

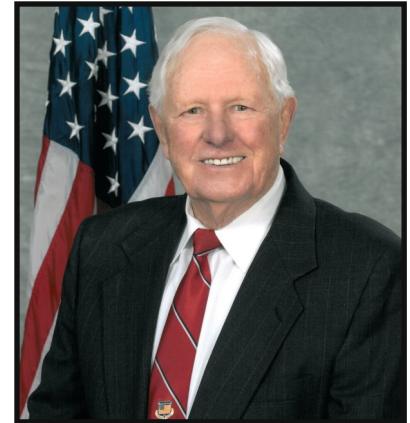


VILLAGE OF HODGKINS COMMUNICATOR

Fall 2018

A message from the Mayor . . .

*Our small Village of Hodgkins is home to
two of the world's largest facilities. . . .*



Worlds Largest UPS Sorting Facility



“A happy Mayor Cummings overlooks the worlds largest sorting facility. UPS began its Hodgkins operation in 1994. Today it employs 5000 people and generates more revenue for our community than any facility in history.”

“Some people have called the Deep Tunnel the “9th wonder of the world. Hodgkins can call it as part of our community. Hodgkins officials pose for a picture 300 feet

Worlds Largest Deep Tunnel



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



TIM CALLAHAN

Free Legal Services for Hodgkins Residents

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. Attorney Tim Callahan will be providing these services at the Village Hall.



Hodgkin's Grade School PTO

Needs Your Support!

McDonald's Teacher Night—October 16th from 5-7pm

Taffy Apple Sales goes through October 19th

Turkey Raffle - November 1-15th

Drawing on November 15 for pick up on the 16th.

Pizza Battle in December Date TBA

Winter Concert and Bake Sale - December 3rd

*"Respect is a learned behavior just like any other,
and children learn it best by imitation just like they do with
other behaviors. Teach them respect by showing them respect
and by respecting others in front of them."*

- K.R. Knost



Because Aging Well Matters

Congregate Meals Program



Adults age 60+ are invited to enjoy a freshly prepared, nutritious lunch and entertaining activities. To view the menu, please visit Village of Hodgkins website or www.agingcareconnection.org or stop by the Village Hall for a printed monthly menu and a list of daily activities.

Join us for Lunch & Activities

Salerno's Pizzeria & Sports Bar

Monday—Friday

Lunch begins at 11:30 am

Reservations are required by NOON the day prior to attendance.

Suggested Donation \$2.50



Tis the Season For Giving

Donate a new unwrapped toy to the Hodgkins Police Station or Pleasantview Fire Department.

Your donations stay local.

A new toy will brighten a child's Christmas!

What's Happening at Hodgkins Public Library



Adult Chair Yoga - Thursdays 11am—12:15 pm

October 18—November 15

Please call to register—708-579-1844



The Hodgkins Public Library is offering book delivery services to homebound patrons in cooperation with Interfaith Community Partners. If you are unable to leave your home and are interested in having your books delivered, please contact the library for information



Dia de los Muertos

(Day of the Dead)

Friday November 2 5:00 pm

Come and celebrate Dia de los Muertos with us!

Learn how people celebrate this holiday in Mexico.

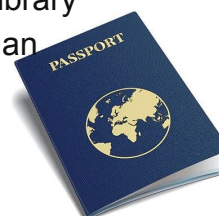
We will be making an altar and sugar skulls.

After the activity we will watch Coco and have churros and hot chocolate.

All Ages Welcome.



Passport application
available at the library
Call to schedule an
appointment





Up Coming Events:

EARLY VOTING

Monday thru Saturday

October 22 - October 27

9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 28

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

October 29—November 2

9 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 4

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Monday, November 5

9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

For more information go to:
www.cookcountyclerk.com

**Voting held in Lower Level
in the Village Hall**

TAX REBATE & GARBAGE REBATE

It's not too late for the Residential Tax Rebates. The Rebates are paid to those residents who receive property tax bills from Cook County. The Tax bill must have homeowners exemption. 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 plus 10%. 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 rebate as long as you have resided in Hodgkins as of January 1st, 2018 and still reside here. These rebates will be available starting November 14th, 2018

Mandatory Home Inspections Prior To Resale

FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND MOBILE HOME STRUCTURES

Inspections prior to resale shall only be required when selling a residential building or a mobile home with a structure 15 years or older at the time of sale.

