her life.

"My main goal is to maintain the Park District's reputation as a safe place for our children to play," she said.

As Young settles in to her new role as executive director, she will be listening for feedback from the community and working proactively to meet Hodgkins' recreational needs.

Of her new position, she had this to say: "This Park District belongs to the residents of Hodgkins, and I will work hard to provide the best programming to fit the needs of our community. Ideas are always welcome! We have such a special town. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else."



TIME TO RENEW YOUR VILLAGE LICENSES



DIANNA KNACK
OFFICE CLERK

It will soon be time to get your new 2012-2014 Vehicle Stickers. Your old vehicle sticker will expire on June 1, 2012. So starting on

May 1 you can pick up your new vehicle sticker at the Village Hall.

If you would please bring in the registration form that has the year, make, model and license plate number of your vehicle, we can process you faster.

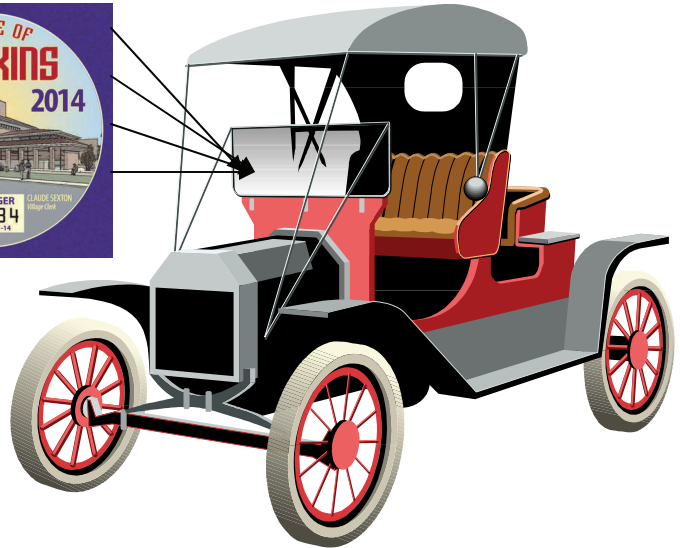
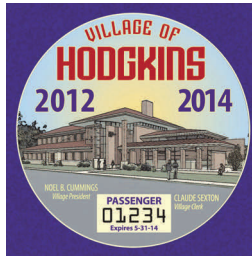
Even though the stickers are free to all residents, you might think that it's not necessary to get one or if you do get one you don't display it because it's just difficult to remove later. So here are a couple of reasons you should pick yours up and put it on your vehicle.

When your vehicle is parked in the Village, the Police Department will know that it's a resident vehicle and therefore not consider it a suspicious vehicle. In addition, the stickers are free and it could save you the cost of a ticket for not having it displayed on your windshield.

We have a new design on the stickers this year. The New Village Administration Building is pictured on the new Vehicle Decals, as shown above.

Don't let your pet feel neglected. They are an important member of your family. The Village of Hodgkins requires all pet owners to register and license "dogs or other animals" in their households. You can obtain your pet license at the village hall.

To register your pet, you will need to bring their current rabies vaccination records from your



veterinarian. It is a simple registration form to complete. There is **NO COST!**

You will receive a metal tag with a registration number from the Village of Hodgkins to attach to your pet's collar. This is an important detail. If your pet gets loose and found, we can look up the owners information by that tag number.

The weather is now starting to change and our residents will be out walking and enjoying the community. Please remember that, as a pet owner, it is your responsibility to make sure your pet is secured within your property.

If you have a fence and gates, take this time to make sure your pet can't get out and run free. Be considerate of those residents who walk our sidewalks and keep your pet from startling them. This is part of being a good neighbor and being considerate.

Also, when you take your pets for a walk, village ordinances require the pets to be leashed and the owners are responsible to pick up any droppings left by their pets. Again, be considerate and be prepared when you take your pet out!



