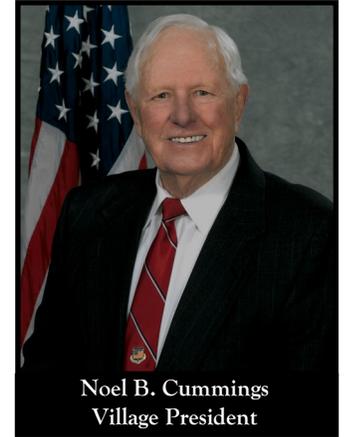




Village of Hodgkins Communicator

A Message from Mayor Noel B. Cummings . . .

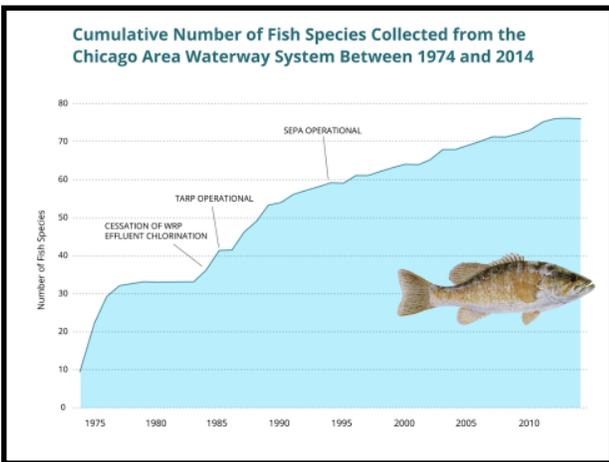
MWRD has taken years of investment and innovation to improve the quality of the water to the level it is today. The improvement in the water quality is evident in human activity and aquatic life. Both are benefiting from a healthier environment. In the 1970s the MWRD first began monitoring the fish population, which has drastically increased. In 1974 there was 10 known species, by 2019 that number has increased to 77.



Noel B. Cummings
Village President



Bluegills now more abundant in our river.



Over the decades the abundance and diversity of fish species has also increased. We have seen an increased number of game fish species like the largemouth and smallmouth bass, sunfish, bluegills, black crappie, rock bass as well as channel catfish. In the 1970's the fish population was scarce and absent in some locations but have become more abundant as the water quality improved.

Much of that TARP activity, which is the reason for water quality improvements, is located in Hodgkins' back yard. The Mainstream Pumping Station, on River Road in Hodgkins, is responsible for pumping the tunnels and reservoirs to the water reclamation plants for treatment. It is considered one of the world's largest pumping stations and has the capacity to pump more than 1 billion gallons of sewage per day from a depth of over 350 feet. The pump room at the bottom of the station is the lowest structure in Cook County. We would like to thank the MWRD for a clean and safe place to fish.



Mayor Cummings Annual Fishing Tournament



Kayakers enjoying the clean water.

Mainstream Pumping Station

Information provided by MWRD.

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**

TRUSTEES

Paul Struve

Larry Rice

Vicky Moxley

Dominic Misasi

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Village Comptroller

Melody Salerno

Deputy Clerk

Sharon Wells

Village Attorneys

John T. O'Connell

Tim Callahan

Chief of Police

Ernest Millsap

2019 Mayors Fishing Tournament



Group Participants— (not in order):

Cammie, Lexi, Ron Stacy, Ito, Ito Jr., David, Joe, Ian, Zach, Jack, Jackie, Emma, Miliano, Julian, Tyler, Lorenzo



Santa Fe Prairie Caboose Volunteers
Don – Mayor Cummings – Doug



Zach
3.5 lb. Bluegill



Cammie
3.2 lb. Bluegill



Miliano
2.5 lb. Bluegill



Tyler
2.2 lb. Bluegill



Not Pictured



Lexi
Most Fish

Ian



Hodgkins Village Library invites you to



Día de los

Day of the Dead

Saturday, November 2nd



11:00 AM - All ages



Come and celebrate Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) with us!
Learn how people celebrate this day in México. Come and see our altar
and stay to do other fun activities.

We will be showing a movie and having light refreshments.