This is a MANDATORY INSPECTION for all residential buildings or mobile home structures. It is the responsibility of the owner, (Seller) of the property to notify the Village of the impending sale. In the case of a mobile home the seller is required by our ordinance to make their park manager aware of the sale. The mobile home park manager is required to make the Village aware of the sale.

ORDINANCE 18-11

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Ordinance 18-11, please contact the Village Hall.

About Our Food Pantry

The Village of Hodgkins has a food pantry open to the public. Located at the Village Hall. Once a month our residents may receive a box of food. You will need to provide a state I.D. or drivers license. Please call ahead so we can have a box ready for you 708-579-6700.

If you are unable to get out we will bring a box to you.

We don't want anyone to go without food!

Four times a year we host the Mobile Food Pantry. This includes fresh fruits, and vegetables as well as non-perishable groceries.

Besides Hodgkins hosting this event, every third Tuesday of the month area communities also host. The dates and address are listed below. Please feel free to contact the Village of Hodgkins, and we will be

Other Local Food Pantries

Second Bap. Church of LaGrange

26 Washington Ave. (Back Entrance)

708-354-5907

Monday 10am-12pm

Boundaries: Maywood, Agro, Lyons, & Western Springs

St. Cletus Food Pantry

600 W 55th St., Lagrange

708-215-5418

2nd Thursday 6:30pm-8pm

Boundaries: Lyons Township

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry

124 N Spring Ave., Lagrange



**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.

Date	Place	Address
October 16	Village of Hodgkins	9096 Joliet Road Hodgkins, IL
November 20	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st Place Summit, IL
December 18	Village of Hodgkins	9096 Joliet Road Hodgkins, IL
January 15, 2019	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL
February 19, 2019	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st Place Summit, IL



*If you would like to donate to our food pantry please bring any non perishable, non-expired food to the Village Hall.
We are always in need especially over the holidays.*

Illinois Secretary of State Will be at The Village Hall

The Mobile Unit will be available from 10 am—2 pm on Friday October 19, 2018

<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	

Super Seniors

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.

Forms of Payment: Cash, Check, Credit Cards—American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa and debit cards.

US Department of Veterans Affairs



Will be at the Village Hall Friday, October 19, 2018

The State of Illinois is committed to making sure that their military heroes and families received the benefits they rightfully deserve when they return home. In addition to Federal benefits Illinois has a number of their own benefits. Stop by the Village Hall and visit with a representative for further information.

Learn more about:

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| tBenefits Assistance | tCompensation |
| tEntrepreneurship | tHousing |
| tSurvivor & Burial | tEmployment |
| tReal Estate | tPermits |



BEDS Plus provides free, safe, overnight shelter for the homeless **October 1— May 15** through churches in southwest suburban Cook County.

For a list of shelters please contact the Village of Hodgkins or call 708-354-0858.

Homeless Prevention Hotline: 877-426-6515

Day-Time Support Center

9601 Ogden Ave., LaGrange, IL 60525
Open Monday—Friday 10am—2pm

Services Offered:

- v Basic Needs
- v Bagged lunch served daily 12-1pm
- v Links to health, behavioral health, veterans and family services
- v Employment and housing assistance

www.beds-plus.org



NIGHT TERRORS

Haunted House at The Hodgkins Park District

This October be prepared . . . The Hodgkins Park District has been taken over by monsters, ghouls and creatures of the night. Do you think you have what it takes to make it out safely? If so, then come and check us out on Friday, October 26, Saturday, October 27 and Wednesday, October 31 for



Trick or Treat

*The Village of Hodgkins
Tick or Treat will be:*

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 31
3-7 PM**



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

Wednesday, October 31 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Pre-School to 6th Grade

*Come for an hour of carnival games! Try some new
games and some of your old favorites!*

There are prizes and fun for everyone!

