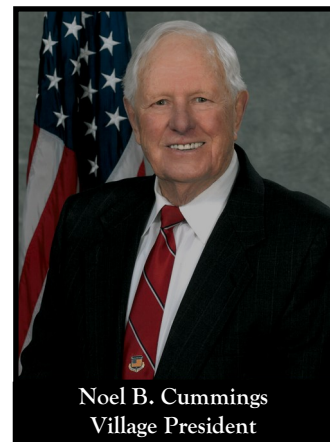




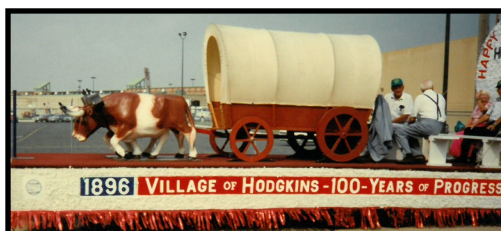
# Village of Hodgkins Communicator

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

At age 91, going on 92, I can honestly say I have participated in a lot of birthdays, anniversaries and commemorations. There is one commemoration I am really looking forward to: the 125th birthday of the Village of Hodgkins. Some of you remember the 75th birthday in 1971 and 100th birthday in 1996. We had just finished the Quarry Shopping Center and the annexation of the new UPS Consolidation Hub. We were feeling pretty good about things which is why we called the event "100 Years of Progress". Well, in the next 25 years we matched the previous 100 years with accomplishments that equaled or bettered our distinguished past. The AMC Theater, Menards, Continental Toyota, development of River Road and lastly, a Redevelopment Project on East Avenue. The one thing I am most proud of is that the downtown Hodgkins Beautification Program has added 8 new single family homes with many more to come. So, as we work toward our 125th, the lesson to be learned is to not rest on our laurels, there is always more progress to be made.



## Celebrating Through The Years



## 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

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 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	



### 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.

*Think you know everything about the world of Disney & Pixar movies?*

Hodgkins Public Library Presents:

## Family Disney Trivia

September 14, 2019 1:00—3:00p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of trivia, snacks  
& prizes. Put your knowledge to the test.

Work as a group to compete to win  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. Registration is required Limit 25



### Support Hodgkins Elementary School PTO



Night: October 22 from 5:00-7:00 pm

Save the Date for these McDonald's Nights: 2/11/2020 & 5/12/2020



Keep Saving Your Box Tops - Please drop them off at the Village Hall  
**Our Kids Thank You!**





**Melody Salerno**  
Village Comptroller

## 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 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.**

August 20, 2019 St. Blasé, 7438 W 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501  
 September 17, 2019 Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458  
**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, 2019 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



## Hodgkins Park District Halloween Events



### Haunted House:

Friday & Saturday, October 25 & 26 from 8pm-10pm  
 Thursday, October 31 from 8pm-10pm

### \*New This Year:

Lights On tours of the Haunted House  
 from 6:45-7:45pm each night

Haunted House Volunteers Needed—Contact the Park District



### Halloween Carnival:

Thursday , October 31  
 from 6—7pm Children up to 6th grade

## WANTED

### Old photos of Hodgkins Events, Homes, Grammar School . . .

We are trying to get a book together for the 125th Year Celebration and are looking for old photos of Hodgkins to put in it. All photos will be scanned and return to the owner. We appreciate any and all help. Please contact Jodi at the Village 708-579-6700.


If you have donated pictures in the past thank you!

## UPDATES FROM HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT



### HODGKINS POLICE DEPT. WELCOMES NEW OFFICER


On March 28th, 2019, lifelong Hodgkins resident Allan Mills, Jr. was sworn in as the newest member of the Hodgkins Police Department. Flanked by Mayor Cummings, Police Chief Ernest Millsap, and Trustee Lida Mills, Village Clerk Stephanie Gardner administered the oath as many gathered friends, family, police department members, and village onlookers watched nearby.

