



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

May 2015

# COMMUNICATOR

## Message From The Mayor:

I hope that this issue of our Village Communicator finds you well and starting to enjoy the nice weather. The village is making some great progress this year and I want to update you with several projects we are working on.

We hope to finalize the Railroad Quiet Zone in the next couple of months. We have been approved and all that is left to do is install the required concrete median strips before the two crossings, Santa Fe Drive and the crossing on 67th street. The concrete work is going out to bid by the beginning of May and the railroad has already been contracted to install the proper gates on the 67th street crossing. This project has been a long time coming and our hope is to have it completed soon.

You will notice that the new retail building on East Avenue is now open. Ben's Rental is occupying half of the building and the Blue Nose Brewery is utilizing the rest of the building. The micro brewery is set to open at any time. This project was Phase One of the property that used to be the old Hilltop Bar. Phase Two will begin this summer. The village has completed our portion of the demolition of the old Mance's Pub located across from the main Menard's parking lot. Phase Two includes the construction of another retail strip mall building attached to the new Ben's Rental building.

Immediately to the north of Catherine Ann Drive is the new D&S Truck Sales and Service facility. This project has also been in the planning stages for a few years. Now, it should be completed by the end of this year. These two projects, Ben's Rental and D&S Truck, will bring a steady flow of revenue for the village and also improve the area along East Avenue.

We have renewed and appointed a "Planning Commission", to assist in the several projects that are in the planning stages. I have appointed Mr. Claude Sexton to Chair this commission with Trustees Don Cuttill, Paul Struve and residents Rick Camboni, Randy Caldwell and Kevin Mulligan. We have some great opportunities ahead of us and our goal is to continue and improve the long-term stability of our community.

Your village government and services are hard at work and we are here to serve you, our residents. Please do not hesitate to contact the village hall if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or need help with something.



NOEL B. CUMMINGS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

*Sincerely,  
Noel B. Cummings*



# IN MEMORIAM

## CHIEF RICHARD F. STEWART (RET)

**R**etired Chief of Police Rich Stewart passed away on February 14th, 2015 in Sullivan Illinois.

Rich grew up in this area and graduated from Argo High School. He worked at Corn Products in Bedford Park Illinois as a welder until he started his Law Enforcement career. He began working as a part-time police officer for the Justice Police Department in the mid 1960's. As his desire grew into the police field he was hired full time with the Hodgkins Police Department in 1971.

Rich rose through the ranks on the Hodgkins Police Department, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Captain. He was appointed to Chief of Police in 1983. He took over during some turbulent times and led a department of seven full-time officers and about 4 part time officers. During the 1970's and early 80's the department saw a lot of personnel changes. The village lost some good officers to other departments who had more opportunities.

In 1984, Chief Stewart and his Deputy Chief Hugh Rhodes pushed for needed improvements for the police department. This included phasing out the part time police officer positions and increased our full time sworn officers. The Hodgkins Police Department was starting to show progress.



**RICHARD F. STEWART**  
CHIEF OF POLICE (RET)  
1939 - 2015

In the mid 1980's the department began to join the surrounding communities by computerizing our records and establishing a needed investigation section. The 80's saw more changes and our police department began to keep up.

Chief Rich Stewart was responsible for many changes that our police department and village can be proud of.

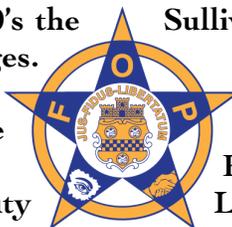
In 1997 Rich retired from the Hodgkins Police Department. Rich and Joyce moved to central Illinois, near Lake Shelbyville. Rich was an avid

outdoorsman and loved to fish and hunt.

Richard F. Stewart was born September 23, 1939 in Chicago, the son of Ronald and Elsie Erdman Stewart. He was a Founding Member of the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151, and a proud member in the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Sullivan Street Machine Association.