Do you recycle? If not, why not? By Denise Struve

Some reasons people give for why they don't recycle are that it's inconvenient, or they don't have enough space in their home to recycle. While some states (Michigan, for example) charge a deposit on glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans, Illinois does not, so there's no financial penalty for people if they don't recycle. Some people don't believe that recycling really makes a difference. But there's something I ask you to consider:

Do you have any idea how plastics are polluting our oceans, rivers and Great Lakes? The pictures below show plastics washed up on the shores of the ocean (first picture) and one of the Great Lakes (second picture).

Some of the plastics become broken down over time, into small particles called "microplastics." Plastic pollution travels differently in the Great Lakes compared to the oceans. In the world's oceans, trash and debris can wash up from really far-away places due to global ocean currents. In the Great Lakes, plastic pollution doesn't come from an anonymous source far away; it flows out from our shorelines because we leave it there. Across the Great Lakes region, plastic travels through local watersheds and from beaches into the lakes before flowing with currents downstream. Eventually, tiny pieces of that litter flow out to the ocean, and our Great Lakes plastic pollution adds to the global ocean plastic problem.

The bottom line is that we have a responsibility to be accountable for the ways in which our habits affect our environment.

5 Reasons Why People Should Recycle

1. Recycling saves energy.

...because the manufacturer doesn't have to produce something new from raw natural resources. Using recycled materials saves on energy consumption, which keeps production costs down.

2. Recycling reduces landfills.

Recycling reduces the need to use more land for landfills. No one wants to live next to a landfill!

3. Recycling preserves our resources and protects wildlife.

By recycling, we reduce the destruction of habitats for animals. Paper recycling alone saves millions of trees.

4. Recycling is good for the economy.

Recycling and purchasing recycled products creates a greater demand for more recycled goods. Goods made from recycled materials use less water, create less pollution and use less energy.

5. Recycling helps our climate problems.

Recycling produces considerably less carbon, which reduces the amount of unhealthy greenhouse gas emissions.



If you still feel recycling isn't possible for you, there are some other things you can do:

Consider reducing your single-use plastic consumption. Carry a glass or metal drinking bottle (or even a clean jar) for drinks. If you get coffee from a coffee shop, invest in a re-usable mug that you bring with you (many coffee shops have these available for purchase). Make sure to bring reusable bags to the grocery store. Save your glass jars and use them to store leftovers. Skip the straw. You just have to commit and develop a routine to break bad habits of convenience.

Be a proactive consumer. Look at the packaging of the products you use, and try to buy products that are packaged in reusable or recyclable containers. If you eat out frequently, consider bringing your own container for leftovers. There is a growing desire among some consumers to be more sustainable and reduce their environmental impact. Some of these preferences have led to a 400% increase in farmers' markets in the U.S. since 1994, helping to connect consumers more closely with the source of the products.

While Reduce, Reuse, Recycle are habits we should all take more seriously, I hope you will consider making them a personal priority.

Websites to visit/support: www.theoceancleanup.com www.greatlakes.org



Melody Salerno
Village Comptroller

Village Tax Rebates

The Residential Tax Rebates are paid to those residents who received property tax bills from Cook County. Proof of payment is required. This is obtained by a receipt from your bank or lender. The Village will reimburse you the Village of Hodgkins portion listed on your tax bill. If you have not filed for your Property Tax Rebate yet, please contact the Village hall for information.

Mobile Home residents and those residents that rent or lease an apartment are eligible for a garbage rebate as long as you have resided in Hodgkins as of January 1st, 2019 and still reside here. These rebates will be available starting November 13, 2019–December 13, 2019.

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

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.



GREATER
CHICAGO
FOOD
DEPOSITORY

Mobile Pantry Free Fresh Fruit, Vegetables & 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.

October 15, 2019 Hodgkins Village, 9096 Joliet Road, (Fire Department), Hodgkins, IL 60525

November 19, 2019 St. Blasé, 7438 W 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501

December 17, 2019 Hodgkins Village, 9096 Joliet Road, (Fire Department), Hodgkins, IL 60525

January 21, 2020 Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458

February 18, 2020 St. Blasé, 7438 W 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501

March 17, 2020 Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458

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

Secretary of State Mobile Services

Mobile Unit will be available from
10:00 am—2:00 pm on October 24, 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	

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 708-579-6700.



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:



Hodgkins Public Library invites you to

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 19
2:00-4:00 p.m.



