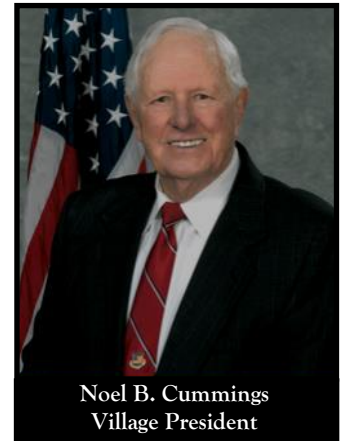




# Village of Hodgkins Communicator

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

You will see a tribute to our longest tenured Trustee, Paul Struve, in this edition of the Communicator. I would just like to tell you a story that describes how important Paul was to the success of our Quarry Shopping Center. In 1991 we were embroiled in a very difficult legal case that if it went the wrong way the Village hopes for success would have been in real jeopardy. A closed session of the Trustees was held in the kitchen of the old Village Hall to decide whether to go forward with the case or back off and stick with the status quo. Even then, Paul was a respected figure and his leadership was unquestioned. When he stated that “we have come too far to give up now” the entire Board agreed and we went on to win the case and construction on the Quarry began shortly thereafter.



Noel B. Cummings  
Village President

I say this now because we have been advised by Mid-America, the manager of the Quarry, just how successful it has become! First of all, we are ranked number 10 in the State of Illinois in terms of sales. The Sam's Club is ranked number 6 out of 24 other Clubs in the Region. In addition, various rankings recently out show that ULTA is number 1 in its chain of stores and SALLY'S is number 2 in its chain. We will have more pleasant surprises about the Shopping Center activities shortly. We could only wish that Trustee Struve was around to hear.

### Ranking Index for Malls in the State of Illinois:

- |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Woodfield Mall / Schaumburg, IL    | 6. Harlem Irving Plaza / Norridge, IL           |
| 2. Oakbrook Center / Oak Brook, IL    | 7. Woodfield Village Green / Schaumburg, IL     |
| 3. Orland Square / Orland Park, IL    | 8. Bloomingdale Court / Bloomingdale, IL        |
| 4. Westfield Old Orchard / Skokie, IL | 9. Chicago Ridge Mall / Chicago Ridge, IL       |
| 5. Gurnee Mills / Gurnee, IL          | <b>10. Quarry Shopping Center/ Hodgkins, IL</b> |



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## Village Officials

*Contact any of these officials by telephone at:*

**Hodgkins Village Hall  
579-6700**

**Village President  
Noel B. Cummings**

**Village Clerk  
Stephanie Gardner**

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

**Village  
Comptroller  
Melody Salerno**

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

**Chief of Police  
Ernest Millsap**

## **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, along with a refundable \$5000 check payable to the Village of Hodgkins, must be presented to the Village Comptroller at the Village Hall, 8990 Lyons Street, Hodgkins, IL 60525 by 9:30 am on April 22, 2022. All bids will be opened beginning at 9:30 am on April 22, 2022.

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 will be hosting Early Voting. Anyone living in Cook County with the exception of City of Chicago residents are able to vote. Please visit [www.cookcountyclerkil.gov](http://www.cookcountyclerkil.gov) for more information.

Monday, June 13th—Saturday, June 18th  
9:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday, June 19th  
10:00 am—4:00 pm

Monday, June 20th—Saturday, June 25th  
9:00 am—5:00 pm

Sunday, June 26th  
9:00 am—5:00 pm

Monday, June 27th  
10:00 am—4:00 pm



**Election Day**

Tuesday, June 28th is the regular Voting  
Village of Hodgkins Residents only



**JOIN OUR TEAM**

The Village of Hodgkins Water Department is hiring an entry level position to be trained in the workings of the Water Department. Starting salary \$18/ hour. This position is full-time Monday—Friday and rotating weekends. This position includes full benefits. Once hired you must pass a Class C water test within 18 months. Please apply at the Village Hall.



**Melody Salerno**  
Village Comptroller



## Secretary of State Mobile Services April 14, 2022

Mobile Unit will be available from  
10:00 am—2:00 pm on April 14, 2022  
Proper identification will be needed.

