



*VILLAGE OF HODGKINS*

*November 2015*

# COMMUNICATOR

## Message From The Mayor:



NOEL B. CUMMINGS

**A**s another year comes to a close, our village has made great progress. I was delighted to participate in a Grand Opening Ceremony (Photo Below) for one of our new businesses, "Blue Nose Brewery" located at 6119 East Avenue. The Brewery is based in the new "Ben's Rental" building across from Menards.

You have probably noticed the new D&S Truck Sales & Repair building construction on East Avenue also. The facility is coming along and should be operational before the first of the year. This facility is a great asset for our community and the sales tax revenue generated from it will be an added bonus for that Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District.

TIF District #4 which encompasses a section of 63rd Street covering the theatre, Salerno's Pizzeria and Point Blank Gun Range, and includes most of the east side of East Avenue from the entrance of the quarry to Joliet Road was approved by the Village



Board and will help us with the future development of that area. The village is currently in court with the owners of 8 acres of vacant land on East Avenue. The plans are to develop that vacant property with Runnion Crane Sales and a Used Car Dealership.

After a long process, finally, the "Quiet Zone" project is taking form. Construction has begun for the roadway infrastructure to implement the zone. Once the roadway medians are in place and the railroad gates are installed at the 67th street crossing, the Quiet Zone should finally take effect.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

*Sincerely,  
Noel B. Cummings*

GRAND OPENING CEREMONY:  
L-R: DAVID KELLEY - NATHAN GARCIA - VILLAGE PRESIDENT  
NOEL CUMMINGS - TRUSTEE DON CUTTILL



# VILLAGE CLERK CLAUDE SEXTON RETIRES FROM OFFICE

In 1985, Mayor Noel Cummings started thinking about the future of our community. He had some goals that he wanted to focus on and needed to put together a team of people that could help plan for the future. One of those individuals was Hodgkins resident, Claude Sexton. Mayor Cummings met with Claude and explained a project to replace the closing truck terminals along Joliet Road with a retail mall area, now known as the Quarry Shopping Center”.

The Mayor appointed Claude to Chair a new Planning Commission to help with his vision. The rest is history. The area that the Quarry Shopping Center sits on was at that time all trucking terminals. The 1980's were not good for trucking companies. The area was blighted and trucking companies were starting to close up. The newly formed Planning Commission helped lay the groundwork for what we have now.

Claude was born in Edmonton Kentucky.

His parents, Jeanette and Dewey packed up the family of four kids and moved to Chicago when Claude was just an infant. When Claude was about a year old, he contracted the Polio virus. Although it left him with a bad limp, he promised himself that he would not let any of his physical



CLAUDE SEXTON  
VILLAGE CLERK (RET)

limitations prevent him from accomplishing his goals in life.

Claude graduated from Argo Summit High School and met his wife Betty at church. The romance lead to marriage and three children, Eileen, Jeffery, and Stephanie. Betty and Claude have six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Not long after getting married, Claude began working for UOP, LLC. Claude worked in the laboratory for thirty three years and retired as a Laboratory Supervisor in

November 2000.

His involvement with the Planning Commission led to being elected as Village Trustee in 1987. In 1994 the Village Clerk, Delores Hardesty was retiring and Sexton was appointed to fill the spot. Claude was appointed as Pleasantview Fire Protection Commissioner in 1990 and is currently still holding that position. In 1995, he was elected

as Village Clerk and served in that position until his recent retirement from the Village Clerk position earlier this year.

Claude and Betty recently celebrated their 50 Year Anniversary. They both enjoy traveling, fishing and camping. They look forward to spending the winters in Florida.



## HODGKINS VILLAGE OFFICIALS

CONTACT ANY OF THESE  
OFFICIALS BY TELEPHONE AT:

HODGKINS VILLAGE HALL 579-6700

Village President  
Noel B. Cummings

Village Clerk  
Stephanie Gardner

Trustee  
Don Cuttill

Trustee  
Phillip H. Kringlie

Trustee  
Dominic Misasi

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  
Ernest Millsap



## HODGKINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY BY: SUE CAPP

**S**eptember 2nd, 1945: Japan surrenders (VJ Day, Victory over Japan Day). General Okamura Yasiyi submitted surrender to Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Chester Nimitz on the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. That was 70 years ago. Life in Hodgkins, as it did around the world changed during the time of war.