HODGKINS-McCOOK AGING WELL MOTHERS DAY LUNCHEON

1:00 PM On Friday May 11th, 2012

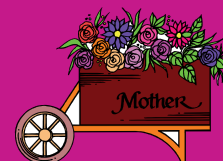
Hodgkins Park District, 8997 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, Illinois

Entertainment will be provided by "Luke Lucky" of Lucky Entertainment

Requirements: Must be 55 Years or Older and be a resident of Hodgkins or McCook



**RSVP BY MAY 7TH, 2012:
HODGKINS VILLAGE HALL
708-579-6700**



NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN

On Monday, February 27th, the Village added two new police officers to our ranks. The Department had been running short handed for the past two years, following the retirements of Officer Doug Bird in 2010 and Sgt. Joe Moxley in 2011.

Officer Jonathon Rutkoski and Officer Dan Ponzi were given the Oath of Office by Village Clerk Claude Sexton with Mayor Noel Cummings and Chief Phil Kringlie witnessing the event. At the March 12th Village Board Meeting, the new officers were introduced and welcomed to our community.

Officer Jonathon Rutkoski will be attending the Cook County Sheriffs Police Academy starting on April 2nd. Officer Dan Ponzi has prior police experience and will not need to attend the full police academy, just a police certification class.

Biographies of the new police officers will be printed in the upcoming Hodgkins Police newsletter "The Dispatch News".



CHIEF PHIL KRINGLIE, MAYOR NOEL CUMMINGS,
OFFICER DAN PONZI, OFFICER JONATHON RUTKOSKI,
VILLAGE CLERK CLAUDE SEXTON JUST AFTER THE
OATH OF OFFICE WAS GIVEN

PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

BY: FIRE CHIEF KEVIN DOYLE

Ron Kubicki began his service with the Pleasantview Fire Protection District in 1974 as a paid on-call firefighter. Prior to joining Pleasantview, he served the Hodgkins Fire Department for three years. Ron resigned as a paid on-call firefighter in 1982, but returned to Pleasantview in November of 1985 when Ron was elected Trustee of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District.

As Trustee, he played an integral role in many of the advancements that helped make Pleasantview the first-in-class organization that it is today. Ron spent twenty-six years working tirelessly with fire department management to oversee the addition of personnel, state of the art firefighting equipment and the construction of two modern firehouses.

He also worked closely with elected officials at the local, state, and national level to pass legislation that assisted fire districts state-wide with funding, firefighter safety, and consolidation efforts.

In 2004, Ron was elected President of the Pleasantview Board, when his close friend Jack Roche retired. As Board President, he became more committed and more involved in improving the fire service.

In addition to his local commitment to the residents of the Pleasantview Fire District, Ron



RONALD P. KUBICKI
PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT TRUSTEE

also served on the Board of the Northern Illinois Fire Protection Districts for twenty-seven years, twenty-three of them as President. At the national level, Ron participated in the Congressional Fire Service Caucus in Washington D.C for over twenty years. He played an integral role in the passage of major legislation that was vital to the fire service at every level. He has met with Senators and Representatives many times to help champion numerous causes that have directly impacted fire departments across the country.

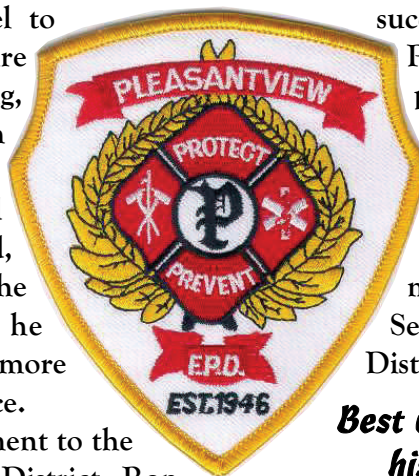
His commitment and contributions to Pleasantview and our community are

immeasurable. His dedication to Pleasantview will be felt by every firefighter and every citizen for generations.

There has been no greater contribution to the success of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District than through the personal commitment of President Ronald P. Kubicki.

From everyone at Pleasantview Fire Protection District, we want to congratulate and thank Ron for his many years of dedication to the Fire Service and especially to our Fire District.

Best wishes to Ron and his family on his well earned retirement!



HODGKINS PARK DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETIRES

BY: KELLY YOUNG

The Board of Commissioners and the staff of the Hodgkins Park District would like to congratulate Ronald Kubicki on his retirement. Ron began his career in April of 1972. Starting off as the Assistant Director of the McCook-Hodgkins Park District, Ron quickly found the career path he was meant to follow.

