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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025

CELEBRATE MOUNT PROSPECT'S SHINING STARS

32ND ANNUAL SHINING STARS GALA

Each year, the Village of Mount Prospect honors individuals, businesses, and organizations that help make our community a great place to live, work, and visit. Through the annual Shining Star Awards, residents are recognized in eight categories and honored each year at the Shining Stars Gala.

The 32nd Annual Gala is scheduled for February 1 at Crystal Palace Banquets, 1070 South Elmhurst Road. **Please join us in celebrating Mount Prospect's 2024 Shining Stars:**

BEST NEIGHBOR | *Rachel Leiner & Manolo Rider*
COMMUNITY PARTNER | *Bill Knee, The Knee Law Firm, Ltd.*
EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH | *Brock Wrede*
INCLUSIVITY | *Michael Folkers*
OPEN ARMS | *Grace Lutheran Church Garden Club*
PUBLIC SERVICE | *Phyllis Cigrang*
STAR SPANGLED BANNER | *Casey Bachara*
UNSUNG HERO | *Caryn Davidson*

The Shining Stars Gala honors individuals and organizations that have a positive

Shining Stars Gala

A Mount Prospect Celebration

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 1
6 PM TO MIDNIGHT

CRYSTAL PALACE BANQUETS

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED
AT THE VILLAGE WEBSITE OR
BY SCANNING THE QR CODE



impact on Mount Prospect. The winners are selected by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission from nominations submitted in the fall by members of the community. The categories cover a wide range of interest areas and are designed especially to seek out individuals who do kind deeds that may go unnoticed.

We invite everyone to enjoy a night out with neighbors celebrating these special individuals and organizations. Gala tickets are \$85 and can be purchased at mountprospect.org/shiningstars or by scanning the QR code. The evening will include an open bar, dinner, dessert, a late-night snack, a cigar roller, dancing, and live music from Out of Control.



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Free Outdoor Ice Rink
Open after January 1
(weather permitting)
MT. PROSPECT
GOLF CLUB
600 See-Gwun Ave.
Check mppd.org for details
or call 847.259.4200.

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Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | January 7, 14,
21 & 28
Tuesdays | February 4, 11,
18 & 25
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Children ages 2 through 5 and their parents or caretakers are invited to join the Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning.

JANUARY
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Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | January 8
7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL AT
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.
Join the Mount Prospect
Historical Society for a

redwork craft. Redwork is an American form of embroidery developed in the 19th century. During this event, guests can bring their own object or come to learn the techniques and practice on blank fabric provided by the Society. Register for \$10 at mtphist.org.

JANUARY
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MPHS Book Club
Thursday | January 9
7 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL AT
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.
Dive into the gripping
tale of one of America's
most infamous disasters. *Chicago's Great Fire* is not just a recount of the flames that engulfed a city, but a vivid exploration of resilience, rebirth, and the human spirit. This highly readable narrative offers a comprehensive history of the fire, its aftermath, and the friction it caused between classes. Smith tells the story through the experiences of the people who lived through the fire, making the narrative both engaging and accessible. Register at mtphist.org.

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Fit 4 Life
Thursdays | January 9,
16, 23 & 30, February 13,
20 & 27
11 – 11:45 am
Friday | February 7
10 – 10:45 am

**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL | 50 S. Emerson St.**
Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise program series for seniors that welcomes attendees of all fitness levels. Programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness, and Zumba Gold classes. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active.

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Conversations in English Group
Thursdays | January 9 &
23 & February 13 & 27
5:30 – 6:30 pm
Thursdays | January 16,
February 6 & 20
1 – 2 pm

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.**
If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for an in-person group to practice your conversational skills and enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.

JANUARY
12



Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | January 12
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.**
Stop by the Dietrich

Friedrichs House to meet the Friedrichs, the first owners of the home. Costumed interpreters will guide you through the house and tell you what it was like in the early 1900s. Central School will also be open for fun seasonal make-and-take crafts and visits. This free event is open to guests of all ages, and no registration is necessary.

JANUARY
14



Low Maintenance and Organic Alternatives to Lawn Grass by Veronica Porter
Tuesday | January 14
9:30 am | Speaker 11 am
**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.**

It is estimated there are 50 million acres of urban turfgrass in the U.S.

While grasses can produce oxygen, capture rainfall, and remove carbon from the air, our traditional lawns have a significant cost. Veronica, who is a third-generation organic farmer, chef, culinary instructor, and food educator, will help us understand healthier alternatives. Guests are welcome. Learn more about the Garden Club of Mount Prospect at gcmp.weebly.com.