At the Historical Museum a new exhibit depicting the 1940's area has been added. The Military Honor Exhibit has several pictures of residents who fought in WWII. If you or your relative who is or was a resident of Hodgkins served or is serving in the military forces please submit a photo with name, rank, branch, and year served information. We want to honor as many of our residents who served by placing them in the Military Honor Exhibit.

Hodgkins Historical Society now on Facebook. You can also visit our page through the Village of Hodgkins webpage to keep up to date on the events happening at the Historical Society Museum.

We have had many artifacts donated or on loan by the residents of Hodgkins. If you have an item that you would like to place in the museum please contact Sue Cappa at 708-655-1819. We are currently asking for vintage Christmas ornaments or ornaments made by residents for our Christmas display. We are planning a Christmas Event and want to be open several times during the holiday season. All ornaments will be returned.



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR WINTER SEASON

**A**s summer comes to an end, our Public works crew is busy preparing for the winter months. This summer we had our annual summer helpers assist in many activities, including painting yellow curbs and weeding problem areas. These kids work hard and I would like to extend a thank you to them and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

We are currently in the process of replacing some of our parkway trees. These trees are ones that have not survived because of either the weather or harmful insects. This is a program that we try and keep up with each fall.

As we get ready for the upcoming winter, our crew is busy with preparing all of our snow plowing and removal equipment. Our salt bin is full and we have the same allotment of salt as last year, so we should be in good shape. Although it is our hope that we don't have to use much salt at all!

We will once again utilize some part-time snow plow drivers to supplement our staff. If you are licensed to operate a snow plow and would like to be placed



Jack Scott  
Superintendent DPW



cleaning the roads and sidewalks first.



on a list of part-time operators, please contact the village hall.

The Public Works crew work very hard to keep our streets and sidewalks clean and safe. We ask that you be patient and understand ice and snow can be very hazardous and it takes time and hard work to clean our roads.

Currently, leaves are falling on a daily basis. If you bag your leaves for pick up, please remember to use the designated paper leaf bags available at most retailers. Another option is to rake or blow your leaves to the curbs of the streets in the residential areas and we will gather them with the vacuum truck.

If you have large bulky items to throw out during the winter months, please give the village hall a call so we can handle the pick up. Keep in mind that when it snows, our priority is

On behalf of the Public Works crew, we want to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season.

*Jack Scott*

## HELP WANTED: PART-TIME SNOW PLOW DRIVERS



The Village of Hodgkins is looking for Part-Time snow plow operators to use on an on-call basis. If you are experienced and have a valid drivers license and interested in being placed on a list. A job description and applications are available to the Hodgkins Village Hall.

*All applicants must pass a Drivers License and background check.*

# NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS TAKE OFFICE



**STEPHANIE GARDNER  
VILLAGE CLERK**

On May 11th, 2015 the Village of Hodgkins welcomed in a new Village Clerk. At the monthly Board meeting, Cook County Circuit Court Judge, Pat Rogers conducted the Swearing In ceremony for the recently elected officials. Stephanie

Gardner was elected to the position in the April election. The previous Village Clerk, Claude Sexton had retired after serving the Village for the past 30 years.

Stephanie is a lifelong resident of Hodgkins and a Graduate of Lyons Township High School and College of DuPage. Stephanie and her husband, Jason have two children.

Dominic Misasi was also elected as Village Trustee in the April Election. He filled the vacancy left by Retired Police Chief Hugh Rhodes who served as Trustee since 2012.

Dominic has been involved in the

community for several years. He is a Co-Team Leader of the Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well Team. He also was appointed to the Civil Service Commission in 2012 by President Cummings. He also is a member of the Board of Directors of the Countryside-Hodgkins Manufactured Homeowners Association and has served as its President.



**TRUSTEE  
DOMINIC MISASI**

Trustee Misasi is retired and has an extensive business background. He owned and operated a Heating, Air Conditioning Company in Wisconsin and served as a Mechanical Contractor estimator until his retirement. Dominic

also served on the Board of Directors of the Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Wisconsin.

Re-Elected to Office and sworn in by Judge Rogers were Village President Noel B. Cummings, Trustee Vicky Moxley and Trustee Larry Rice.



## VILLAGE PARKING REMINDER:

### **TITLE 6 CHAPTER 5 SECTION 5: STOPPING AND PARKING PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS**

It shall be unlawful to park any of the following vehicles herein enumerated on any street, alley, parkway, or public driveway between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) and seven o'clock (7:00 a.m.) of the following day:

**Sub-Section 1:** Any second division vehicle as defined in State Law with a gross weight of eight thousand one (8,001) pounds or more.

This means any second division vehicle with higher than a Illinois Registered "B" Plate



# AGING WELL PROGRAM



TRUSTEE DON CUTTILL

## HODGKINS-MCCOOK AGING WELL TEAM

If you are 55 or older, come join us. We meet every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 A.M. at the Hodgkins Village Hall in the lower level. I am looking forward to seeing new faces. I am asking you to bring a friend or a neighbor.

Our meetings usually feature a guest speaker who speak on a variety of topics of interest to our aging population in Hodgkins. I am looking forward to our annual Mother's Day luncheon, our antique appraisal of small items, Ice Cream Social/Bingo Social and our guest speakers.



TRUSTEE  
DOMINIC MISASI

On May 8th, 2015 the Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well Program hosted our Annual Mothers Day Luncheon at the Hodgkins Village Hall. We had a great turnout and fun filled activities to honor our local mothers. About thirty people attended this years luncheon. Food was catered in from Summit VFW.

The history of Mother's Day is centuries old, with the earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. There are a couple of differing opinions on the exact way it came to be here in the United States. The "History" website says:

Mother's Day is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. The American incarnation of Mother's Day was created by Anna Jarvis in 1908 and became an official U.S. holiday in 1914. While dates and celebrations vary, Mother's Day most commonly falls on

## 2015 MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON



the second Sunday in May and traditionally involves presenting mothers with flowers, cards and other gifts.

On July 29th, 2015 our Aging Well group took the Chicago Architecture River Cruise. We departed from the Village Hall by bus transportation to Navy Pier. The tour is a seventy five minute cruise along the Chicago river with a tour guide to point out and explain the assorted building designs in Chicago.

Our group of 31 people enjoyed a beautiful day on the Chicago River and even had lunch provided while on the boat. We had many compliments about this event and look forward to doing another cruise next year.



TEAM LEADER - DON CUTTILL

TEAM LEADER - DOMINIC MISASI

SECRETARY - ALICE MIKRUT



# HELP WANTED: PART-TIME CLERK



Melody Salerno  
Comptroller

The Village of Hodgkins is looking to fill a Part-Time Clerk position in the Village Hall. A complete Job Description and application packet is available at the Hodgkins Village Hall.

For more information, please stop by the Village Hall and pick up an employment packet. Applications will be available starting November 1st and must be completed and turned back in no later than December 1st, 2015. Applicants must pass a background check and will participate in a oral interview. The interview will be conducted by a three person panel appointed by the Village President. All applicants will then be placed on a list and ranked in order of completion based on qualifications.

# FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The Village of Hodgkins currently is providing free (pro bono) legal services. These legal services are offered as a public service to our residents. Legal services include preparation of wills, advance directives (health care power of attorney and financial power of attorney), legal document review, minor traffic citations and other legal advice. An appointment request is necessary and may be made by calling the Village Hall at 708-579-6700. Appointments will be prioritized according to the need of individual resident and the availability of the pro bono attorney. Mr. Tim Callahan will be providing these services at the Village Hall.



TIM CALLAHAN  
VILLAGE ATTORNEY

Mr. Callahan graduated John Marshall Law School in 2004. Upon graduation from law school he joined the Oak Brook based law firm of Kelly and Karras, Ltd. which specialized in civil litigation. In 2010, Mr. Callahan joined the Village of Hodgkins as an associate village attorney. Mr. Callahan retired as the Village of Bridgeview Chief of Police in 2009 and is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserve.

# TRUSTEE HUGH RHODES RETIRES FROM POLITICS



Trustee Hugh Rhodes completed his term as Trustee this past May. Retired Chief Rhodes was appointed to the Trustee position in September 2012 and was elected to office in the April 2013 Village Election.