From there, Allan immediately began a twelve-week stint at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, where he passed all courses with high marks, graduating on July 3rd. Since then, he's been in the Field Training Program at Hodgkins PD and is set to begin full patrol duties in September. Be sure to say to hello to Officer Mills when you see him around town! 

### HODGKINS POLICE OFFICER TO BE DEPLOYED OVERSEAS



Hodgkins Police Department member Desmond Handson worked his last day on July 24th, before shipping out overseas to serve his country in the US Army Reserve on a lengthy deployment. On that day, Chief Millsap and the members of the Hodgkins PD, as well as others from the village, and members of Desmond's family, celebrated his service in a send-off that included food, photos, and warm

wishes from the community. Earlier, on Sunday, past and current members of the department gathered at Buck's Pit Stop to do much the same. Some of them ended their celebrations of Desmond's service gathered under a street light pole with a sign commemorating the Army Reserve Lieutenant's deployment, for a small group photo with Desmond and his wife. Please keep Officer Handson in your thoughts and prayers as he goes to serve our country! 



## Public Works Department

As a service to our residents we offer pick up of large items the garbage company doesn't take, such as furniture. Our NEW policy will be to have any soiled mattress and or box spring covered in plastic when the Village picks it up. Any sofa, cushion or chair that is soiled must also be wrapped in plastic. The Village cannot go into your home or on your deck to pick up your items for insurance reasons. Items must be placed in driveway or curb.

Yard waste is to be put in paper bags. The weight limit is not to exceed 40lbs. Brush should be put on the curb, cut side out.

We do not accept any materials such as: hazardous waste, paint, batteries, tires, etc.

Please ask for a Village truck for spring cleaning projects. Trucks aren't always available due to prior bookings and Village needs. Please call ahead to request a truck 708-579-6700.





## MAKING EMERGENCY CALLS FROM CELL PHONES

While **we always encourage you to use 9-1-1 when making emergency calls**, you may also reach the OLREC dispatch center (for Hodgkins) by calling them directly at **708-352-4476**.

According to IL911INFO.ORG, when 9-1-1 is dialed from a landline phone from a home or business, the caller's location and phone number is delivered to that location's **PSAP**, (Public Safety Answering Point). This permits the 9-1-1 call taker to dispatch fire, police or emergency medical services (EMS) to the caller's location, even if the caller is unable to communicate with the 9-1-1 call taker.

**Making 9-1-1 calls from a cell phone is different, however**, from making a call from a landline. When a wireless 9-1-1 call is made from a cell phone, the call is transmitted to the nearest cell tower, which then routes that call via landline to the PSAP which is designated to receive 9-1-1 calls from the caller's area.

It's important for the wireless caller to know the area they're in when making a cell phone call to 9-1-1. The PSAP (dispatch center) that answers their call may not be the PSAP that services the area the wireless caller is calling from. Knowing the location is vital to getting the appropriate police, fire, or EMS units to respond. Issues might arise when the nearest cell phone tower is located in a different fire, police, or EMS jurisdiction from the one where the wireless caller is calling from. Such a call would then have to be transferred to the correct dispatch center. It is essential that the caller can communicate their location in order to be quickly transferred to the correct PSAP that serves the area where the emergency is happening.

IL911INFO.ORG gives the following helpful hints:

- Do not become irritated if your call is transferred to another PSAP and you are requested to repeat information you may have already given to the previous 9-1-1 call taker.
- Give an exact street number and street name if possible, or the closest intersections.
- Know the location of the incident. Providing an accurate address is critically important when making a wireless 9-1-1 call.
- It is helpful to know your cell phone number, to give to the call taker.
- Provide a business name or landmark if the address is not known.
- It is important to remain calm while on the phone so that the call taker can understand you.

