



*VILLAGE OF HODGKINS*

*March 2016*

# COMMUNICATOR

## Message From The Mayor:

**A**s winter comes to an end, I would like to wish all of our residents a very happy and safe spring. We have been very busy over this past winter with current and upcoming projects in our community.

We are still active with our commercial development area known as TIF#4, which covers the east side of East Avenue from 63rd street to Joliet Road. We hope to be seeing some major changes in the vacant property across from the AMC Theatre this year. We have a Development Agreement with an Auto Dealership and a mid-size crane Dealership that will complete that portion of undeveloped property. You can also see the final work being done at the new D&S Truck Sales and Service business on East Avenue across from the Menards store.

CVS Pharmacies are taking over the pharmacies inside Target stores. This will be a great benefit to our residents who use either Target or CVS Pharmacies.

We have appointed Retired Deputy Police Chief Jack Azzarello as our Code Enforcement Officer. This is a part-time position. Chief Azzarello will work alongside our Building Inspector Tim Kovel and our Life Safety Code Inspector Dan Tholotowsky. He will be responsible for following up with various code



NOEL B. CUMMINGS

violations in the entire village. He is currently assisting with the issuing and delivering of our 2016 business licenses.

We have also hired a part-time office clerk to assist the village administration staff. I hope you get a chance to welcome Jodi Ellsworth to our offices.

Another major project that we are preparing for is the repair and renovations to our storm sewer south of 67th street. This area will effect the commercial warehousing between 67th street and the Des Plaines River. These old systems

have to be updated. The project will be expensive and will take some time to correct. The cost of the repairs and renovations will be recouped through a Special Service Area which provides that the users who benefit from this project will pay for it through their property taxes.

Also, we are working with the Interstate 55 Managed Lane Project on their plans for the Stevenson Expressway. At the same time the Illinois Tollway Authority are in the planning stages for the expansion of I-294 from 95th Street to O'Hare Airport.



*Sincerely,  
Noel B. Cummings*



# 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. We are looking forward to seeing new faces. Bring a friend or a neighbor with you.

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



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TEAM LEADER - DON CUTTILL

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SECRETARY - ALICE MIKRUT

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEVICES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Over the past few years, the Village been offering the Freedom Alert Pendant to our residents. This device will automatically dial the police/fire 911 number if you activate the remote button. The only requirement is that you have a land line phone with touch tone service in your residence.

The pendant is kept on your person and has a wireless range of up to 600 feet. When activated you will speak directly into the pendant, and can communicate your emergency from most anywhere within your home or yard.

We purchased these devices and are offering them to our residents free of charge, for

those who have a need. There are NO activation charges, NO contracts, and NO monthly fees. Priority is given to those handicapped and living alone, but other conditions also qualify.

For information on having a Freedom Alert device installed, contact the Hodgkins Village Hall. Once your application has been approved, you will be notified by the Hodgkins Police Department and an officer will stop by and install the device.

To date, we have about eighty Freedom Alert devices operational. If you would like one, please contact the Hodgkins Village Hall at:  
579-6700



## 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 CAPPA

The Hodgkins Historical Society had thirty visitors during Quarry Days. Visitors young and young at heart participated in activities available on that day. Children drew pictures of their homes to be displayed during the day. The pictures will be added to our archives. They will be displayed again in a few years for them to see their art work. We have on display kitchen tools from the 1930's and 1940's. Visitors were able to test their knowledge by playing a game called "What is that used for?" matching the description to the tool.

Visitors looked through our Hodgkins School photo album. We have class pictures dating back to the 1920's. It is interesting to see how many generations of your family are in the albums. Visitors saw grade school friends that brought back memories that they shared with others.

This summer the Historical Society is looking forward to working with the Hodgkins Park District and their day camp. We will have two activity days to share with the campers, using kitchen tools from the 1930's and 1940's to prepare foods and games of the past.

LIFE LONG RESIDENT VIRGINIA (DEEDEE) KOVEL  
PARTICIPATING IN "WHAT IS THAT USED FOR ?" GAME.