Chief Rhodes served on the Hodgkins Police Department from 1977 to 2005 and retired as Chief of Police. He remained active in the community and was appointed to the Hodgkins Civil Service Commission in 2006.

Last winter, Trustee Rhodes decided not to

run for re-election. He decided that it was time to move on with other adventures in life. All of his adult life has been here in Hodgkins.



*"This community will always hold a special place in my heart, but it is time to move on and let some new members of the community get involved"* says Retired Chief Hugh Rhodes.

Chief Rhodes served the Village of Hodgkins in several capacities over the last 40 years. His honorable service was a true asset to the Hodgkins Police Department and the Village of Hodgkins.

**"THANKS CHIEF!"**

# RETIRED DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF APPOINTED TO CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

At the June Board meeting, Mayor Noel Cummings appointed Retired Deputy Police Chief Jack Azzarello to the Hodgkins Civil Service Commission. Chief Azzarello is replacing Dominic Misasi who was elected to the Village Board of Trustees.

The Civil Service Board is made up of three appointees. Their responsibility is primarily for conducting the hiring and promotional testing for the police department.

Mayor Cummings stated, "Considering his background, I thought this was a natural appointment for Retired Chief Azzarello to continue to serve our community".

Deputy Chief Azzarello served on our police department for 35 years. His knowledge and experience will be a welcomed addition to our civil service commission. The other two commissioners are RV Millsap and Tom Asta.



**JACK AZZARELLO  
CIVIL SERVICE  
COMMISSIONER**



## MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTRYSIDE & HODGKINS

If you reside in one of three Manufactured Home Communities in the Village of Hodgkins, you may want to join this association.

Meeting Time:

First Thursday of the months of March, June, September and December at 7:00 PM

Location:

Hodgkins Village Hall 8990 Lyons St. Hodgkins, IL

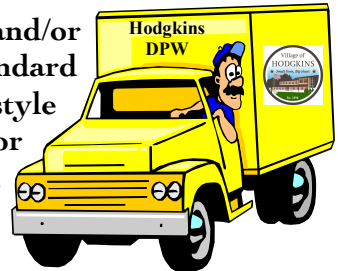
Purpose:

To inform residents of situations including existing and new laws from local and state legislators that affect living in a Manufactured Home Community.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL: 708-309-1273

## PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK AVAILABLE

A benefit that we offer to our residents is the removal of debris and/or certain household trash items that may not be included in the standard waste disposal containers. The public works have a small dump style truck that is used for this. If you have a large amount of debris or trash, please contact the village hall and inquire about using a truck instead of piling the debris on the parkway.



In the event that you are cleaning out or doing a small remodel job over the weekend, it is possible for the truck to be left on site. Usually, we will drop it off on Friday and pick it up on Monday. Please contact the village hall for further information on the use of a truck.

All items small or loose, must be placed in garbage bags. Large items like furniture or appliances can be loaded directly onto truck. Electronics have to be separate.

*Due to Environmental Restrictions, we DO NOT pick up any of the following items:  
Vehicle Parts, Tires, Batteries, Paint cans or any Toxic items.*

## SIDEWALK REMINDER:

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SIDEWALKS NEED TO BE CLEAR OF ANY VEHICLES. IF YOUR DRIVEWAY CROSSES OVER A VILLAGE SIDEWALK, BE AWARE TO NOT BLOCK THE WALKWAY. WE HAVE QUITE A FEW RESIDENTS WHO WALK AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOR EXERCISE. ALSO, AFTER A SNOWFALL, OUR PUBLIC WORKS CREW CLEAR THE SIDEWALKS IN TOWN. SO BE COURTEOUS!**



## DONATE TO THE HODGKINS FOOD PANTRY

The Village of Hodgkins maintains our own food pantry at the village hall. We have limited amounts but always accept non perishables food items. If you would like to donate to our pantry, please drop off any non expired items at the village hall or call and we can pick them up at your home or business.

The Village also hosts a food pantry with the Chicago Food Depository. This year we hosted two days. Next year we hope to have at least two days, but are already reserved for June 7th, 2016. We will post more information as the dates are verified with the Chicago Food Depository.

## Keep The Tabs Coming!



BRENDA KRINGLE

Great Job Hodgkins! Once again, our annual aluminum tabs collection has been a great success. This year, after the Annual Quarry Days festival, we delivered just over 130 Pounds of tabs to the Ronald McDonald House in Maywood Illinois. We have many residents and businesses collecting tabs for our drive every year. There are too many to list by name, but a special thanks to Fred & Donna Plesha, Patti Hopp, Sam's Club and the Santa Fe Prairie for there continued support.

*So let's keep saving those TABS for the Ronald McDonald House Charities!*



## PARKVIEW MOBILE HOME PARK NEW OWNERS



Parkview Mobile Home Park was purchased on August 14<sup>th</sup> by Stonetown Parkview, LLC, an affiliate of Stonetown Capital Group, a real estate investment company based in Denver, Colorado. Stonetown currently owns and operates (through its property management

company, Cairn Communities) more than 40 communities across the country, including three others in Central Illinois. Prior to the closing of the transaction, the property underwent a badly needed capital project to bring the outdated fire suppression system up to modern standards. Immediate plans for the community are to fill vacant home lots by purchasing and installing new vinyl-sided, shingle-roofed manufactured homes. A Full Time on-site manager has moved into the community during August. Stonetown, traditionally a long-term operator of real estate investments, is quite appreciative of the support received from the Village and its Trustees throughout the acquisition process and is very excited to be a part of the Village of Hodgkins.

# HODGKINS PARK DISTRICT HOLIDAY EVENTS

**T**he Hodgkins Park District is excited to kick-off the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 30th at 6:30pm. Please join us for cookies and hot chocolate outside of the Noel B. Cummings Administration Center. We are accepting nominations for an individual or family to have the honor of lighting the tree. Nomination forms are available at the main office and online in our fall program brochure. All nominations are due back to the park district by Friday, November 21st.

Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 5th from 9:30am to 11:30am. Join us for a hot pancake breakfast and take pictures with our special guest, Santa Claus! This event is free for residents and \$7 per person for non-residents. Wristbands are required and can be picked up at any time during our regular business hours. Proof of residency is required to receive the resident rate, so please bring a photo ID and/or a current utility bill. Just a reminder, the park district has minimal hours on Friday, December 4th, so please get your wristbands by Thursday, December 3rd to avoid the lines on Saturday morning!

The park district is also offering a ton of fun holiday programs throughout the month of December. Check out our website at [www.hodgkinspark.com](http://www.hodgkinspark.com) to take a look through our fall brochure, or stop into our main office during our regular business hours and speak with one of our friendly staff members. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 708-354-6563. From the Board of Commissioners and staff of the Hodgkins Park District, we wish all of the residents of Hodgkins a warm and wonderful holiday season!

## HODGKINS PUBLIC LIBRARY READING IS A GIFT THIS WINTER

**T**his year the Hodgkins Library's winter reading program theme is "Reading is a Gift," and our program schedule in December will prove that and more! Reading logs for all ages can be picked up starting Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and books can be recorded from 12/14/15 to 1/09/16. Completed logs can be turned in to the front desk for a chance to win prizes. We are kicking off Winter Reading on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM with a family-friendly performance by the hilarious and talented puppeteer Chris McBrien.

For kids and teens: our "12 Gifts of Christmas" series in December will offer great opportunities for DIY gifts and stocking stuffers with different crafts designed for various age groups, including key chains, snow globes, picture frames, and edible presents like cookies. Special holiday programs for adults and seniors include a tree trimming craft on 12/02 at 5:00 PM, where you'll make two ornaments: one for your tree at home (or to gift to someone) and one to display on the Library's tree; and a cookie swap and recipe exchange event on 12/18 at 11:00 AM. Don't forget about our new book club! The group meets once a month. December's book is "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed, which was recently adapted into a movie starring Reese Witherspoon.

For more about our programs: visit the library, give us a call at (708) 579-1844, check out our web calendar at [www.hodgkinslibrary.org](http://www.hodgkinslibrary.org), or look through our newsletter, which will be mailed to all residents of Hodgkins by the end of November. Some programs require registration.



# !!WELCOME HOME!!

## LCPL. ALEX BORREGO JR.

On Saturday April 18th, 2015 the Village welcomed home one of our own local heroes. Lance Corporal Alex Borrego Jr. returned home from his middle East deployment with the United States Marine Corps.