The Hodgkins Police Department receives emergency communications from dispatchers outside of town, due to a recent state mandate to consolidate dispatch centers. Since May of 2017, Hodgkins Police dispatch services have been provided by the Oak Lawn Regional Emergency Communication Center (OLREC), located in the Village of Oak Lawn. OLREC also handles police and fire dispatch for Oak Lawn, Burbank, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, and Alsip, and fire dispatch for Bedford Park, Lyons, and the Central Stickney Fire Protection District, providing coverage for over 143,000 residents. This dispatch center is located on the second floor of the Oak Lawn Village Hall, and has nine dispatch positions, in addition to supervisory and IT support staff. Again, you may reach them directly at **708-352-4623**, although we still encourage you to use 9-1-1 for emergencies. Thank you, and stay safe!

# POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ELAINE THOMPSON RETIRES



BY: CHIEF PHIL KRINGLE (RET)

On September 26th, 1995 Elaine Thompson began working at the Hodgkins Police Department as the records clerk. At the time, we had only one position in the records department. She was a part time clerk in the Village Hall and was offered the police department position. She would be responsible for taking the Full Time Position into a whole new millennium, quite literally.

Elaine was born and raised in Hodgkins. She is the daughter of Leo and Phyllis Kovel. Her siblings Leo Jr., Ann and Steve all attended Hodgkins Elementary School, Gurrie Junior High School and Lyons Township High School. After graduation Elaine became a licensed Cosmetologist. Elaine married Dale Thompson in 1979 and have 2 children Bridget and Brandon. They enjoy two grandchildren, Mara and Pearl.

She was always community minded and involved. She served on the Hodgkins Park District Board as President and Vice President, was the President of the Hodgkins PTO.

In 1994, she began working in the Hodgkins Village Hall as a part time clerk. In 1995 an opening became available in the Police Department for a full time clerk position. Elaine accepted the position and the rest, as we say, is history.

Elaine hit the ground running and never looked back. Organizing the records department wasn't an easy task. At the time, our Youth Division had been running a annual Bike-A-Thon to Benefit St. Jude



Children's Research Hospital. In 2015, the Police Department held the last St Jude Bike-A-Thon and over 24 Years had raised over \$100,000 for St. Jude.

Elaine always volunteered to help even before she worked at the police department. In 1995, the Youth Division sponsored a "Anti-Gang Day" at the Hodgkins Elementary School. In 1998, Elaine proposed to combine the Annual Anti Gang Day with a Police Safety Day.

In the year 1999, there was growing concern about the upcoming New Year, 2000.

I SURVIVED  
Y2K

Many computer experts worldwide were uncertain as to what would happen when computer changed to the year 2000 at midnight around the world. Predictions of power grid failures, telephone and satellite failures, widespread computer crash's and anything that is ran

HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2003 SAFETY DAY AT HODGKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ELAINE THOMPSON TEACHES STUDENTS



St. Jude Children's  
Research Hospital

running a annual Bike-A-Thon to Benefit St. Jude





by computers could potentially fail. While most people were home or at organized parties to celebrate the new Millennium (something that most of us will only experience once in a lifetime) our First Responders, Police and Fire were on the job to stand ready for any emergencies that may happen. Elaine spent the New Millennium at her desk in the Hodgkins Police Department.

In addition to police records, then Chief Hugh Rhodes sent Elaine and Ofc. Hansel Howard to the National Transportation Board to become certified in the inspection and use of Child Car Seats. This allowed the Hodgkins Police Department to host Child Car Seat inspections and proper installation for our area residents. Elaine was a member of the South Suburban Car Seat Safety Coalition and received an award for her dedication in 2000.

In 2001, the Village completed the construction on the new Police Department located on Lenzi Avenue. The move was an enormous task and Elaine spent months preparing and organizing the move, at the same time performing her daily job duties.