He married Joyce Beeler on August 27, 1982 in Joliet, Illinois. Surviving are his wife, Joyce of Sullivan; children, Kenneth (Cindy) Stewart of Plainfield, Linda Fortier of Alsip, Andy (Kelly)

Lynn of Hodgkins, Tammy (Craig) Dunham of Nashville, Tennessee; sister, Joan (Ken) McDonald of Sullivan; grandchildren, Matt & Wesley Sewell of Alsip, Jessika & Sydney Lynn of Hodgkins, and Darrell Brooks & Amanda Sprinkle of Nashville, Tennessee.



1982 - JOYCE & RICH STEWART

## HODGKINS VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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HODGKINS VILLAGE HALL 579-6700

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Village Attorney  
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### HELPING HAND CENTER RIBBON CUTTING & OPEN HOUSE

L-R: MARCO SANDOVAL - NOREEN COSTELLOE - GREG DIDEMINICO  
MARY BETH HEPP - DON FRIES - PHIL KRINGLIE

Monday, March 9, 2015 – Hodgkins, IL. - Helping Hand Center, a nonprofit serving 750 adults and children with disabilities in Countryside, held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House on Friday, March 6, for family members of people they serve, donors, and community partners to take a tour of their new facility in Hodgkins and learn more about how they help children and adults with disabilities. HHC purchased a 30,000 sq. ft. building at 6160 East Avenue in Hodgkins and just completed renovations to provide day program services for over 300 adults who previously received services in their Countryside facility. This comes at a time when the waiting list for people with disabilities in our community who need Helping Hand Center's services continues to grow.

"We are so grateful to our community who supports us and embraces our mission to serve people with disabilities," said Mary Beth Hepp, Executive Director of Helping Hand Center.

The agency's current \$4.5 million dollar growth project allows them to acquire more space to serve even more people. Their headquarters, in Countryside, will continue to serve children in the Pediatric Clinic and School for Children with Autism as well as house administrative staff.

Helping Hand Center celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of assisting persons with disabilities to achieve their highest level of independence. To find out more about the programs and services they offer to people with disabilities, visit:

[www.hhcenter.org](http://www.hhcenter.org)

# PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## GOODBYE WINTER - HELLO SUMMER

As I write this, it seems like we have made it through our winter weather. Although we might have a few bumps, we will start seeing better weather from here on out.

The public works crew had a personnel change last fall. One employee left, which caused a shortage on our crew. The village agreed to hire someone to fill the vacant spot. After advertising the position and job description, we had thirteen applicants apply. Trustees Phil Kringlie, Paul Struve and myself reviewed all of our applications and conducted interviews of the applicants. At the January village board meeting, a recommendation to hire Paul Gray Jr. was accepted and unanimously approved. I would like to thank Trustees Kringlie and Struve for their help in the selection process.

We had some great applicants and decisions like these are truly difficult to make. However, we all agreed that the best possible choice for the village was made. You will learn more about Paul Gray Jr. on page 6 of this newsletter.

As springtime arrives, our public works crew begins to prepare. Soon, we will be starting to repair and re-seed



Jack Scott  
Superintendent DPW

numerous parkways that were left damaged from after the winter snow and salt. There are more parkway trees that have to be replaced. Some of the trees that were planted last year did not survive and will be replaced.

We will be starting to cut grass and trim up weeds and various types of yard clean up. As a reminder, please place all of your grass clippings in the designated paper recycling bags. Public Works will only pick up grass and yard waste that are in these types of paper bags. Please place them on your parkway or in

your alley for us to pick up.

If you have a large yard clean-up or a remodeling job, please contact us to make arrangements and we will park a truck by your residence to help with the debris.

Please, remember that we are here to assist you in everyway that we can. If you have a question, please contact the village hall and ask. Our public works are here to help to the best of our ability.

Summertime brings lots of programs for us to catch up on. We will also be hiring high school kids again for our summer maintenance program. Contact the village hall for the requirements.



