



# Village of Hodgkins Communicator

## A Message from Mayor Noel B. Cummings . . .

During this month we will welcome the opening of two new Commercial businesses: Runnion Equipment and Advantage Truck Sales. The openings will culminate a four year project to bring these prominent establishments into Hodgkins and onto their East Avenue locations.



*Runnion Equipment*

Runnion Equipment, a family owned business, has been in existence since 1970. They will be moving from its current location in Lyons. They also have a facility in Wisconsin as one of the premier dealers of heavy duty cranes and related equipment in the country. The Village anticipates an influx of sales and property taxes. Owner Pat Runnion has worked with the Village every step of the way to make this dream a reality.

Owner Desmond Roberts has been our neighbor since he started Advantage Chevrolet at Joliet Rd. and LaGrange Rd. in the year 2000. He has nurtured Advantage Chevrolet into one of the most successful Chevy dealerships in the Chicago Metropolitan area. As a major generator of sales tax for the Village we are excited that he now is the designated General Motors dealer for Light and Medium sized trucks. We thank Desmond for



*Advantage Chevrolet*

his hard work and financial investment in this project since day one.

The mutual respect and trust that exists between these two gentlemen and the Hodgkins team has made this most difficult project a successful reality!

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*Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people.*

Steve Jobs

**Hodgkins  
Village Officials**

Contact any of these  
officials by  
telephone at:  
Hodgkins Village  
579-6700

Village President  
Noel B. Cummings

Village Clerk  
Stephanie Gardner

**TRUSTEES**

Paul Struve

Larry Rice

Vicky Moxley

Dominic Misasi

Lida Mills

Tim Kovel

**Village Comptroller**

Melody Salerno

**Deputy Clerk**

Sharon Wells

**Village Attorneys**

John T. O'Connell

Tim Callahan

**Chief of Police**

Ernest Millsap

## Secretary of State Mobile Services

Mobile Unit will be available from 10:00 am—2:00 pm  
on March 25th, 2019

Proper identification will be needed.



<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Fee</u>
❖ Driver's License Renewal	\$30.00
❖ Senior age 69—74	\$ 5.00
❖ Senior age 75 & Up-need to visit DMV to renew Drivers License	
❖ State ID Cards (5 year)	\$20.00
❖ Seniors age 65 & up (N/C for State ID)	
❖ Duplicate License	\$ 5.00
❖ Corrected License	\$ 5.00
❖ Vision Screening	
❖ Vehicle Renewal Stickers	

*Forms of Payment:* Cash, Check, Credit Cards—

American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa and debit cards.



## Super Senior Rules of the Road

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

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 an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam.

Please call to reserve your spot.

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**Don't forget your Hodgkins Village Vehicle  
Stickers & Dog Tags  
Available at the Village Hall**



Melody Salerno  
Village Comptroller



## The Annual Shred Event is Back



The mobile shredding truck is coming to The Village Hall  
on Saturday, May 18th 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

This is a **FREE** Event for all Hodgkins Residents

We strongly urge our residents to shred all of your personal papers instead of just throwing them in the trash. Anything with your name and personal information should be shredded. Save your identity and recycle at the same time!

### Hodgkins' Food Pantry

If you are a resident in need of food the Village of Hodgkins has a food pantry located inside the Village Hall. Once a month you may receive a box of food. You will need to provide a valid state I.D. or drivers license. Please call us so we can have a box ready for you 708-579-6700.

We also take donations for our food pantry. We except any non expired non perishable foods, paper products, diapers or gift cards in \$25.00 increments. Please contact the Village with any questions or feel free to drop off your donation.

### Other Local Food Pantries

#### St. Cletus

600 W 55th St., Lagrange  
708-215-5418  
2nd Thursday 6:30pm-8pm  
Boundaries: Lyons Township

#### St. Francis Xavier

124 N Spring Ave., Lagrange  
708-352-0168 Tues. 9:30am—11am  
Boundaries: Zip Codes  
60525 & 60526

#### Second Bap. Church of LaGrange

26 Washington Ave. (Back Entrance)  
708-354-5907 Monday 10am-12pm  
Boundaries: Maywood, Agro, Lyons, &  
Western Springs



GREATER  
CHICAGO  
FOOD  
DEPOSITORY

### Mobile Pantry Free Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Non-perishable groceries

Open to the public. All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend.