Free to Residents
\$6 Non-Residents

THE VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



The annual Village Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Monday, November 26th at 6:30 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 contact the Hodgkins Park District or visit the website. www.hodgkinspark.com



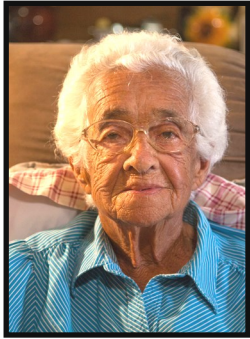
SANTA'S HOLIDAY BASH

Saturday, December 1st.

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

*Join Santa for a pancake breakfast with
sausage, tamales and sweetbread. All
children pre-school to 6th grade receive
a present from Santa!*

Get your wristband at the Hodgkins Park District.
Wristbands are Free to Residents of Hodgkins



Alida Millsap: A Hodgkins Resident You Should Know

A community's cultural wealth can often be measured by its memories, and one of the greatest reservoirs of living Hodgkins memory can be found in Mrs. Alida (Latham) Millsap. The mother of four generations of Hodgkins residents, she is one of the oldest long time residents of the village of Hodgkins.

Alida is the fourth child, out of eight, of Victor and Ruth Latham, who moved to Chicago from Wisconsin in 1929. Her father worked in Chicago at Natural Cylinder Gas, which later moved operations to Hodgkins, in December 1934. After the company moved, they lived initially in the unincorporated South LaGrange (now Countryside), where Alida was born in 1935, and moved into Hodgkins in June 1936. Her father later became a Hodgkins Trustee, in 1939, and her mother served as Treasurer from 1964-1969. Alida's earliest memories are in Hodgkins.

She grew up in a close family in a tight-knit community during the Great Depression and, later, during World War II. In Hodgkins, she says, "if you needed help, all you had to do was yell 'help!' out the door and someone would come running to help you. You knew everybody, so you knew you could trust them." She remembers having the same doctor, Dr. Ingals, as Dee Dee Buralli (Kovel), Norma Stefanini, and Eunice Dolgner. She attended Hodgkins School, which only had two rooms at the time, with only about forty kids, total. There were, at most, twenty students to a classroom. Some of her fond memories are of the "Firemans' Dance," which was a benefit dance held each October at the Fire Hall on Kane Avenue, Christmas parties at school, and a Christmas play performed at the church. At that play, every child would be given a gift bag.



"For a lot of us, that was just about what we got for Christmas, until things started getting a little better during and right after the war," she relates.

Alida's family was the third family in town to get a television, a 10-inch General Electric model. It only carried four channels. Children often played at the playground behind the school, or played baseball in the streets. "Boys would go down to the river, too, but we girls didn't. Our parents would warn us about the hobos, how the hobos would get us, so we didn't go. I never crossed the tracks," she added. She fondly recalls the Easter Egg Hunts, and the Trick or Treat nights when the boys would knock over the alley-side outdoor toilets at houses that wouldn't give them treats.

There were only three streets in town in those days, she says, and those were Kimball, Kane, and Conrad, with Cobb connecting only to Conrad until 1949, the year she began driving. There was no police department, only a police magistrate.

"People rarely called for police, since the majority of residents were related anyway, so most people just settled their own differences. And there were no secrets in Hodgkins; everyone knew everybody else's business," she added, laughing. "If you made a phone call, you had to be careful what you said, since it was an eight-party line."

"In those days, welfare was called 'relief,' and people who had to go on relief were so embarrassed, that they got off as fast as they could. Relatives helped them through it. They never really got money, but food, and clothes from a secondhand store."

In 1949, she, Dee Dee Buralli, Shirley Bluder, Fred Klotz, and Donnie Budzik were the last class to graduate

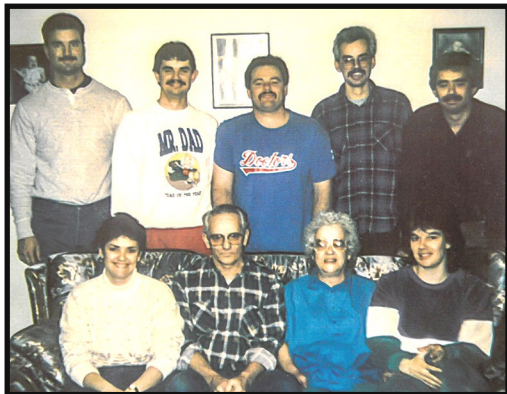
eighth grade from Hodgkins School when it still only had two rooms, as that was the year they added two more rooms to the school. In 1953, the 7th and 8th grades were moved to Ideal School, which was located where ODM is currently situated. Students mostly walked there. She remembers that in those days the "top of the hill" had Croatian Catholic residents, whereas the "bottom of the hill" had the German Lutheran residents, and they didn't as a rule mix socially.