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LIFE LONG RESIDENTS EVAN GARDNER AND NICK LEE  
DRAWING THEIR HOMES.



Check Out The Hodgkins Historical Society Facebook page:  
"Village of Hodgkins Historical Society"



# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## SPRING AND SUMMER SEASON

**A**s we get closer to the nice weather, we still have to be ready for the possibility of end of winter storms. Our public works crew are always preparing for the upcoming seasons as well as being ready to hit the streets with our snow and ice removal equipment.

This past winter has not been very bad, as far as snow & ice. We have a large amount of salt available for any further storms that may hit. A reminder on snow days, on trash day please do not place your trash bins on the street.

We have purchased a new Chevrolet Pick-up, three quarter ton with a snow plow to add to our fleet. The truck it replaced served the village well for about 16 years.

We also replaced our utility tractor. This is what we use to plow our sidewalks and a variety of small type utility jobs.

Just a reminder for our residents who have various electronic devices that need



Jack Scott  
Superintendent DPW

to be disposed of. Please contact our village hall and let us know what you have and we will arrange the pick up. Most electronic devices such as televisions, radios, old computers and accessories will not be picked up by the weekly trash collectors. The village offers this to our residents at no cost. Our public works crew will pick these items up and we will properly dispose of them as a benefit to our residents.

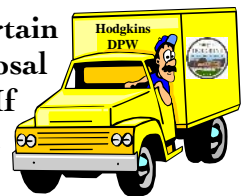
Another project we are working on this year will be replacing some parkway trees.

We have about 15 trees that were cut down last year. The rule of supply and demand kicked in last year as the large number of trees that were cut down in the metropolitan area because of the emerald ash bug. The demand for new trees skyrocketed. Our supplier recommended that we wait until this year. The belief is that the cost will drop back to normal.



## 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.*

# Railroad Crossings

## Quiet Zone Update:



TRUSTEE PHIL KRINGLE

The Village has worked very diligently over the past several years to get our two railroad crossings exempted from the Federal mandates requiring a locomotive to activate the train horns before and during the engines crossing of the roadway.

This required the village to submit a plan to the Federal Railroad Administration to justify why the horns would not be needed. Early last year we received the approval for our "Quiet Zone".

Construction was started and completed on both the 67th street crossing and the Santa Fe Drive crossing. A set of gates had to be added to the 67th street crossing and a concrete median strip to help prevent traffic from crossing over the traffic lanes and attempting to get around the activated railroad gates.



On the Santa Fe Drive

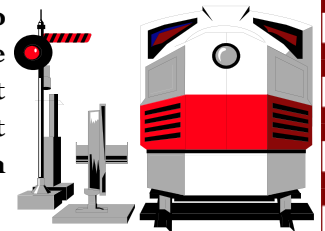


crossing, since railroad gates were already installed, we were required to put the concrete median strip on the north side of the railroad tracks.

We completed all the requirements that were approved, in the fall of last year. The railroad is now claiming that due to the concrete median strip on Santa Fe Drive, they are responding to additional damage incidents to their railroad gates crossing standard on the south side of the tracks. Therefore, they will not recognize the "Quiet Zone".

The village and our civil engineers are working on this currently. We hope to have the problem corrected soon.

Needless to say, this project has taken way too long. While we can certainly understand the public safety concerns of the railroads, our goal is to silence what we feel is a hazardous and unnecessary nuisance in our community. I hope to report in the next issue of this newsletter that the "Hodgkins Quiet Zone" has been implemented.