Alex grew up in Hodgkins, attending Hodgkins Elementary, Gurrie Middle School and graduated from Lyons Township High School in 2013. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and began Boot Camp in August at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego California. Following his rigorous 13 week Boot Camp, he earned the title of "United States Marine".

He then began Marine Combat Training (MCT) for the next three months. He was instructed in common combat skills including, marksmanship, grenades, Grenade Launcher, AT-4 Rocket Launcher, M240B Medium Machine Gun, Improvised Explosive Devices, defensive and offensive fundamentals, convoy operations, patrolling, tactical communications, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon and land navigation. Additionally, he underwent combat conditioning through the use of obstacle courses, conditioning marches, combat fitness runs, and the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program.

In February 2014, Alex reported to his Military Occupational School (MOS), Low Altitude Air Defense (LAAD) Gunner at



Marine Corps Base Twenty Nine Palms, California. LAAD Gunners operate and perform maintenance on LAAD Surface-To-Air Weapon Systems and to litigate enemy aircraft. Alex Graduated as a LAAD Gunner in May 2014.

Alex was then assigned to the Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force. 3rd LAAD Battalion, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, B Battery, in Camp Pendleton California.

On September 15th, 2014 Alex was deployed to defend Isa Air Base in Bahrain. While based at Isa Air Base, his unit would conduct joint operations with the US Army, Air Force and Navy. While stationed in Bahrain, Alex was promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.

He completed his deployment and returned back to Camp Pendleton on April 4th, 2015. Alex contacted his parents and made arrangements to come home for leave.

Once the dates had been finalized, unknown to Alex, his family had notified the Illinois Patriot Guard and requested the well known motorcycle patriots to help with an escort to Hodgkins from O'Hare Airport.

Alex was scheduled to fly in on the morning of April 18th, 2015.

Once the family makes a request, the Patriot Guard handle all the logistics and make arrangements for the escort.

The Patriot Guard notifies and requests the





assistance of the local police and fire agencies. Troy Walker, one of the Illinois Patriot Guard Riders "Ride Captains" sent out the escort notice and organized the escort. Troy also contacted Mayor Cummings and requested a notice for our residents to attend this homecoming.

The village sent out a telephone notice to our residents and invited everyone to line the streets and welcome home one of our heroes. The family had made arrangements for a reception to be held at "Buck's Pit Stop".

The Hodgkins Police Department was represented in the escort by Motor Officer Ryan Carrasquillo on the Hodgkins Police Motorcycle. Also, Retired Police Chief Phil Kringlie and Retired Deputy Chief Jack Azzarello and son Chris participated in the motorcycle escort.

The escort riders assembled at the O'Hare Oasis on Interstate 294. The plan would have the Borrego Family pull into the oasis for a brief rest stop on the way home. As the family pulled into the parking area of the oasis, they



saw about 100 motorcycles and supporters waving flags and showing their support.

The escort left the oasis, led by the Illinois State Police. At the 75th street exit, the long escort procession was met by additional area police and fire agencies. As the escort turned onto Lyons Street to proceed to the Buck's Pit Stop parking lot, a great crowd of supporters were lined on the street waving flags and cheering home Lance Corporal Borrego.

Once staged in the parking lot of Buck's Pit Stop, the Road Captain of the Illinois Patriot Guard Troy Walker spoke to the crowd. He listed Lance Corporal Borrego's service and accomplishments. Village President Noel Cummings also spoke on behalf of our residents to Welcome Home the young Marine.

After his Leave ends, he will be stationed in California. On October 1st, 2015 Lance Corporal Alex Borrego Jr was Promoted to Corporal.





# 2015 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



PHOTO AT LEFT: American Legion Post Commander GiGi Callaway gives the Memorial Day Service  
PHOTO ABOVE: American Legion Post #1941 Honor Guard conducts the 21 Gun Salute

**W**e would like to Thank the Coulter American Legion Post #1941 for their participation in this years Memorial Day service. The Coulter Post has been providing the Honor Guard and Official service for our Veterans Memorial since 1989. As usual, they did a fantastic job and provided us with a patriotic and moving service.

Retired Police Chief Hugh Rhodes organized the event again this year. Along with Village Trustees Larry Rice and Dominic Misasi, the group of volunteers met at the Memorial at 6 AM and began setting up our Memorial Day Crosses. Each year, the volunteers meet to set up our over 130 Memorial Crosses. This is not an easy task.