<u>Services Offered</u>	<u>Fee</u>
❖ Driver's License Renewal	\$30.00
❖ Senior age 69—74	\$ 5.00
❖ Senior age 75 & Up need to visit DMV to renew Drivers License	
❖ State ID Cards (5 year)	\$20.00
❖ Seniors age 65 & up (N/C for State ID)	
❖ Duplicate License	\$ 5.00
❖ Corrected License	\$ 5.00
❖ Vision Screening	
❖ Vehicle Renewal Stickers	

American Express, Discover, Master Card, Visa and debit cards.

## Super Senior 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. Please call to reserve your spot 708-579-6700.



## ANNUAL SHRED EVENT

**May 21, 2022 from 10-12pm.**

The Village of Hodgkins will host a paper shredding event on Saturday May 21, 2022.

This is a great time for you to get rid of your personal papers in a safe way.

The truck will be here from 10 —12 pm in the parking lot of the Village Hall.

This event will be available to all Hodgkins Residents.



## Paying your water bills online is easy to do and available 24 –7

Simply go to our website:

[www.villageofhodgkins.org](http://www.villageofhodgkins.org)

Go to the quick resources tab, pay bills tab, and make a one-time payment by filling in your information. It's that easy! You can even pay on your phone.

There is a small service charge.

## Hodgkins' Food Pantry

If you are a resident in need of food the Village of Hodgkins has a food pantry located inside the Village Hall. Once a month you may receive a box of food. You will need to provide a valid state I.D. or drivers license. Please call us so we can have a box ready for you 708-579-6700.

We also take donations for our food pantry. We accept any non expired non perishable foods, paper products, personal hygiene items, etc. Please contact the Village with any questions or feel free to drop off your donation.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



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 March 15th**



### 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.**

<b>March 15, 2022</b>	<b>Hodgkins Village</b> , 9096 Joliet Road, (Fire Department), Hodgkins, IL 60525
April 19, 2022	Justice Village Hall , 7800 Archer Road., Justice, IL 60458
May 17, 2022	St. Blasé, 7438 W 61st Place, Summit, IL 60501
<b>June 21, 2022</b>	<b>Hodgkins Village</b> , 9096 Joliet Road, (Fire Department), Hodgkins, IL 60525

### Other Local Food Pantries

#### St. Cletus

600 W 55th St., Lagrange  
708-215-5418  
2nd Thursday 6:30pm-8pm  
Boundaries: Lyons Township

#### St. Francis Xavier

124 N Spring Ave., Lagrange  
708-352-0168 Tues. 9:30am—11am  
Boundaries: Zip Codes 60525 & 60526

#### Second Bap. Church of LaGrange

26 Washington Ave. (Back Entrance)  
708-354-5907 Monday 10am-12pm  
Boundaries: Maywood, Agro, Lyons, & Western Springs

## "New" Ordinance No. 22-01 Parking After 2" of Snow

From November 1 through April when snowfall of 2" or more shall occur:

On odd numbered days parking only sides of streets with odd numbers.  
Even numbers on even days of the week.

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

This will help our Public Works clear the streets and keep them even cleaner.







Trustee  
Lida Mills

## Aging Well

Join us for our regular membership meetings at the Village Hall in the Larry Rice Room on the third Wednesday of each month.

We generally have an informational guest speaker.

Our members go on fun and interesting trips.

If you would like to join or know more about us and the things we do. Come to one of our meetings, we would love to have you join us!



Trustee  
Dominic Misasi



Aging Well would like to say a special good bye and thank you to Alice Mikrut, our long time secretary. Alice has been our secretary and member of Aging Well for a long time and has done a great job. Alice has recently had some health issues and has moved in with her son.

Our new Aging Well Secretary will be Martine Scheuerman.

## *Our Christmas trip to White Fence Farm is always a favorite!*



Our trip to White Fence Farm as always, was a great time! The decorations are so festive that it puts us all in the holiday spirit! The Chicken is delicious and the hush puppies are always a fan favorite! This years theme was Merry Motown. The entertainer was very entertaining, singing all the Motown hits. Inez Davis and Jorea Tournjeau were the stars of our Aging Well group. Going to White Fence Farm is always a great way to kick off the holiday season.