**Every Third Tuesday of the Month 3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

March 19, 2019 Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458

**April 16, 2019 Hodgkins Village, 9096 Joliet Road, (Fire Department), Hodgkins, IL 60525**

May 21 2019 St. Blasé, 7438 W 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501

June 18, 2019 Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458

## HPD Recognizes Officers with Commendations



*Sergeant Bennett, Mayor Cummings, Officer Handson, Officer Klotz, Officer Hosteny and Chief Millsap*

As most residents will know by now, the Village of Hodgkins is watched over by quite a professional and dedicated array of police officers who've grown to love the village they serve. On occasion, the demands of their service result in marked acts of diligence and valor. And it is at such times that Police Chief Ernest Millsap feels particularly compelled to recognize these officers for their outstanding service and dedication.

At the regular monthly Village Board meeting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Chief

Millsap awarded six police officers with commendations for their recent actions in service to the community. Each of the officers was called forward to be presented with the award by the chief, and photographed with himself and Mayor Cummings.

Sergeant Michael Bennett, along with Officers Matthew Hosteny, Joseph Klotz, and Desmond Handson, were awarded officer commendations for their actions in response to a residential structure fire in the Valley Oaks

Mobile Home Park. On the date of this fire (March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018), these officers were in the vicinity and arrived on scene ahead of the Fire Department. They quickly moved to ensure the occupants were evacuated from the structure. They then proceeded to warn the residents in the two mobile homes to the immediate north of the blaze, to get those homes cleared as well, due to the risk of the flames spreading, relocating those residents to a safe area well away from the fire.



Officer Frank White was awarded a commendation for his actions in response to a situation in which two small children were left unattended in a vehicle in the parking lot of the Quarry Shopping Center in early December 2018. When Officer White discovered the children, he remained on scene with them until the father returned, at which point the father was taken into custody for child endangerment. Officer White, along with Officer Kelly Beyer, followed up with an investigation in which it was determined the father had left the two-year-olds unattended in the cold for a total of fourteen minutes, and was also in possession of an illegal weapon.

Sergeant Jeff Keilman was awarded a commendation for his actions in response to a drug overdose. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, he responded to a call in which a victim was found unconscious and unresponsive. Suspecting an opiate overdose, Sergeant Keilman administered Narcan to the victim and was able to revive



Mayor Cumming, Officer Frank White, Chief Millsap



Mayor Cumming, Sergeant Jeff Keilman, Chief Millsap

him. His valiant actions resulted in a life-saving outcome for this individual.

Chief Millsap's sentiments for the outstanding work of the officers could perhaps be best summed up in these words from his commendation to them: "Your professionalism and dedication reflects highly on the Hodgkins Police Department and the Village

of Hodgkins."

Be sure to let these officers know they are appreciated for all they do!





Trustee  
Lida Mills

## Aging Well

Consider joining our aging well team. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Larry Rice Community Room at lower level of The Village Hall. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month we have Coffee, Cards and Chatter with games available from 10 a.m. till noon in the Larry Rice Community Room.

*The trick to aging gracefully  
is to enjoy it!*



Trustee  
Dominic Misasi



## Christmas Party 2018







## Hodgkins Team Takes Polar Plunge

There's nothing quite like a good plunge into freezing water to get your blood pumping. Or at least to get your knees knocking together. That's what a team of Hodgkins police officers, school personnel, and other members of the community discovered when they participated in the Illinois Polar Plunge. And it was a great social icebreaker. Literally.



On Saturday, March 2nd, 2019, with air temperatures in the 20s, the members of the Hodgkins Police Department Frozen Chosen gathered at the edge of a frozen pond at the Oak Brook Bath and Tennis Club, where large augers were used to break through the roughly four-inch-thick ice so they could take a dip in the cool, refreshing waters. The results were quite breathtaking. After just a few seconds submerged in the

near-frozen pond water, with Fire and Rescue personnel standing (and floating) by, they decided maybe it was time to come on out, dry off, and perhaps even indulge in a cup of hot chocolate. Of course they were having a good laugh and shaking from head to toe while they posed as a team for the "after" picture.

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Sergeant Ryan Carrasquillo

The team was organized by Sergeant Ryan Carrasquillo as one of the many participating in the event, which raises money for the more than twenty-three thousand Special Olympics athletes in Illinois. The team members were able to raise funds with the promise of jumping into freezing waters outdoors, which is certainly worth money just to watch happen!