JANUARY
16



Decoding the Mysteries of Cats
Thursday | January 16
7 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.**

Join this virtual program with Stephen Quandt, a feline training and behavior specialist, to unravel the mysteries of your cat's behavior. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY
20



Managing DNA Kits Safely
Monday | January 20
7 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.**

In this virtual program, Suz Bates, a local genealogist, will discuss and demonstrate managing tools in Ancestry DNA, MyHeritage DNA, 23andMe, and FTDNA kits to protect your DNA information. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY
21



Let's Plan a Trip to Europe
Tuesday | January 21
7 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.**

Gene Flynn will highlight both traditional and updated recommendations for planning an excellent European vacation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY
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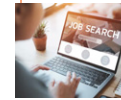


Financial Forecast 2025
Thursday | January 23
7 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.**

Join John Daly, CFP of Daly Investment Management, for a review of 2024's key market developments, an assessment of our current economic standing, and

informed insights into what these trends could mean for 2025. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY
27



Get Organized for Your Job Search
Monday | January 27
7 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.**

Krissy Metzler and Kate Wade, executive function coaches and founders of The Goalden System, will virtually present helpful advice to make your job search smoother and more manageable. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY
28



Post-Election Update with Paul Lisnek
Tuesday | January 28
7 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual**
WGN-TV host Paul Lisnek

will speak about the election results and what we can expect from the upcoming four years in this virtual program. This event is presented in partnership with the League of Women Voters. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
1



32nd Annual Shining Star Awards & Gala
Saturday | February 1
6 pm
**CRYSTAL PALACE
BANQUETS
1070 S. Elmhurst Rd.**

Celebrate this year's shining star winners with an evening of food, drinks, music, and dancing together with the community! Purchase tickets to attend this spectacular event at mountprospect.org/shiningstars.

FEBRUARY
2



Comedy Cabaret Featuring Vito Zatto
Sunday | February 2
5 – 7:30 pm
**FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY
395 W. Algonquin Rd.
Des Plaines**
Enjoy dinner by

Giuseppe's, a cash bar, and a mystery wine grab. All proceeds benefit the Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation Scholarship Program. \$30 per person/\$35 at the door. Details at mppd.org or call 847.640.1000

FEBRUARY
3

Ace the Job Interview
Monday | February 3
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual

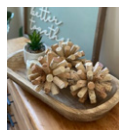
Join virtually for practical tips and strategies to improve your interview performance, whether you're a recent graduate or an experienced professional. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



FEBRUARY
5

Evening Creations
Wednesday | February 5
7 pm
DOLORES HAUGH
EDUCATION CENTER
(behind the museum),
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Stop by the Mount Prospect Historical Society to make fun decorations using old corks! Repurpose corks you have at home or purchase some at a craft store. The Society will also have a limited supply on hand. Space is limited. Tickets are \$10 per person. Register at mtphist.org.



FEBRUARY
5

Galentine's Night Out
Wednesday | February 5
6:45– 9 pm
MT. PROSPECT
GOLF CLUB
600 See-Gwun Ave.
Hang out with the *gals*
and decorate a two-tiered
tray (included) with Valentine *extras*.
Full instruction provided – no painting
required. Enjoy the cash bar and
Galentine's delicious candy bar while
taking in the cozy winter Grill setting.
\$35 per person. Register at mppd.org
with code 49040.



FEBRUARY
6

Senior Connections
Thursday | February 6
9 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
This program offers
older adults the opportunity to learn
something new, meet their neighbors,
and get to know Village staff. A light
breakfast and beverages will be served.
Open to Mount Prospect residents only.



FEBRUARY
6

Progressive Dinner
Thursday | February 6
6 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT
PROSPECT
Hosted by the Mount



Prospect Downtown Merchants
Association, this fine dining experience
will feature three restaurants (TBD) in
Downtown Mount Prospect. Participants
will enjoy a signature entree, cocktail,
and dessert at each location, plus a
trolley ride between stops. Registration
begins at 6 pm on Centennial Green.
The dinner tour kicks off at 6:30 pm.
Must be 21 years or older to participate
in this event. Visit mpdowntown.com for
more information and to sign up.

FEBRUARY
7

**Family Valentine's
Dance**
Friday | February 7
6– 8 pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Bring your sweethearts
to our Family Valentine's
dance! Dance to the DJ's tunes,
enjoy family fun activities and make
a Valentine's craft. Snacks and
refreshments will be provided. This
dance will be a sweet treat for the
entire family! Registration deadline
January 31. Ages two and under are
free, \$16 ages 3-15 and \$26 ages 16
and over. Register online at rtpd.org.



FEBRUARY
9

**Second Sunday
at the Society**
Sunday | February 9
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.
Indulge your craftiness
and join the Mount Prospect Historical
Society at Central School to make a
Valentine for someone special while
learning the history of this beloved
holiday. The Dietrich Friedrichs House
will also be open for tours. This free
event is open to guests of all ages, and
no registration is necessary.