## In Memory of Paul George Struve, a beloved husband, father, trustee and member of our community



Paul George Struve was born in Hinsdale, IL on January 10, 1949. He was the second of two sons born to George and Esther Struve, who resided at 6601 Wenz Avenue along with Paul and their older son, John (Jack). Paul was a life-long resident of Hodgkins. In fact, he lived on the same street his entire life. What's even more interesting is that Wenz Avenue is named after former Hodgkins President Jacob Wenz, Paul's great-grandfather. Paul's family has roots in Hodgkins that can be traced back to its incorporation.

Paul attended Hodgkins Elementary School and Gurrie Junior High School and graduated from Lyons Township High School in 1967. He also attended

Concordia University Chicago located in River Forest, IL; and Greer Technical Institute located in Chicago, IL. During his youth, Paul's parents owned and operated a small store at 6603 Wenz, next door to their house, that they called the Village Pantry. It served many of the families in the village with groceries and supplies. When Jack entered college and the seminary in the 1960s, they turned the store into a tavern because they thought it would be more lucrative. Jack was studying to be a minister in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, which required eight years of schooling. They called the tavern the 8-Ball Inn because it was the eighth liquor license issued in Hodgkins at the time. Paul helped out in both the store and the tavern. The tavern operated until 2009 and was torn down in 2013.

Paul married Denise (nee Jochens) in August of 1972. They would have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this coming August 26. Paul and Denise have two sons, Matt & Dan. Matt resides with his wife, Amy, here in Hodgkins, and is the Building Official for our village. Dan resides in Kalamazoo, MI with his wife, Liz, and children, Maxwell and Ella. Maxwell turned four in January and Ella was just born on February 20! Paul had hoped to meet his granddaughter, but that was not to be. Dan is the Production



Jack and Paul

Supervisor for Heritage Guitar Company in Kalamazoo.

Paul worked for Silbrico Corporation here in Hodgkins for nearly forty years. He also operated his own business, Paul's Services, for several years and worked for Quarry Transport in Hinsdale and Lemont, Illinois as an independent contractor in the 80's.

Paul was a man of many talents. People may not know that he built his own home and garage here in Hodgkins, along with a lake house in Paw Paw,

MI. Back in 1974, Paul and Denise discovered Capp Homes, a company that would come out to one's lot and deliver all the materials for the home and build the shell. The homeowner could then complete the remainder of the work themselves or contract it out. Paul contracted out the plumbing and brickwork but was able to do his own electric and run the ductwork for the heating and cooling. He had a lot of help along the way from friends and relatives. Denise's uncle Harold and Mike Holloway helped with carpentry and trim. Ron







Matt and Amy's Wedding

Kubicki helped Paul put on the roof. The same was true of the house in Paw Paw. The lot was wooded, and Paul enlisted the help of Matt and Dan at a young age to learn how to run a Bobcat and help clear the property. Wally and Jody Kovel offered a lot of help, along with Phil Buralli. So these buildings all stand now as a testimony to Paul's craftsmanship.

Paul's desire to serve his community began in the 1970's. He unsuccessfully ran for Trustee in 1979. Upon seeing this desire, Mayor Noel Cummings asked Paul to be a member of the Civil

Service Commission. Mayor Cummings had the insight and desire to unite people. Many of the individuals who now comprise our Village Board were in opposition to his party initially. Paul was first elected trustee in 1985. He served as a Trustee for 37 years. During this time the Village engaged in several major ventures and improvements that put it "on the map" so to speak. Among these were the development of the UPS plant and the Quarry Shopping Center. Due to the "leap of faith" and leadership demonstrated by Village Officials, Hodgkins has



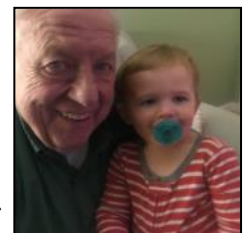
Enjoying life in Michigan

become a community many others now seek to emulate. Paul was constantly focused on Hodgkins being one of the best communities in Illinois in which to live and raise a family. So in addition to the physical buildings Paul built, you could say he also helped build the Hodgkins community through his 37 years on the Village Board.