Following the Terror Attacks on September 11, 2001, the police department began to focus on supporting our troops. At the time, Chief Hugh Rhodes began planning for gathering support and sending supplies to our troops overseas. Elaine planned all the logistics. She planned business meetings to gain support to raise funds to purchase supplies. Then, she organized packing parties at the police station to pack supplies and get the boxes delivered to the post office for our troops serving. We would pack up to 70



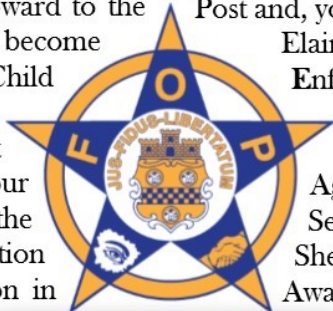
Fraternal Order of Police sponsored a "Support Our Troops" fundraiser at the LaGrange American Legion Post and, you guessed it, Elaine put it all together.

Elaine was a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals. The Statewide organization is comprised of Administrative professionals in Police Agencies. Elaine served the organization as Secretary, Vice President and as President. She received the LEAP Community Leader Award in 2012.

Elaine landed on the Hodgkins Police Department in 1995 and never looked back. For the next 24 years she would help keep the department organized and up to date. Logistics are hardly ever talked about in police departments. The public usually only deals with officers on the street. If Elaine encountered an issue that she didn't have an answer for, she would research it and find the solution.

We could not possibly list all of Elaine's accomplishments and events that she ran and/or participated in. To say that she raised the bar and set a very high standard for those who follow her in the position, would be an understatement.

Elaine, congratulations on your well deserved retirement. Your dedication and professionalism for the Village and Police Department is greatly appreciated.



**HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT ELAINE THOMPSON**





## Advantage Chevrolet's Truck Center Grand Opening



Advantage Chevrolet hosted a grand opening of the Advantage Truck Center on April 25, 2019. Advantage Chevrolet has been working with the local businesses in our area since 2004. Their new truck facility is a great addition to the Village. It offers 9 service bays that can accommodate a large assortment of vehicle types. On-site parts storage for maintenance work and certified technicians that can get your vehicle back on the road. We look forward to the convenience of utilizing their services in the future.



## Runnion's Grand Opening

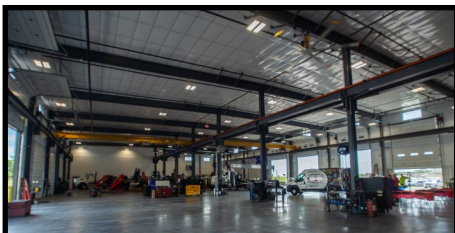
Runnion Equipment hosted a grand opening celebration on Wednesday, June 26 at their new facility at 6201 East Avenue in Hodgkins, IL which was attended by over

150 customers and vendors, including representatives from National Crane, Elliott Equipment and Dur-A-Lift as well as Noel B. Cummings, the mayor of Hodgkins, IL and his staff. Facility tours were provided throughout the new 37,400 ft<sup>2</sup> building, which accommodates all crane services in house and includes 17 service bays and a training center for technicians and operators, along with an expanded parts storage and customer service area. There is also an outdoor demonstration space where equipment buyers can try out a new crane before purchasing it and an indoor showroom.



"This facility has been in planning for several years, so we are very excited to have moved in and begun operations here to be able to better serve our customers," says Mike Prochot, president at Runnion Equipment. Pat Runnion, CEO added, "With this new building, we have a facility that matches our capabilities with room to grow. We will be able to provide faster turnaround times for all services to our customers. We feel very welcome in the Hodgkins community."

Runnion Equipment has been selling and servicing boom trucks throughout northern Illinois, northwest Indiana, and southern Wisconsin since 1975.





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.



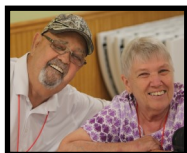
*Our Ice Cream Social*  
*July 17, 2019*



Trustee  
Dominic Misasi



Happy Birthday SGT. Todd Miller



*Come join the fun!*



## Congregate Meal 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](http://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**





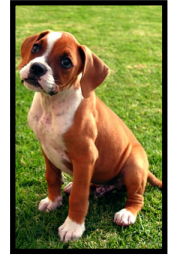
**License**



**Leash**



**Scoop**




## Avoid a Ticket & Be Courteous To Your Neighbors

All Dogs in the Village of Hogkins MUST be registered at the Village of Hodgkins Hall.