## SIDEWALK REMINDER:



**AS THE WEATHER BECOMES NICER, WE WILL HAVE MANY RESIDENTS OUT WALKING THE SIDEWALKS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE COURTEOUS AND NOT BLOCK ANY OF THE SIDEWALKS IN FRONT OF YOUR HOME.**

# Mobile Pantry

Free Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and  
Non-perishable groceries



**Melody Salerno**  
Comptroller

The Village of Hodgkins is proud to partner with the Pleasantview Fire Protection District and host the “Mobile Pantry” provided by the Greater Chicago Food Depository. We have signed on to host 2 events this year. The first being on April 21st, 2015 and the 2nd on June 16th, 2015.

We have just completed the April 21st Mobile Food Pantry. It proved very successful and we provided free boxes of food to 200 people. Both events will be held at the Pleasantview Fire Protection District Station Number 3 on Joliet Road, just east of the Citgo Gas Station. The Mobile Food Pantry will be open from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Chicago’s Food Bank. A nonprofit food distribution and training center that provides food for hungry people while striving to end hunger in our communities.

The Food Depository, founded in 1979, makes a daily impact across Cook County with a network of 650 pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, mobile programs, children’s programs, older adult programs and innovative responses that address the root causes of hunger. Last year, the Food Depository distributed 67 million pounds of shelf-stable food, fresh produce, dairy products and meat, the equivalent of 154,000 meals every day.



**John Buckley**  
Fire Chief

## NEXT: MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

JUNE 16TH, 2015

3:30 PM TO 5:30 PM

PLEASANTVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

STATION #3

9096 JOLIET ROAD, HODGKINS, ILLINOIS 60525



The April 21st, 2015 Mobile Food Pantry was held inside the Pleasantview Fire District Station #3 garage. It was a great success and we provided food supplies for 200 people.

Thanks to all our volunteers which included representatives from Cummins Power and Midwest Cargo, Hodgkins Park, Library, Public Works, Hodgkins Elementary School, several village residents, friends and family.

“Special thanks to the Pleasantview Fire District Chief Buckley and his crew and Hodgkins Police Lieutenants Rick Cephcha and Chris Milojevich”

# AGING WELL PROGRAM

## HODGKINS-MCCOOK AGING WELL TEAM



TRUSTEE DON CUTTILL

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.

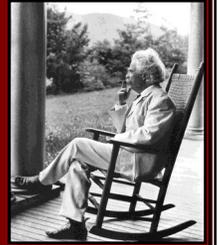
Mothers Day Luncheon      May 8th, 2015

TEAM LEADER - DON CUTTILL

TEAM LEADER - DOMINIC MISASI

SECRETARY - ALICE MIKRUT

*"Age is an issue of mind over matter.  
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter"  
- Mark Twain*



## PUBLIC WORKS WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE



On January 19th, 2015 the Village hired Paul Gray Jr. on the Department of Public Works. He was hired to fill a vacancy on the public works crew. Paul is from Hodgkins and has lived here all of his life. He is married and has three children.

Paul holds several ASE certifications in auto and truck mechanics, including power train, engine, electronics and more. In addition, he has experience with snow plowing and snow removal. His certifications and experience will be an asset to our public works department.



He will be doing our mechanical repairs on the Police, Water and Public Works Departments. In addition, Paul will be able to work in our normal public works responsibilities. By combining these duties, the village will benefit from his multiple abilities as a mechanic and laborer.

# DEPUTY CHIEF JACK AZZARELLO RETIRES AFTER 35 YEARS

On March 1st, 2015 Deputy Chief Jack Azzarello started his well earned retirement. For over 35 years he served and protected our community.

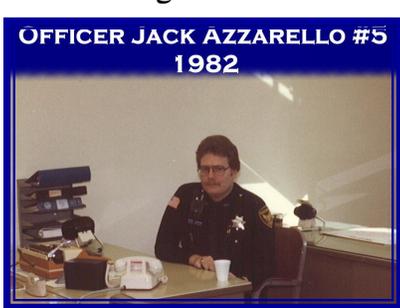
Jack grew up in Willow Springs and graduated from Lyons Township High School. He worked as a truck driver for Doogan Excavating.

But law enforcement is in Jack's blood. In 1936, his Grandfather, John B. Frost was shot and killed in the line of duty, by a fleeing bank robber in Lombard Illinois.