## 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

## Secretary of State Mobile Services At Village Hall

**The Mobile Unit will be available from 10:00 am - 2:00pm on April 5, 2016.**

Renewal / Correction of Drivers License

New / Renewal / Correction of State ID

License Plate Stickers

Motor Voter Registration with Renewal of DL / ID

Organ Donor Registration with Renewal DL / ID

Senior age 75 and Up-need to visit DMV to renew Drivers License

Seniors age 65 and up (No Charge for State ID)

### Rules of the Road Class from 10am—11:30am

#### FEES

Basic Driver's License / Renewal	\$30.00
Corrected or Duplicate Driver's License	\$5.00
State ID Persons 18-64 (issued for five years)	\$20.00
Correction State ID	\$10.00
Duplicate State ID	\$20.00
State ID 17 & Younger	\$10.00
State ID 65 or older	FREE
State ID for persons with Disability	FREE
State ID for persons Homeless	FREE

#### Forms of Payment:

Cash, Check, Credit Cards Accepted—American Express, Master Card, Discover

## Did you know . . .

The village hall is a U.S Postal substation.  
Selling stamps and shipping letters up to 13 oz.  
With pick ups Monday—Friday.  
No packages, letters only.





## PARK DISTRICT EMPLOYEE RECEIVES "LIFE-SAVING AWARD"



EMMA YAWN & JAKE KLOTZ



American  
Red Cross

### THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER



The Hodgkins Park District would like to recognize Jacob Klotz and Martin Almeida Jr. for their quick-thinking and bravery which led to a heroic, lifesaving event at our recreation center. On February 12th, Emma Yawn was choking on a sucker in the park district's lobby. Her friends quickly alerted the staff that she was in distress. Jake assessed the situation and began to perform the Heimlich maneuver while Martin called 911. Jake's efforts were successful and Emma was able to breathe again. We are so proud of Jake and Martin for utilizing their first aid training and remaining calm in such a stressful situation. Thank you for a job well-done!

### THAT DAY HE "WAS JUST DOING HIS JOB"

Friday February 12th 2016 would have had a very different outcome had it not been for the heroic actions of Hodgkins very own Jake Klotz.

Our 9 year old daughter was playing at the park district where Jake works. Being Valentine's Day weekend all of the kids had candy from their class parties. Emma had a heart shaped sucker that she had broken the stick off of in her mouth. One of the other children accidentally bumped into her. The sucker slid down her throat causing her to choke. Jake heard the commotion of the kids frantically asking Emma if she was ok. Realizing she was in trouble he quickly put his training to use and administered the Heimlich maneuver while Martin called 911. He was scared for her safety and afraid of hurting her because of her size, but he successfully dislodged the sucker and saved her life as well as ours by doing so.

Jake says he was just doing his job, but not everyone could have kept a clear mind and reacted accordingly in such a scary situation. That day that "he was just doing his job", he saved our family from an earth shattering tragedy that no parent should ever have to face. For this, we are eternally grateful.

We want to thank the Hodgkins Park District for making sure their employees are properly trained for such emergencies and the staff for caring about our children and their safety.

This experience could have been the worst kind of life altering event for all of us, but thanks to Jake Klotz we get to celebrate Valentine's Day from now on with the sweet reminder of just how precious life really is. Thank you Jake, from the bottom of our hearts, Thank you.

*Jacque & Jay Yawn*



# SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES



**DAN THOLOTOWSKY**  
**LIFE SAFETY CODE**  
**INSPECTOR**

**S**MOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES and yet only two-thirds of American homes had them installed when home fires were reported within them and only about half of them worked. However, in residential fires that were large enough to activate the smoke detectors they operated 87% of the time. Additionally, the death rate per 100 reported fires was more than twice as high in homes with NO or NON -WORKING smoke detectors as opposed to homes WITH WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS. So what does this all mean? When properly installed and maintained, smoke detectors can and will provide you with early warning of a fire and save your life.

