

Message From The Mayor:

As a new year begins I would like to first thank each and every Village of Hodgkins resident for your support and confidence in me and the Village Trustees over the years. support helps make Your Hodgkins successful in attracting business to our The robust community. revenue we receive from this business enables us to be able to reimburse property taxes back to you as a rebate.

As you already know or if you were wondering why there was

so much traffic around the Village Hall in October/November, we were an early voting place for the 2012 Presidential Election. During that time I was able to speak with voters coming into our town for the first time. I was so pleased to hear reports from people from the surrounding communities talking about how beautiful and friendly the Village of Hodgkins is. They spoke of the administration building, our beautiful park district, our library and our school. Many commented that the children seemed so happy playing in the school playground.



NOEL B. CUMMINGS VILLAGE PRESIDENT

One couple said they went to the police station by mistake, instead of the Village Hall to vote. They could not believe what a beautiful police and fire station we have. Thev said there was a police officer outside, and asked if this was the place to early vote, he pointed south and gave them Then he said directions. "Follow me, I will escort you to the Village Hall." There parking spaces were no available in the front so the officer directed them to

additional parking in the park district parking lot. The couple also stated when they walked across the street from the park district, cars actually stopped to let them cross. "What a nice Community!" they said.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. –George Bernard Shaw

Nael B. Cummings

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FAREWELL TO CHIEF PHIL KRINGLIE

On Thursday, November 1st, 2012, Chief Phillip Kringlie hung up his hat after a seven-year run as Chief and a 31-year overall career as a police officer in Hodgkins. At the retirement party held on November 2nd in his honor, numerous current and former collegues, both from the Hodgkins Police Department and from agencies around the state, toasted his health and honored his professionalism and solid law-enforcement career with numerous tributes.

According to Chief Kringlie, experiences in his childhood and early adulthood helped shape his desire to become a police officer. He grew up watching John Wayne and other figures of heroism, and this touched a deep current in him to become an agent of justice, one of the "good guys." In an interview shortly before his retirement, he reflected back on some of those lessons. "My parents always taught me to respect the law," he said. "Those were the days when the good guys wore white hats, and there was no mistaking them with the bad guys."

When he finished school, he sought out service in the military, as he was still too young to become a police officer. "The most logical thing to do was join the Army and serve in the Military Police," he said. After a three-year stint in the Army as an MP (and working undercover narcotics at Fort Bragg for over a year), he had an opportunity to serve as a patrolman in a municipal police department here in Hodgkins, starting in March of 1981 during the tenure of Chief Herman Pastori.

Kringlie was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in August of 1993, and became a Lieutenant in March 1999. He was appointed



Chief of Police upon the retirement of Chief Hugh Rhodes in May 2005. While serving the community of Hodgkins as a police officer, Kringlie served first as a youth officer and later, as Sergeant, heading the Youth Division. Among a number of other accomplishments, he set up the Street Gang Identification Awareness program, was a state certified Police Firearms Instructor (during which time he helped develop a firearms training program at Hodgkins Police Department) and a state certified Domestic Violence Investigation Instructor. In 1996 he created the police newsletter, the *Dispatch News*.

In speaking of Chief Kringlie, current Deputy Chief Jack Azzarello, who worked with him for thirty-one years, said they became friends at a time when there weren't a lot of officers on the force. "We learned together, but I also learned a lot from Phil," he said. "I don't think there was a day when I didn't learn from him. You go through the bad stuff together, and the good stuff together, you become close." He added that Chief Kringlie always tried to be fair in all things, and taught him an emphasis on fairness. When asked about Chief Kringlie's greatest accomplishment, he didn't hesitate. "The way he built the youth department. The kids aren't afraid of the cops anymore. Creating a positive image of police as role models for kids was very important to him." When talking about the overall impression he had of Chief Kringlie, Azzarello said simply, "He's an all-around good guy, and a true friend."

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Chief of Police Ernest Millsap In a prepared letter he read before the Village Board in July, Chief Kringlie spoke of the many years he has had the pleasure of serving the Village of Hodgkins as a police officer and the many changes that have taken place in that time. At the close, he made special note of the honor and privilege he felt in having served and worked so many years with the officers of the Hodgkins Police Department. "You are my heroes," he said.

By: Rodney Cummings

Your new Chief of Police

The Village of Hodgkins has a new Chief of Police. Upon retirement of Chief Phil Kringlie in early November 2012, former Hodgkins Trustee and longtime member of the Countryside Police Department Ernest Millsap officially took over as the new Police Chief at the Village Board meeting of November 5th. Chief Millsap resigned in August from the Board of Trustees and was appointed by Mayor Cummings to serve as Deputy Chief in the months leading up to Chief Kringlie's retirement.

Chief Millsap is a lifelong resident of Hodgkins and, in regards to his civic involvement, follows in the footsteps of his grandfather, his grandmother, and his father.

A Hodgkins trustee from 1995 to 2012, Millsap served as chairman of the Water Committee and the Zoning Committee. He also served for 14 years as chairman of the Police Committee and the 911 Committee. He oversaw the purchase and completion of the new Police Department building along with former Police Chief Hugh Rhodes.

Chief Millsap emphasized that the change was not so much an ending, but a beginning. "I want to say it's been a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees for the past almost 18 years," he said.

Chief Millsap retired in August from the Countryside Police Department, where he served for nearly 25 years. In going forward



as the new Chief in Hodgkins, he has said that he plans to manage and maintain a department that is running very well already, and to bring about upgrades and modernizations as the needs arise

BY: Rodney Cummings

Trustee Hugh Rhodes

Longtime resident and former Hodgkins Police Chief Hugh Rhodes was appointed by Mayor Cummings in September to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees left by Ernest Millsap. Trustee Rhodes is set to serve as Interim Trustee until the next election in April, which will be for the remaining two years of Millsap's former term.

Rhodes first moved to the Hodgkins area in 1962. He was in and out of Hodgkins for a number of years, later serving in the Army for two years (starting in 1963), a service he is proud to have done. After he left the Army, he returned to Hodgkins and raised his two children, April and Jim, with his wife, Marilyn.

Trustee Rhodes served for 27 years on the Hodgkins Police Department, eight of those as

Police Chief. His son, Jim, followed his father into public service, and is now a Lieutenant working for the Aurora Fire Department. During his time as Deputy Chief and Chief of Police, Rhodes was an important member of the delegations that met with many of the prospective businesses moving into Hodgkins, and played an instrumental part in helping to make those community partnerships happen. Most recently, Rhodes served for eight years on the Civil Service Commission.

In speaking of his appointment as Trustee, he had this to say: "I'm very honored Mayor Cummings asked me to serve out the remainder of Ernie's term. We have known one another and worked well together for a

great many years."

By: Rodney Cummings

DEPUTY CHIEF AZZARELLO

At the November 5th Village Board meeting, Hodgkins Police Lieutenant Jack Azzarello was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief, after 33 years with the department. He was congratulated by friends, family, and a large contingent of the Hodgkins Police Department after the Board voted to promote him.

Deputy Chief Azzarello is not the first in his family to follow a law enforcement career path. His grandfather, John B. Frost, was Chief of Police at Bensenville, and was later shot and killed in the line of duty in Lombard, in 1936. Deputy Chief Azzarello started his own law enforcement career at the Willow Springs Police Department in 1974, as a dispatcher, and became a youth officer the following year. In 1976, we was promoted to full-time patrol, where he served until he came to

the Hodgkins Police Department in January of 1980.

Starting as a patrolman, Azzarello eventually worked a number of years in the Youth Division, in Investigations, and was the first Motor Officer. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1993, later to Lieutenant in 2007. He was quick to point out, however, that one of his biggest milestones came in 2003. "I liked it so much here, I decided to make Hodgkins my home," he said.

By: Rodney Cummings

WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE PARK DISTRICT YOU ASK?

The Hodgkins Park District is happy to announce the completion of our OSLAD Grant project! It was a long journey, but we are very pleased with the results. Our park now offers a half-mile walking path, outdoor fitness center, shoot-around basketball court, splash pad, and an updated playground on the corner of Lyons and Kane renamed "Kubicki Park". We hosted the dedication of

Kubicki Park on Saturday, September 8th during Quarry Days. Thank you to everyone who came out and made the ceremony extra special for Ron Kubicki and his family. The Board of Commissioners



and staff are grateful for the patience of our residents during the construction process. The Park District will host the grand opening of the splash pad on Saturday, June 1st at 1:00pm. Bring your sunscreen and enjoy all of the fun activities!

This year's Holiday Bash was a huge success! Over 600 residents enjoyed a hot pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa. Before heading back to the North Pole, Santa made sure every child went home with a Christmas treat. The tree lighting and carnival officially rang in the start to the holiday season, which was lit for the Village by Park Board President Joe Moxley, and his wife Vicky, Village Trustee. The holidays are a great



Executive Director Kelly Young

time to reflect on how lucky we are as a District to serve such an amazing Village. We are so thankful for the volunteers who made the event possible. We couldn't have done it without your help. We hope everyone had a fun and safe holiday season! Keep an eye out for our Spring brochure. We are offering a ton of new

programs and activities, so don't miss out on the fun! As always, if you have an idea for a program, activity, or special event, please do not hesitate to contact us at 708-354-6563.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEVICES

In 2012, the Village of Hodgkins was one of the 10 communities to share part of the annual revenue received by the City of Des Plaines River Casino. Thanks to the revenue received, the Village of Hodgkins is proud to announce a pilot program that will provide emergency response systems for senior citizens(65 years of age) living alone and those residents who are disabled and meet certain medical conditions. These emergency response devices are designed to dial up to four programmed phone numbers, designated by you, into the device in the event of an emergency or fall.

The Village is purchasing 200 devices for its initial pilot program which will begin the Spring of 2013. The devices will be provided to residents free of charge with no monthly fee to those residents. The program will be evaluated once in place and may be expanded to cover more residents in the near future.

The Village is committed to the safety of its residents and this program will provide seniors who live alone or who are disabled an additional method to summon help in the case of an emergency.

The Village would like to thank the Pleasantview Fire Protection District for their help in the development of this program.





CHICAGO FOOD DEPOSITORY SERVES AREA RESIDENTS IN NEED

In this difficult economy, many families have struggled to make ends meet, and this sometimes can even result in food shortages. The Chicago Food Depository, with the support of the Township of Lyons and the Community Memorial Foundation, has made strides to help meet some of these needs. They have begun using Hodgkins Park District as a dis-



tribution point for their area food pantry, in addition to St. Blasé Parish in Summit and the Justice Village Hall. Employees of the Park District and Village, along with community volunteers, helped to distribute the food to individuals and families in need.

Starting in October of 2011, the food pantry has supplied numerous food items to people who seek food assistance. Among the items available in past food giveaways are cereal, pasta boxes, canned goods, crackers, potatoes, peanut butter, melons, and a host of other foods that are easy to prepare or ready to eat. As of now, all that is required of those seeking food is their name, address, and the number in their household.

The next food pantry giveaway hosted by the Hodgkins Park District will be held on April 17th. If you have any questions, or for opportunities to volunteer, feel free to contact Park District Executive Director Kelly Young at 708-354-6563.



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,

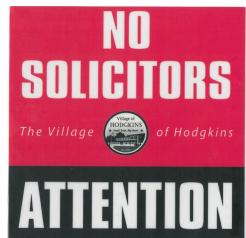
Brenda Kringlie



TIRED OF THOSE SOLICITORS KNOCKING ON YOUR DOOR?

According to Ordinance 12-03 adopted 5/14/12, "No person shall engage in

solicitation in the Village without first applying for and receiving a solicitation permit from the Village Clerk authorizing such solicitation." Permit applications are reviewed carefully and are not granted casually. What can you do to



deter those knocks? Within the ordinance there is a Do Not Solicit List that you can be added to. Once approved for a permit, the individual(s) will receive the list and be instructed to avoid those addresses. If you have

> not registered to do so, please stop by the Village Hall, or visit our website and complete the request form. Once completed, return it to the Village Hall and we will give you a No Solicitors sign for you to place on your front window.

<u>Prices Change</u> January 27, 2013

The price for First-Class Mail single-piece letters will increase by just a penny when prices change in Jan. The new 46 cent Forever stamps will allow customers to mail letters to any location in the United States. Forever stamps are always good for mailing a one-ounce letter anytime in the future regardless of price changes.

- Letters (1oz.) 46¢
- Letters additional ounces -20 c
- Letters to <u>all</u> international destinations (1oz.) -
- \$1.10
- Postcards 33¢
- Large Envelopes 92¢
- Certified Mail \$3.10

Some highlights of the new single-piece First-Class Mail pricing, effective Jan. 27, 2013 include:



Village of Hodgkins Food Pantry

Food Pantry Donations Needed

In addition to the Chicago Food Depository's pantry, the Village of Hodgkins has its very own food pantry, administrated by Village Comptroller Melody Salerno out of the Village Hall. Started by a village resident with a \$50 donation in 2004, it has grown many times over since then. Numerous Hodgkins businesses have contributed to this pantry, and it has helped many individuals and families in need. No personal information is required of those seeking assistance. The only requirement is that you be a resident of Hodgkins.

"We accept most non-expired, non-perishable food items in the Hodgkins Food Pantry," Salerno said. "If you have some items at home or are planning to buy some things to donate, or have any questions give

Melody Salerno Village Comptroller

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."

Sometimes, depending upon circumstances, the food pantry gives out gift cards, and for this reason monetary donations can also be very useful. The food pantry does not accept alcohol or tobacco products. If you have any questions, call the Village Hall at 708-579-6700.

HAPPY RETIREMENT DIANNA

Dianna Knack began her career with the Village of Hodgkins in 1995. Since then Dianna has had her work cut out for leaving us, she has found it hard to occupy her time but I think she is managing well. So far she has taken a

her. She had always taken care of our residents with a smile. Throughout her time at the Village she has been a great addition. Although it was sad to see her leave, it is now time for her to devote her time and efforts to her family. Since



HIRED: OCTOBER 18, 1995 - RETIRED: AUGUST 3, 2012

20 YEARS

cruise and gone on various road trips. We would like to wish her good luck on her retirement and don't forget to stop by for a visit now and then. You are surely missed, but know you are happier than ever.



Hodgkins Police Officer Jeff Piotrowski was recognized on Monday night, January 14, at the Village Board meeting. He was presented a plaque by Mayor Cummings and Chief Millsap, commemorating his twenty years of service to the Village. Several other officer from the department were present for the event.

BY: Rodney Cummings



Congratulations to Judy on her retirement!!

If you have already stopped by the library, I am sure you have already noticed Judy is no longer there. Judy's retirement began at the end of 2012, and she is enjoying her time to herself. Judy was the Library

Director for over 8 years and dedicated herself to our Village. The Library Board of Trustees, staff and residents wish Judy well in her future endeavors and enjoy her time to herself.



FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Village of Hodgkins is committed to furthering fair housing within our community. Fair housing is a right protected by law. The Fair Housing Act coupled with our local ordinance prohibit discrimination in housing because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, a familiar status or physical or mental handicap/ disability, age, sexual orientation, marital status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity, housing status, parental status and other protected classes as provided by law.

These protections cover most housing within our community but in some circumstances exempts occupied buildings with no more than four units, single-family homes sold or rented without the use of a broker and housing operated by organizations and private clubs that limit occupancy to members.

For example, the above protected classes prohibit a property owner or manager from taking any of the following actions:

- > Refuse to rent or sell housing
- > Refuse to negotiate for housing
- > Make housing unavailable
- > Set different terms, conditions, or privileges for sale or rental of a dwelling

To report a fair housing violations please contact the Village Clerk at 708 – 579-6700 for a Fair Housing Complaint Form.



CALLING ALL SENIORS

Are you looking for something fun, new and exciting to do? Look no further...

If you are 55 or older come join a winning team. The Hodgkins & Mc Cook Aging Well Team

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Hodgkins Village Hall lower level.

I believe you will receive great value from our monthly meetings and get togethers in 2013. Are you looking for something fun, new and exciting to do? Look no further...

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COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Board President

March 12th & 13th 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

AARP Driver Safety Course Fees:

Non-Members \$14 Members \$12

March 25th

GIVE BLOOD

2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M. **SAVE LIFE** Village of Hodgkins Blood Drive To schedule your appointment please call 708-579-6700.



March 25th - April 6th

Early Voting for the April 9th Consolidated Election & 2nd Congressional District Special Election Monday—Saturday 9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

<u>April 9th</u>



9:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Rules of the Road Review Course presented by Secretary of State

The Rules of the Road Course is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. The review course combines 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. Secretary of State Mobile Unit Services offered: Driver's License Renewal State ID Cards Duplicate License Corrected License Vision Screening Vehicle Renewal Stickers

Village of Hodgkins

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Village President NOEL B. CUMMINGS

Village Clerk CLAUDE SEXTON

Dear Residents,

There is an important issue on the April 9, 2013 ballot that we want residents to be aware of when they vote. Three years ago, the Illinois General Assembly passed a law that allows municipalities to solicit proposals on behalf of village residents for electricity service. The result has been that many villages and cities have been able to save money for their residents on their electric bills by seeking the lowest competitive bid.

The Village of Hodgkins has placed this referendum on the April 9, 2013 ballot for your consideration asking whether the voters should approve the village soliciting bids for electric service from alternative electricity suppliers. We have hired a licensed broker, Illinois Energy Aggregation LLC, to manage the aggregation process and we hope to enjoy the same type of success in terms of lower rates that other towns have been able to procure.

The current ComEd electric rate for the supply of energy is 8.302 cents per kilowatt hour. Villages working with Illinois Energy Aggregation LLC have realized savings of 35 percent or more. All of the savings have been realized by residents and small businesses and the Villages have not profited at all from those contracts and do not receive any fees from the supplier or aggregation broker. Individual homeowners will realize savings of \$200 to \$300 a year in electricity costs with an alternative supplier. IEA has saved many communities over a million dollars a year on the electricity bills.

The only bill you will receive is from ComEd, which will retain the responsibility for any power outages. Any resident that does not wish to participate in the aggregation program will have the opportunity to opt out of the contract after prices are solicited by Illinois Energy Aggregation LLC.

We have studied the success of aggregation in other municipalities and came to the conclusion that the time is right for the Village of Hodgkins to now place this referendum before the voters. This is a great opportunity for residents to save money on their electric bills.

Very truly yours 14 Voel B. Cummings

DON'T FORGET RENEW YOUR LICENSE....

This is a friendly reminder about your vehicle and pet license. Vehicle stickers were up for renewal in May of 2012. The new vehicle stickers expire May of 2014. So if you have not come into the Village Hall to get your new sticker please do so as soon as possible.



Pet license are now here for 2013. Please make sure you register your four legged friend. If your pet happens to decide to take a stroll without you and is picked up by anyone they can contact us to get him/her back home safely. If you

have any questions regarding

e i t h e r license please feel free to call or stop by and see us.



WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS.....

The City of Chicago has increased their water rates effective January 2013. What does that mean for me you ask, well we get our water from Mc Cook,

which receives it from the City of Chicago. Bottom line, increases for the next few years. The Village has decided to not increase the water more than the City of Chicago increase. Effective January 2013

water rates for the Village of Hodgkins will increase .81¢ per 1,000 gallons. Your water bill dated January 14, reflects last years water rate. Your next bill will be calculated at \$6.31 per 1,000 gallons for residential and \$6.39 per 1,000 gallons for commercial. Please be mindful of your water usage in order to help you keep your water bill at a minimum. Listed below are some helpful hints on reducing your water usage:

> Wash your fruits and vegetables in

a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

> Turn off the shower after soaping up, then turn it back on to rinse. A four-minute shower uses approximately 20 to 40

gallons of water.

- There is no need to keep the water running while brushing your teeth. Just wet your brush and fill a glass for mouth rinsing.
- > Only run a full load of dishes in the dishwasher.
- Attach a rain barrel to your downspout to gather water to use for your gardening needs.





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Hodgkins school is looking for your support and all you need is a pair of scissors. Hodgkins school collects Box Tops for Education. For every box top the school redeems, they receive 10¢. All you have to do is collect them and turn them into the school, library, village hall, or anyone of the school children. If you would like a list of participating products, feel free

to stop by the Village Hall for a printed list. From the proceeds the PTO receives from the Box Tops, we are able to provide field trips, grants, and various donations to the school. Don't forget to ask your relatives near or far.

If you are an internet shopper you can help to. Simply log onto



www.boxtops4education.com and create a profile. Make sure you select Hodgkins Elementary School as your supporting School. Once your profile is set up you can start earning eboxtops®. In addition to shopping online

you can earn bonus box tops for our school. Get those scissors ready and cut away!

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