So not long after high school he became a police dispatcher on the Willow Springs Police Department. In 1978, he turned twenty one and became a patrol officer. He then attended and graduated from the Police Training Institute with the University of Illinois.

Officer Azzarello saw a chance to test for the Hodgkins Police Department in 1979. He says that he knew the Hodgkins Police were Civil Service and viewed the Hodgkins Police Department as a better long term employment opportunity. He jumped at the chance and was hired onto the Hodgkins Police Department on January 2nd, 1980.

He came to Hodgkins already trained and hit the streets immediately. Jack was our local reference guide to the Illinois Vehicle Code.



JACK AZZARELLO  
DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE



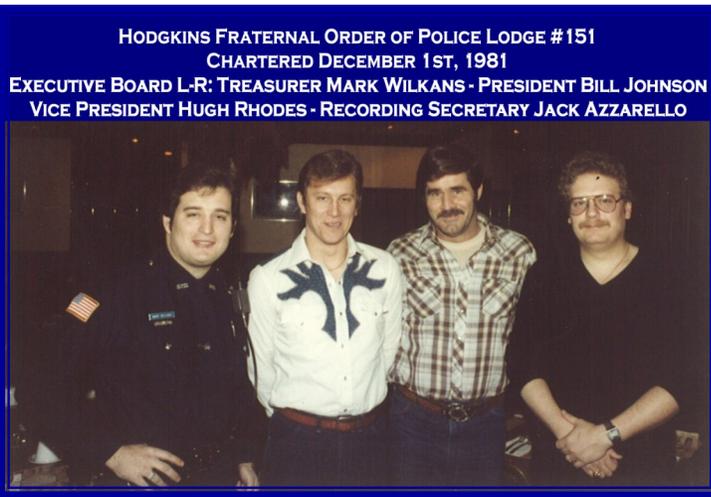
issues. Officer Azzarello was also a Illinois Certified Youth Officer.

Jack also enjoyed photography as a secondary hobby. In fact, for several years he was an official photographer for not just local police department but also Fire Departments. Being called out at any time to photograph traffic crashes, crime scenes and various fires was a common occurrence for Officer Azzarello

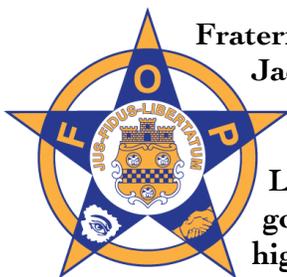
When Jack was hired, due to not having the required number of sworn officers, police officers of the Hodgkins Police Department were members of a joint FOP Lodge, the Countryside-Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #37.

During 1981, the members of the Hodgkins Police Department decided that it was time to have our own Lodge. Local support was very strong and we now qualified for our own Charter.

On December 1st, 1981 the Hodgkins Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #151 was officially chartered through the National



# AZZARELLO RETIREMENT



Fraternal Order of Police. Jack served as the first Recording Secretary of our Lodge. Jack would go on to serve in higher office with the Hodgkins Lodge and with the Illinois State Fraternal Order of Police.

In the mid to late 1980's the department would go through many changes. The village prepared for the demolition of the trucking terminals along Joliet Road to make room for a new shopping center. Also, there was talk of a large shipping company looking at Hodgkins. For these major changes, the police department needed to add on. More officers were hired and the old village hall was remodeled to accommodate a larger department.

During this time, Azzarello would continue to serve the department as a youth officer and work in investigations. Jack teamed up with Ofc Phil Kringlie and developed the departments first street gang unit. They would gather and build

## 1982 HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Ofc. BILL JOHNSON #25 - Ofc. JACK AZZARELLO #5 - Ofc. HUGH RHODES #50

information on local street gangs and provide public awareness programs for school and park districts and private businesses.

On January 13th, 1992 Officer Jack Azzarello was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Now, in addition to basic patrol operations, Sgt. Azzarello was a shift supervisor.