"I wasn't sure what kind of turnout we would have," Carrasquillo said, "but I was beyond amazed at both the turnout and the support that we've received from the community. With the support of all the participating team members, Chief Millsap, the Hodgkins School, and the Village of Hodgkins Board of Trustees, we were able to raise \$5,000 and mark our first year a huge success. And if you're looking for a way to support us in the future with our Special Olympics fundraisers, be sure to stop by Dunkin Donuts on May 17th for the Cop On Rooftop event."



## Public Works Department

### A Big Thank You to our Public Works Department



Once again we would like to thank the Hodgkins Department of Public Works for the GREAT JOB of snow and ice removal. Our Public Works Employee's work days, nights, and weekends to keep our Village clean. This year was a real challenge! Thank you Guys!

### Garbage pick up Reminder:

Garbage pick up is on Wednesdays for the Village customers that have Groot. All trash should be ready for pick up anytime after 7am. On major holidays the trash will be picked up the Thursday after (instead of the Wednesday) .

## Pick Up of Larger Items

Larger items can be picked up by our Public Works Dept. This service is available for residents. If you need something picked up please call the Village Hall. Pick ups are generally done in the mornings. The item or items must be left in the driveway or end of lot. The Public Works Dept. cannot go on your porch or in your homes due to liability. We cannot pick up hazardous material, paint, tires, batteries, etc.

Trucks may also be dropped off for larger projects for the day and even over night. These are a first come first serve basis as a service to our residents.

Spring clean Up: branches should be stacked with cut side towards the curb. Grass clippings can only be picked up in biodegradable paper bags no plastic bags. The bags can not exceed 40lbs.





## IN MEMORIAM

BY: CHIEF PHIL KRINGLE (RET)

**R**etired Hodgkins Police Officer Stanley E. Warwick passed away on February 18th, 2019. He was 81 years old.

On February 4th, 1979 Officer Stan Warwick began his career with the Hodgkins Police Department. Stan was already a police officer with the Indian Head Park Police Department for about 5 years. Although he was hired as a part time police officer, in those days he worked full time hours. He was hired full time in 1984. Stan retired in 1995 and they moved to Sevierville Tennessee.

Stan was born and raised in Chicago, in the Bridgeport neighborhood. After high school he worked for Acme Steel Company as a machinist.

In 1953, Stan enlisted in the United States Army. He served over 5 years including 2 years in West Germany with the 2nd Armored Division.

A friend introduced him to Mary in 1961 and as the saying goes, the rest is history. They married in 1962. Stan and Mary would eventually move to Sauk Village and raise three children, Kurt, Douglas and Dana. When the opportunity to buy a house in Hodgkins came up, they didn't hesitate.

Stan was the manager of



**RETIRED OFFICER  
STANLEY E. WARWICK  
1937 - 2019**



the "66 Drive-In" which was located on the property now occupied by the Countryside Plaza. It was there that he became friends with a Countryside Police Officer who convinced him to get into law enforcement and Stan jumped at the chance with the Indian Head Park Police Department after the Drive-In closed down. When he became a Full-Time police officer with Hodgkins in 1984 he was 47 years old and attended the Cook County Sheriffs Police Training Academy.



Stan was instrumental in setting up the Code Enforcement office and served as our first code enforcement police officer. He was also a Charter Member of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 and a Past President. He was a proud member of the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Illinois Chapter IX and the K-Town Good Sam Chapter 21 Motor Home Club.

Stan and Mary had a few motorcycles over the years and enjoyed taking trips. After retirement and the move to Tennessee they progressed from motorcycles to motor homes.

*"Thank You Officer  
Warwick for your service to  
our Nation and Village"*

## Smart911 Comes to Hodgkins

In the ongoing march of technology, new public safety tools are continually arriving to increase our options for protecting our communities. One very important tool that has recently come to town is the Smart911 service, a telecommunications software system that enables dispatchers to bring up a wide array of valuable information about a caller and their home, business, or vehicle, and about family members or other emergency contacts. It can also enable public safety personnel to locate mobile phone users with pinpoint precision in the event the caller is unable to move or respond to rescuers looking for them.

