



July 2017

VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

# COMMUNICATOR

## Message From The Mayor:

First of all, I would like to welcome our newest Trustee Lida Mills. Lida won her April election for the Village. Lida will be Chairman of the Zoning Committee.

I am happy to announce that the Village of Hodgkins will be annexing 55 acres belonging to UPS along Willow Springs Road. Two years ago United Parcel Service sought legal action seeking a disconnection from neighboring Willow Springs and annexation of the property into Hodgkins along with the rest of their 250 acres. In June the Judge awarded the disconnection to UPS and now an annexation Ordinance is being prepared. I anticipate we will formally adopt the Ordinance next month.



NOEL B. CUMMINGS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

At long last the development of the Runnion Equipment Company and the Advantage Chevrolet Truck and Used Car dealership will begin on the 11 acre site at 6201 East Avenue. Both these companies bring a long history of success. Pat Runnion started his crane and truck sales in 1971 in the Village of Lyons. He has since outgrown that site and we welcome Pat and his team to Hodgkins. Desmond Roberts has turned his Advantage Chevrolet into one of the top dealerships in the Metropolitan Chicago area. Recently, Chevrolet has awarded Desmond with light and medium sized Chevy truck sales. Both Pat and Desmond will be generating a lot of sales taxes for the Village. This development is another example as to how your Village team has worked together to turn a vacant parcel of land into a productive business opportunity.

Finally, I want to thank former Trustee Phil Kringlie for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the Village of Hodgkins.

Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing all of you at Hodgkins Fest on August 26th.



*Sincerely,  
Noel B. Cummings*

# VILLAGE HONORS FALLEN MARSHAL



**D**uring the evening hours of June 13th, 1909, Hodgkins Village Marshal Patrick Crowley was gunned down and murdered while making an arrest.

I had received this information a few years ago, before I retired from the Hodgkins Police Department. Thirty-two years on the Department and I was not aware that we had a fallen comrade. I then began researching the incident, with the assistance of Officer Joseph Klotz.

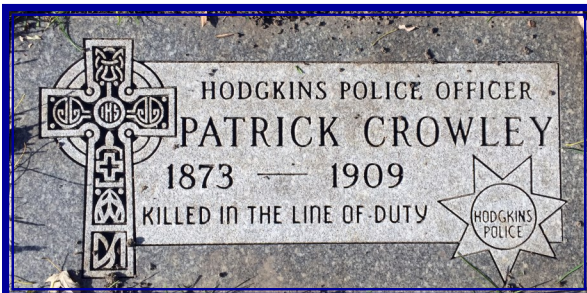
Village Marshal Patrick Crowley was assigned to our Village to assist Marshal Jacob Wenz while he was recuperating from an injury. The Village was in turmoil and the previous Mayor Modesto Lenzi had recently lost his bid to retain office. Marshal Crowley had responded to a public disturbance complaint and arrested Modesto Lenzi. As he walked Lenzi back toward the police office to make arrangements for transportation to LaGrange, he was approached by an assailant and shot in the chest. The suspect was believed to have been Modesto Lenzi's brother Harry, also known as "Rio". Harry and two other



PHIL KRINGLE  
CHIEF OF POLICE (RET)

individuals were indicted for the crime, but charges were dropped later that year because no one would testify against them.

Marshal Crowley was killed in the line of duty and no where in the Village did we have any type of recognition plaque or remembrance at all. We soon learned that after he was killed, his widow and four children moved from the Chicago area. We also learned that Marshal



Crowley was buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Chicago with **NO MARKER**. Last summer, I requested the Village of Hodgkins to purchase the above marker and it was placed at the gravesite.

Officer Joseph Klotz and I collected newspaper clippings and other bits of documentation to describe the events that took place 108 Years ago. We submitted Marshal Crowley's name to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington DC so his name can be added to the Memorial Wall.

The Village has contracted with a Private Investigator to try and locate any living relatives of Marshal Crowley. We hope to at least be able to inform them that Marshal Crowley has not been forgotten.

At the April 10th, 2017 Village Board Meeting I motioned, and received an unanimous vote, that the Village adopt an "Honorary Marshal Patrick Crowley Way" for



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## 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

Trustee  
Don Cuttill

Trustee  
Lida Mills

Trustee  
Dominic Misasi

Trustee  
Vicky Moxley

Trustee  
Larry Rice

Trustee  
Paul Struve

Village Comptroller  
Melody Salerno

Deputy Clerk  
Sharon Wells

Village Attorney  
John T. O'Connell

Village Attorney  
Tim Callahan

Chief of Police  
Ernest Millsap

Lenzi Avenue. I believe that Lenzi Avenue was the appropriate location for this Honorary Street because the Hodgkins Police Department is located there as well as the street name of "Lenzi Ave". My hope is eventually, the street name of "Lenzi Avenue" will be eliminated completely.

Below is the Village Resolution Honoring Marshal Patrick Crowley for his ultimate sacrifice to our community. It is on display at the Village Hall and Police Department. The Honorary Street Signs are up and proudly proclaiming the honor bestowed for Marshal Patrick Crowley. This is long overdue. *"Marshal Crowley Shall not be Forgotten"*



### RESOLUTION 2017-04

A RESOLUTION BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE VILLAGE OF HODGKINS

#### RESOLUTION TO HONOR FALLEN POLICE OFFICER VILLAGE MARSHAL PATRICK CROWLEY

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Hodgkins honors the Service and Life of Village Marshal Patrick Crowley; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Enforcement is an honorable, hard-working profession that diligently seeks to make our communities safer and more livable; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshal Patrick Crowley, historically referred to as Village Marshal, was assigned to the Village of Hodgkins as temporary Marshal by the Cook County Sheriffs Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshal Patrick Crowley was fatally wounded by an assailant's bullet while making a lawful arrest during a public disturbance on June 13th, 1909; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshal Crowley left a widow Nellie and four children, Bonita, Philip, Nellie and Cecelia Crowley; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshal Crowley has been listed with the "Officer Down Memorial Page" as Killed in the Line of Duty; and

**WHEREAS**, Marshal Crowley has been submitted to the "National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial" in Washington DC to be included on the Police Memorial Wall; and



**WHEREAS**, there is no greater sacrifice an Officer can make for their community than to give their life; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the VILLAGE of HODGKINS pays its highest tribute and respects to the service of Marshal Patrick Crowley. In Honor of Marshal Patrick Crowley's Ultimate Sacrifice we hereby Designate Lenzi Avenue, from Joliet Road to East Avenue as the Honorary "Marshal Patrick Crowley Way".

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Hodgkins, Cook County, Illinois, this 10th day of April, 2017.

ATTEST:

*Stephanie Gardner*

STEPHANIE GARDNER  
VILLAGE CLERK

*Noel B. Cummings*  
NOEL B. CUMMINGS  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT







## FAIR HOUSING ACT

The Village of Hodgkins is committed to promoting Fair Housing efforts through fair and equal housing opportunities for our citizens. Fair Housing is the right for all people to have safe, decent housing and be able to get this housing without discrimination. Village, State, and Federal Fair Housing Laws require that all people have an equal opportunity to buy, rent, or live in housing. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions.

**FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAWS PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION BASED ON:**

**RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, FAMILY STATUS, DISABILITY**

Complaints of discrimination in housing can be filed with the Village of Hodgkins, the Illinois Department of Human Rights, or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Complaints to the Village can be filed in writing to:

VILLAGE CLERK  
VILLAGE OF HODGKINS  
8990 LYONS STREET, HODGKINS, ILLINOIS 60525

## Internet Purchase Exchange Safe Zone

Our Police Dept. has introduced an internet purchase meet up zone near the lobby doors at the station to help provide a secure location for area residents to meet when buying and selling legal online items.

By having the online exchange video recorded at the Police Department we hope this will discourage people from attempting to scam other people online.

## EMERGENCY 911 CALLS

As of May 2, 2017 all the Village of Hodgkins 911 emergency calls will be dispatched through the Oak Lawn 911 dispatch center.

Hodgkins residents can feel secure in knowing when they need to make an emergency call it will be answered by highly trained Dispatcher using state of the art equipment.

We want to thank Hodgkins Police Chief Ernest Millsap and his team as well as Oak Lawn Director of Operations Dianna Tousignant and her team for their work getting this move completed.

## Please Drive Slowly & Watch for Children at Play



### Sidewalk Reminder

Please remember that the sidewalks need to be clear of any vehicles, brush, and grass clippings. If your driveway crosses over a Village sidewalk, be aware to not block the walkway. Do not blow your clippings on the road or sidewalks.

When you are disposing of your grass clippings, please make sure you use biodegradable paper bags only, and under 40 lbs. We can't pick up yard waste in plastic garbage bags. If you need to throw out tree branches/clippings, please lay them stacked with the cut ends toward the curb. Please be courteous so we can all enjoy the sidewalks and walkways!



## A HODGKINS RESIDENT YOU SHOULD KNOW

### DEE DEE KOVEL



If bearing witness to Hodgkins history were a currency, then Virginia ("Dee Dee") Kovel would be one of the wealthiest residents in town. Between her own life, and the lives of her parents and grandparents, her family history goes back to the times before Hodgkins officially became a village.

Born Virginia Buralli in 1935 to Charles Buralli and Adeline (née Matz) Buralli, Dee Dee was the second of four children. They lived at 6517 Kane Avenue, near Hodgkins School, at a time when Hodgkins was still in its formative period. Her mother, and her maternal grandparents, were also born in Hodgkins. Her great, great grandfather was Jacob Wenz, a quarry worker and the first person to make a homestead in Hodgkins. He later became a mayor of Hodgkins, and Wenz Avenue is named after him.

Dee Dee recalls that, during her childhood, there was a train depot just past the place where 67th Street crosses the railroad tracks now, and her mother would go there to pick up the items she ordered from Sears, Roebuck & Company. Sometimes, around Christmas, the loads would get tedious to bear while walking all the way back home! Also during her childhood, in the early 1940's, there was an airplane that crashed in Hodgkins, at the edge of the Des Plaines River. In addition, she remembers an incident in which armed robbers came into Hodgkins after robbing a bookie in Western Springs. They were speeding through the Hodgkins streets, and her grandfather, William Matz, confronted them about this, until he saw their back glass had been shot out and decided to back away! They were eventually captured when they turned their vehicle into the quarry and couldn't find their way back out again.

Dee Dee was valedictorian of her Eighth Grade class, when she graduated from the 7th Avenue Junior High School, before attending LTHS. Later, after getting married and having children, she went to Capri Beauty School in Chicago, where she got her degree after 9 months, and then became a beautician. For twenty years, she worked as a beautician out of her home, until her allergies forced her to stop. In the meantime, she had married Walter ("Wally") Kovel, in 1953, who worked for Talberts Mechanical, and later at Kovel's Landscaping service, his brother's business, and still later for Hodgkins Public Works. They were married for 57 years, and had five children: Jeannette (Gardner), Walter ("Butch"), Allen, Susan (Cappa), and Jody.

Through the years, Dee Dee has taken up a number of skills and activities for which she has become quite well known in both her family and in the community. She is a self-taught baker, cake decorator, seamstress, upholsterer, carpenter (often making lawn decorations and furniture), and an interior decorator. She's also done lots of canning, for which she was interviewed by Suburban Life in 1975. She still enjoys creating paintings with acrylic paints, often painting beautiful images onto lawn furniture or other items that she has crafted herself. At her 80th birthday party, held at the Hodgkins Park District, family and friends honored her by recognizing the amazing array of creative talents she possesses, and her tireless pursuit of her crafts over the years, with a number of awards. Dee Dee said this truly warmed her heart.



When I asked her if she had anything she wanted to say to the residents of Hodgkins, she had this to say:

"Hodgkins is the greatest town in the United States. My whole family lives in Hodgkins. If it wasn't a great place to live, we wouldn't be living here!"

If you don't already know this interesting and creative person in town, be sure to make the acquaintance of Dee Dee Kovel!





Melody Salerno  
Village Comptroller

# Village Tax Rebates

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



For those residents who live in our manufactured home communities and apartments we will begin issuing those rebates on November 15, 2017.

## MOBILE PANTRY

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is extending its Mobile Pantry program to Lyons Township locations. Open to the public.

All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend. We recommend that you bring your own grocery bags.

For more information, please contact the Food Depository at: 773-247-3663  
[chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org) 3:30pm—5:30pm



GREATER  
CHICAGO  
FOOD  
DEPOSITORY

July 18, 2017	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st. Place, Summit, IL 60501
<b>Aug. 15, 2017</b>	<b>Hodgkins Village</b>	<b>9096 Joliet Road, Hodgkins IL 60525</b>
Sept. 19, 2017	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458
Oct. 17, 2017	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st. Place, Summit, IL 60501
Nov. 21, 2017	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL 60458

### Other Local Food Pantries

**Second Bap. Church of LaGrange**—26 Washington Ave. (Back Entrance) - 708-354-5907  
Monday 10am-12pm – *Boundaries:* Maywood, Argo, 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 708-352-0168  
Tuesday 9:30am—11am – *Boundaries:* Zip Codes 60525 & 60526

## TAX ASSESSMENT

By now you should have received your 2017 re-assessment notification and hopefully have filed an appeal. If not you still have time. Assessor Weyrick stated this year's assessment is "the worst I've seen in 20 years". She had also stated assessments have increased anywhere from 20 to 150 percent. For additional information visit Assessor Barbara Weyrick's office at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, IL 60525 or contact them at 708-482-8300 then choose option 1. You can sign up for the emails and will be notified when it is appeal time.

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

## *No Water Rate Increase*

The Village of McCook received a water rate increase of 1.82% from the City of Chicago. McCook raised the rate for water to the Village of Hodgkins 2.06%. After reviewing the water rates, the Board of Trustees voted not to raise the water rates for the residential, commercial and industrial customers of the Village of Hodgkins.



We would like to thank Gloria Murillo for 15 Years of dedication and service to the Department of Public Works. We hope you stay for many more.  
2002—2017

## Need a Truck Dropped Off?

If you are cleaning out or doing a small remodel job over the weekend, it is possible for a Village truck to be left on site. Usually, we will drop it off on Friday and pick it up on Monday. Please contact the Village Hall for further information on the use of a truck.

*We DO NOT pick up any of the following items:*

*Vehicle Parts, Tires, Batteries, Paint Cans or any Toxic Items.*

## Secretary of State Mobile Services

At the Village Hall on October 17, 2017

The Mobile Unit will be available from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on October 17, 2017 at The Village Hall

### Services Provided at the Secretary of State Mobile Event:

- Renewal / Correction of Drivers License • New / Renewal / Correction of State ID
- License Plate Stickers • Motor Voter Registration with Renewal of DL / ID
- Organ Donor Registration with Renewal DL / ID • Seniors age 65 & up (No Charge for State ID)
- Senior age 75 & Up-need to visit DMV to renew Drivers License

### Rules of the Road Class from 10am—11:30am

*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.*

**PROPER IDENTIFICATION WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE ABOVE SERVICES.**



## FREE OAK TREE SAPLINGS

A new initiative designed to restore the urban canopy and manage Cook County's storm water will continue as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) begins distributing free saplings to residents of Cook County.

The MWRD's new program is called "Restore the Canopy, Plant a Tree." Trees are an important part of Chicago's ecosystem. They provide rain absorption and a canopy that reduces city heat island effects. They also absorb carbon gasses and produce oxygen.

"There is no limit to the benefits that trees, especially oak trees, provide to our region," said MWRD President Mariyana Spyropoulos. "Trees can keep neighborhoods cooler and lower energy bills, provide oxygen and shade, buffer noise, provide protection from wind, and most importantly in our case, absorb water. We invite schools, community groups, and municipalities in our area to participate, and together build our canopy."

The saplings will be individually potted. Planting and care instructions, along with additional information regarding the benefits of trees, will be provided.

If you are interested in receiving free Oak tree saplings please contact the Village Hall by September 30, 2017.





# AGING WELL PROGRAM



TRUSTEE  
DON CUTTILL

## HODGKINS-MCCOOK AREA AGING WELL GROUP GOING STRONG

Chicagoland has long been home to a vibrant, richly diverse population of senior citizens. Each successive generation of elders bear witness to a distinct layer of American history and culture that only Chicagoland offers, and flavors Chicago's aging soul with the cherished folkways of their youth. Each time a generation passes, another layer of living human history is gone, to be replaced with the next remaining link to



TRUSTEE  
DOMINIC MISASI

the treasured past. With so precious a human resource as our aging population, it is a great comfort to know that abundant resources have been brought together, by both public and private sectors, to help aid, enrich, and ennoble the aging process for so many of the senior Americans living among us. And right amongst those resources is one of the very best in our area: the Aging Well program.

Hodgkins plays host to the monthly meetings of the Hodgkins-McCook Area Aging Well group. This group has nearly three dozen members and meets in the Community Room of the Hodgkins Village Hall. The group is led by Hodgkins Trustee Don Cuttill, and has two other Trustees, Paul Struve and Dominic Misasi, as well as Village President Noel Cummings, participating in the program. In addition to going on yearly trips (this past year it was a trip to Chicago's Wendella Tours, an architecture-focused river cruise), the Aging Well group members are treated to ice cream socials, Mother's Day celebrations, a Christmas Party, and other seasonal activities, and are taught beneficial tips on accessing community services at their monthly meetings. They are also frequently treated to meals and fun door prizes for their attendance. The group builds a strong sense of shared community among its members. Trustee Cuttill couldn't be more proud of the group's enterprise and robust success.

"Our Aging Well group has been a terrific resource for our community. I am very honored to get to lead and be a part of this program," he said.

The Hodgkins-McCook Area Aging Well group recently put its members through a specially-tailored educational service called the Aging Well Citizens Academy. Coordinated by Chief Millsap and Sgt. Miller of the Hodgkins Police Department for the past year, the academy provided educational demonstrations by various members of the police department and other community organizations about such wide-ranging subjects as fire prevention and carbon monoxide detection, and how to recognize phone scams. They had a graduation in April in which the members received a certificate of completion and were treated to a meal, slideshow presentation, and a tour of the Hodgkins Police Department.





Originally formed in 2001, Aging Well is a collaboration of individuals and community organizations that took shape in the Lyons, Riverside, and South Proviso Township areas. It received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2004, in response to input from its national program called Community Partnerships for Older Adults. The program was administered under the aegis of Age Options in Oak Park (originally Area Agency on Aging), but when the grant period came to a close, Aging Care Connections, based in LaGrange, took on the oversight of the program and promoted its continuing development.

Offering an array of programs and services, including support groups, home delivered meals, chore housekeeping and other in-home assistance, adult protective services, transportation assistance, comprehensive care coordination, and a great many other elements of support, Aging Care Connections has administered this program quite well. Linda Hussey, Aging Well Program Coordinator for Aging Care Connections, expressed her conviction that the secret to their success was community involvement.

"Aging Care Connections works in partnership with the Aging Well teams to make sure older adults remain safe and independent in their own communities," Hussey said. "The Hodgkins-McCook Aging Well team has had such an amazing impact on the older adults in the community, in large part because of the tremendous support of their respective Villages."

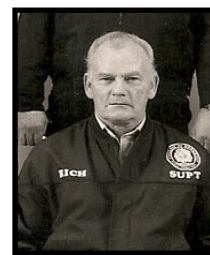
As part of the broader set of resources administered by Aging Care Connections, Aging Well is one of its more visible and social faces. The Village leaders in Hodgkins see this program as vital to the overall wellness of the community, and hope to see more people become part of its success. Trustee Don Cuttill encourages the people of Hodgkins and McCook to get involved.

"If anyone 55 and older wants to come, and bring a friend or two, you are always welcome. We are always looking for people to come and be a part of Aging Well," he said.

The Hodgkins-McCook Area Aging Well group meets once per month in the Larry Rice Community Room in the basement of the Hodgkins Village Hall.



**IN MEMORIAM:  
RICHARD MORRELL  
1943 - 2017**



On March 27, 2017, the village of Hodgkins lost one of its long-time residents, and public servants. Richard "Dick" Morrell, 74, died, succumbing to complications after suffering a stroke.

Dick loved the Village of Hodgkins, and served the Village in many different capacities. He retired from NCG/Liquid Air with 25 years of service. Dick was a Trustee on the Hodgkins Village Board for many years; He also served on the Hodgkins Civil Service Board, and was a former Police Chief of the Hodgkins/McCook Park District Police. Dick served as a volunteer Pleasantview Fire Protection District fireman. Most recently, Dick was Superintendent of Hodgkins Public Works.

He faithfully attended Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS) in Hodgkins, and served there as a Trustee. His faith in Christ was manifest to all, in word and deed. Dick was always willing to help those who needed it however he was able, and spent incalculable hours working to maintain the church facilities, even while in failing health. Despite numerous health problems in his later years, he never lost his positive attitude. Dick loved spending time with his family and friends, and enjoyed fishing, and playing The Legend of Zelda.



**IN MEMORIAM:  
VERNON MILLSAP**



Vernon Millsap was born in 1933 in Cleveland, Tenn. He came to Hodgkins in 1951 and went to work at Reynolds Aluminum where he retired after 43 years. He met Alida Latham in July of 1952. They married April 1, 1953 and were married for 64 years until his death. He was the Father of seven children, Vernon, Larry, David, Lida, Margery, Robert and Ernest. He enjoyed 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. He lived in town for 59 years. He always considered Hodgkins his home town and would do anything for the Village or any of the residents. A Trustee from 1975—1977 and again from 1981—1985. He was an active member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Vernon loved to hunt and would take time every November to go deer hunting and four wheeling in southern Illinois.

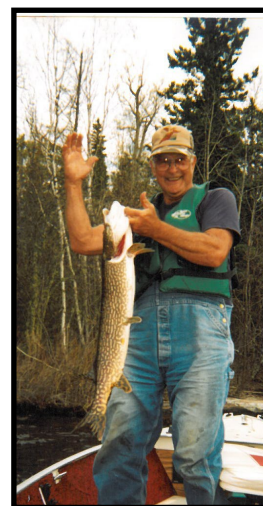
**IN MEMORIAM:  
JAMES (MARVIN) PAINTER  
1934—2017**

Former Village of Hodgkins Trustee James Marvin Painter died on June 18, 2017 at the age of 80, after a 10 year battle with Alzheimer. He was being cared for by his daughter Mary in Darien, Illinois.



Marvin with his good friend Robert Evans

Marvin grew up and attend school in Hodgkins. At the time the school was a 2 room school house that had grades 1-4 and 5-8. After graduation from Lyons Township High School he started working for Reynolds Metal where he worked until retirement. Marvin was a former Hodgkins Building Inspector and Volunteer Fireman. He continued his public service as a Village Trustee. Marvin was a friend to everyone. He was always willing to help someone in need. He was a very common man, and never used the word I. His hobbies were making knives and of course fishing!





# MEMORIAL DAY 2017

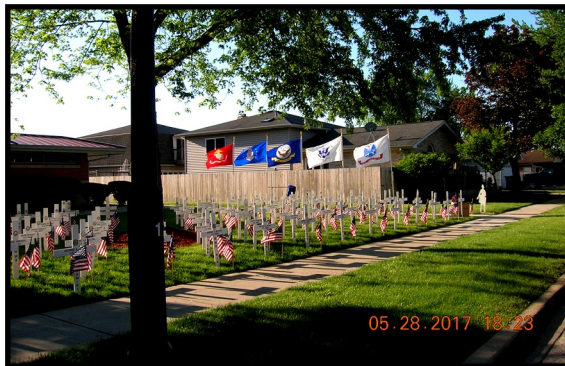


**W**e would like to Thank the Coulter American Legion Post #1941 for their participation in this years Memorial Day service. The Coulter Post has been providing the Honor Guard and Official service for our Veterans Memorial since 1989. As usual, they did a fantastic job and provided us with a patriotic and moving service.

Our volunteers met at the Memorial at 6 am and began setting up our Memorial Day Crosses. Each year, the volunteers meet to set up our over 114 Memorial Crosses. This is not an easy task. The crosses are laid out and spaced at specific intervals, similar to our national veterans cemeteries. We leave the crosses out on display all day. At about 6 pm the volunteers come back to pack up all the crosses and decorations.

We receive many compliments each year from friends and family members of those represented on our crosses.

Thank you to all who came and volunteered as well as those who came to pay tribute. You made the day a great success!





## HODGKINS BOARD NAMES COMMUNITY ROOM IN HONOR OF LARRY RICE

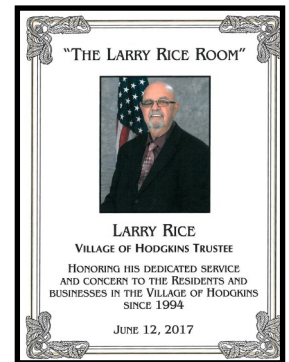


A longtime fixture of Hodgkins civic life, Trustee Larry Rice was honored on Monday night, June 12th, at the regular monthly Village Board meeting. The recently completed community room in the basement of the village hall has been named in honor of Trustee Rice by a vote of the Village Board, officially named the "Larry Rice Room."

Larry moved to Hodgkins in 1962 from Covington, Kentucky, looking for work. He arrived with two friends, and soon found employment at the Marshall

Steel Company. Later, he worked for Electromotive, and then Beaver Oil Company. In 1964, he married Sandra Cook, daughter of former Mayor Leon Cook, and they've been happily married ever since. In the past, Larry served as Police Commissioner, and also served on the Volunteer Fire Department. He has been a Trustee of Hodgkins since 1994, and in that time, he has served on all the various committees over the years. He currently serves as Chairman of the Police Committee.

When asked about the recent honor, Trustee Rice expressed gratitude. "I was so surprised, and I really appreciate it," he said. "I had no idea they were going to do that. It was really nice of them to think of me. "If you get a chance, take a look at this beautiful new addition to the Village Hall, and take a moment to show Trustee Larry Rice your appreciation for his many years of civic service!"



## Newly Elected Official Sworn-In



Trustee Cuttill, Lida Mills,  
Trustee Struve, and Judge Rogers

Hodgkins has a new face in its leadership. Lida Mills has joined the esteemed ranks of the Village Board of Trustees. At the regular monthly board meeting on Monday, May 8th, Lida, surrounded by friends and family, was sworn in by Judge Pat Rogers as the newest member of the Board.

Many, if not most, Village Residents will know Lida from her many years of public service in the Village. For 39 years, she taught preschool ("Tot Time") at the Hodgkins Park District, having retired from that position only 2 years ago. In addition to that tireless dedication, she also

served for many years, from 1989 to 2007, on the Hodgkins Public Library Board. For shorter durations in that time, she also served in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer, and once even as Vice President.

Lida is married to Allan Mills, head of Hodgkins ESDA, and has two children: Allan Jr. and Jessica. When asked for her thoughts, she expressed an eagerness to be more involved in the civics of the community. "The reason I ran was because I love Hodgkins. I came from a long family of village service. My grandma was Treasurer, my father was a Trustee, and my brother was a Trustee. And now I'm proud to call myself a Trustee of Hodgkins! I look forward to working with the Board."

Congratulations on your new position, Lida!

# D.A.R.E. Graduation 2017

This year marked the momentous milestone of seeing the graduation of the 25th annual Hodgkins D.A.R.E. class. On Wednesday, May 24th, twenty-two 6th-grade students were honored by family members, teachers, Principal John Signatur, D.A.R.E. Instructor Officer Matt Hosteny, Hodgkins Police Chief Ernest Millsap, and other members of the community for their completion of the program, which is designed to equip and encourage students to stay off drugs and away from gangs and other violence. College student Maria Almeida, a former Hodgkins D.A.R.E. student, was the guest speaker for the evening.

During its 15 weeks, D.A.R.E. teaches students about the consequences of drug use and participation in violent acts. It also helps impart in them self-respect, and self-confidence in the face of peer pressure.

Among its many character-building activities for the kids are food-packing and fundraising for Feed My Starving Children, and raking leaves for senior citizens at Weeping Willow Ranch. The students also got to go on some fun field trips, like to Great America, a Chicago Wolves game, and a big trip to Springfield to visit the Lincoln Museum, the State Capitol, and Lincoln's home and tomb.

The D.A.R.E. Instructor, Hodgkins Police Officer Hosteny, had this to say about the graduation and program:

"I'm proud of these kids. I'm just trying to follow in the very capable footsteps of Lt. Milojevich and Sgt. Cimino, who ran this program before me. I love being involved in these kids' lives in a positive capacity."

**Congratulations to all the 2017 D.A.R.E. graduates!**



**Back row** (left to right): Officer Hosteny, Anthony Rivera, Julio Fulgencio, Alex Toledo-Miguel, Mercedes Sanchez, Devany Ramirez, Jocelyn Ramirez, Natalia Gonzalez-Espinoza, Mrs. Lewandowski

**Middle row** (left to right): Isabella Ries-Salinas, Daniel Lee, Izaac Tapia, Grace Sneed, Doreccy Cardenas, Jake Warkentien, Joav Mendoza-Ruiz

**Front row** (left to right): Denisse Elizondo, Fatima Martinez Gallegos, Luis Belasquez-Dominguez, Roberto Llanes Aguilera, Kyla Kirby, Michelle Torres, Juan Rios Arellano, Erik Ramirez     Not pictured: Carlos Rangel Gonzalez

# COP ON ROOFTOP

## Hodgkins Police Department Teams Up With Special Olympics

The Hodgkins Police Department and Dunkin' Donuts came together on Friday, May 19th, to help out the kids in the Special Olympics, as they've been doing every year for the past few years with a special annual fundraising event. The Cop On Rooftop event gives the police department an opportunity to make itself prominently visible in a very literal way. One or two officers climb up a ladder onto the rooftop of the Dunkin' Donuts building in Hodgkins, and promote the fundraiser to all passersby.

Coordinated by Sergeant Mike Cimino and Officer Ryan Carrasquillo, many members of the police department, ESDA, and other community members contributed their efforts to the cause, raising just under \$2000.00 on a rainy morning, to help out Special Olympics kids in the state of Illinois. Officer Carrasquillo was pleased with the outcome, and was glad to be playing a more active role this year, attending a planning conference in Decatur one day in the spring.

"I got involved because my mother was a nurse in special education and I got to work alongside her during the summers growing up," Carrasquillo noted. "My younger brother also chose to go into the field and is currently an administrator for a special education program in Hawaii, along with being a special education coach. So, I've always admired the work they've done and the patience they've had. This is just a small way for me to get involved in a worthwhile cause."

Sgt. Cimino, who has led the program for many years, was equally pleased. "We just want to thank everyone who came out in the rain to make it such a successful day. It feels good to help children in need."

Congratulations are also in order to Sgt. Cimino on being elected Vice President of the West Suburban Juvenile Officers Association at the 2017 spring quarterly meeting of the organization. Well done Sgt. Cimino!







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## UPCOMING .....



**Saturday, August 26th**

**Food and Beer 12—9pm**

**"NEW" Fest Fun Run 5K - 8am**  
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**Bingo 5-8pm**

**Brass Buckle Band 8pm**

**Fireworks at 9pm**

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