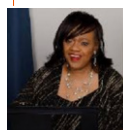
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**Plant Propagation by
Dolly Swibes Foster**
Tuesday | February 11
9:30 am | Speaker 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
This program will be presented via
Zoom. Propagating plants, whether
from stem cuttings, layering, or
divisions, is one of the best garden
practices to do. This program will
cover the procedures and pitfalls of
propagating your own plants. Dolly has
been a horticulturist for 24 years and
a certified arborist since 2008. Learn
more about the Garden Club of Mount
Prospect at gcmp.weebly.com.



FEBRUARY
11

**The Black Music
Experience**
Tuesday | February 11
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
A renowned pianist,
bandleader, composer,



and arranger, Joyce Rene Walker gives
a performance with narration that
explores the impact of urban music
on the Civil Rights Movement and how
music from the past and present brings
people together. To register, visit
mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
12

Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | February 12
7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL AT
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.



Upcycle clothing from your wardrobe
with embroidery designs. Bring in a
shirt, jeans, a jacket, or a bag. Staff
will be on hand to help embroider the
edges of your item or create a special
design. Supplies like patterns, floss,
and needles will be provided as well.
Register for \$10 at mtphist.org.

FEBRUARY
13

**Internet Privacy and
Reducing Robocalls**
Thursday | February 13
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual



Join the Citizens Utility Board (CUB)
for an informative virtual session on
internet privacy and reducing robocalls.
To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
17

**Afternoon Tea:
Laughing with Lucille**
Monday | February 17
1 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL AT
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.



In the 1950s, comedienne
Lucille Ball captured the hearts of
television audiences across the nation.
In this historical portrayal, historian and
actress Leslie Goddard brings Lucy to
life, paying tribute to both the comic
legend and the real woman behind the
myth. Space is limited. Tickets are \$25
for Mount Prospect Historical Society
members and \$30 for non-members.
Register at mtphist.org.

FEBRUARY
20

**Leverage AI for Career
Success: Transform
Your Resume and Job
Search with AI**
Thursday | February 20
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual



Career progression expert and coach
Rosie Zilinskas will explain how to tailor
your resume and cover letters to specific
roles and interview like a pro using AI tools
in this virtual program. To register, visit
mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
25

**The Shakespeare
Project of Chicago: *The
Winter's Tale***
Tuesday | February 25
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



This show is directed by Peter Garino
and sponsored by the Library Foundation.
To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
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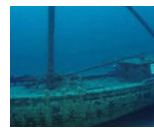
**Small Business
Morning Meetup**
Wednesday | February 26
9 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Share a cup of coffee



with other local entrepreneurs, start-up
professionals, founders, freelancers, home
businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand
your network, exchange ideas, and make
valuable connections while enjoying coffee
and donuts. To register, visit mppl.org or
call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
27

**Frozen in Time: The
W. C. Kimball, a Lake
Michigan Shipwreck**
Thursday | February 27
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual
Dive into a virtual program



with award-winning underwater
photographer Cal Kothrade. He'll use
video and photos of the W.C. Kimball —
the most intact 19th century schooner
shipwreck in the world — to weave a tale
of loss and mystery. To register, visit
mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Have you heard about Sustainability News?

The Village recently launched a new quarterly newsletter for information on sustainability initiatives within Mount Prospect and beyond.

Want to be the first in-the-know? Sign up to receive Sustainability News right to your inbox through the Village's e-newsletter software. Subscribe at mountprospect.org/notifications. Note that if you are already subscribed to other Village e-newsletters, you will be prompted to *update your profile*.

Topics covered in the newsletter range from general information on what you can do to be more sustainable around the house, to larger topics such as federal or state regulations that impact sustainability. The inaugural issue, released in November, can be read online at mountprospect.org/sustainability.

Email jallain@mountprospect.org to share ideas and potential topics for future editions!

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

*Get it delivered
to your inbox!
What's Inside?*

- Sustainability initiatives from within Mount Prospect & beyond
- Recycling tips for the holiday season, like what to do with wrapping paper & holiday lights
- Information on food waste, especially in relation to holidays like Thanksgiving



SCAN CODE
TO SIGN UP



Ribbon Cuttings!



October 16, 2024
HQ Residences
122 E. Northwest Hwy.
224.476.2220
livehqresidences.com



November 15, 2024
RX Pharmacy
1725 W. Algonquin Rd.
847.621.2103
rxpharmacy-mtprospect.com



November 9, 2024
Macy's
Randhurst Village
1023 Center Dr.
847.660.2112 | macys.com



November 21, 2024
Mathnasium
905 E. Rand Rd., Ste 700
847.818.9755
mathnasium.com



November 12, 2024
Planet Fitness
151 E. Euclid Ave.
Randhurst Village
847.999.0428
planetfitness.com

Community/Economic Development

The Latest from Randhurst Village

Recent months have brought a flurry of activity to Randhurst Village. Several new businesses opened in time for the holiday rush providing fresh options and experiences for patrons.

