



VILLAGE OF HODGKINS COMMUNICATOR

Winter 2018

A Message from the Mayor . . .

One of the most important things that my administration has accomplished over the past 40 years has been bringing within our Village the world's largest sorting facility owned by the United Parcel Service. Remember back in the mid 1980's we got the bad news that General Motors was closing the Fisher Body Plant located in unincorporated Cook County on Willow Springs Road. This was clearly the largest taxpayer in the area and we were confronted with the prospect of a huge vacant building with no user on a 250 acre parcel of land. Prior to the news about Fisher Body closing the Villages of Hodgkins and McCook got together and formed an Enterprise Zone in 1985. This was going to be our tool for economic development. Lo and behold it did not take long to put the Enterprise Zone into action. Around 1988 then Governor Thompson approached the Village with news of a prospective purchaser of the Fisher Body plant if the proper economic incentives were put in place. That was accomplished in part because of the Hodgkins-McCook Enterprise Zone. Once the one and a half million square foot building was put in place UPS has generated more tax dollars at a reduced tax rate to all the local governmental bodies than Fisher Body did at the height of its existence. UPS is now at full tax level and an economic engine.

I mention this now because the Village just annexed 57 acres owned by UPS along Willow Springs Road. UPS requested the Village annex this property so they could expand. A permit has been issued that will allow for more employee parking. The area where the parking will occur will not be seen from Willow Springs Road because of a large berm that will be constructed. Facilitating the needs of UPS in this way will keep the largest taxpayer vibrant for Hodgkins, our schools and other local governments in our area.



Noel B. Cummings
Village President

*Nothing is too
small to know
and
nothing is too
big to attempt.*

Hodgkins Village Officials

Contact any of these
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at: Hodgkins Village
579-6700

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Pleasantview Battalion Chief Kevin Mulligan, Mayor Noel Cummings, Officer Natassia Miller, Police Chief Ernest Millsap, and Pleasantview Fire Chief John Buckley.

Officer Natassia Miller Recognized for Saving Life

One of the most terrifying experiences most of us could face is to see someone fall down and become unresponsive. In such a circumstance, many people would not know what to do in order to try to save a life. Certainly calling 911 is at the top of most people's list, as it should be, but there are other interventions, such as CPR, that can make a difference in the meantime, while waiting for the ambulance to arrive. And for those who've received the training, using an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) can often make the difference between life and death.

On September 21st, 2017, Officer Natassia Miller of the Hodgkins Police Department was dispatched to the UPS sorting facility in Hodgkins for an unresponsive subject. Arriving ahead of the ambulance, Officer Miller was told that there was a "down subject" at Door 2. Not knowing for sure what to expect, she grabbed her squad car's assigned AED just in case it was needed. When she got to the unconscious man, there was a co-worker administering CPR. Officer Miller attached the AED to the man and delivered shock when the machine advised her to do so. When the paramedics of Pleasantview Fire Protection District arrived moments later, they took over, eventually loading the man onto the ambulance and getting him to the hospital, where he made a full recovery.

At the December Village Board Meeting, Natassia was recognized for her outstanding performance of duties in this act, and was awarded a commendation by Chief Millsap of the Hodgkins Police Department. In the commendation, Chief Millsap had this to say of her:

"In this event, Officer Natassia Miller responded valiantly and assisted a fellow human being, along with Pleasantview Fire Department paramedics and the medical staff at LaGrange Memorial Hospital, giving the victim a second chance at life."

Hodgkins Trustee Vicky Moxley, who chairs the Health and Human Services Committee, said it was a good thing Natassia had the AED training that she did.

"Any time someone in the community goes down, the clock is ticking," Moxley said. "Time is everything when someone has a heart attack. You generally have about four minutes before brain damage occurs, followed shortly by death. While the ambulance is on the way, you have a window of opportunity, if you're trained. Early intervention is so important because it increases the likelihood of survival. Their lives are so dependent on the first people who come across them, and sometimes it's not the paramedics."

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Moxley went on to praise Officer Miller's actions.

"Natassia went above the call of duty, showing herself to be an exemplary employee, using her training to provide care for someone who otherwise may not have survived. She stayed cool, calm and collected, and that's what you have to do. It's great that our officers have this training. We always hope we never have to use it, but it's great to have it for when we do."

Chief Buckley of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District agreed with Trustee Moxley. "It has been well proven that early CPR and intervention with a defibrillator offers a victim in cardiac arrest the best chance of survival," he wrote. **"In this case, the actions by Officer Miller were vital in saving a man's life."** The Pleasantview Fire District is proud of our long history of teamwork with the Hodgkins Police Department. Outcomes such as this one would not be possible without it."

The officers of the Hodgkins Police Department receive regular training in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), and in the use of AEDs. Thanks to the forward-thinking initiative of the Village of Hodgkins, all of the police squad cars and village buildings are now equipped with AEDs.

Officer Miller has been with the Hodgkins Police Department since 2004. She's a Field Training Officer, helping to train new police officers, and she's a member of the Bike Patrol. She also serves frequently as an OIC (Officer In Charge) on her shift. When asked about her role in helping the heart attack victim at UPS, she was modest.

"I still don't really feel like I saved him. The Pleasantview paramedics did so much for him when they arrived. I may have bought him some time," she said. "But I'm glad I was able to help the man in whatever way I did that contributed to saving his life."

Officer Miller has made herself at home in our community, and plans to be with us for quite some time to come.

"I think Hodgkins is a great town to work for, and I hope to spend the final fourteen years of my police career here."



Trustee Vicky Moxley



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



Please Don't Feed the Animals!

With spring around the corner it's that time of the year again.

Skunks and raccoons will start coming out of their winter dens. Mating season is March and April for yearling females. With a gestation period of 7-8 weeks. Adults have their young during the first part of May and the yearling during the first part of June.

Please do not feed the animals and make sure all trash cans are secure. Make sure all trash is in trash cans and do not leave loose bags on the ground.

If you notice any wild animals lingering around your home, please call the Village we can give you a trap.

Lets nip this problem before it starts!



Melody Salerno
Village Comptroller

Up Coming Events:

GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

ON MARCH 20, 2018



EARLY VOTING

March 5 - March 19, 2018

Monday thru Saturday

9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Sunday

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.



Lower Level in the Village Hall

For more information go to:
www.cookcountyclerk.com



Illinois Secretary of State

April 12, 2018 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

Services Offered:

- ◆ Driver's License Renewal
- ◆ State ID Cards
- ◆ Duplicate License
- ◆ Corrected License
- ◆ Vision Screening
- ◆ Vehicle Renewal Stickers
- ◆ 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



We strongly urge our residents to shred all of your personal papers instead of just throwing them out into the trash. Anything with your name and information should be shredded. Save your identity and recycle at the same time.

The Shredding Event will be held at the Village Hall 8990 Lyons Street
Saturday April 28, 2018
10:00am – 12:00 pm.

This event is FREE for all Hodgkins Residents

RULES OF THE ROAD

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

The Rules of the Road Course is designed to give drivers the knowledge and confidence needed to renew or obtain a driver's license. The review course combines an explanation of the driving exam with a practice written exam.

About Our 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.

We don't want anyone to go without food!

Four times a year we host the Mobile Food Pantry. This includes fresh fruits, and vegetables as well as non-perishable groceries.



In addition to Hodgkins hosting this event, every third Tuesday of the month area communities also host. The dates and addresses are listed below. Please feel free to contact the Village of Hodgkins, and we will be happy to assist you the best we can 708-579-6700.



**GREATER
CHICAGO
FOOD
DEPOSITORY**

Mobile Pantry

Free Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Non-perishable groceries

Open to the public. All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend.

**Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.**

Date	Place	Address
March 20	St. Blasé	7438 W. 61 Place
April 17	Justice Village	7800 Archer Rd
May 15	Village of	9096 Joliet Road
June 19	Justice Village	7800 Archer Rd

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



Marilynn Soutar

A Hodgkins Resident You Should Know

If you've attended any of the regular monthly Village Board Meetings, you no doubt have seen, heard, and perhaps met the outspoken and spirited Marilyn Soutar. In the true spirit of community involvement, she's present at virtually all of the Village Board Meetings, and she faithfully attends all the Aging Well meetings, too.

Born in 1935 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Chicago, she was raised by her parents, Michael and Elizabeth Soutar, initially on Wabash Avenue, and later, when her father died when Marilyn was only five, by her mother in the Brighton Park community of Chicago.

Marilynn attended St. Agnes Grammar School, and later she went to Kelly High School. She was involved with sports, and was a member of several sports teams from the Burrough's Playground. She and her teammates competed against other teams on that park league, and also against other communities.

Marilynn worked for forty-two years at Central Steel and Wire, located at 51st and California, in their billing department. She started in 1955 and worked there until her retirement in 1997. Upon retirement, two of her friends were looking to move into a manufactured home in the Chicago suburbs, and they suggested to Marilyn one of the better communities they'd run across as a possible fit for her.

"My friends, Ron and Barbara, showed me the Weeping Willow Ranch neighborhood, and the Village of Hodgkins surrounding it, and I fell in love with it," Marilyn said.

Marilynn quickly became a fixture of civic events in the community, as she was a member of Aging Well from the very beginning, and has remained an active and vital part of it.

"When I first joined Aging Well, I got interested in going to all the Village Board Meetings. I'm a very opinionated person, so I'm always speaking my mind," she said.

Marilynn is enjoying retirement and often thinks about how she can be a better citizen. She often cooks small meals for shut-ins and for people who are starting to have more difficulty taking full care of themselves, or just to brighten someone's day. She recently had a special opportunity to bring a little joy into someone else's life, and

she said that it blessed her very much to be able to do so. Marilyn was given a gold St. Jude necklace of great value and craftsmanship by her



Baby Marilyn with her mother and father at Coney Island



*Marilynn receiving the Life Saving Award
from Mayor Cummings*

Aunt Marge in 1984, who had herself received the necklace as a gift, as St. Jude had been her favorite saint. Marilyn kept the necklace, which she held dear, for thirty-three years. But recently, because of her age and her desire to see it passed on for someone else's benefit, she had started contemplating who she'd like to leave it to. Then, this past November, at a family Thanks - giving dinner at her cousin's house, her cousin's young daughter was present, who had recently lost an eye in an accident. Marilyn felt a strong urge to give the necklace to her. She took it right off and put it on her, to everyone's astonishment.

"That made me feel really good!" Marilyn laughed. "I didn't want the thing to end up being buried with me. So now, sometimes when I find myself absent-mindedly touching my neck to feel the necklace, and I realize it's with her, it makes me smile."

Marilynn is also a very watchful and conscientious resident of the Weeping Willow Ranch neighborhood. In early 2015, Marilyn was taking some food to one of her shut-in friends across the way from her, when she noticed that there were two papers on the porch, and he didn't answer the door. Noting that this was unusual for him, she contacted the police to do a wellness check on him. Gaining entry to his house using his Knox Box, they discovered him lying on the floor. He had normally carried a Freedom Alert with him, but he wasn't wearing it at the time that he fell. He was taken to the hospital, where he recovered. In recognition of her contribution to saving the man's life, Mayor Cummings and the Village of Hodgkins Board of Trustees officially recognized Marilyn's actions with a Life Saving Award at the February 2015 board meeting.

Over the years, Marilyn has become a regular and important part of the community, and said she's glad she made the decision to move to Hodgkins.

"I have such terrific neighbors, who all chipped in and took good care of me when I broke my ankle. This is a lovely community, Hodgkins. I love it out here. I'm sure not sorry I moved out here!"
Be sure to say hello to Marilyn when you see her out and about!



Marilynn with her co-workers from the Billing Department at Central Steel and Wire

Sergeant Pawlowski Retires



Sergeant Pawlowski

After twenty-three years working for the Hodgkins Police Department, and thirty-two years in law enforcement altogether, Sergeant Mike Pawlowski finally hung up his hat in November. Friends, coworkers, family, Chief Millsap, and Mayor Cummings all gathered at the Hodgkins Police Department for cake and coffee to see him off on November 21st, his last official day of work. Mayor Cummings and Chief Millsap presented Mike with a retirement badge. It was a tearful goodbye, as Sergeant Pawlowski has been an important part of the Hodgkins Police Department for a very long time now. Later, on Friday, January 26th, the Hodgkins Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police threw a big retirement party for Mike at the 115 Bourbon Street banquet venue in Merrionette Park.

Sgt. Pawlowski started his law enforcement career in Willow Springs, serving there for five years. He later served as a Special Agent with Norfolk Southern Railroad for three years before coming to Hodgkins in 1994. While at HPD, he served as a juvenile officer and a truck enforcement officer. He also did a stint in investigations. Known affectionately as "Big Mike" to many, he's been a well-recognized and friendly face for the department and the community at large. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on December 8th, 2014.

I know you will want to join us in wishing Sergeant Pawlowski a very happy retirement!



Chief Millsap ,Mayor Cummings , Sergeant Pawlowski



Easter Egg Hunt

Head down to the Hodgkins Park District and find all the eggs that the Easter Bunny hid for Easter! Children will be divided into age groups and assigned to different areas of the park. Don't forget to bring your camera for pictures with the Easter Bunny!

Please pick up Wristbands (for participating children only) by Thursday, March 29. Proof of residency will be required to receive your wristband(s) for free. Wristbands will be available for purchase the day of the event, starting at 8:00 a.m. You will not be able to purchase a wristband after 8:50 a.m., so please arrive early.



Saturday, March 31— 9:30 a.m. SHARP!

Free to Residents/\$7 Non-Residents ~ Pre-Registration is Required

The Park District will be closed on Friday, March 30.





Trustee
Don Cuttill

Join our Aging Well Organization

If you are 55 or above, we would like you to join our Aging Well Organization.

Our meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month. At the meetings we usually have a guest speaker with great informational tips and services for seniors. It's a chance to get together with other seniors, get information and meet new people.

For more information please call the Village Hall.



Trustee
Dominic Misasi



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

FIRE SPRINKLER INCENTIVES

Now is the time to invest in your fire sprinklers. Thanks to the tax reform legislation are two provisions that will greatly incentivize the installation of fire sprinklers.

Cost Recover Section 13201

Under the new law any sprinkler system installed after September 27, 2017 in either a commercial or residential structure until December 31, 2022 will be able to be fully expensed. Therefore, the property owner will be able to immediately write off the full cost of the sprinkler system. After 2022 the ability to deduct the cost will gradually go down.

Small Business Section 179 Expensing

Previously qualified small businesses were allowed to fully expense purchases such as computers, equipment and light duty vehicles up to an annual cap of \$500,000. Under the new law Congress has added fire protection as an eligible expenditure under section 179 of the tax code. Congress also increased the cap to \$1 million as the amount that a small business can deduct in a single year. This provisions applies only to commercial structures and cannot be used for retrofitting sprinklers into residential structures. However, critical occupancies such as entertainment venues could easily be done under this provision. This change is also a permanent law and unlike sec. 13201 is not gradually phased out over time.



THANK YOU!

Public Works!

This is a special thank you from one of our residents to the Department of Public Works and the Village of Hodgkins Board.

Greetings to all of you when you receive this message.

I wanted to take a minute of your time to express my feelings to you as a resident regarding our best appreciation to each and every member of our Public Works Department.

We have experienced several days of snow, some days on and off, and the small Department made our streets look terrific at all times. I wanted to request the appropriate person make a note in the record at a Board Meeting that at least one resident, if not more, desires to enter an official thank you to all the staff for keeping our streets clear and safe.

They are awesome and hopefully recognized appropriately.

One only needs to travel a short distance out of Hodgkins on such days to learn or know how great a job they do for us. We should not take that for granted.

So in closing, Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you Public Works Department! The Guys literally worked around the clock for several days to keep our streets clean, clear and safe. If you see them please let them know what a great job they are doing!

Thank you Dennis, Matt, Paul, Jody, Vern, Kenny and Andrew for all your long hours!

We all appreciate it!



Lately the Village has noticed people dumping items by the laundromat and Kane Avenue. These spots are NOT dumping areas. If you are caught leaving items you will be ticketed and fined.

The Village of Hodgkins will pick up many items from your home. This is a free service to Village of Hodgkins residents. All you need to do is call the Village and the Department of Public Works will pick up normal household items.

After calling the Village Hall at 579-6700 you will be asked your address and the item(s) you are wanting to dispose of. The pick ups are in the morning. Items must be left at the end of the driveway or curb. We cannot go into your home or on your porch to retrieve.

Items can be normal larger items that the trash men won't take—dresser, table, chair, etc. We cannot accept tires, batteries, paint, or hazardous waste.

For bigger jobs or remodeling you can call ahead and request a Village dump truck for an evening or a day. The truck is on a first come first serve basis and may not always be available. You will want to call ahead and reserve one. Trucks are also for normal disposable items and not hazardous waste.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Village of Hodgkins 579-6700.



Can You Spot the Fire Hydrant ?

When winter is at its coldest, you may want to spend most of your time inside. However, it's important to keep an eye on what's happening outdoors, too. Wintry weather can create fire safety hazards, such as ice or heavy snowfall that can obstruct fire hydrants. You can help reduce the risk by keeping nearby fire hydrants accessible and clear of ice and snow.

It is important to be careful when shoveling snow so that you do not bury a fire hydrant. Hydrants should remain visible and not blocked by cars or shrubs, as this might delay fire fighters trying to extinguish a fire.

The Clear Away Zone should be a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work about 3 ft. all the way around. And a clear path to the street.



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!

PVT Udziela, Bradley M

Bradley is on his way to Germany
We will have his new address in March.
Anyone who wishes to correspond
with him please call the Village Hall
for his new address.
Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack

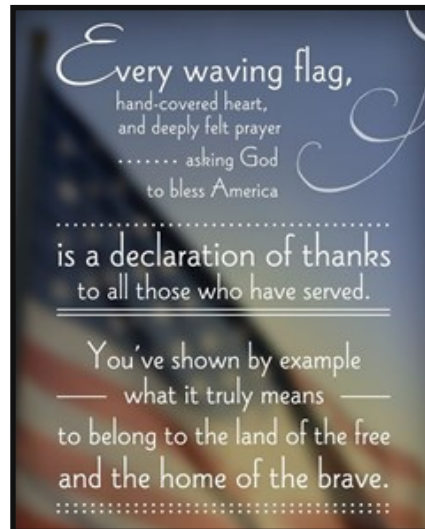
LCpl. Tholotowsky, Sarah

**5th BN 11th Marines 1st Mar Div
Box 555534
Camp Pendleton, CA 92055**

Daughter of Dan Tholotowsky
USMC Stationed at Camp Pendleton

CPT. Cody AIC Jeremy L. Perkins
512 Eldridge Avenue
Vacaville, CA 95688

Son of Robert & Jessica Drake
US Air Force



CPT. Cody Sneed

2430 Piros Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Grandson of Ruth Sneed
US Army

SrA Cottrell, Cameron

141 Townsgate Plaza
Apt. L
Clouvis, NW 88101-3765

Son of Denise Cottrell
US Air Force

CPT Brandon Cummings

412 Blackberry Dr.
Elgin, OK 73538

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

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

Memorial Day Volunteers Needed!

**Before we know it Memorial Day will be here. We
are always in need of volunteers to help set up in the
morning, and take down in the evening.**

**This is your chance to show the people who gave so
much of their lives to let us be free that you care and
honor them!**

Please call the Village Hall for more information.



**ALL GAVE SOME
SOME GAVE ALL**

Thank you Veterans & Active Military and Reservists





Village of Hodgkins
8990 Lyons Street
Hodgkins, Illinois 60525

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PERMIT NO. 506**

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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:

Early Voting - March 5—19, 2018

Voting - March 20, 2018

Easter Egg Hunt - March 31, 2018

Secretary of State - April 12, 2018

Shred Event - April 28, 2018

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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