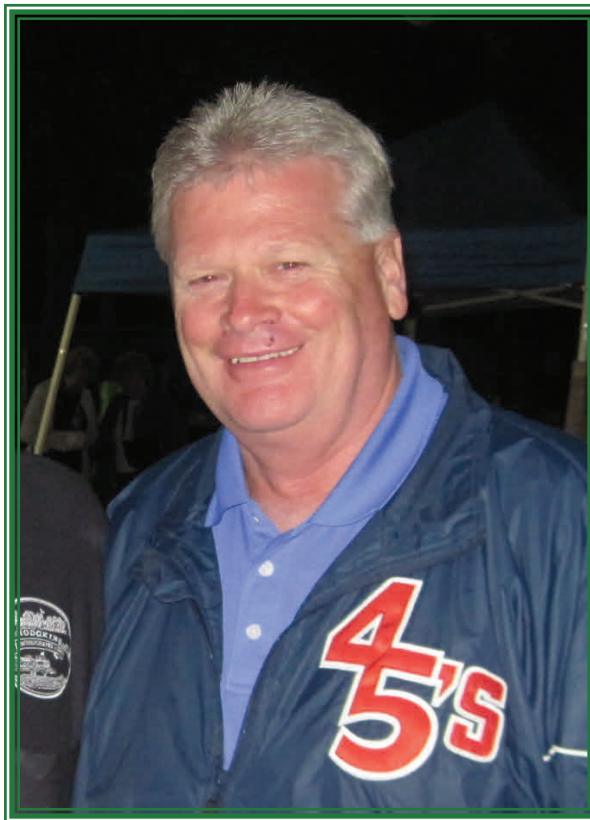
In 1985, the Board of Commissioners appointed Ron as the Director of Parks and Recreation of the newly formed Hodgkins Park District, a position he has held for the last 27 years.

His influence has shaped the development of the Hodgkins Park District throughout the many projects he has organized. Most notably, the construction of the gymnasium in 1979 and the new outdoor OSLAD grant project to be completed in the summer of 2012. His eye for detail and passion for the recreation industry has impacted everything he touches.

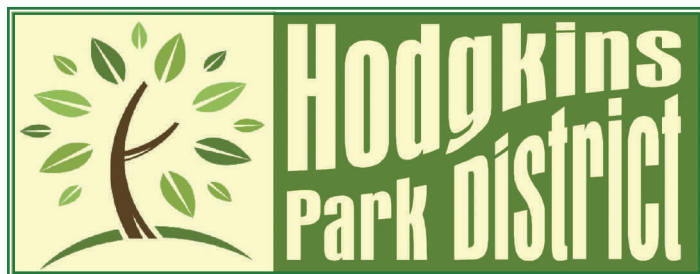
Ron has always been a man who wears many hats. Whether it's grooming the field, playing a round of H.O.R.S.E., or helping push legislation in Washington D.C., Ron can do it all. His versatility is one of the many things that made Ron an exceptional Executive Director.

Ron's versatility is only rivaled by his compassion for the patrons of the Park District. Never one to turn away a resident for the inability to pay for programming, Ron has instituted a scholarship policy for anyone enduring economic hardship. This scholarship policy has helped many children participate in summer camp and field trips who would not have had the opportunity without assistance. Ron believes that the children of this Village are our most precious resource, a resource that should never be taken for granted.

After 40 years of service, Ron will be leaving the Park District to enjoy retirement. He will have plenty to keep him busy, especially traveling, golfing, and spending time with his loving family. We will



RON KUBICKI
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PARK DISTRICT
RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE



miss Ron, not only as a great boss and Executive Director, but for his unforgettable contributions to our town. He has, and always be, a valuable asset to the residents of the Village of Hodgkins.

Thank you for everything, Ron!

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

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



DIRECTOR ALLAN MILLS
HODGKINS ESDA

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.

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.

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.

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 radar or sighted by spotters. People in the affected area should seek 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 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.

TORNADO FACTS:

There are a variety of severe weather hazards that affect Cook County, including lightning, damaging winds, large hail, flash floods and tornadoes.

Tornadoes pose the greatest severe weather threat to life and property in Cook County.

Tornado season in Cook County is from mid March through June, but tornadoes have occurred in every month of the year. They are most frequently seen from mid afternoon through the early evening.

