



# Village of Hodgkins Communicator

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

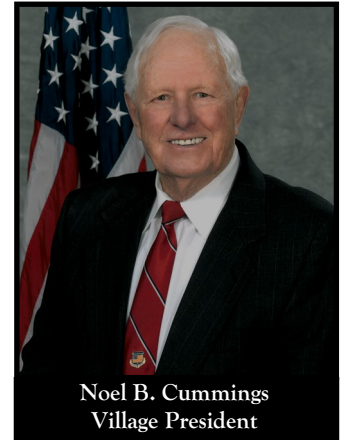
Now that the Village Hall is open to the public you may be seeing a familiar face. Judge Pat Rogers has returned as a Village Attorney after almost twelve years as a Judge in the Cook County Circuit Court. Prior to his retirement our Attorney John O'Connell asked Pat if he had any plans post retirement. It did



Attorney Pat Rogers, Mayor Noel Cummings, Attorney John O'Connell

More on that in a later issue of the Communicator. As Judge he presided over many trials and hearings that has enhanced his knowledge of the law which can now be put to good work on our behalf. With John and Pat as our attorneys The Village Board and I believe we have a legal team that will keep us on a positive trajectory post covid and beyond.

Pat is the proud father of three and presently grandfather of six.



Noel B. Cummings  
Village President

not take long to convince him to return to the Village to put all

his past experiences to work once again. Soon after law school Pat took a position with John T. O'Connell, Ltd. He helped John put together the beginnings of a Commercial and Industrial base that serves the Village and its residents today. In 1992 Pat was elected as the Lyons Township Supervisor. As Supervisor Pat was instrumental in getting the Senior Housing Development off the ground. This seventy unit building, located in the City of Countryside, at the time had a waiting list of one hundred individuals in need of housing. He served in that capacity for 15 years until he was elected Judge in 2008. As Supervisor he had many interactions with all Lyons Township communities, that will definitely help Hodgkins with our relationship in neighboring towns. As an example, we recently signed an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Countryside to develop a hotel, restaurant and gas station on 75th Street and the Tollway.

**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**

**Village Attorneys  
John T. O'Connell  
Tim Callahan**

**Chief of Police  
Ernest Millsap**



**EARLY VOTING—For the Presidential Election  
November 3, 2020**

<b>Monday—Friday October 19—October 23</b>	<b>8:30 am—7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday October 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>9:00 am—5:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday—Friday October 26—October 30</b>	<b>8:30 am—7:00 pm</b>
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday October 31—Nov.1</b>	<b>9:00 am—5:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, November 2</b>	<b>8:30 am—7:00 pm</b>

**Election Day November 3**

**7:00 am—7:00 pm**



**SECURE DROPBOXES**

Many have been requesting information on where Mail Ballots can be securely delivered directly to the Cook County Clerk's Office, not using the United States Postal Service.

Mail ballots will be mailed out to all Cook County Voters who apply to receive a mail ballot beginning Sept. 24, 2020. There will be a postage-paid return envelope for voters who wish to mail back their ballots. Voters are urged to complete and mail their ballot back as early as possible once they receive it.

Voters can drop off their completed mail ballots from 8:30am to 7pm Mon. - Fri., Sat. & Sun. 9am—5pm. Mail ballots will be collected on a daily basis and will be time stamped. A secure Box will be available at the Hodgkins Village Hall starting October 19, 2020.

Any early voting questions please call The Village Hall at 708-579-6700

**NOTICE VACANT LOT SALE**

The Village of Hodgkins presently owns one (1) vacant residential lot (Zoned R-1) which will be offered for sale pursuant to our bid process. The address of the property is:

**6601 Kane Avenue – Corner Lot Located on Alley**

Starting bid for the lot will begin at \$85,000. Successful bidder must commence construction within twelve months of the acceptance of said bid. Successful bidder must live in the home for three (3) years. All bids, along with a refundable \$5000 check payable to the Village of Hodgkins, must be presented to the Village Comptroller at the Village Hall, 8990 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, IL 60525 by 10:00 am on November 4, 2020. All bids will be opened beginning at 10:00 am on November 4, 2020.

Individual lot information packets will be available at the Hodgkins Village Hall. If there are any questions regarding this bidding process please call the Village at 708-579-6700.

September 21, 2020  
Stephanie Gardner  
Hodgkins Village Clerk

## HPD Wishes Kelly Beyer All The Best



Chief Milsap, Mayor Cummings, Off. Beyer, Deputy Chief Klotz

The Hodgkins Police Department recently saw the official parting of one of its members, Officer Kelly Beyer, from the force, due to an injury she sustained during a training, and her subsequent indefinite disability from duty. Although the circumstances of her departure have been unfortunate, and undesired by both the department and by Kelly, Hodgkins PD and the Village of Hodgkins can certainly celebrate Kelly's time with us.

Born in the late 1970s, Kelly grew up in Downers Grove, attending St. Mary's Catholic School during her elementary years, and later graduating from Montini High School in Lombard. She received her Associates Degree in Arts at the College of DuPage, and later obtained her B.A. in Psychology (with emphasis in Forensic Psychology), while minoring in Criminal Justice, at Governor State University.

It was during a stint in the Marines where Kelly began to have solid inclinations toward law enforcement. One of the biggest reasons she decided to move her career toward law enforcement, however, came from personal tragedy. The life of one of her juvenile relatives was cut short due to substance abuse, and this loss moved Kelly to want to make a solid difference in young people's lives.

After returning to civilian life, Kelly applied and was eventually hired with the Hodgkins Police Department, in 2005, where she almost immediately requested training and certification as a Juvenile Officer. Then-Sergeant Chris Milojevich pushed to expedite getting her into her chosen specialty.

"Milo was always there for me. He pushed me and went to bat for me to get all my certifications and specialties," Kelly said. "I appreciate him for that, and the whole department, for challenging me, for pushing my limits and shaping me personally and professionally."

In addition to serving as a Juvenile Officer, Kelly also worked as an Evidence Tech, a Bicycle Officer, and in Crisis Intervention. Among the highlights of her time as a Police Officer at Hodgkins were participating in the St. Jude Bike-A-Thon, socializing with her coworkers (who were often her close friends), and being able to calm and de-escalate prisoners or people she encountered on the street. Once, while assisting another police department, Kelly not only got an uncooperative, mentally unstable woman to let Kelly search her, but also managed to get the lady to voluntarily lie down on the gurney for the paramedics.

"People always seemed to like me. I always tried to be fair and impartial, and talk with people the way I'd want someone to talk with me. Most of my traffic cases in court resulted in the offenders apologizing to me, I believe in most cases sincerely," she said.

When asked what comes next for her, Kelly said she is currently finishing an M.A. in Clinical Mental Health, specializing in Children and Adolescents, after which she plans to use her degree to still assist law enforcement, if obliquely, since she can no longer actively participate in it hands-on. She currently plans to intern at the Children's Advocacy Center in Will County.

"I still want to make a difference in the community," Kelly said. "This way I can stay in the realm of children, family, and law enforcement for many, many more years. And who knows, maybe the folks of Hodgkins will see me sometime in the future in my capacity as a counselor and advocate."

I know you will want to join us in wishing Kelly absolutely the very best in her years to come!





Melody Salerno  
Village Comptroller

## Secretary of State Mobile Services

Mobile Unit will be available from 10:00 am—2:00 pm on October 13, 2020  
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 Driver	
❖ State ID Cards (5 year)	\$20.00
❖ Seniors age 65 & up	(N/C for State ID)
❖ Duplicate License	\$ 5.00
❖ Corrected License	\$ 5.00
❖ Vision Screening	
❖ Vehicle Renewal Stickers	

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



## Super Senior Rules of the Road

9:30 a.m.—11:00 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.



## Stay Informed Emergency Telephone Notification System Reverse 911

Recently the Village has sent out numerous reverse 911's. This is our way of instantly telling you about any information, scams or problems that we are aware of. If you haven't been receiving our reverse 911 calls and you want to be put on our reverse 911 list, please fill out the application on our website or come into the Village Hall and fill one out. Your number would never be given out to anyone and will strictly be used for important information concerning our Village. If you have any questions about the reverse 911 please call the Village Hall 708-579-6700 [www.villageofhodgkins.org](http://www.villageofhodgkins.org)



## Emergency & Village Number Everyone Should Have

911 or 708-352-4476—OLREC Dispatch Ctr -Hodgkins  
(Use the 708-352-4476 if calling from a cell phone)

Police Dept. Non Emergency —708-352-4623

Pleasantview Fire Protection—708-352-9229

Hodgkins Village Hall—708-579-6700

Hodgkins Park District—708-354-6563

Hodgkins Public Library—708-579-1844

Hodgkins Elementary School—708-482-2740

Township of Lyons—708-482-8300

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**Time to Renew  
Vehicle Stickers / Dog Licenses**

## 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 accept 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.



## 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 20, 2020

**November 17, 2020**

December 15, 2020

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

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

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

## A Special Thank You for a Job Well Done!



In the early morning hours of August 10, 2020 a fire broke out at the Weeping Willow Ranch, 6801 S. LaGrange Road. The owner sustained some injuries, but managed to get out in time, and was able to rescue two of his three cats.

*The following are letters of appreciation to the police and fire department:*

To All at the Village of Hodgkins, In Particular Police Chief Millsap,

Earlier this morning, a fire ravaged a unit near my father's unit in Weeping Willow. I cannot say enough thanks to everyone at the Village for all they did for the residents, in particular my father. Roused from his bed around 2 AM, he had nothing but praise for the officer who was at his door advising he needed to evacuate. The officer assisted my father, who has a hard time walking, down the block where he gathered with other residents. When the all clear was given, the residents were assured a couple of patrol units would remain stationed near the scene seeing that everyone was still without power. Somewhere along the line, they needed my father's car moved so ComEd could get to work restoring power to the community. Once again, a caring officer arrived at my father's door and was kind enough to move the car for my father.

Fast forward to about 10 AM when I arrived by my father...oh my goodness, the patrols of the area were above and beyond. In vehicle, officers on foot, public works... You sure do know how to make citizens feel safe and protected... Everyone was more than willing to stop and chat, everyone was giving updates as to outages, Village Hall being open, etc.

I speak to you from 35 years of public safety experience. Your employees showed the class and "old school" way of serving and protecting, an "old school" way that is very absent in many, many communities today. I wish I wrote everyone's name down that I spoke with during the day, as well as those who were there overnight. PLEASE relay my thanks, and my father's thanks, to each and every one of them.

God bless all of you who serve and protect the citizens of Hodgkins, and PLEASE all of you continue to be safe and healthy...

Curtis Nekovar

P.S. I also want to add the police presence is just not because of this unfortunate incident, it is noticed on a daily basis – Almost to the point that my father wanted to ask why they are always driving through. Like I said earlier, "old school", the way it should be in every community. Maybe that is one of the solutions as communities try to "reinvent" law enforcement...

## Note of Thanks . . .

I really want to thank you and the whole department and fire department for all the work you do. My mother just called me and let me know that there was a fire in the mobile home community she and my aunt live in. She let me know how you all went door to door to get the residents up. All of the presence that showed up to help with this tragedy. I am so happy to hear how you all helped keep everyone safe. I cannot thank you all enough!!!

My mother has had a fear of fires since she was a child and the presence you all showed helped her with her fears.

Thank you, from my family to all of you.

Please stay strong with all that is going on and keep in mind there are so many that support you all and will back you all any possible way that we can.

Sincerely with my whole heart,

Margaret Crider

Daughter of Susan Zamora, Niece of Jeri Kaminski

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### Aging Well



We urge our seniors to take extra precautions. Anyone 65 years or older should be extra careful not to let your guard down, we are at higher risk of contracting coronavirus. Hodgkins / McCook Aging Well will be meeting once again on the 3rd Wednesday of the month 10:00 am at the Hodgkins Village Hall face covering and social distancing will be required.



Hand sanitizers are available at entrances of the Village Hall.

At this time food and beverages will not be available. You may bring your own water.

Aging Well has a selection of books available to members. The books are located in the basement meeting room to the right of the elevator lobby. When you are finished with a book please return it to the book case.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on November 18th, 2020.

## Have you answered the Census?

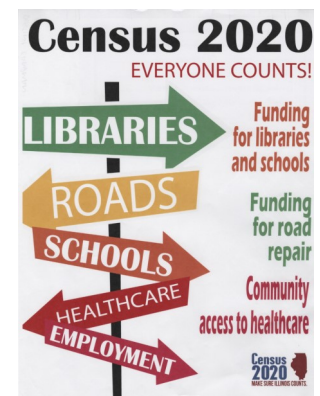
*Do your Share to get our fair share for the Village of Hodgkins!*

We need everyone to be counted. The deadline is September 30th! When you respond to the census, you help Hodgkins get its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs. Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and this creates jobs. For each person not included in the census that lives in our community we lose \$1400 annually. Losing out on this money will limit improvements we can make to our Village, school, library, parks and roads.



### What is the purpose of the census?

- ◇ Developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods.
- ◇ Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness.
- ◇ Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



### What is census data?

- ◇ Census data, collected once a decade, determines the distribution of federal money and is also used to draw both state legislative and congressional district lines.

**Please Help Hodgkins and Be Counted!**

The Village of Hodgkins is planning on having \*

**Trick or Treat**

**Saturday October 31, 2020**

**From 2 pm to 5:30 pm**

Due to the virus are asking that only one person, masked & gloved, hand out candy from the porch, (so children don't have to ring the door bells) Pre packed bags left on the porch is also recommended (touchless).

\* All events are subject to cancellation due to CDC or State guidelines.

**Let's make Halloween Safe & Fun!**



## Hosting Our Food Pantry During Covid 19



In this new era of Covid19 we face many challenges. One of ours was how do we serve the community food with little to no exposure to the people and our volunteers.

Our solution was to pre pack boxes of food and have the people do a drive through with touchless pick up.

We enlisted the help of UPS, who graciously donated boxes, tape, food, volunteers and our volunteers from local schools to help pack and distribute the food boxes.

When the food arrives from the Greater Chicago Food Depository by truck it needs to be sorted and boxed making sure everyone gets all the fresh vegetables, fruits, dairy and on this last pantry, frozen meats.



When the pantry starts, 3:30pm—5:30pm, The cars are lined up on Lenzi Ave. and the food is placed in the recipients trunk or in the back seat so that there is no hand to hand contact. Participants and volunteers were required to wear masks.

We served approximately 300 cars at our latest pantry.

Thank you to all of our Volunteers and UPS for sorting, packing boxes and bagging of food. Without your help we could not have had such a successful smooth running pantry!

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is open to the public. All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend. It rotates every third Tuesday of the month between the Village of Hodgkins, 9096 Joliet Rd. (at the fire station), Justice Village Hall, 7800 Archer Road, and St. Blasé, 7438 W. 61st. Place, Summit

If you would like to volunteer please contact the Village Hall. Our next hosting will be on Nov. 17, 2020.





## Hodgkins Park District

Due to COVID we had to cancel our haunted house, Halloween carnival, and Breakfast with Santa.

"Please join us for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Tuesday, December 1st at 6:30pm! We'll have hot chocolate and packaged refreshments in front of the Village Hall. The park district is 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 a form located in the fall brochure or email Kelly Young at [younghpd@gmail.com](mailto:younghpd@gmail.com). Nominations are due by Wednesday, November 25th."



HODGKINS SCHOOL

## Hodgkins PTO & Local Businesses Working Together!



Last spring, Hodgkins School PTO and Cascianis teamed up to provide 1 large pizza for all of the students who are residents of Hodgkins. Many families posted pictures on our Hodgkins School PTO facebook page. The PTO would like to thank **Cascianis** for their generosity, once again!