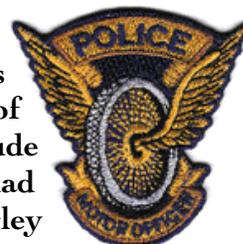


Being promoted to Sergeant brings many responsibilities. In addition to the routine patrol

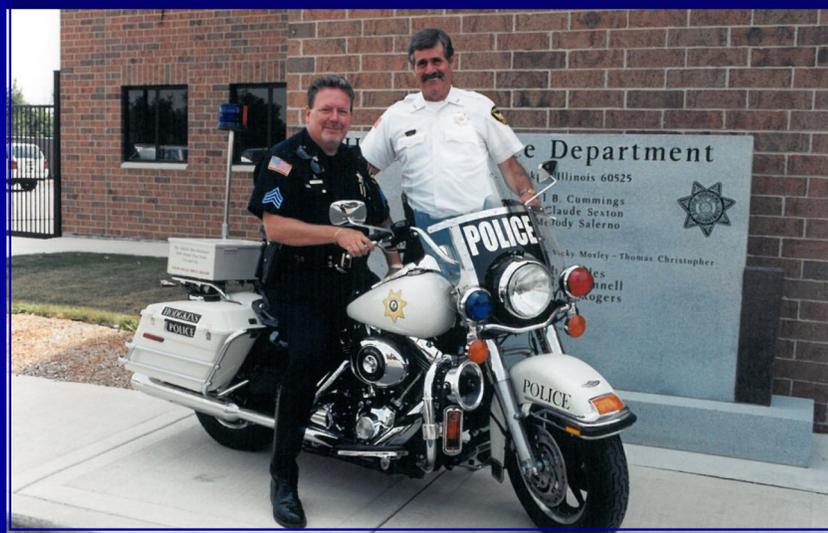
activities, Sgt Azzarello took on additional duties. When officers had questions pertaining to state statutes, Sgt Azzarello was the guy to contact. Sgt Azzarello supervised the Field Training Officer Program. Jack was chosen as one of the first labor representatives when the Hodgkins Police Department joined the Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council.

In 2000, Jack was elected on the Executive Board of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police State Lodge. Also, Jack served on the State F.O.P. Labor Council Board for several years.

In 2003, Chief Hugh Rhodes expanded the fleet of squad cars to include a motorcycle. Squad M-1, a 2003 Harley



## HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT SGT. JACK AZZARELLO - CHIEF HUGH RHODES 2003 HARLEY DAVIDSON ROAD KING POLICE CLASSIC



# AZZARELLO RETIREMENT

WASHINGTON D.C.  
JACK AZZARELLO & PHIL KRINGLIE  
"ROLLING THUNDER 2013"



HODGKINS FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE #151  
25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY NOVEMBER 2006  
FOUNDING MEMBERS L-R: HUGH RHODES - BILL JOHNSON - JACK AZZARELLO  
SCOTT BOBYSUD - RICH STEWART - PHIL KRINGLIE - MARK WILKANS



Davidson Police Road King was purchased with seized drug funds, and Sgt Azzarello became the Hodgkins Police Department's first Motor Officer. Jack has rode motorcycles most of his life and was a natural selection to fill this spot.

On February 27th, 2007 Azzarello was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant of Police. The world of Police Administration became his newest challenge. In 2008, Jack would continue his administration education by graduating from

the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command.



In November 2012 Lt. Azzarello was appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief of Police following the retirement of Chief Phil Kringlie.

Jack is an avid fisherman and motorcyclist. Jack and Susie have enjoyed several motorcycle trips including North Carolina and a trip to Washington D.C. for Rolling Thunder, Memorial Day weekend in 2013 with Retired Chief Phil & Brenda Kringlie. He also enjoys a family fishing trip to northwest Wisconsin each year. He has been going to the same area since he was 5 years old with his grandfather. Now only with, his wife Susie and Sons, Matt and Chris.

So after 35 years of service with the Hodgkins Police Department, Deputy Chief Jack Azzarello has certainly earned a well deserved retirement.