Come dressed in your costume and go from trunk to trunk getting candy & treats. Adults may participate by decorating their cars and passing out treats. A registration form is available at the front desk. Any questions, contact Carrie Cameron by email carrie@hodgkinslibrary.org or call the Hodgkins Public Library 708-579-1844.

Claude Sexton: A Hodgkins Resident You Should Know By Rodney Cummings



In any inventory of essential community personalities, of people you absolutely must know, there's one man who certainly cannot be omitted. A well-known face at any Hodgkins event, Claude Sexton is perhaps best remembered as the long-time Village Clerk, although before that he served both as a Trustee and on the Planning Commission. He recently retired from public service (in 2015) after having served a combined total of twenty-eight years on the village board.



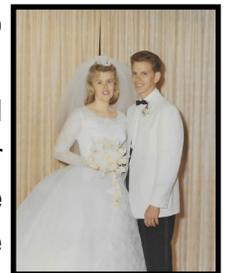
Claude with family about 17

Claude was born in 1945, at home, on Bennett's Ridge in Edmonton, Kentucky, to Dewey and Jeanette (née Harper), the oldest of four children. Claude and his mother were brought by a family friend to northeast Illinois, to join his father who'd returned immediately for work, two weeks after his birth. They lived initially in the Clearing neighborhood of Chicago, until he was five years old, when his family moved to Summit, where they lived at three different houses on the same street through the years. Claude's siblings were born during those early years in Illinois: Donna, Brenda, and Ricky. During this time, his father worked as a certified welder and pipe fitter. A little later, in 1959, they moved to Justice. Claude attended Argo High School, where he graduated in 1963.

Claude says his first "real" job was at Corn Products in Argo. He worked in the analytical laboratory, starting in 1964, for about a year and a half. From there, he went to work at Alberto Culver (VO5), working in their research laboratory on shampoos and hair dyes for about two years. He was then encouraged to put in an application with Universal Oil Products (UOP, later purchased by Honeywell) in McCook. He was hired, and worked there for thirty-three years in the analytical labs on quality control and method development, retiring in November 2000.

"People will tell you that the laziest people will find the easiest way to get things done. That was me," Claude added, laughing. "I was able to literally cut the analytical time to less than half. That doesn't mean anything if it only takes you a minute, and you cut it to thirty seconds. But it means a lot when it takes you eight hours and you cut it to four."

Claude met his future wife, Betty Evans, at church (Welcome Hill Baptist Church, which initially had meetings in a large former chicken house). They married in 1965, when he was twenty. Betty and her family had moved into Hodgkins from Cleveland, Tennessee in 1949. Claude and Betty had three children, spread in birth from the late 1960s to the early 1980s: Eileen (Tucker), Jeffrey, and Stephanie (da Silva). All of their children grew up in Hodgkins.



Wedding Day 1965

Claude made his first (unsuccessful) run for Village of Hodgkins Trustee in 1983. He ran again in 1987, and won. After serving for three of the four years of that term, Claude was invited to fill the vacancy in the Village Clerk position when Dolores Hardesty retired in 1990, and he accepted the appointment. He continued running for and serving in that position for the remainder of his years on the village board.

Claude said an important event happened after he first lost election to the position of Trustee in 1983, when Mayor Cummings invited him to lunch the next day. At lunch, they discussed the mayor's plan to try to get a shopping center in Hodgkins, where the Quarry Shopping Center is now located, and he asked Claude to serve on the Planning Commission, and Claude accepted. He found his role in helping to bring that project into fruition very gratifying. But he also made it clear that his work serving on the board was not always as easy as it appeared.

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“We were unified as a board. We weren’t one-upping each other. It looked fairly pallid at the board meetings, that it was just a rubber-stamping, but it wasn’t. We had our finger pointing and fist pounding done in committee. What the people saw at the board meeting was the result of the committee meetings. That had already taken place. Of course the voting public had every opportunity to see that side of it, too, but not a lot of people would come to committee meetings.”

In 2006, Claude began having skin issues on his nose that turned out to be malignant. He went to see Dr. Sami Bittar in LaGrange, and it was soon determined he would have to have the lower portion of his nose removed. When it came time to have the reconstructive surgery, he got an important referral from his doctor.