Paul loved living in Hodgkins, and he truly loved its people. One of the main reasons for the love he had for Hodgkins is that our residents genuinely care for one another, they are one big family. We share each other's burdens in times of sorrow and tribulation and we share each other's joys in times of celebration and prosperity. Throughout the history of Hodgkins, many of the residents have been blood-related, and those that are not blood-related are related in another way. They are related through a common bond of wanting what's best for our community. That's the heart of our success and that's what really matters. We may not agree on everything but the ability to listen, cooperate, and compromise with each other has been the foundation of our success. This must continue if we are to be successful in the days ahead. We all have our own unique abilities and ideas. We have to be willing and able to work together. If there is one legacy that Paul would want to be remembered for it would be this, continuing to work together to achieve the best for our Village. Our village's slogan is that we're a small town with a big heart. If we continue to keep this the focus and structure of our endeavors, Hodgkins will certainly continue to see bright days in the future.



Dan and Liz's Wedding



Grandson Maxwell



Trustees Gerald Van V Bussum, Eugene Drenning, Josh Adair, Village President Noel B. Cummings, Trustees Paul Struve, Claude Sexton, Larry Rice, Don Cuttill

## HODGKINS PD HAS A DUTY SWITCH-UP

The Hodgkins Police Department has recently had a bit of an overhaul on its personnel placement. If you've been paying close attention, you may have already noticed the change on the street. In addition to three new police officers hired this past summer (Officer Ryan Johnson, Officer Emmanuel Ibarra, and Officer Sean Bolton) in response to the retirements of Lieutenant Rick Ceplecha, Officer Jeff Piotrowski, and Sergeant Frank Beran, we've also had three officers recently promoted.

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, friends, family, and members of the Hodgkins community gathered at the village hall to congratulate the three officers on their promotions. Sergeant Jeff Keilman was promoted to the position of Lieutenant of Investigations, while Officer Natassia Miller and Detective Josh Heller were each promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant.

Lt. Jeff Keilman first came to Hodgkins in February of 2007. He served effectively in his initial stint as a patrol officer for a number of years, after which he became a detective and worked investigations for four years, from 2012 to 2016. That period ended when he was promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant, a duty he then performed faithfully for five years. He now heads up the Investigations Division.



Hired in 2004, Natassia Miller has been an important member of the department through the years. In addition to faithful and conscientious attention to her patrol duties, Sgt. Miller has also been a Field Training Officer since 2012, showing new officers the ropes at the beginning of their own patrol duties in Hodgkins. Sgt. Miller is also a Bicycle Patrol Officer, a duty that begins in early summer each year as a way to put officers into more direct personal contact with the community. She now holds the distinction of being Hodgkins PD's very first female sergeant. Sgt. Miller appreciates the opportunities afforded by this position.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve as a sergeant here in Hodgkins," she said. "I enjoy this town and its residents, who are always so supportive of our police officers. I also feel it's a great honor to be the first woman sergeant at the Hodgkins Police Department. All the support and training I've gotten through the years has been terrific, and I hope to pass along some of that knowledge to others now that I'm a sergeant."

Sgt. Josh Heller has been with Hodgkins since 2013, after having grown up in nearby Countryside and serving out an internship at Hodgkins PD. Like Sgt. Miller, he's also a Bike Patrol Officer. He worked in Investigations for five years, since 2016, and expressed a similar satisfaction to Miller's when discussing his new role as Patrol Sergeant.

"I'm happy to be back on the streets of Hodgkins and interacting with the community on a regular basis," he said recently when asked about it.



In addition to these three promotions, two officers have been assigned new duties in the Investigations Division, starting in November and December, respectively. Former Patrol Sergeant Mike Bennett is now Detective Sergeant Bennett, and Officer Matt Hosteny is now Detective Hosteny.



Hired in 2005, Det. Sgt. Bennett first worked in investigations from 2008 to 2015, when he was then promoted to Patrol Sergeant, a position he then served in dutifully for six years. Through all of those years, he continued his affiliation with the Major Case Assistance Team, a multijurisdictional professional cooperation between various municipalities in the Chicago suburbs. Det. Sgt. Bennett feels he does his best work in investigations.

“I look forward to serving the community in my new role as Detective Sergeant,” he recently said. “The residents of Hodgkins are always our number one priority, and I look forward to assisting them in the prevention and apprehension of crime through investigative work.”

Detective Hosteny also stated that he was looking forward to serving the community in his new capacity as a detective. Hired in 2007, Det. Hosteny has long been a Juvenile Officer, taking a leadership role in that duty, as well as the primary DARE Officer since taking it over from then-Sgt. Mike Cimino in 2013. He still serves in that capacity.