After the war, Reynold's, Electromotive, Fisher Body, and other factories came to the area, and there was plenty of work for everyone, so much so that many people came up from the South to work near Hodgkins. Alida quit school at age seventeen and went to work at Electromotive. At that time, a good conduct record at school was all that was needed to get a good job. She worked there from June 1952 until May 1953.

It was during this time that she met her soon-to-be husband, Vernon Millsap. He was up from Cleveland, Tennessee, working for Reynold's. She met him while sitting on a large rock on Kane Avenue, on a Monday, his day off work, in late June of 1952. By the following April, in 1953, they were married. They married in Chatsworth, Georgia, because of age restrictions in other places they tried.



"I was eighteen, and he was nineteen. In Illinois, he needed to be twenty-one, and I only had to be eighteen. In Cleveland, Tennessee, I had to be twenty-one, and he only needed to be eighteen, so it was exactly reversed! So we went to Chatsworth, Georgia, since there you only had to be twelve to get legally married!" she laughed.



After the wedding, they returned to Hodgkins and lived in a number of locations in town before settling at the location of her current home on Chester, where they moved in 1958. Their children started arriving in 1953, starting with Vernon, then Larry, David, Lida, Marge, RV, and Ernest. "If you asked me what happened here in Hodgkins between 1953 and 1962, I couldn't tell you," she said. "I had seven babies."

She and Vernon made many trips back down south to see his family, but this was difficult with so many children, traveling in a station wagon with no air conditioner. In later years, once the kids started driving, Alida opted to sit out many of these journeys. Vern later talked her into getting a second house in southern Illinois, where he enjoyed getting away for hunting and other outdoor activities. But Hodgkins had become his true home, and he was always glad to get back to it. He served from 1975-1977, and again from 1981-1985, as a Hodgkins Trustee.

Vernon passed away in March 2017, after sixty-four years of marriage to Alida. He had been preceded in death by their son, Larry, and by their daughter-in-law, Lisa. Today, Alida has six living children, sixteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Her great-grandson, Landon Smith, is the fourth generation in her family to attend Hodgkins School. Alida also takes pride in her family's civic heritage. Her father, Victor Latham, her husband, Vernon Millsap, her son, Ernest Millsap, and now her daughter, Lida Mills, have all served as Trustees for the Village of Hodgkins. In addition, her brother-in-law, Lee Gallman, served as Hodgkins' first police chief, until 1959. Mrs. Millsap considers Hodgkins her only home in the world. When discussing this community, she said poignantly, "I wouldn't live any other place."

Be sure to say hello to Mrs. Alida Millsap when you see her around town!

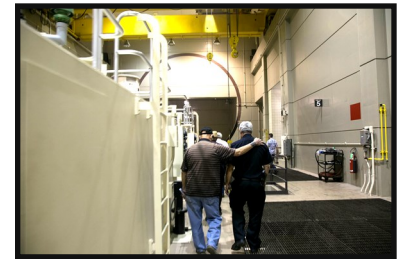
Story by Rodney Cummings

Mayor Cummings Visits “TARP” Tunnel and Reservoir Plan



Many residents of Hodgkins may not be aware of the “Deep Tunnel” system, a network of deep, large-diameter tunnels and reservoirs designed to regulate sanitation and prevent flooding throughout the greater Chicago area, run by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago. On Thursday, September 20th, Mayor Cummings, joined by Hodgkins Trustees Larry Rice and Lida Millsap, Police Chief Ernest Millsap, and Hodgkins employees Rodney Cummings and Jodi Ellsworth, took a tour of the remarkable Mainstream Pumping Station on River Road in Hodgkins.