Illinois state law requires that every home have at least one working smoke detector (battery operated types are fine in existing homes) installed within 15 feet of every bedroom. In homes that are built new or in multi-residential buildings, smoke detectors are required on every level of the occupancy, 15 feet of every bedroom and in every bedroom. These smoke detectors are further required to be electrical powered (110 volt non-switched) and interconnected (series wired) thus if any one detector activates they all go off. It is highly recommended that in existing homes that you install more than the minimum number of smoke detectors (suggested one on each level, as well as in every bedroom) and that the batteries are replaced at least semi - annually (remember change your clock, change your battery) and be tested at least monthly. So what's your excuse? If you have smoke detectors make sure they are installed properly and make sure that they work! If they are MORE THAN 10 years old REPLACE them. You can find all your smoke detector needs shopping locally in Hodgkins at Menard's, Sam's Club, Wal-Mart or Target. Also the Village of Hodgkins offer free smoke detectors to our residents, while supplies last. Should you have any additional questions please feel free to contact us at (708)-579-6700. We will be happy to come by and visit your residence to conduct a smoke detector placement survey. Remember we never ever charge for these services as life safety is more valuable to us and good working smoke detectors DO SAVE LIVES!



## EVERY 2 SECONDS SOMEONE NEEDS BLOOD

### DONATION CAN SAVE up to 3 LIVES

Be a lifesaver and plan on joining us at our blood drive:  
Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (2:00 pm - 6:00 pm)  
Village Hall - 8990 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, IL  
Located on Heartland Blood Centers Blood Mobile

You can reserve your preferred appointment time or leave a message  
for Adella at (331) 210-2322.  
Photo ID required.







**I-55 | MANAGED LANE  
PROJECT**

**ATTENTION:  
WEEPING WILLOW RANCH RESIDENTS**

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is currently engaged in a preliminary engineering and environmental (Phase I) study for the improvement of I-55 from I-355 (Veterans Memorial Tollway) to I-90/94 (Dan Ryan Expressway) in DuPage and Cook Counties. The Phase I Study began in the spring of 2012 and is following the Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, which facilitates an open and transparent study. It also will follow the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) policy, which provides for numerous public involvement opportunities. This project will study an addition of one managed lane in each direction (generally within the existing median of I-55). The study area begins at I-355 and continues east to I-90/94.

This will affect a small portion of Hodgkins, along the interstate area that borders Weeping Willow Ranch. On the photo above you will see a blue highlighted area over a good portion of Weeping Willow. These residents will be receiving notification in the mail from IDOT in the near future. The area qualifies for a sound barrier wall to be placed along the interstate (illustrated by the green line on the map). Surveys will be sent out soon asking for your opinions on whether or not you are in favor of a wall or not. It is important to respond to these surveys.

If you have any questions about this please contact the Village Hall and we will be happy to assist you with your surveys.

## DESIGNATED SHELTER FOR HODGKINS

The only designated Tornado Shelter for the Village of Hodgkins is in the basement of the Noel B. Cummings Administration Building located at 8990 Lyons Street.

- During M-F business hours you may walk in and the staff at the Administration building will direct you to the basement.
- During non-business hours, once the sirens have been activated, the Emergency Services Department will report to the shelter and open the building. After you enter the building you are required to go to the basement and follow the directions of the emergency personnel. While in the building (basement) you will be able to get up to date weather information via the cable television or weather radio. The basement is equipped with tables, chairs, water fountains and bathrooms to keep you comfortable during your short stay with us. Severe weather events cause power outages, if this should happen, our building including the basement will switch to generator power. In the event of a wide spread power outage we will leave the shelter open until power has been restored or those in the shelter have found a place to stay.

# MOBILE PANTRY

**FREE FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND  
NON-PERISHABLE GROCERIES**



**The Greater Chicago Food Depository is extending its Mobile Pantry program to Lyons Township locations.  
Open to the public. All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend.**

**We recommend that you bring your own grocery bags.**

**For more information, please contact the Food Depository at 773-247-3663 [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org)**

3:30pm—5:30pm

March 15, 2016	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458
April 19, 2016	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st. Place, Summit, IL 60501
May 3, 2016	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st. Place, Summit, IL 60501
May 17, 2016	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458
June 7, 2016	Hodgkins Village	9096 Joliet Road, Hodgkins IL 60525
June 21, 2016	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458