Lt. Keilman recently expressed confidence in his investigations personnel.

“We’ve assembled a good team for the Investigations Division, and we’re looking forward to serving this community well by providing quality investigative services.”

Be sure to congratulate these fine officers when you see them out and about!



## 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**



**Hodgkins Park District**  
[www.hodgkinspark.org](http://www.hodgkinspark.org) 708-354-6569

## EASTER EGG HUNT!

**Saturday, April 16th at 9am SHARP**



**Babies to 4th Grade. Free for Residents - \$7 for Non-Residents Pre-registration is required.**  
**Wristbands are available at the park district from now until Thursday, April 14th.**  
**Proof of residency is required to receive your wristbands for free.**  
**The park district is closed on Friday, April 15th.**

 **Hodgkins**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
[www.hodgkinslibrary.org](http://www.hodgkinslibrary.org) 708-579-1844

### Family Movie Night

Saturday Mar. 5 | Apr. 9 | May 14 @ 1 PM

Family movies are back and we can't wait to show new releases. Come relax with your family and enjoy a family movie and pizza.

### Teen After Hours

Fri. Mar. 4 | Apr. 1 | May 6 @ 6 PM

Join friends while playing games like creating your own mini-golf course and Minute-to-Win-It games

### Pet Storytime

Saturday, May 21 @ 2 PM

Celebrate National Pet Month



with a storytime and stay for a special visitor.

Service Dog Meet & Greet Sat. May 21 @ 2:30 PM Have an interactive meet & greet with local service dog, Java Beans.

### Kids in the Kitchen Wednesdays



Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | Apr. 13, 20, 27 | May 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 2:30 PM

Do you like to cook? Join us on Wednesdays after school to prepare, discover and try different, fun and easy to make snacks.



Tuesday Movie Matinees Tuesdays @ 1 PM  
Bring friends and spend your afternoon with us watching a movie. Snacks will be provided.

### UFO's

(Unfinished Objects)

Weds. Mar. 16, 30 | Apr. 6, 20 | May 4, 18 @ 7 PM

Join us as we all work on finishing our projects.



Bingo Fri. Mar. 18 | Apr. 8 | May 20 @ 10:30 AM  
Join us for Bingo, light refreshments and prizes.

For a full list of scheduled event please go to our website [www.hodgkinslibrary.org](http://www.hodgkinslibrary.org)



## 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  
527 I Ave, Unit 2535  
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311  
Son of Ed Sheldon

Major Sneed, Cody  
5476 N Mercier Ave.  
Kansas City, MO 64118  
Grandson of Ruth Sneed

SPEC 4 Udziela, Bradley  
11524 10th Ave.  
CTE Apt. G 106  
Tacoma, WA 98445  
Grandson of Bill & Dianne Knack



PVT Gonzalez, Elizabeth  
CCO. 1-48 INF BN  
495 Iowa Avenue, Unit#33  
Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473  
Daughter of Lucina & Roberto González



## RECYCLING WITH OUR NEW WM PROGRAM IS A HUGE HIT!

Automotive Products—Garden Chemicals  
Paint Products—Cleaners—Electronics

100% of all items that have been pick up for recycling have been recycled. This is a program for residents of Hodgkins which is included with our new Waste Management collection.

(Homeowners only, Mobile Home Parks have their own waste companies).

Waste Management offers a convenient service for residents to properly dispose and recycle home-generated special materials.

For a complete list of acceptable items, program guideline and to schedule a home collection go to [WMATYOURDOOR.COM](http://WMATYOURDOOR.COM) / 800-449-7587.



## REMINDERS:

**Residential Vehicle Stickers will be available in April**

**Dog License are due now. Just bring your vaccination card from your vet. There is NO cost to you.**

**We are still looking for any old photos or stories for our book and don't forget the recipes too!**



**Please Support!**



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### *Dates to Remember:*

**March 15—Hodgkins Food Pantry Fresh Fruits & Veggies**

**April 14, 2022—Secretary of State  
Super Senior Rules of the Road**

**April 16—Easter Egg Hunt**

**May 21—Shred Event at the Village Hall**

**June 13—27 Early Voting — June 28 Election Day**

**June 21—Hodgkins Food Pantry Fresh Fruits & Veggies**



The Village will be closed on April 15 for Good Friday.

### **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