The Village of Hodgkins is served by the Oak Lawn Regional Emergency Communications (OLREC) center, which handles all our 911 emergency calls. Diana Tousignant, the director at OLREC, has announced that Smart911 has been added to their set of telecommunications tools and was launched as a fully functioning service at the beginning of this year. She is

encouraging everyone to go online at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) and sign up.

"Smart911 is a free service that allows individuals and families to sign up online to receive emergency alerts involving their area," Tousignant said in a recent comment to the Des Plaines Valley News. "The system also allows users to provide key information to 911 call takers during an emergency that will help first responders reach them faster."

Through enrollment in Smart911, a user can provide only as much information as they choose to provide, with some of the options including medical conditions, vulnerable family members, and even info about pets. The data provided can help shave valuable seconds or even minutes off response times when it comes to getting first responders to the right place and equipped with the most pertinent information.

In her comments, the director touted the ease and user-friendliness of the new



Larry Rice  
Trustee

program.

"Users will receive emails reminding them to update their profiles every six months," she said. "Anyone who wants to complete a safety profile for a family member who does not use computers can do so, and include their own contact information as well so they will be notified if anything happens."

With this rollout by OLREC, Hodgkins, Burbank, Bridgeview, Alsip, and Evergreen Park will now join the ranks of the few other early users of the service in Illinois, such as the 911 centers for DuPage County, Cook County, and Chicago. Smart911 is currently available in 40 states across the country.





## Here are the addresses of some of our active duty military.

*If you have a family member you would like to include please call the Village Hall with the persons name and address.*



SrA Cottrell, Cameron	PVT Udziela, Bradley M.	CPT Cummings, Brandon	CPT Sneed, Cody	E-5P02 Giancarlos Arenas
414 Townsgate Plaza—Apt. L	CMR 411 Box 4161	412 Blackberry Drive	2430 Piros Drive	Wanker Way Apt. C
Clovis, NM 88101-3765	APO, AE 09112-0042	Elgin, OK 73538	Colorado Spring, CO 80915	Bremerton, WA 98312
Son of Denise Cottrell	Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack	Grandson of Mayor Cummings	Grandson of Ruth Sneed	Son of Carlos Arenas

## Our Village Memorial Day Crosses



If you have a family member that served in the military and you would like to recognize them with one of our Memorial Day Crosses please contact the Village. We would need their name, rank, service type, and date of birth and death. If you have a photo that you would like to include we can scan it and give you your photo back with no damage to it.



Volunteers needed to help with the Memorial Day Crosses please contact the Village 708-579-6700 if you are interested in helping.

## Hodgkins Library Happenings . . .

April 7th - April 13th



Come celebrate our library and community with fun events!



**Dot Kane Storyteller**

**Wed. Apr. 10**

**3:30 PM**

**All Ages!**

What a perfect way to get through the middle of the week with magic storytelling lipstick and giant underpants. Dot is bunches of fun as she entertains and keeps us moving!



Let's Paint Mona Lisa

Saturday, April 27 at 1:30 PM

Join artist Dana Bloede from Forest Park, as she instructs how to paint your very own Monda Lisa painting on a canvas. All supplies will be provided for you. Registration is required, ages 18 & up. Limit 22.

**Cinco De Mayo Fiesta**

**Sun. May 5**

**1:30 - 4:30 PM**

**All Ages!**



Come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us!

## Hodgkins Park District's Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 20th 9:30 a.m. SHARP!**

**Babies to 4th Grade**

**Free to Residents / \$7 Non-Residents Pre-Registration is required.**

Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny! For more information please contact the Hodgkins Park District 708-354-6563. The Park District will be closed on Friday, April 19th





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**8990 Lyons Street**  
**Hodgkins, Illinois 60525**

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Early Voting—March 18-April 1**

**Regular Voting—April 2**

**Secretary of State—March 25, 2019**

**Super Seniors Rules of the Road**

**National Library Week—April 7th - April 13th**

**Dot Kane Storyteller — April 10**

**Hodgkins Food Pantry—April 16, 2019**

**Easter Egg Hunt—April 20, 2019**

**Let's Paint Mona Lisa—April 27**

**Cinco De Mayo Fiesta—May 5**

## **Contact us**

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**Village Hall Hours:**  
**Monday—Friday**  
**8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Board Meetings:**  
**2nd Monday of the month**