Officially named TARP (the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan), this system has been in effect since 2006, when Phase 1 (the tunnels) was completed. Phase 2 (the reservoirs) is projected to be fully complete by 2029. This system has 109 miles of tunnels running across the Chicago area, to as far away as Wilmette, with a 2.3 billion gallon capacity for the tunnels and a 20.55 billion gallon capacity for the whole system, including reservoirs. It covers a 352 square mile service area, and serves 3.75 million people. It is estimated to provide savings of over \$180 million in annual flood damage, and to protect 1.5 million structures from flooding. In addition to these benefits, it has helped to managed pollution to local rivers, dramatically increasing the number of fish species that now live in Chicago area waterways. In 1978, there were seven aquatic species in the Chicago Area Water System; in 2012, after just six years of operation, there were 79 species. Fish life also helps to clean the water, further accelerating the rehabilitation of the local waterways.



During the tour, Chief Operating Engineer Thomas Ryan took the mayor and his group 297 feet below the ground, equivalent to the height of a thirty-story building, to one of two large pumping rooms at the Mainstream Pumping Station in Hodgkins, although the tunnel itself goes much lower. Constructed with earthquake survivability in mind, and conscious of the risks of contamination and groundwater infiltration, the tunnels are sealed with grout and lined with concrete. The enormous pumping room houses six huge pumps, which force 330 cubic feet of water per second across a differential head, or height displacement, of over 350 feet throughout the system. The air in the entire pumping room, hundreds of feet long and at least four stories high, is exchanged



Hodgkins Fest 2018



Mayor Noel Cummings Fishing Tournament



Our Aging Well Organization



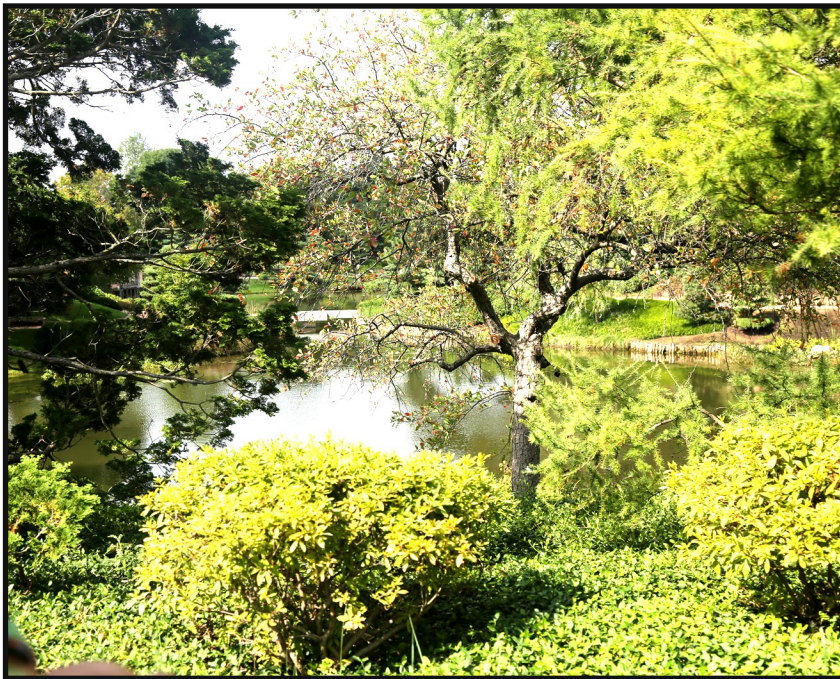
Trustee
Lida Mills

On September 19th we took the Hodgkins Park District bus to the Chicago Botanical Gardens. There are 385 acres to explore situated on nine islands at the Garden. It features 27 display gardens in four natural habitats. We enjoyed a tram tour for an overview of popular areas. As we toured we listen to an informative narration by our guide as we rode through the colorful landscape! The Gardens are amazing to see. We all enjoyed the scenery! We also had a nice lunch that was served on the grounds. It was a beautiful day sunny day. As you can



Trustee
Dominic Misasi





If you are 55 or older come join us!

We meet every third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall downstairs. We enjoy our very informative speakers.

We go on fun trips and have great times!