Most tornadoes move from the southwest toward the northeast, but they sometimes move east or southeast. Tornadoes usually move at speeds of 30 to 40 mph, but they can move as fast as 70 mph. Most Cook County tornadoes produce wind gusts of 50 to 120 mph and last only a few minutes. Also, there are tornadoes that are large, violent and long-tracked with wind gusts of over 200 mph that can occur in Cook County.

Illinois averages 28 tornadoes per year. In 1999 there were 94 tornadoes in Illinois. This is the second highest ever, behind 110 tornadoes in 1998. Forty-six tornadoes occurred in April 1996, and 45 of them occurred on one day - April 19. This was the largest number of tornadoes to ever touch down in Illinois in a day and the most ever for the month of April.

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.

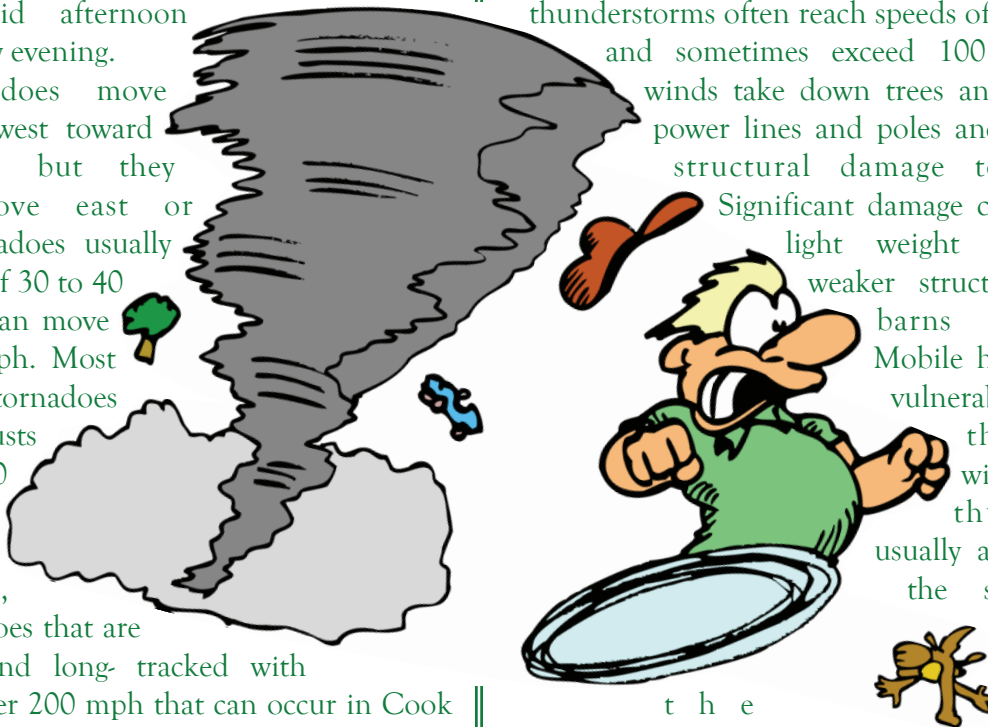
Floods and flash floods are the number one severe weather killer in the United States. Sixteen people have died in floods in Illinois in the last decade. Most flood casualties in Illinois occur in vehicles when people try to drive across flooded roads. Flash floods are most frequent in mid to late summer, but they can occur anytime.

Straight line or downburst winds from severe thunderstorms often reach speeds of 50 to 80 mph and sometimes exceed 100 mph. These winds take down trees and large limbs, power lines and poles and cause severe structural damage to buildings.

Significant damage can be seen in light weight buildings or weaker structures such as barns and sheds. Mobile homes are also vulnerable to severe thunderstorm winds. Severe thunderstorms usually approach from the southwest or west, but can move from the northwest particularly in mid to late summer.

Damaging winds often are preceded by a dark low-hanging row of clouds on the leading edge of an approaching storm, known as a shelf cloud.

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.



Information provided by the:

*Cook County Department of
Homeland Security and
Emergency Management*

STOMACH PAIN

It's NOROVIRUS SEASON

Noroviruses are a group of related viruses. Infection with these viruses affects the stomach and intestines and causes an illness called gastroenteritis (GAS-tro-en-ter-I-tis; inflammation of the stomach and intestines).