Susie & Jack Azzarello  
2004 Lake Michigan



*Congratulations,  
Deputy Chief Azzarello*

# NEW POLICE SERGEANTS

BY: POLICE CLERK RODNEY CUMMINGS



SERGEANT  
MIKE BENNETT

For Officers Michael Bennett and Michael Pawlowski, and their families, the night of Monday, December 8th, 2014, was a banner night. After many long years serving tirelessly on the Hodgkins Police Department as officers and detectives, they were both rewarded with promotion to

the rank of Sergeant after the village board voted to make it official. With family and friends gathered round in a packed village hall, the two were sworn in as sergeants and given the gold star badges that denote their rank among the command structure at Hodgkins Police Department.

Sgt. Pawlowski got his start in law enforcement as a police officer in Willow Springs, serving there for five years, and later served as a Special Agent with Norfolk Southern Railroad for three years before

coming to Hodgkins in 1994. His work at HPD has been primarily as a juvenile officer and truck enforcement officer, as well as a stint in investigations. Since then, he's been a well-known and friendly face of a department that believes in community policing, and has thus become a fixture in the Hodgkins community.

Sgt. Bennett began his law enforcement career here in Hodgkins, starting in 2005. He shifted his work focus into investigations in 2008, and served as a detective for six full years, participating in many important cases with MCAT (the Major Cases Assistance Team, which responds to serious crimes when requested by member agencies) and serving as a supervisor with the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. Please join us in congratulating these two fine sergeants!



SERGEANT  
MIKE PAWLOWSKI

# WELCOME NEW POLICE OFFICER

BY: POLICE CLERK RODNEY CUMMINGS



With the retirement of Deputy Chief Jack Azzarello, a shift in personnel occurred at the Hodgkins Police Department, resulting in promotions and the official hiring of a new officer for the department. That became official on the night of Monday, December 8th, 2014, when the Hodgkins Board of Trustees voted to hire Claralicia Torres as the newest member of the police force. She was given her badge, Star # 165, and welcomed to the department with a congratulatory speech given by Chief Millsap, who expressed his full confidence in her qualities based upon her performance in the testing and evaluation process.

After a brief initial training and orientation period at the Hodgkins PD, Torres entered the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where she undertook twelve weeks of intensive training to meet the physical, mental, legal, tactical, and other demands of the modern police officer, graduating on March 27th.

Before being hired at Hodgkins, Torres studied Criminal Justice for four years at Lewis University, where she received her bachelor's degree, and later worked for two years as a CSO in Oswego, immediately prior to coming here. In her family, she was preceded into law enforcement by her uncle, who now works for the Cicero Police Department. Welcome Officer Torres!

# HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS A NEW LIEUTENANT

BY: POLICE CLERK RODNEY CUMMINGS

**F**or Chris Milojevich, the long years he has spent serving on the Hodgkins Police Department have culminated in a well-deserved honor and recognition. On the night of Monday, December 8th, 2014, surrounded by friends, family, and supporters, and after a vote by the village board to make it official, Sgt. Milojevich was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He was sworn in and given his new lieutenant's badge, and cake and refreshments were served in celebration of his promotion and the promotions of Sgt. Bennett and Sgt. Pawlowski, as well as for the swearing in of a new officer on the force, Claralicia Torres.

After High School, Milojevich attended Western Illinois University and earned a Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice. Lt. Milojevich first came to the Hodgkins Police Department in 1991, after having been a dispatcher for Countryside Police Department for three years. He immediately hit the ground running, becoming a Juvenile Officer and the DARE Officer within his first two years. He served as the DARE Officer for nine years, working as a Tactical Officer for three years along the way. During his tenure as DARE officer, Milojevich began the practice of taking the kids on field trips and doing community service projects, such as raking leaves for the elderly and fundraising for flood victims and a children's home for the abused.

As an outgrowth of his Tac experience, he has led training activities for other officers in rapid



LIEUTENANT  
CHRIS MILOJEVICH

deployment simulations and scenarios, even leading a training for school staff.



Additionally, he has worked as a coordinator with Elaine Thompson on the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon for over twenty years, and has been the head ranking Juvenile Officer on the department for a number of years.