## OTHER LOCAL FOOD PANTRY LOCATIONS

FOOD PANTRY	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS	SERVICE AREA
Catholic Charities West Suburban	1400 S. Austin Blvd. Cicero 60804	708-329-4044	Mon & Tues 9-11am; 12-2 (1st & 3rd Tues. 9-11only) Thurs 2:30-6:30pm	West Suburbs
First Congregational Church of LaGrange	100 S. 6th Ave. La Grange 60525	708-352-0800	Saturday breakfast, lunch & sack dinner 8am—1pm	Open to all
LaGrange Bible Church	850 S. 7th Ave. La Grange 60525	708-354-2485	Saturday 11-11:45am Doors open @10:30am Continental Breakfast Served	Open to all
Second Baptist Church	26 Washington Ave. La Grange 60525	708-354-5907	Monday 10am—noon	60525, 60558, 60513, 60153, 60534, 60501
St. Barbara Medical Equipment	4800 Prairie Brookfield 60513	708-354-5907	Tuesday—Thursday 10am—2pm	Open to all
St. Cletus	600 W. 55th St. La Grange 60525	708-215-5418	2nd Thursday of month 6:30-8pm	Lyons Township residents
St. Francis Xavier	124 N. Spring Ave. La Grange 60525	708-352-0168	Tuesday 9:30-11am	60525 & 60526



## FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Village of Hodgkins is committed to promoting Fair Housing efforts through fair and equal housing opportunities for our citizens. Fair Housing is the right for all people to have safe, decent housing and be able to get this housing without discrimination. Village, State, and Federal Fair Housing Laws require that all people have an equal opportunity to buy, rent, or live in housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions.

**FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON:  
RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, FAMILY STATUS, DISABILITY**

Complaints of discrimination in housing can be filed with the Village of Hodgkins, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Complaints to the Village can be filed in writing to:

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



## MOBILE SHREDDING TRUCK COMING TO VILLAGE HALL

We strongly urge our residents to shred all of your personal papers instead of just throwing them out into the trash. Anything with your name and information should be shredded.

The Shredding Event will be held at the  
Village Hall 8990 Lyons Street  
Saturday May 21, 2016  
10:00am – 12:00 pm.



***THIS EVENT IS FREE FOR ALL HODGKINS RESIDENTS***

# POLICE PROMOTION SGT. JEFF KEILMAN

BY: POLICE CLERK RODNEY CUMMINGS

The Hodgkins Police Department has a new patrol sergeant. On Monday, February 8th, Village President Noel Cummings and the Board of Trustees welcomed former Detective Jeff Keilman into the ranks of the command staff at the police department, where he will take on duties in the patrol division. Sergeant Keilman was joined by his family, as well as several members of the police department and well-wishers in the community, as he received this much-deserved promotion.

Sgt. Keilman was born and raised in Chicago, and grew up initially in the East Side neighborhood, later moving to Evergreen Park in 7th grade. He attended and graduated from St. Rita High School in Chicago, and later went to college at Governor's State University in University Park for his undergraduate schooling in Criminal Justice. In more recent years, he has completed post-graduate coursework and received a Masters Degree in Public Safety Administration from Lewis University in Romeoville.

Sgt. Keilman entered the US Army in 2002, where he served in the Infantry. He was stationed at Fort Campbell and assigned to the 101st Airborne Division. As part of the Global War on Terrorism, he was deployed to Iraq during 2003.

The first member of his family in law



MAYOR NOEL CUMMINGS PRESENTS SGT. KEILMAN  
WITH SERGEANT STAR - VILLAGE CLERK STEPHANIE  
GARDNER - CHIEF ERNIE MILLSAP



enforcement, Sgt. Keilman joined the ranks of the Hodgkins Police in February of 2007, his first ever law enforcement job, and has never looked back. Although he says he never really considered a law enforcement career growing up, it was an easy transition to make from his military service.

"This place has been really good to me," he said. "This community has provided me with a great career and lots of opportunity here."