“When I went in to see Dr. Bittar, he said, and this is no joke, ‘I am good. I am very, very good. But you need to see Dr. Burget.’ And I said, ‘What’s a Dr. Burget?’ He said, ‘Dr. Burget is the best plastic surgeon in the country, maybe even the world. He’s right here in Chicago; you don’t have to go to San Francisco or New York. He’s right here, on Lake Shore Drive.’ So I did.” Claude went on to have the surgery, and it was an overwhelming success.

Claude currently serves on the Pleasantview Fire Protection District’s Board of Fire Commissioners (thirty years next October). “That just kind of keeps my finger in the realm of activity,” he said. “I can’t slow down, because I don’t want to turn to jelly. And if you do, you will.” So now Claude has no immediate plans of retiring completely from public service.

Be sure to say hello to this remarkable Hodgkins resident when you see him around town!

Hodgkins Through The Years





Jhania Wickert &
Analia Medina



Record-A-Hit Entertainment artist



5K: Left to Right: Nathan Young, Jeff Smith, Ryan Young, Joe Young, Landon Smith, Elias Lopez, Colin Young, Robert Millsap

We had a great event this year! The Park District would like to thank everyone that attended and volunteered. We couldn't put on an event like this without the help and support of our community!



Mrs. Prochot
Wreath Winner



Nathan Young



Colin Young



David & Margarito Medina

Hodgkins is a great place to do business. With an easy access to both I-55 and I-294 as well as BNSF rail yard.

Our Village is only 17.9 miles from Chicago.

We are less than 20 miles to O'hare International.

Our Village has 1848 residents, (2016), but we have millions within a 10 mile range.

We have many existing buildings and warehouses for lease. We also have commercial land available for development.

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Aging Well

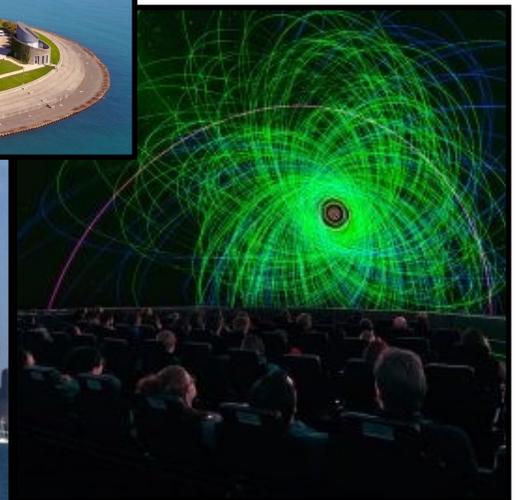
Consider joining our Aging Well team. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Larry Rice Community Room at lower level of The Village Hall. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month we have Coffee, Cards and Chatter with games available from 10 a.m. till noon in the Larry Rice Community Room.



Trustee
Lida Mills

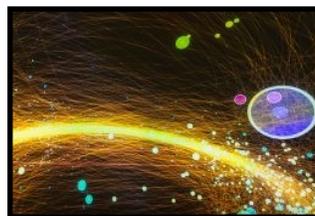


Trustee
Dominic Misasi



We recently went to the Adler Planetarium and saw two excellent shows Planet Nine and Skywatch Live. For anyone who hasn't visited, it is certainly worth the trip. Not only was it very educational, the light show was breathtaking. The views of Lake Michigan are stunning!

The Adler Planetarium is a public museum dedicated to the study of astronomy and astrophysics. It was founded in 1930. It is located on the northeast tip of Northerly Island at the shore of Lake Michigan in Chicago, Illinois.





HODGKINS SCHOOL



SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS!

If your package has a traditional Box Tops clips, cut it off and send it to school, making sure it has a valid expiration date. If your package has a new Scan Label, there's no need to clip; just use the New Box Tops app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase. The app will find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your schools earnings online.

SAVE THOSE COCA-COLA CODES

Hodgkins School has started the Coca-Cola Rewards program. Before you throw away those Coca-Cola Boxes, clip the code off the inside of the box! Send it to Hodgkins School or log on to www.coca-cola.com/give and enter the code yourself. Be sure to choose Hodgkins School in Hodgkins, Illinois, NOT Hodgkins School in Colorado!



UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS:



TAFFY APPLE SALE

Now—Oct. 18th

Orders can be made at School, Village Hall, Hodgkins Park District or Hodgkins Library

MCDONALDS NIGHT

Tuesday, Oct. 22

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

at Countryside McDonalds



TURKEY RAFFLE

Nov. 1st—Nov. 21st

Tickets can be bought at school, Village Hall, Hodgkins Park District or Hodgkins Library. The cost is \$1 each.



Before

Beautification Project



After

Hodgkins School PTO started a Beautification Committee this year. Volunteers are always welcomed to join us. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 15th @ 6:00 pm at Hodgkins School. We will be discussing the next stage of our Beautification and setting up a work schedule. One day will be in the evening and then a Saturday morning. Catch us on Social Media for more updates.

TWITTER: @HODGKINSSCHOOL
INSTAGRAM: HODGKINSBULLDOGS
FACEBOOK: HODGKINS SCHOOL
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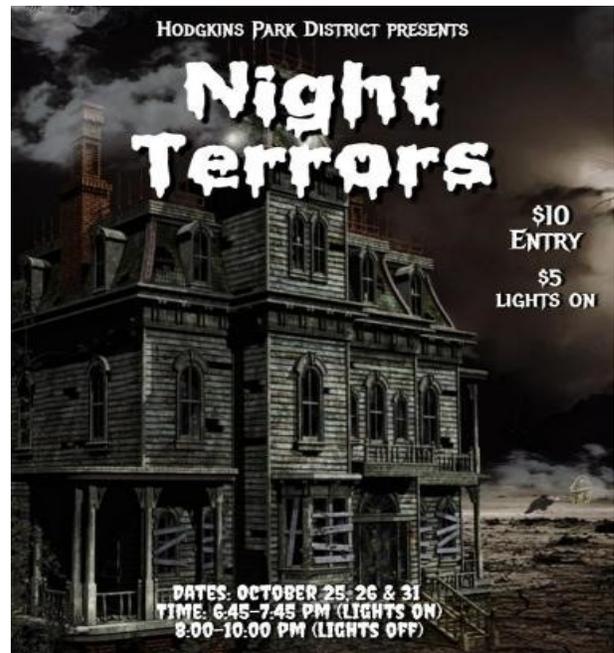


Here are the addresses of some of our active duty military.

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



Udziela, Bradley CMR 411 Box 4161 APO, AE 09112-0042 Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack	Major Cummings, Brandon 412 Blackberry Drive Elgin, OK 73538 Grandson of Mayor Cummings	CPT Sneed, Cody PSC 1300 Box 282 APO, AA 34042 Grandson of Ruth Sneed	E-5P02 Giancarlos Arenas Wanker Way Apt. C Bremerton, WA 98312 Son of Carlos Arenas	1LT Desmond Handson Taskforce Southeast AP Lighting APO, AE 09354 Officer Hodgkins P.D.
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DECEMBER
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TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

7:30 P.M.

Please join us for hot chocolate and refreshments as we kick off the holiday season in Hodgkins. We are now accepting nominations for an individual (or family) to have the honor of lighting the tree. If you would like to submit a nomination, please fill out the form and return it to the Hodgkins Park District by Wednesday, November 2, 2019.





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8990 Lyons Street
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Designed & Edited By: Trustee Dominic Misasi, Rodney Cummings & Jodi Ellsworth

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| October 15 | Village of Hodgkins Food Pantry |
| October 19 | Truck or Treat—Library |
| October 22 | McDonalds Night—PTO |
| October 24 | Secretary of State Mobile Unit |
| October 24 | Rules of the Road Class |
| October 25, 26, & 31 | Haunted House - Park District |
| October 31 | Halloween Carnival - Park District |
| October 31 | Hodgkins Trick or Treat Hours 3-6 p.m. |
| November 2 | Día de los (Day of the Dead)—Library |
| November 29 & 30 | Village Hall Closed for Thanksgiving |
| December 2 | Tree Lighting |
| December 7 | Santa’s Holiday Bash |
| December 17 | Village of Hodgkins Food Pantry |

Contact us

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708-579-6700

Fax: 708-579-6707

www.villageofhodgkins.org

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

Board Meetings:
2nd Monday of the month