"I'm most proud of the work I've been able to be a part of for St. Jude's," he

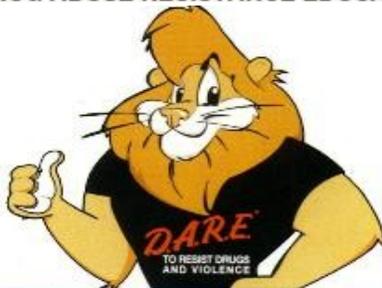
said. "After being handed the reins from (then) Sgt. Kringle, Elaine and I have worked hand in hand to try to make the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon into a successful fundraising activity that brings the community together, and that all our kids and residents can be proud of."

Lt. Milojevich believes, perhaps more than any other, in the importance of pro-activity when it comes to community policing. "I think that dealing with youth in society is so important, because they are the future of society. The reason we do the Friday Night Sports League and DARE and so many other youth-oriented activities is



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**DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION**



because young people's first contact with police should be positive. They should see the police as role models and trusted confidants who believe in their potential. I think I would be remiss if I didn't thank the Hodgkins Park District and the Hodgkins School, and how important they have been as partners in this effort."

Be sure to congratulate Lieutenant Milojevich when you see him around Hodgkins!

# SEVERE WEATHER SEASON IS HERE

## HODGKINS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



**ALLAN W. MILLS**  
COORDINATOR HODGKINS  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

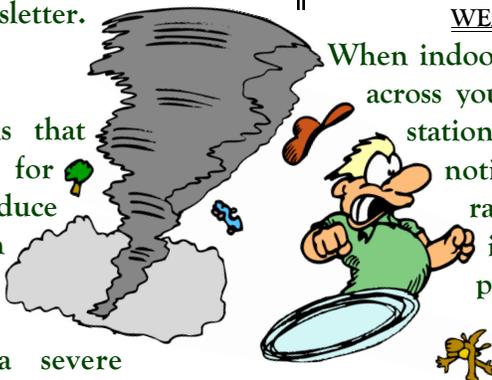
Our severe weather season has already started; we've had numerous winter events since the beginning of the year and now with spring come the winds and the rain. As the Village prepares for the stormy season we want you to do the same. Below you will find information on the difference between a tornado watch and tornado warning and how to respond to such information. Many residents have asked how they will receive storm warning information so we've included some information in this newsletter.

### TORNADO WATCH

• A tornado watch means that conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms to produce tornadoes in an area. A watch will last from four to eight hours. A tornado watch is always accompanied by a severe thunderstorm watch. Although a tornado watch is less serious than a tornado warning, you should remain vigilant in case conditions worsen. Tune in to local TV news and radio stations to find the latest weather updates.

### RESPONSE TO A TORNADO WATCH

• A tornado watch does not mean that a tornado will form; only that conditions are favorable for the formation of a tornado. You should continue with your normal activities. However, when a tornado watch is issued, be alert and prepared to seek shelter in the event of serious weather conditions.



### TORNADO WARNING

• A tornado warning is issued when the threat of a tornado is imminent. The tornado has either been spotted in the area or indicated on Doppler radar. Tornado warnings can be issued without a tornado watch being in effect and last for around 30 minutes. When a tornado warning is issued, the location of the tornado and its path will be indicated.

### RESPONSE TO A TORNADO WARNING

• Seek shelter immediately when a tornado warning is issued. The warning may be accompanied by sirens to alert you that a tornado has been spotted.

### HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF IMPENDING SEVERE WEATHER WHEN I'M INDOORS?

When indoors severe weather alerts are streamed across your television or on your local radio station. Another method of weather notification is a NOAA weather alert radio. Weather Alert radios are the ideal notification because they can be programmed to notify you of impending weather in our area. These radios are available at your local retail stores. If you buy a weather alert radio, we strongly recommend you purchase one that is programmable with our local county code.

### HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED OF IMPENDING SEVERE WEATHER WHEN I'M OUTSIDE OF MY HOME?

When outdoors, listen for the outdoor warning sirens which are located;

- On the UPS property on 75<sup>th</sup> street near the employee parking lot
- On the parkway in front of the old Wonder Bread facility on Santa Fe Drive.