Anyone can be infected with noroviruses and get sick. Also, you can get norovirus illness more than once during your life. The illness often begins suddenly. You may feel very sick, with stomach cramping, throwing up, or diarrhea.

Noroviruses are the most common cause of gastroenteritis in the United States. CDC estimates that each year more than 20 million cases of acute gastroenteritis are caused by noroviruses. Norovirus is also estimated to cause over 70,000 hospitalizations and 800 deaths each year in the United States.

You may hear norovirus illness called "food poisoning" or "stomach flu." It is true that food poisoning *can* be caused by noroviruses. But, other germs and chemicals can also cause food poisoning. Norovirus illness is *not* related to the flu (influenza), which is a respiratory illness caused by influenza virus. Other, less common symptoms may include low-grade fever, chills, headache, muscle



VICKY MOXLEY
VILLAGE TRUSTEE

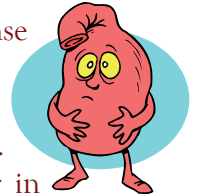
aches, and general sense of fatigue.

Norovirus illness is usually not serious. Most people get better in 1- to 2 days. But, norovirus illness can be serious in young children, the elderly, and people with other health conditions; it can lead to severe dehydration, hospitalization and even death.

You may get dehydrated if you are not able to drink enough liquids to replace the fluids lost from throwing up or having diarrhea many times a day. Symptoms of dehydration

include a decrease in urination, a dry mouth and throat, and feeling dizzy when standing up. Children who are dehydrated may also cry with few or no tears and be unusually sleepy or fussy.

The best way to prevent dehydration is to drink plenty of liquids. Oral rehydration fluids are the most helpful for severe dehydration. But other drinks without caffeine or alcohol can help with mild dehydration. However, these drinks may not replace important nutrients and minerals that are lost due to vomiting and diarrhea. If you think you or someone you are caring for is severely dehydrated, contact your doctor.



WASH YOUR HANDS

carefully with soap and water, especially after using the toilet and changing diapers and always before eating or preparing food. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. These alcohol-based products can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in some situations, but they are not a substitute for washing with soap and water.





AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

BY: TIFFANY MILLSAP

This year, over 1.4 million Americans will hear the words, "You have cancer." That's not a faceless number. We know too many people touched by cancer. That's why we've joined with the American Cancer Society to help save lives and create a world with more birthdays by participating in the "Relay For Life" on June 9th & 10th at the Lyons Township High School Relay For Life event.

Village residents and freshmen at Lyons Township, Connor Carson and Tommy Millsap, are co-captains for the team 'Just BeCUZ'. The team will walk for four family members who are cancer survivors or who are in current treatment. Connor and Tommy wish to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer by walking in this event.

The boys have held several different fundraisers. On March 18th, they sold purple kool-aid and cupcakes at the Battle of HPD's Basketball Game. Salerno-Pincente Ristorante assisted the boys with another fundraiser, giving them 10% of every customer's bill on April 11th. Connor and Tommy also held a bake sale on April 12th at the Hodgkins Elementary School. A Car Wash will also be taking place at the Noel B. Cummings Administrative Center on Saturday, May 26th to raise money for their team.



CAPTAINS CONNER CARSON & TOMMY MILLSAP
OF TEAM 'JUST BECUZ'

Please support Connor and Tommy in their efforts by using the link below to visit their personal web page and make a donation. If you would like to pay by check, make checks payable to Relay For Life and send it to Tiffany Millsap at the Hodgkins Police Department, 6015 Lenzi Avenue, Hodgkins, IL 60525.

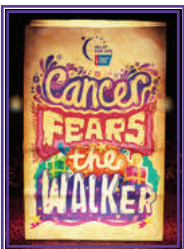
Every dollar raised brings us one step closer to a cure and to a world where the people we love never have to hear the words,

"You have cancer."

Another way to remember and honor someone is to sponsor a "Luminaria Candle" for \$10.00. The Luminaria Ceremony will be held on June 9th, at 9:00 PM. This is truly an emotional event where hundreds of candles will be lit in honor of those family and friends who have survived cancer or for those we remember. If you are interested in sponsoring a Luminaria Candle, forms will be available online at our website and also at the Village Hall, Hodgkins Library, Park District and Police Department.