Carrasquillo

and

Kringlie

Become Range Instructors

Story by Rodney Cummings

After many years serving Hodgkins Police Department in the position of Range Master, Ofc. Jim Pierce decided to pass the duties along to successors. After a careful application and selection process, Chief Millsap selected of two officers to head up the range: Sergeant Ryan Carrasquillo and Officer Phillip Kringlie. The two officers were then sent to the Police Training Institute's four-week Master Firearms Instructor Course in Champaign, Illinois.



Sgt. Carrasquillo has been with Hodgkins PD since 2007. Over the years, he has served as a motorcycle officer and performed many special duties. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2017. He graduated Staff and Command School in May of 2018, and completed his Master Firearms Instructor Certification and Rifle Instructor Certification in August 2018. The certification program is an in-depth training program covering all the latest and most up-to-date practices in firearms handling. It consists of three stages: Police Strategy and Tactics, Tactical Firearms, and Instructor Development. They take new instructors and provide them the training to teach, and to design and later run a range program that's current with modern training, meeting today's real world training needs. Sgt. Carrasquillo is excited to fully inhabit his new role.

"As a new sergeant, and now sergeant in charge of the range, my goal is to make sure our officers are the best-trained and equipped officers to meet any challenges and demands they encounter in the field. I'm thankful to the Village of Hodgkins for sending us to this training, which properly prepares us to put together and run a range program that will be second to none."



Ofc. Kringlie started at Hodgkins PD in June 2008. He was selected by the department for the 5th District SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team, and graduated the week-long FBI SWAT School in May 2012, where he learned basic SWAT tactics taught by senior FBI SWAT instructors in North Chicago at the FBI Training Academy. When he completed this training, he joined Ofc. Jeff Piotrowski, who's been serving on the SWAT team for many years, as the second

Hodgkins SWAT officer.

In December 2012, Ofc. Kringlie also attended a SWAT team class, offered at New Mexico Tech, for Prevention of and Response to Suicide Bombing Incidents. While serving on the SWAT team, Ofc. Kringlie has been assigned as Breacher, an operator who analyzes a structure and determines the quickest and safest way to breach the perimeter and get the team inside.

In 2013, Ofc. Kringlie attended and graduated a week-long TEES (Tactical Energetic Entry Systems) course, a mechanical, thermal, and ballistic breaching course, where he learned various breaching techniques using rams, shotguns, saws, and torches. Most recently, in June 2018, he attended and graduated a week-long Tactical Explosive Breacher (TEBC) Course, certified through Forced Entry Tactical. He's quick to point out the wide applicability of his new range instructor training.

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

Please send them a card or a care package to let them know we are thinking of them.



CPT Sneed, Cody
C Company
2-4GSAB Unit #28785
APO, AE 09177

Grandson of Ruth Sneed
US Army

CPT Cummings, Brandon
412 Blackberry Dr.
Elgin, OK 73538

Grandson of Mayor Noel Cummings
U.S. Army Stationed Ft. Sill, OK

PVT Udziela, Bradley M.
CMR 411 Box 4161
APO, AE 09112-0042

Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack

SrA Cottrell, Cameron
141 Townsgate Plaza
Apt. L
Clovis, NM 88101-3765

Son of Denise Cottrell
US Air Force

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

Unfortunately Snow Will Be Here Again



We are getting ready to handle the upcoming snow and ice for the winter. Once the snow begins falling, we need your help in moving any vehicles that are parked on the streets. This will help us

KEEP SAVING THOSE TOPS!

You can drop them off at
the Village Hall
Or the Hodgkins Police Department



Remember it's for the Kids!





Village of Hodgkins
8990 Lyons Street
Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

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



Don't forget the Village of Hodgkins is a U.S. Postal Substation. We sell postage stamps—single, book and rolls and can ship letters up to 13oz . We can take your prepaid box shipments.

Dates to remember:

Hodgkins Mobile Food Pantry October 16, 2018

Secretary of State / Rules of the Road October 19, 2018

Early Voting October 22—November 5, 2018

Voting November 6, 2018

Haunted House October 26, 27, 31, 2018

Halloween Carnival October 31, 2018

Trick or Treat October 31, 2018

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Visit us on the web at
www.villageofhodgkins.org

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

Board Meetings: