



Village of Hodgkins Communicator

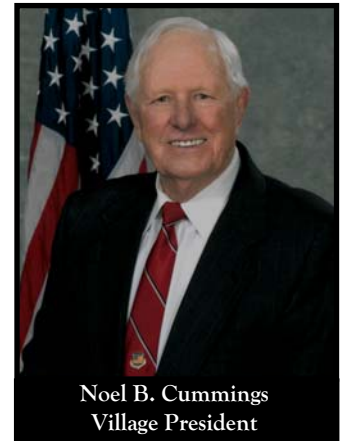
A Message from Mayor Noel B. Cummings . . .

As the longest serving Mayor in Hodgkins, or maybe its because I am the longest serving Mayor in Illinois, it is difficult to announce my retirement.



Wilber Harshberger, Noel Cummings, Leonard (Tommy) Sparks,
Finnis (Ed) Chilton, & Sam Brookshire

At 95 years old I have been blessed with longevity but more importantly I have been blessed with the Village of Hodgkins. In 1979 I had no idea I would still be Mayor 43 years later. In fact, I would not have recognized our little Village today. I have had the good



Noel B. Cummings
Village President

fortune to have wonderful trustees and staff to partner with in the development of Hodgkins. Our commercial and industrial base multiplied many times over. Our retail sales tax

has gone from \$30,000 to \$10,000,000 annually. In fact, a recent revenue report indicates that we have the most sales tax per resident in Illinois. Our Estimated Appraised Valuation went from \$12 million to \$300 million.

But it is you the residents that I have to thank for my decades as your Mayor. It has been 10 elections you have given your trust in my ability to lead Hodgkins. It is that vote of confidence that will give me my most satisfaction as Mayor of Hodgkins.

I also want to assure you that I am leaving the Village in good hands. Ernest Millsap, a life long resident and former Hodgkins Police Chief will be taking over as Acting President. Ernest has also served as Village Trustee for eighteen years. He is as well prepared to lead as you could possibly ask for.

So I say farewell as your Mayor but not as your neighbor.

I will be here and my home in Mississippi.



I told my late wife Nelda that God brought us to Hodgkins in 1960.

I have been truly blessed.



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Village Officials

*Contact any of these
officials by telephone
at:*

**Hodgkins Village Hall
579-6700**

**Acting
Village President
Ernest Millsap**

**Village Clerk
Stephanie Gardner**

**Trustees
Larry Rice
Vicky Moxley
Dominic Misasi
Lida Mills
Tim Kovel
Jorea Touranjeau**

**Village
Comptroller
Melody Salerno**

**Village Attorneys
John T. O'Connell
Pat Rogers**

**Chief of Police
Joseph Klotz**

VACANT LOTS SALE

The Village of Hodgkins presently owns two (2) residential lots (Zoned R-1) which will be offered for sale pursuant to our bid process. The addresses of these properties are:

6601 Kane Ave.—this is an alley lot. Starting bid for this lot will begin at \$85,000.

6600 Wenz Ave.—this is a larger lot. Starting bid for this lot will begin at \$90,000.

Successful bidder must commence construction within twelve months of the acceptance of said bid. All bids must be presented to the Village Comptroller at the Village Hall, 8990 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, IL 60525 by 10:00 am on November 7, 2022. The bids will be opened at 10:00 am on November 7, 2022.

Five thousand (\$5,000) dollar non-refundable earnest money required of successful bidder, with up to six (6) months to remit balance of purchase price.

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.



The Village of Hodgkins is now enforcing Ordinance No. 22-01

The following procedures shall be followed from November 1st through April when snowfall of 2" or more shall occur:

On odd numbered days there shall be parking only on sides of the street with odd numbers. *Example* - If 2" or more snowfall occurs on January 1st, all vehicles must be parked on the sides of street with odd numbers or in the owner's driveway.

On even numbered days there shall be parking only on sides of the street with even numbers. *Example* - If 2" or more snowfall occurs on January 2nd, all vehicles must be parked on the sides of street with even numbers or in the owner's driveway.

Residents parking on Cobb and Lyons Streets: on even numbered days there shall be parking only on the south side of the street. On odd numbered days there shall be parking only on the north side of the street.



Melody Salerno
Village Comptroller

Save the Dates:

October 14th Rules of the Road

Super Senior Class 10am—11:30am

Mobile Unit from 10am—2 pm

Renewals

State ID Cards

Duplicate Licenses

Vision Screening

Vehicle Renewal



Early Voting

October 24th —November 7th

Mon.—Sat. - 9:00am—5:00pm

Sundays - 10:00 am—4:00pm

Election Day

November 8, 2022

7:00 am—7:00pm



REBATE\$

The Residential Garbage Rebates are issued to those residents who reside in a Mobile Home Community or rent in Hodgkins. Starting on Tuesday, November 15th and running through Thursday, December 18th, 2022.

Homeowner tax rebates have also been approved and will be available after your 2nd installment payment is made.

Hodgkins' Food Pantry

Starting in November, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month The Village will put out extra non perishable food in our vestibule. This food will be for any Hodgkins resident. Items will be on a first come basis.

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 at the Village Hall. We accept any non-expired non-perishable foods, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. Please contact the Village with any questions.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out when we host the Mobile Food Pantry.
If you would like to help out please contact The Village 708-579-6700.

Our next Village pantry is December 20.



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 18, 2022

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

November 15, 2022

Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458

December 20, 2022 Hodgkins Village, 9096 Joliet Road, (Fire Department), Hodgkins, IL 60525

January 17, 2022

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

Share Food Share Love

9030 Brookfield Ave.

630-347-5390

Tues. 7pm—9pm

Sat. 10am—12 pm

www.sharefoodsharelove.com

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

The Honorary Paul G. Struve Way

Please come join the Board of Trustees for a dedication ceremony for the Honorary Paul G. Struve Way.

The Ceremony will be held on October 10th, at 6:00 pm on the corner of Wenz Avenue and Lyons Street.



RESOLUTION 2022-10

WHEREAS, former Trustee Paul G. Struve was born on Wenz Avenue in Hodgkins, Illinois on January 10, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Paul was not only raised on Wenz Avenue but lived on Wenz for his entire life ending on January 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Wenz was Paul's Great Grandfather; and

WHEREAS, not only did Paul call Wenz home but his family operated the VILLAGE PANTRY and the 8 BALL INN, on Wenz Avenue

WHEREAS, in 1984 Paul was elected as Village Trustee and served with distinction until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Struve was instrumental in the transition of Hodgkins into a commercial and industrial power house; and

WHEREAS, in recognition Paul Struve's total impact on the Village of Hodgkins it is altogether fitting that the Village name an Honorary street after him;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hodgkins that Wenz Avenue, from 67th Street to Lyons Street be designated "The Honorary Paul G. Struve Way".



Trustee
Lida Mills

Aging Well

On September 7th Aging Well traveled to the Chicago Botanical Gardens. We took a train tour through the stunning gardens. On the tour they explained the history and types of the many beautiful trees, flowers and lakes throughout the grounds. The landscapes, Bonsai gardens and islands are quite a sight to see. Chicago Botanical Gardens celebrates their 50th Anniversary this year.

After a day of touring, we enjoyed a buffet lunch. It was a gorgeous September day, we all had a wonderful time!



Trustee
Dominic Misasi



Lieutenant Cimino Jumps into Aging Well

In the past six months, a new regular face has appeared at the monthly Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well meetings, held in the Larry Rice Room in the lower level of the village hall. Mike Cimino, Lieutenant of Patrol at the Hodgkins Police Department, has become an honorary member of the group, speaking frequently to the elders on a variety of topics such as personal safety, technology security, and frauds and scams to avoid. He also works to pre-emptively curtail elder abuse and financial exploitation of the elderly. Friendly and affable, Lt. Cimino is quite approachable and ready to provide assistance to all who need it.



A twenty-five-year veteran of the department, Lt. Cimino came to Hodgkins in the 1990s from Justice, along with two other officers. He has served in a variety of roles in the department, in both patrol and in the Juvenile Division. For thirteen years, Mike was the Hodgkins D.A.R.E. Officer, and he currently heads the Juvenile Division for the department, with a strong emphasis on community policing. He brings all of this experience to his talks with the Aging Well group.

Lt. Cimino is now administering the Freedom Alerts program, with the ready assistance of Lt. Jeff Keilman. Freedom Alerts are personal pendants which house a button elders can press to alert first responders that they need help. He also oversees the Knox Box program, which makes sturdy steel boxes available to people who need to place a key on the front of their houses for first responders to enter their homes in case of emergencies. If you have any questions about either of these programs, Lt. Cimino is the one to talk with.

CHIEF MILLSAP ENDS LONG LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER

A fixture of Hodgkins has ended a long and storied law enforcement career. Ernest Millsap, former Village Trustee and lifelong civic supporter, completed 38 years in law enforcement in August. He served ten of those years as the Chief of Police in Hodgkins. In an emotional reading at the regular Village Board meeting on Monday, August 8th, he announced his intention to retire effective August 19th. Friends, family, co-workers, and members of the community congratulated him in a party held by his family afterwards.



Ernest grew up in a large family, the youngest of seven children, a lifelong Hodgkins resident. Because he always enjoyed helping people and solving problems, he grew up with an interest in civics. His father, Vernon, who served as a Village Trustee, encouraged him in this. Initially studying accounting at Moraine Valley Community College, he soon lost interest in that profession in favor of law enforcement. When an opportunity to test with the Hodgkins Police Department came available, he did so, and was hired in 1984 along with Hansel Howard, Janet Klotz, Jim Kubic, Stan Warwick, and Joe Moxley. He was sworn in by Dolores Hardesty, with Mayor Cummings looking on. Rich Stewart was Chief of Police then, and Ernest recounted that he learned a lot under the direction of Chief Stewart, who would often share morning coffee with the guys.

Due to temporary downsizing in 1987, Ernest was laid off from the Hodgkins Police Department and hired onto the Countryside Police Department the same year, from the top position on their list. During his years in Countryside, he worked special assignments in Crime Prevention, Traffic Car, Code Enforcement, Juvenile Officer, and DARE Officer. “The thing I enjoyed most was being the DARE Officer for twelve years and helping to guide and steer young people in a good direction,” he said.

In the years leading up to 2006, while leading DARE, he organized a charity Walk-A-Thon and basketball game every year as a fundraiser. Among the causes he’s proud to have supported were St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and a fund for injured officers raised through a special DARE program. He feels that his crowning achievement from this period was purchasing a special mechanical assist chair for a little girl named Lupita who was paralyzed from the neck down. This was a fundraiser that he and his wife, Joan, worked on together, raising forty thousand dollars for her family.

Through the years, his family was supportive of his career as a police officer.

“I feel like I have my own family to thank for instilling in me good family values,” he said. “And although my law enforcement career always made my mom nervous, and later my wife (especially at night), there were some funny times, too. I always picked up doughnuts at the end of a night shift to take home in the morning to my family, and my daughter Tiffany would tell her Tot Time teacher that her daddy made doughnuts for a living.”

While recounting the exploits from his law enforcement career, he shared a harrowing but funny story. Sometime in the early 2000s, he was just starting his midnight shift and heard tires squealing in the distance. He turned to look just as a car was jumping the curb from 55th Street into the PD parking lot. The car struck his own personal vehicle, backed away, then came straight at him as he was sitting in his squad car. At the last possible second, the driver turned and struck the empty squad car next to him head-on, and got stuck on it. As Ernest exited his squad car, the man got out and fled on foot, with Ernest in hot pursuit. The suspect ran into the dispatch center shouting that a man was chasing him. The offender was quickly determined to be drunk, and was subsequently arrested for DUI, among other charges.

Ernest served a total of twenty-five years at Countryside, and fourteen years at Hodgkins PD in a steadfast and dedicated career. In summarizing his time as Chief in Hodgkins, he had this to say:

“I still believe the law enforcement profession is one of the most honorable jobs in our country. I’ve been

honored and humbled to serve alongside the men and women of the Hodgkins Police Department. Hodgkins has a dedicated group of sworn officers and civilian employees committed to safeguarding the lives and property of the Hodgkins community. Their passion for providing world class community policing to the citizens that live, work, and visit our village has made Hodgkins one of the safest communities in Illinois.”

“Hodgkins is a unique town with a lot of great people living here. I want to thank the Mayor and Village Board for the past ten years. You have helped make my job a little easier. Doing the right thing for the benefit of our village and helping people in need has been my goal from day one. The residents of the Village of Hodgkins should be thankful for having such a great team of board members, public works, and front office employees. Hodgkins is in my heart and there’s no place in the world I would rather live and raise a family.”

Be sure to congratulate Chief Millsap on his well-deserved retirement when you see him out and about!



OFFICER JIM PIERCE ENDS TOUR OF DUTY

After twenty-five years working for the Hodgkins Police Department, and twenty-nine serving in law enforcement, Officer Jim Pierce has hung up his police officer hat in a well-deserved retirement.

With friends, co-workers, and family gathered around, Officer Pierce was given a cake and coffee send-off on Friday, June 3rd, his last official day. Those gathered listened as the radio dispatcher read out the response to his final 10-42:

From the men and women of the Hodgkins Police Department:
Thank you Officer James Pierce for your 29 years of dedicated service to law enforcement. Your role as a master firearms instructor has been an especially important part of our operations. We all will miss you. Best wishes to you and your family as you begin a well-earned retirement and enter the next chapter of your life.



Jim grew up in Worth, Illinois. He graduated from Stagg High School in Palos Hills. As soon as he could, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and began his basic training at the age of 18, in 1985. He served for a year and a half on barracks duty in Sicily, in The Fleet in California as a Rifleman, and did six months of jungle training in Asia and Australia while deployed with WESTPAC (a unit deployment program for the Western Pacific). He completed his service with the Marines in 1989.

After leaving the military, Jim became an iron worker in downtown Chicago, until 1993. He started testing for police officer lists in 1992. He was soon hired by the Justice Police Department, in April 1993. He worked there until June 1997, when he was hired by the Hodgkins Police Department.

“Hodgkins had great pay, good management, a solid tax base where local businesses were concerned – everything you look for when it comes to opportunity and stability,” Jim said of his move.

In 2005, Jim’s long interest in shooting and range instruction got him invited by then-Chief Kringlie to serve as the department’s primary Range Instructor. Certified as a Master Firearms Instructor, he served in that role for thirteen years, until 2018. Over the years, Jim also served in the capacity of Field Training Officer and held some off-duty security jobs.

When asked if he had any parting thoughts on his time in Hodgkins, Officer Pierce had this to say: “I want to thank the people of Hodgkins for how well you took care of me and my family and helped me make a great career. I owe so much to this great community.”

PROMOTIONS AT HODGKINS POLICE DEPARTMENT

With the retirement of Chief Millsap, the Hodgkins Police Department has experienced a significant shift in personnel roles. At a special meeting of the Village Board on August 25th, Deputy Chief Joseph Klotz was appointed the new Chief of Police. SGT Ryan Carrasquillo was appointed to the position of Patrol Lieutenant back on July 11th at the regular Village Board meeting, and LT Mike Cimino has now stepped into the new role of Administrative Lieutenant. The three of them, along with the Investigations Lieutenant, Jeff Keilman, will now lead the department in its mission of honorably protecting life and property, and serving all members of our community with professionalism and dedication.



Chief Joseph Klotz with Attorney Pat Rogers



Chief Joseph Klotz with his Grandfather, Mayor Cumming

Chief Joseph Klotz is a lifelong resident of Hodgkins. Educated first at Lyons Township High School, he worked for some of those years as a reporter with the Des Plaines Valley News under John Noonan. He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music at Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky. He went on to study at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, where he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Music Theory and Composition. He taught school after returning to Illinois, before being hired as a Records Clerk with the Hodgkins Police Department. When an eligibility list for Patrol Officer was started, he applied, and had soon earned a position at the top of that list. He was hired as a Patrol Officer in 2008.

Over the years, Chief Klotz worked a number of assignments in Patrol. He is a Field Training Officer and an Evidence Technician for the department. He also served as a Traffic Crash Investigator on SMART (the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team). In December 2020, he was appointed by the Village Board to the position of Deputy Chief. With a sharp mind and a strong sense of duty, he has worked steadfastly in his contribution to making the department what it is today.



LT Mike Cimino joined the department in 1997, having come to Hodgkins from Justice PD. He served in the US Army as an MP for several years before transitioning to civilian law enforcement. Over the years he served in various capacities on the department, most notably as the DARE Officer and as a Juvenile Officer. LT Cimino also serves on the Pension Board.

LT Ryan Carrasquillo came to the Hodgkins Police Department in 2007. He served in the US Marine Corps. LT Carrasquillo served a tour of duty in Iraq, as well as tours in California and South America. At the Hodgkins Police Department he has served in a number of roles, including as a Motorcycle Officer, a Master Firearms Instructor, a Rifle Instructor, and as a department fundraising coordinator for the Special Olympics.

In addition to the most recent changes in roles, OFC Phil Kringlie was recently promoted to Patrol Sergeant, at the July Village Board meeting. SGT Kringlie has served in Patrol, on the 5th District SWAT team, as a Master Firearms Instructor, and as a Rifle Instructor.





Hodgkins Fest 2022



This year Hodgkins Fest had a GREAT turnout! It started with the Mayors Annual Fishing Tournament . Vulcan Materials Company brought in heavy equipment and let the children climb in and see how the equipment is operated. There was a lot of great food, a petting zoo, raffles and games. At night we had a really good country band to dance to. The Fest was finished with a spectacular fireworks show.

Thanks to all the people who volunteered. You helped make the day fun for all!





Hodgkins Park District

www.hodgkinspark.org 708-354-6563



Haunted House

October 28, 29 & 31

6pm—7pm—Lights On: \$5 per person

8pm—10pm—Lights Off: \$10 per person



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Monday, November 28th

6:30 pm

Hot chocolate & Refreshments



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL OCTOBER 31ST—6PM—7PM

Children up to 6th Grade

Free for Residents / \$7 for Non-Residents



Village of Hodgkins Trick or Treat

October 31st 3pm—7pm

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 3rd

9:30am—11:30am

Free for Residents / \$7 for Non-Residents

Get your wristbands today! Proof of residency is required.



www.hodgkinslibrary.org

708-579-1844

For information on these or any of our many other programs please visit www.hodgkinslibrary.org 708-579-1844 or stop in at the library.



PUMPKIN CONTEST

Have fun with your family this Halloween season by carving, painting or decorating your pumpkin with anything you'd like.

Check-out a pumpkin between October 1 - 25, and submit your picture by October 31.

Contact Maria—maria@hodgkinslibrary.org or call the library (708) 579 - 1844.



**TRUNK OR
TREATS**
Saturday, Oct. 22nd
1—3 pm



Come dressed in your costume and go trunk to trunk getting candy and treats. Adults may participate by decorating their cars and passing out store bought packaged treats. A registration form is available at the front desk. Any questions, contact Carrie by email carrie@hodgkinslibrary.org or call the library (708) 579 - 1844.



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

Amn Sheldon, Michael James
177 E. Eglin Blvd.
Building 877, Unit 203
Eglin AFB, FL 32542-0000
Son of Ed Sheldon

Major Sneed, Cody
7103 Tropical Way
Savana, GA 31410
Grandson of Ruth Sneed



The Mayors Annual Fishing Tournament

This year there were 17 participants, everyone received a prize and a good time was had by all.



More Hodgkins Fest Pictures





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:

October 10th - Dedication of Paul G. Struve Way

October 14th—Secretary of State

October 22nd—Trunk or Treat

October 24th—November 7th—Early Voting

October 28th, 29th & 31st— Haunted House

October 31st—Trick or Treat 3pm—7pm

November 8th—General Election

November 28th—Tree Lighting

December 3rd—Breakfast with Santa

December 20th—Hodgkins Mobile Pantry

December 23rd & 26th—Village Hall Closed for Christmas

December 30th & Jan. 2nd—Village Hall Closed for New Yrs

Contact us

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

Board Meetings:
2nd Monday of the month