The crosses are laid out and spaced at specific intervals, similar to our national veterans cemeteries. We leave the crosses out on display all day. At about 6 pm the volunteers come back to pack up all the crosses and decorations.

We receive many compliments each year from friends and family members of those represented on our crosses.







# ***"THANKS FOR SERVING"***



**HERE ARE ADDRESSES OF SOME OF OUR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY. WHY NOT SEND A CARD-  
LETTER OR PACKAGE**

AIC Jeremy L. Perkins  
611 Hunter St., Unit 12  
Travis, A.F.B. CA 94535-2332

Son of Residents  
Robert & Jessica Drake

CPT Brandon Cummings  
CMR 411 Box 1922  
APO AE 09112

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

Cpl. Christopher McSpaden  
5325 Perez Dr. Apt B  
Ft. Polk, La. 71459-3648

Son of Linda & Ronnie Loden  
US Army Stationed in Louisiana

Spc. Steve Kovel Jr.  
Cmr 454 Box 1854  
APO AE 09250

Nephew of Elaine Thompson  
US Army Stationed in Germany

CPT. Cody Sneed  
820 Soffil Ridge Dr.  
Manhattan, KS 66503

Grandson of Ruth Sneed  
US Army Stationed at Ft. Riley

Alexander Prieto  
DFA/Nutrition Management  
34800 Bob Wilson Dr.  
San Diego, CA 92134

Son of Alana Prieto  
US Navy Stationed at San Diego

SrA Cottrell, Cameron  
Unit #61336/879  
ESFS/S30A  
APO AE 09852

Son of Denise Cottrell  
US Air Force Based in Middle East

Pfc. Merrill, Travis J.  
1st Anglico 555331  
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055

Son of Resident Denise Merrill  
US Marine Corps

Lcpl. Borrego, Alex  
3D LAAD BN MACG-38 3D MAW  
Box 555841  
Camp Pendleton CA 92055-5841

Son of Alex & Rosa Borrego  
USMC Stationed in California

Airmen Merrill, Katie L.  
53396 Lawrence Ct.  
Box C337  
McConnell AFB, KS 67221  
Daughter of Denise Merrill  
US Air Force Stationed in Kansas

AC1 Zachary Frana  
709 Mitchell Ave  
Box 3102  
Whiteman AFB, MO 65305  
Son of Resident Michelle Frana-Karp  
US Air Force



**THANKS FOR  
SERVING!**

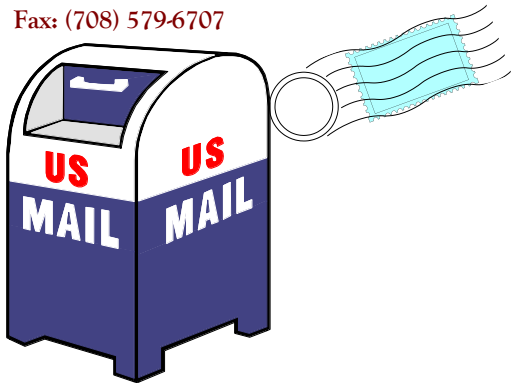


**- WHEN SENDING OUT YOUR CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY CARDS, PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO INCLUDE OUR LOCAL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN -**

**VILLAGE OF HODGKINS**  
**8990 LYONS STREET**  
**HODGKINS, ILLINOIS 60525**

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## VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

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# Residential Tax Rebates



**Melody Salerno**  
**Comptroller**

The Village of Hodgkins Board of Trustees have approved the Real Estate and Residential Rebates for the ninth consecutive year.

If you are a homeowner, and received a homeowners exemption on your 2014 Property Tax, details will be on the Second Installment payment which was due this past August 1st, you are eligible for your property tax rebate of the Village portion. Please provide a copy of the Second Installment bill along with your proof of payment.

Mobile Home residents and those residents that rent or lease an apartment are eligible for a tax rebate as long as you have resided in Hodgkins as of January 1st, 2015 and still reside here. These rebates will be available starting November 18th, 2015 through December 16th, 2015.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this rebate, please call the Village Hall at 579-6700 or stop by the office.