The overnight relay-style event will be held on June 9-10, 2012 at Lyons Township High School (100 S. Brainard Avenue, LaGrange, IL 60525) at 6:00 PM. The Luminaria Ceremony is 9:00 PM on June 9th. We are determined to make a difference, and hope you will help. Thank you for support.

SPONSOR A LUMINARIA CANDLE:



Each "Luminaria" represents the life of someone who has battled cancer. It is a beautiful sight when all the bags with candles are illuminated around the track, The Luminaria Ceremony is a moving way to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pay tribute to cancer survivors. To make a donation or sponsor a Luminaria Candle contact:

<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/teamjustbecuz>

Or Tiffany Millsap at the Hodgkins Police Department 352-4623

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION GETS NEW MEMBER

BY: RODNEY CUMMINGS

With the passing of Civil Service Commissioner Ron Johnson, the Village of Hodgkins President and Board of Trustees have now appointed a new Commissioner. Dominic Misasi, a 12-year resident of Weeping Willow Ranch, has been a regular participant in community activities, and has been an instrumental member of his neighborhood.

Mr. Misasi and his wife moved into Hodgkins twelve years ago, after he retired from his work as an estimator for a mechanical contractor. Before that, Mr. Misasi was self-employed, owning and



MAYOR NOEL CUMMINGS AND NEW CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSIONER DOMINIC MISASI

running a heating and air conditioning business for ten years.

At Weeping Willow Ranch, Mr. Misasi was involved early on in the Weeping Willow Ranch Mobile Home Residents' Association, and has served as a past president of that organization, for two years. Rick Camboni, an owner of the mobile home park, had only praise for Mr. Misasi. "Dominic and his

wife are a wonderful couple, and I believe he will be an excellent addition to the Civil Service Commission," he said. "He's proven himself both as an involved resident and as an important part of this community."

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BRENDA KRINGLIE



Since 2005, we have saved 468.50 pounds. Our goal is to get 1 million tabs which are 790 pounds. *We are only 321.50 pounds away!*

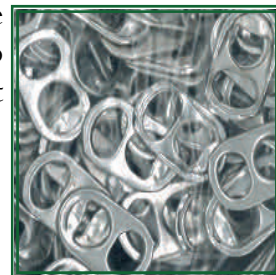
Please, continue to save the tabs & spread the word to your families & friends to help us reach our goal & even continue to save after that is reached. Ronald McDonald House has a program that when we reach the 1 million mark,

they will send us a certificate and we'll become a prestigious member of the Ronald McDonald House near Loyola's "Thanks a Million Club". I drop off our tabs at the Loyola location in Maywood on the Sunday following our Village Picnic each year. If anyone would like to accompany me, just let us know ahead of time.

So keep those tabs coming. Drop them off at the Village Hall or Police Department. We can also come and pick them up. Just give us a call.

God Bless You All,

Brenda Kringlie





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"

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CS/CC
USS Momsen (DDG92)
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Son of Resident Vern & Diana Millsap
US Navy Stationed with Pacific Fleet

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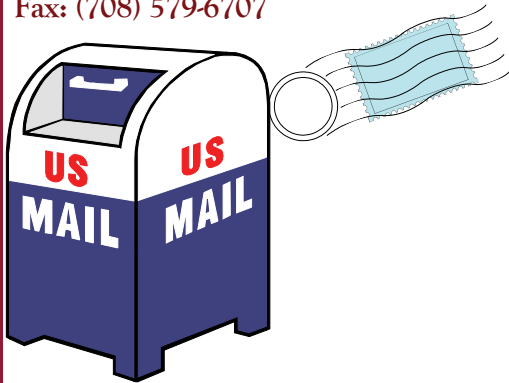
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SEIZED AUTO AUCTION**



The Hodgkins Police Department will be conducting an Auction of 2 Motor Vehicles. These cars were seized pursuant to State of Illinois Statutes and have 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 vehicles will be available for a physical inspection 3 hours before the bids are to be opened.

Sealed Bids To Be Opened at 11:00 am on Monday May 14th, 2012

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