This is a free, yearly license for Village residents. You will need a certificate from your vet showing that your dogs rabies shot is up to date. The Village will issue you a dog license and a tag to be placed on the dogs collar. Any dog caught without a tag is subject to a misdemeanor. The license tag or receipt shall be shown to a police officer or to the health officer upon demand. This is for your dogs safety as well as Village residents.

All Dogs must be on a leash at all times when on any public street, sidewalk, parkway or public area within the Village. Any dog caught without a leash is subject to a misdemeanor.

Any owner, keeper or person walking a dog, or permitting a dog to stray, shall be liable to clean up dog feces caused by his dog outside of his own property. Any person walking outside of his own property shall carry a litter bag and scoop, pick up his dog feces and placed in a plastic bag and dispose of it in a proper container. This is also a misdemeanor ticket.

A copy of our Village ordinance regarding animal control is available upon request at the Village Hall. Animal Control 6-3-1: through 6-3-11: 

## Do You Feel The BLAST?



Are you feeling the Quarry Blast? The Village has endured these quarry blasts for decades. We are located next to the Vulcan Materials Quarry and during Spring, Summer and Fall the quarry will use blasting to help in their mining.

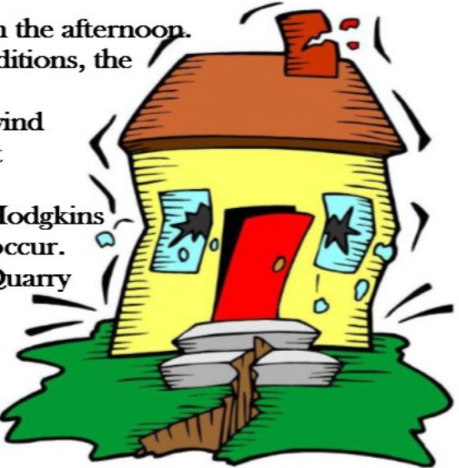
Most of the time, Vulcan Materials will blast around 12:00 - 12:15 in the afternoon. Sometimes it will be later in the afternoon. Depending on weather conditions, the blast may be delayed or even postponed.

The severity of these blasts can be effected by certain weather and wind conditions. Sometimes, it may feel that you are in the middle of a short Earthquake and other times you might just feel a small vibration.

If you feel these blasts are too severe, then you should contact the Hodgkins Village Hall at 579-6700 and express your complaints when the blasts occur. You can also make a complaint with Vulcan Materials on their Local Quarry Complaint Line:

Mr. Jake Bartels: 1-630-816-8573

Hodgkins Village Trustee Tim Kovel has been tasked with monitoring Quarry Blast complaints and is the Liaison with Vulcan Materials. Call Trustee Kovel at the Village Hall for further information.





## 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



***This year we will be having***

**a band ❖ bingo**

**flea market ❖ 5K**

**Vulcan tours ❖ fireworks**

**& tons of  
entertainment for all ages!**

**COME JOIN THE FUN!**

***See the complete schedule on our website***

***[www.hodgkinspark.com](http://www.hodgkinspark.com)***



## **Come join the Fun at Mayors Noel B. Cummings Annual Fishing Tournament**

**Saturday, August 24 7:00—10:00 am**

Donuts, coffee, juice and drinks are provided. All participants will receive a prize with the top prizes being awarded for largest fish and most fish caught. Participants can register at the Village Hall until the end of the day on the Thursday before the tournament. This is a free event for Village residents.





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

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

## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

August 24	Mayor Cummings Fishing Tournament
August 24	Hodgkins Fest
September 2	Labor Day— <i>Village Hall is Closed</i>
September 14	Disney Trivia—Library
October 15	Village of Hodgkins Food Pantry
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 Village Trick or Treat

## **Contact us**

Village of Hodgkins  
8990 Lyons Street  
Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

708-579-6700

Fax: 708-579-6707

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

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

Board Meetings:  
2nd Monday of the month