

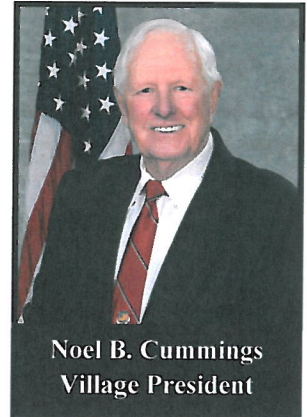


VILLAGE OF HODGKINS COMMUNICATOR

Summer 2018

A Message from the Mayor . . .

With the sale of the vacant parcel at 6600 Kimball Avenue scheduled for next week I think we should dedicate some time to discuss the Hodgkins Beautification Program. The Project consists of the Village acquiring distressed or foreclosed parcels, demolish the old building and sell the vacant parcel to a builder or future resident who agrees to construct a new residential building on the site. Prices on the vacant parcels have recently been set at around \$60,000. We have purchased seven parcels in the past year. Two homes are completed and one is in progress of being built. Recent sales of newly constructed homes have been around \$400,000. I don't think it is too early to say the Project has been a success.



Noel B. Cummings
Village President

Hodgkins fest is right around the corner. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the park. The day starts out with my annual fishing tournament. Matt Struve has been doing a great job running the tournament. Its always fun to watch the kids fish and have fun with their parents. The rest of the day is filled with many family fun events. From children's inflatables, performances by several acts, and games for children and adults. Not to mention the food. It is always a fun filled day! Vulcan Materials is offering tours of their quarry. The tours are offered from 10am—2 pm. This is very interesting and allows you to see how things are done in the quarry. As the day comes to an end the Village puts on a spectacular fireworks display. This is a wonderful family day. It's a great chance for you to meet neighbors. I look forward to meeting and talk to many of you at the park. I would like to hear your thoughts and concerns on our wonderful Village.

Sincerely,

Noel B. Cummings

*Family and friendships are two of the
greatest facilitators of happiness.*

- John C. Maxwell

Hodgkins Village Officials

Contact any of these
officials by telephone
at: Hodgkins Village
579-6700

**Village President
Noel B. Cummings**

**Village Clerk
Stephanie Gardner**

TRUSTEES
Paul Struve
Larry Rice
Vicky Moxley
Dominic Misasi
Lida Mills
Tim Kovel

Village Comptroller
Melody Salerno

Deputy Clerk
Sharon Wells

Village Attorneys
John T. O'Connell
Tim Callahan

Chief of Police
Ernest Millsap



Welcome our newest Trustee
Tim Kovel.

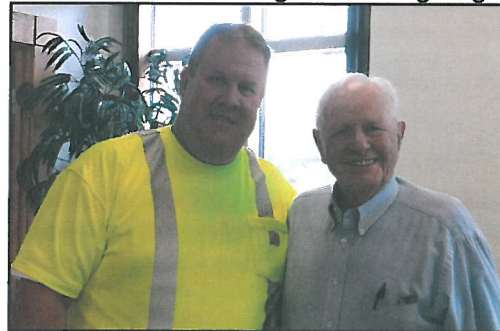
Tim was sworn in on May 14, 2018
at the monthly Board meeting. Tim
will be replacing our long time
Trustee Don Cuttill who passed
away on April 29 of this year. Tim
Kovel has been a life long resident

of Hodgkins. After graduating from LT he worked for his father in the family
landscape business for 12 years. When the business closed in 1982 he then
went to work for Dunnet Bay Construction. Tim retired in 2010 from Kenny
Construction Company after 28 years.

In 2014 he took the position as Building Inspector for the Village of Hodgkins.

Tim and his wife Linda have been married for 45 years. They have two sons
Clinton and Brett. They are grandparents to Tyler, Caiden and Kaia.

When he's not working he loves going hunting and fishing with his family.



Welcome Matt Struve our new
Village Building Inspector.

Matt was raised in Hodgkins and
has lived in the Village his entire life.

He attended Zion Lutheran School
in Summit, IL; Hodgkins Elementary

School; Gurrie Jr. High School; LT High School; College of DuPage, & Concor-
dia University, Chicago.

Matt has been married to his wife Amy for eighteen years. They purchased and
re-modeled Matt's grandparent's home here in Hodgkins, and currently live in
that home.

Prior to his employment with the Village, Matt ran his family's neighborhood
tavern, the Eight Ball Inn. He also owned his own Lawn Maintenance business.

Matt began his employment with the Village of Hodgkins Public Works Depart-
ment in October, 2005. Prior to his employment, he was appointed and served
on the Village's Civil Service Commission.

Matt is in the midst of serving his second term as an elected member of the
Board of Directors of the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri
Synod. In this position, he represents the interests of some 125,000 Lutherans
living in the Northern Illinois region.

Matt eagerly anticipates taking Building Inspector certification courses. He will be
taking these courses at B&F Construction Code Services in Elgin, IL. He is also
currently a Certified Class C Public Water Supply Operator.

MANDATORY HOME INSPECTIONS PRIOR TO RESALE

FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND MOBILE HOME STRUCTURES

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

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

ORDINANCE 18-11

An ordinance inserting point of resale inspection requirements in Title 9, Chapter 14 in the Hodgkins Village Code.

As an Illinois Home Rule Municipality, the Village of Hodgkins ("Village") has a constitutional directive to protect and ensure public health, safety and welfare of its citizens insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of residential structures and premises.

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

BUILDING PERMITS are required- 9-1B-2: 9

It is hereby declared unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to commence or to perform or engage in any work in connection with the construction, erection, enlargement, remodeling, altering, repairing, raising, lowering, underpinning, change of use, moving or wrecking of any building, structure, or portion thereof without having first made application to and secured the necessary permit therefor. Any person, firm, or corporation so doing shall be subject to the general penalty for violation of this chapter. The building permit shall carry with it the right to install any crane, derrick, material elevator, heating or lighting apparatus inside the lot line which may be required for temporary use during the progress of the work.

If you have any questions or would like a complete copy of this Ordinance, please contact the Village Hall.



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



It's Tax Rebate Time Again

The Residential Tax Rebates are paid to those residents who receive property tax bills from Cook County. The Tax bill must have homeowners exemption. Proof of payment is required. This is obtained by a receipt from your bank or lender. The Village will reimburse you the Village of Hodgkins portion listed on your tax bill plus 10%. If you have not filed for your Property Tax Rebate yet, please contact the Village Hall for information.

Mobile Home residents and those residents that rent or lease an apartment are eligible for a garbage rebate as long as you have resided in Hodgkins as of January 1st, 2018 and still reside here. These rebates will be available starting November 14th, 2018 through December 14, 2018.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this rebate, please call the Village Hall at 579-6700 or stop by the office.

Hodgkins Food Pantry



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



**GREATER
CHICAGO
FOOD
DEPOSITORY Mobile Pantry**

**Free Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and
Non-perishable groceries**

Date	Place	Address
August 21	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st Place Summit, IL
September 18	Justice Village Hall	7800 Archer Rd., Justice, IL
October 16	Village of Hodgkins	9096 Joliet Road Hodgkins, IL
November 20	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61st Place Summit, IL

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.**

Other Local Food Panties

Second Bap. Church of LaGrange
26 Washington Ave. (Back Entrance)
708-354-5907

Monday 10am-12pm
Boundaries: Maywood, Agro,
Lyons, & Western Springs

St. Cletus Food Pantry
600 W 55th St., Lagrange
708-215-5418

2nd Thursday 6:30pm-8pm
Boundaries: Lyons Township

St. Francis Xavier Food Pantry
124 N Spring Ave., Lagrange
708-352-0168

Tuesday 9:30am—11am
Boundaries: Zip Codes 60525 & 60526



SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!

The Village offers **FREE** smoke detectors to Village residents. If you already have a detector it is recommended that you replace batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors every six months. An easy reminder is to use daylight savings time.

Fire Prevention and Safety Tips

More than half the reported home-cooking fire injuries happen when people try to fight the fire themselves. Before using a portable fire extinguisher, make sure you know how to use one. Also, it's crucial that you have an extinguisher that's the correct type for the fire you're fighting. Also, it's important that all people have left or are leaving the house, you have a clear escape route and the fire department has been called.

Be alert! If you're sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop. Remain in the kitchen while cooking food on the stovetop or in the broiler, and use a timer to remind you to check it regularly. Keep an eye on what you fry.

Annual inspections and tune ups to keep heating systems and furnaces in peak, safe and efficient operating condition. Keep the area around the furnace free from obstructions and flammable items. Change the furnace filter regularly for energy efficiency and to keep dust from being circulated through the house. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater. Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's sight and reach.

Never smoke in bedrooms. Never smoke in a home where oxygen is being used.

Have an Evacuation Plan:

Draw an evacuation map so that it's easy for your little ones to understand what their route will be to get outside. Keep it on the fridge year-round so it's always top of mind.

Establish a family meeting spot outside the home – and remind everyone where it is.

Identify two ways out of each room in your home and make sure the exits are always free of furniture or clutter.

Assign one person (an adult or parent) to keep track of the cat or dog, so that everyone isn't looking for a beloved pet during an emergency.

Practice escaping from your home.

Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.

Teach household members to **STOP, DROP, and ROLL** if their clothes catch fire.



**WEST SUBURBAN
CHAMBER**
of Commerce and Industry

West Suburban Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently honored Brett Kovel. In their 30 under 40 recipients for 2018.



The WSCCI honors 30 of the region's young professionals who live or work in one of our nine communities and who are making a deep impact on our local communities.

Brett Kovel, CMCA, AMS, started Elite Management Associates, Inc. ("Elite") in 2005 at the age of 24. Elite is a multi-faceted property services company with divisions in association management and commercial/industrial snow and ice management. The Elite team takes pride in small business and focuses on personal service. Brett volunteers at the Helping Hand Center and the LeaderShop. He and his family hold an annual equipment drive for Pitch In For Baseball®, a not for profit organization that assists children in the U.S. and globally. Brett and his son Caiden started a small business together call The Pitch Pad (www.thepitchpad.com) which commits 10% of its profits to Pitch In For Baseball®.

An Article from Voyage Chicago:

Today we'd like to introduce you to



**ELITE MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Brett Kovel—

Brett, please share your story with us.



One of Elite's properties, Hinsdale, IL

How did you get to where you are today?

I completed my BS at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC). My degree was in finance with a focus on entrepreneurial studies. The main advantage of being at a city school was that many of our professors ran their own successful companies. This was motivating. I also enjoyed learning from and meeting my classmates. Most of us were grinders; working jobs while going to school full time. During my four years, I worked multiple jobs and completed two internships. Each experience was unique and valuable to shaping my future.

After graduating in 2003, I went to work with at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (FRBC). The FRBC was a great experience. The work environment was fun, flexible, and diverse. I worked at the FRBC for over two years. I needed this time to build the confidence and framework to start my own company. I left the FRBC at the age of 24 to start my first company, Elite Management Associates, Inc. (Elite). Elite exclusively serves property associations. I decided to start this business because I lived in an association and recognized the need for better communication and financial transparency. Also, I simply wanted to make these communities better places to live.

Elite was started in 2005 with only one property (from a laptop computer in the guest bedroom). Today we work with 35+ Associations and over 1600 total units. We take pride in our small business and consider ourselves a boutique company. All of our growth has come from referrals and word of mouth. Our goal

my eight-year-old son Caiden. We developed a baseball product called The Pitch Pad (www.thepitchpad.com). This has given me a chance to teach my son about entrepreneurship and making a difference by giving back. Our company commits 10% of profits to Pitch In For Baseball® (PIFB), a registered 501(c)(3) not for profit organization that provides new and gently used baseball and softball equipment to boys and girls in the United States and around the world who want to play ball but lack the equipment to do so. We also hold an annual equipment drive and accept donations throughout the year. In our first year, we donated 100+ items including 25 bats and gloves.

Elite Management Associates, Inc. – what should we know? What do you guys do best? What sets you apart from the competition?

Elite Management is a boutique association management company. We differentiate ourselves by providing consistency, on-site customer service, detailed communications, in-depth financial analysis, and strategic planning.

What is “success” or “successful” for you?

I believe success can be defined through integrity, happiness, and making a difference.

Integrity is about being honest and transparent. In today’s business and political climate, these attributes have become rare. Mark Twain once said, “Always tell the truth, then you do not have to remember anything.” We encourage the staff to admit to mistakes and show the willingness to learn from them. Happiness is in part about having great balance. We encourage working no more than 40 hours a week, leading a healthy lifestyle, and consistently doing the things you enjoy. Making a difference is about taking pride in your career and the way that you live your life. In our business, we can make our communities a better place to live by helping them make the right decisions and giving them a true partner that they can trust and rely on.

Making a difference away from your career is equally as important. We encourage volunteering and we are currently working on setting up annual volunteer opportunities where the staff work together. Currently, we have individually volunteered and/or donated financially to our local churches, The Helping Hand Center (www.hhcenter.org), the LeaderShop (www.leadershop.org), Pitch in For Baseball (www.pifb.org), Crushers Club (www.crushersclub.org) and Feed My Starving Children (www.fmssc.org).

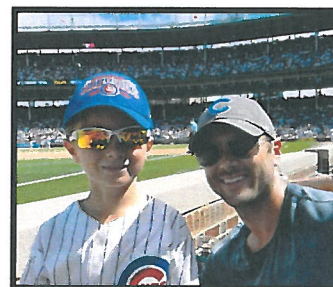
These organizations are doing great things.



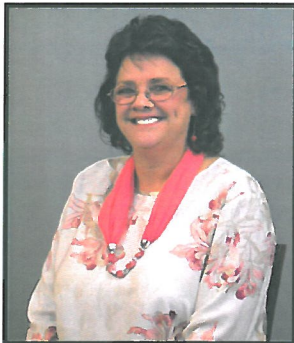
Brett, his wife Kerri, Caiden & Kaia.



Brett with his kids, Caiden and Kaia at their annual equipment drive.



Brett with Caiden at a Cubs Game.



Trustee
Lida Mills

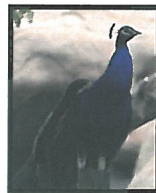
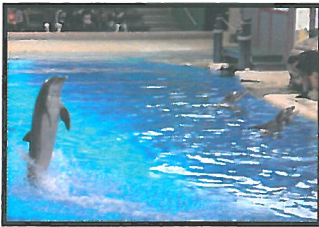
Our Aging Well Organization

Our trip to the Brookfield Zoo was a wonderful day! The weather, which had been too hot, was just perfect. We started our tour on the Zoo Tram. The animals are always a treat to see.

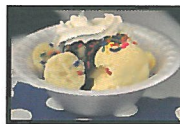
Our day ended at the dolphin show. It is amazing to see how well trained they are. I am glad to report nobody got wet on this trip. Fun was had by all!



Trustee
Dominic Misasi



We just had our annual ice cream social. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends. The sundaes are always a wonderful treat! Everyone chooses their flavor of ice cream then customizes their own sundaes with all the toppings. I am getting hungry just thinking of it! Yummy!!



If you are 55 or older come join us! We meet every third Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall downstairs. Bring a friend or a neighbor. We are always looking forward to new faces. Our meetings usually feature a guest speaker. They speak on a variety of topics of interest to our aging population here in Hodgkins. Our Mothers Day luncheon, which was on May 16, is one of the events we look forward to. Other events include a boat cruise on Lake Michigan, ice cream socials, and bingo socials. We enjoy our very informative speakers. Please come join our team!

HODGKINS FEST

Saturday, August 25th

Go to the Park District website for a list of all the fun events for the day!



Congregate Meals Program

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

Join us for Lunch & Activities
Salerno's Pizzeria & Sports Bar

Monday—Friday
Lunch begins at 11:30 am

Reservations are required by NOON the day prior to attendance.
Suggested Donation \$2.50

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS!



When you feed the wild animals it makes them use to humans and they are not afraid to come close to humans or homes. You might think they are cute but these animals are dangerous. We have had many complaints from our residents. These animals are coming on to decks and hissing at people. Skunks have been spraying dogs. Please Don't Feed them!

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

Saturday , August 25

7:00—10:00 am



If you would like to join the fun, please register at the
Village Hall in person or call. It's Free!



A River Thru History

- *The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous*

Saturday 10am—5pm Sunday 10am -10-4pm

Experience pre-1848 Chicago's past at a River Thru History, The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous on September 8-9, 2018 at the Columbia Woods Forest Preserve in Willow Springs, Illinois.

The Des Plaines Valley Rendezvous is an early American party with all the trimmings! Join this family-friendly festive gathering of fur trappers, settlers, craftsmen, and entertainers along the banks of the Des Plaines River. Enjoy a variety of activities such as authentic period food, music and entertainment, craft demonstrations, tomahawk exhibitions and throwing competition, canoe races, games and much more!

There are a variety of food vendors at the Rendezvous. The food is similar to that eaten during the fur trade era. An interesting variety of foods such as grilled ham and cheese on frye bread, wild rice stew, kettle popped corn, ice cream, root beer, cider, etc.

Admission (cash only accepted at the gate)

Free Parking is at the UPS employee parking lot off 75th Street in Hodgkins - before getting on one of the buses that takes you to Columbia Woods.

Adults—\$10.00, Seniors 62 + \$5.00, Children 6-17 \$5.00, 6 & Under Free

Family Pass \$25.00—1 or 2 adults and up to 4 children age 6-12

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

Why not send a card , letter or package to let them know how much we appreciate their service!



CPT Sneed, Cody
2430 Piros Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Grandson of Ruth Sneed
US Army

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

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

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

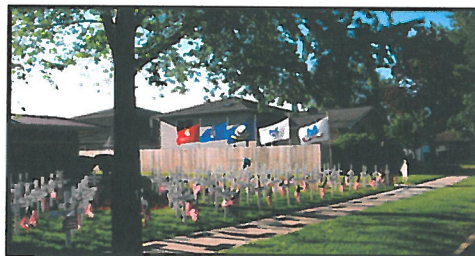
Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack

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

Son of Denise Cottrell

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

Memorial Day 2018



We 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.

We would also like to thank our volunteers, Bill and Diane Knack, Dan, Sarah, and Ben Tholotowsky, Trustee Dominic Misasi, Trustee Tim Kovel, Marilyn Soutar, Spencer Evans, Phillip Kringlie Jr., Rick Kovel, and Emma Young. They 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.

Thank you to all who came to pay tribute. You made the day a great success!

We receive many compliments each year from friends and family members of those represented on our crosses. If you are a family of a war veteran and would like your love ones name on one of our Village crosses please contact us, we would love to honor them.



Village of Hodgkins
8990 Lyons Street
Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

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



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

Dates to Remember:

Hodgkins Fest—August 25, 2018

Greater Chicago Food Depository—October 16, 2018

Secretary of State —October 19, 2018
Rules of the Road
Illinois Department Veteran Affairs

Early Voting Starts —October 22, 2018

Village Property Plans:

We have some residential plans of Village properties.
If you would like the copy we have please contact the Village to see if yours is among the ones we happen to have.
After the first of the year we will be clearing out the file room.

Contact Us

Village of Hodgkins
8990 Lyons Street
Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

708-579-6700

Fax: 708-579-6707

Visit us on the web at
www.villageofhodgkins.org

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

Board Meetings:
2nd Monday of the month