After transitioning into full-time investigative work in 2012, Keilman worked on a number of important cases as a detective. During his time as both a patrol officer and as a detective, Keilman has received a DUI enforcement award, served as a Tactical Officer, worked with the Major Cases Assistance Team, and worked with the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force on a number of homicide investigations.

Now that he's been promoted to Sergeant, Keilman says he's looking forward to working in the Patrol Division again.

"I appreciate the confidence the Village has placed in me and I'm looking forward to being back on the streets of Hodgkins and interacting with the community."

Be sure to congratulate Sergeant Keilman on his new position when you next see him around town!



## **NEW POLICE OFFICER DESMOND HANDSON**

**BY: POLICE CLERK RODNEY CUMMINGS**

Hodgkins Police Department has a couple of new faces you might have recently noticed. One of these faces belongs to Desmond Handson, who was sworn in on July 1st by Clerk Stephanie Gardner, with Village President Noel Cummings and Police Chief Ernest Millsap attending.



Officer Handson grew up in Matteson, Illinois, up until right before high school, when he and his family moved to Manhattan, Illinois, where he attended Lincoln Way Central High School, graduating in 2008. During college, Handson joined the Army through the ROTC program. Upon graduation from college in May of 2013, he entered active service as a commissioned officer (2nd Lieutenant). Excelling in his duties in the Army, he was later promoted to 1st Lieutenant, in February of 2015.

Upon making the decision that he would seek another career path from the military going forward, Handson considered law enforcement a good option. "I had a buddy who suggested a police career in lieu of continuing military, and I could see how they were on parallel tracks," Handson said.

Officer Hanson continues to serve in the Army Reserves as he serves this community, and he appreciates the accommodation. "Since being here in Hodgkins, I can see that this village has really put forth a lot of effort in helping me make this transition, and I truly am grateful for that."



## **NEW POLICE OFFICER RUBEN RODRIQUEZ**

**BY: POLICE CLERK RODNEY CUMMINGS**

The most recent police officer to join the ranks of the Hodgkins Police Department is Ruben Rodriguez. Sworn in on September 24th by Village Clerk Stephanie Gardner, Officer Rodriguez was born in Chicago, and raised in the Pilsen neighborhood until age eleven, when he and his family moved to the Garfield Ridge neighborhood.

He attended St. Daniel The Prophet Elementary School, and later St. Laurence High School, graduating in 2002. He went to college at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Law Enforcement in 2007.

Rodriguez's first law enforcement related work was at Guardian Security. While working for Guardian, he later added further security work to his resume with part time work for a hospital. In March of 2014 he began work for the Illinois Department of Corrections at Statesville Prison, where he continued working full time until being hired by Hodgkins.

The first member of his family to work in law enforcement, Rodriguez was excited at the opportunity to put his degree to full use. Asked about his thoughts on coming to Hodgkins, he had this to say: "It's been a dream come true, after a long journey of over seven years of applying and testing, to finally be a police officer. Hodgkins is the first department I ever tested for, too. I'll be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve this community."

**PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE OFFICER'S TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

# EARLY VOTING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The early voting period will run from Monday, February 29 through Monday, March 14, 2016.

This schedule will include two Sundays: March 6 and 13.

Voting times will be available:

Monday—Saturday      9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday      9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

If you are not registered to vote you may do so at the time of voting with 2 forms of ID one must be a valid photo ID and proof of address in the upper level of the Village Hall.

For any other questions please go to [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)

# 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.



# ***"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  
630 Sparrowhawk Dr.  
Vacaville, CA 95687

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

S.Sgt. Christopher McSpaden  
4132 Cedar St.  
Unit 1

Fort Wainwright, AK 99703  
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

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## DON'T FORGET RENEW YOUR LICENSE.....



**T**his is a friendly reminder about your vehicle and pet license. Current vehicle stickers are up for renewal in May of 2016. The

New stickers are available now and will be in effect from June 1st 2016 - May 31st, 2018. Vehicle stickers are free to residents. You can pick up your new vehicle stickers at the village hall or the police department.

Pet licenses are now here for 2016. 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 either license please feel free to call or stop by and see us.