- On the parkway in front of the Chevrolet Truck Center (former Pleasantview Fire Station) located on Santa Fe Drive.
- On the Ideal School property behind the building near the ball fields on 58<sup>th</sup> street in Countryside.



These sirens are remotely activated from the Pleasantview Fire Protection District Dispatch Center, which is located in the basement of the Pleasantview Fire Station on Plainfield Road in the LaGrange Highlands. The sirens, when activated, form an overlapping pattern to effectively alert the outside public of approaching severe weather emergencies such as tornados.

FOR MORE WEATHER INFORMATION:  
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION (NOAA)  
[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)

## WHERE SHOULD I GO IN CASE OF A TORNADO

If a tornado has been sighted or you hear the outdoor warning sirens take cover in the safest place possible. A basement should always be your first choice. Do not call 9-1-1 for information. Only call 9-1-1 if you have a life-threatening emergency.

- Homes or Buildings with basements - Go to the basement and stay away from windows and chimneys. Hide under the staircase or heavy furniture and use your hands to cover your head.
- Homes or Buildings without basements - Go to the center of the lowest level of the building. The first choices should be an interior closet, bathroom or hallway, away from windows and use your hands to cover your head.
- Shopping Centers or Large Buildings - Look for designated shelter signs. If you don't see one, go to the middle hallway or room on the lowest level and use your hands to cover your head.
- Mobile Homes or Automobiles - Leave these at once and find shelter in a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter. If no suitable structure is nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

## 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.

# 2015 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

This years Annual Memorial Day Service will take place at the Hodgkins Veterans Memorial at about 10:45 a.m. on Monday Morning May 25th, 2015. Come out to honor and remember our fallen military veterans. The American Legion Coulter Post #1941 will be providing our service and will have the Honor Guard on scene for the ceremony.

## 2014 VILLAGE OF HODGKINS MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE FIELD OF HONOR CROSSES VOLUNTEERS



The Field of Honor Memorial Cross volunteers will meet at the Village Hall at 6:00 a.m. to lay out the Memorial Day displays. If you would like to participate, all you need to do is show. We have over 120 crosses to place and some additional patriotic flags and decorations. Volunteers also take down everything at the end of the day, 6:00 p.m.



# 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. 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.



**TIM CALLAHAN**  
VILLAGE ATTORNEY



# **" 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

**PFC Gammons, Chad**  
2/43rd 11ADA Box 503  
APO AE 09898

Husband of Brianna (Rice) Gammons  
US Army stationed in Qatar

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

Son of Resident Denise Merrill  
US Marine Corps

**Alex Borrego**  
2nd BN Echo Co. Plt2105  
38001 Midway Ave.  
San Diego, CA. 92140

Son of Alex & Rosa Borrego  
USMC Boot Camp

**AIC Cottrell, Cameron**  
102 W. Cochran Ave. Unit 19  
Clovis, NM 88101

Son of Denise Cottrell  
US Air Force

**Airmen Merrill, Katie L.**  
53396 Lawrence Ct.  
Box C337  
McConnell AFB, KS 67221

Daughter of Denise Merrill  
US Air Force Stationed in Kansas

**Airmen Zachary Frana**  
8763 Falcon  
Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

Son of Michelle Frana-Karp  
US Air Force Currently in Tec School  
Use Home Address Until assigned to  
Permanent Duty Station



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### UPCOMING EVENT

**Shredding Event—Residents only**  
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**Village Hall Parking Lot**

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PHIL KRINGLIE  
TRUSTEE

# Fly Your American Flag With Pride



### AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY

We have a large number of residents who fly the American Flag by their residences. Some small and some large flags. This is a beautiful sight to see when driving down a residential street. But what do you do with the flag once it becomes worn and needs to be replaced?

The Village will accept any old flags and will dispose of them properly. We will collect these flags at the Village Hall and turn them over to the Coulter American Legion Post #1941 in LaGrange. Once a year, they conduct a flag service and ceremony. If you would like to dispose of an old Flag, either drop it off at the Village Hall or call us and we will have it picked up.