As students and staff members return back to school this fall, our PTO has teamed up with another local business, Sam's Club. Sam's Club and the PTO are providing each student K-6th grade with a pocket size hand sanitizer! **Thank you Sam's Club!!**



The Millsap Family, in memory of Alida Millsap, and our PTO purchased "#bulldogstrong" masks for all staff and students pre-k thru 6th grade. **Thank you Millsap Family!**



**Please Support!**



## SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS!

If your package has a traditional Box Top clip, 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](http://www.coca-cola.com/give) and enter the code yourself. Be sure to choose Hodgkins School in Hodgkins, Illinois, NOT Hodgkins School in Colorado!





## 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.*

Major Cummings, Brandon 412 Blackberry Drive Elgin, OK 73538 Grandson of Mayor Cummings	SPEC 4 Udziela, Bradley 11524 10th Ave. CTE Apt. G 106 Tacoma, WA 98445 Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack	E-5P02 Giancarlos Arenas Wanker Way Apt. C Bremerton, WA 98312 Son of Carlos Arenas	Major Sneed, Cody PSC 1300 Box 282 APO, AA 34042 Grandson of Ruth Sneed	PVT Gonzalez, Elizabeth CCO. 1-48 INF BN 495 Iowa Avenue, Unit#33 Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473 Daughter of Lucina & Roberto González
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## Hodgkins Library



Tim Prendergast, Director



## Fifth Annual Family Pumpkin Decorating Contest

Beginning on Thursday, October 1st, you can “check out” a pumpkin at the library! You don’t need to return it—just send us a picture of you and your decorated pumpkin to our Facebook page.

Check-out a pumpkin from Oct. 1st – Oct. 25th



## Wacky Wednesday (with A Twist!) Wed. Sept. 30 | Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 | Nov. 4,

11, 18, 25 Join us on Facebook every Wednesday for some fun! We will provide crafts, snacks, and other activities! Pick up the Wacky Wednesday kit every week to join in on the fun.

Limited amount available.

## Weekly Program Pick-ups & Virtual Programming

*With following the Restore Illinois Plan, we are continuing our virtual programming.*

*All of our virtual programs will be posted on our Facebook page.*

### Mon. Sep. 28 -Wood Keychain—Teens & Adults

Create a keychain by using a wood slice and wood charms.

### Mon. Oct. 5—Beaded Wind Chime

Stop by library to get a kit to make a beaded wind chime to decorate your home.

### Mon. Oct. 19 @ 4 PM via Zoom—Cook County Farm Bureau

Orange, white, bumpy and smooth, Illinois is the largest pumpkin producer in the world! Join us as we talk about pie pumpkins and carving ones as well as we explore the lifecycle of these amazing fruits! Activity bag to use while learning will be available. We will end our program by showing you how to make pumpkin pie in a bag for your family to enjoy together.

### Mon. Nov. 2—Day of the Dead

Get in a Day of the Dead mood and spend your evening decorating sugar skulls and making other fun crafts.

### Mon. Nov. 9 - Puzzle Kits—Teens & Adults

Stop by the library any day during the first week of September to pick up a puzzle kit. The kit will include crossword, Sudoku, word search and other types of puzzles.

### Mon. Nov. 16—DIY Mugs -Teens & Adults

We will provide a mug and a Cricut vinyl design, with instructions on how to apply the vinyl. You might find something delicious to enjoy after designing your mug.

### Mon. Nov. 23 - DIY Christmas Cards

Let us help you with Christmas cards this year! Stop by the library and collect Your kit to make homemade Christmas cards. The kit will include 3 different designs.



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

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## **Secretary of State—October 13**

**Early Voting—October 19** (see inside page for times)

**Trick or Treat—October 31\***

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**Village of Hodgkins Food Pantry—November 17**

**Our Community Needs Your Help . . . Take the 2020 Census**

**Please Support Our Local Businesses**



**Hodgkins Celebrates 125 years!**

## **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)**

**Regular Village Hall Hours:**

**Monday—Friday**

**8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.**

**Board Meetings:**

**2nd Monday of the month**