Leading the way was iconic retailer Macy's which unveiled its new boutique store format. Encompassing a smaller footprint, this brand-new shopping hub provides designer brands, home goods, and beauty products.

Altea Tea + Boba serves a variety of bubble tea drinks, including classic milk tea variations as well as more creative, fruit-based offerings. Be sure to check out this specialty beverage addition to the center.

A new Planet Fitness gym adds a healthy dimension to Randhurst Village. This affordable gym offers standard workout equipment



and amenities and is known for its welcoming environment.

These new businesses complement the existing retail, dining, and entertainment options available at Randhurst Village. All the new tenants aim to maintain the shopping center's status as a destination for Mount Prospect residents and the surrounding community. Be sure to visit them soon.

Lions Memorial Park Upgrade

A happy group of students took part in a joyful ribbon-cutting ceremony at Lions Memorial Park on October 29. The Mt. Prospect Park District recently completed upgrades that were supported by contributions from Mount Prospect School District 57 and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, as well as \$250,000 from the Village in Community Development Block Grant and Tax Increment Financing funds..

Improvements include a new spaceship-themed playground, a new game court, a new asphalt walking loop, and new adult fitness stations. The updates enhance the recreational and athletic facilities available to the public and to the children attending Lions Park Elementary School.

Be sure to stop by the park at 411 S. Maple St. to enjoy the refreshed features.



Hubby's Dog House Celebrates 5 Years of Serving Mount Prospect

Hubby's Dog House in Downtown Mount Prospect marked its fifth anniversary on Thursday, November 14, with a *ribbon tying ceremony*, celebrating its resilience and growth. Mayor Paul Hoefert joined owners Will and Marci Lehnert to honor the milestone. Known for their Chicago-style hot dogs, the family-run restaurant has become a local favorite. What started as a hot dog cart in the city of Chicago has grown into a Mount Prospect fixture, blending traditional street food with creative, high-quality offerings.



Warehouse Opportunity

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at 1305 W. Algonquin Rd. for a new warehouse space. The property, which was annexed into the Village in 2016, had been vacant since 2020. A new 44-foot-tall one-story building will provide 190,000 square feet of industrial space and exterior loading docks. Site improvements include a substantial amount of perimeter and foundation landscaping, including a naturalized-bottom detention basin just south of the building. Construction is expected to be completed in the third quarter and planned occupancy shortly after that once a user is identified. For additional information on the project, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.



Carbon Monoxide (CO) Danger at Home

Carbon monoxide poses a real danger to everyone, especially during the winter months. Unlike smoke, carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas that is only detected by CO alarms. This winter, take your safety seriously by having your furnace checked, changing your furnace filters, and maintaining your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.



Potential signs you have a CO leak in your home include a headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, and dizziness. According to the Illinois State Fire Marshal's Office, condensation on walls and windows, house pets becoming sluggish, and chronic odors from malfunctioning appliances are also ways you can tell there may be a carbon monoxide leak in your home.

Your best protection against CO poisoning is maintaining working CO alarms in your home. Install CO and smoke alarms on each floor of your home and within 15 feet of each sleeping location. Place CO alarms near each fuel-burning appliance such as the furnace, water heater, dryer, fireplace, stove, and car. Yes, your car can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. Some preventative measures you can take include regular maintenance on your car's exhaust system and emission systems, clearing off any snow near your car's exhaust system, and being sure to never run your car in a closed garage. A carbon monoxide alarm in your garage is recommended.

This is not a rare issue to be taken lightly. According to the National Fire Incident Reporting System, fire departments in Illinois responded to 8,823 carbon monoxide leaks in 2023 – that's an average of once every hour every day of the year. If you suspect you may have a CO leak in your home, or the CO alarm activates, evacuate immediately. Only open windows on your way out if they are easily accessible. Dial 911 as soon as you are outside. Do not go back inside until first responders arrive and tell you it is safe to do so.

Check your alarms at least once a month by pressing the test buttons. If your CO or smoke alarm has batteries, make sure you change them often. Any alarms more than ten years old should be replaced.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

While You're Shoveling ... Keep Fire Hydrants Clear

The Fire Department asks for your help in keeping fire hydrants clear of snow this winter. Keep in mind that every minute first responders spend trying to access a covered hydrant is a minute that they are not fighting a fire, adding risk to your property or the lives of loved ones. Please do your part to make sure all hydrants remain accessible in an emergency.



Congratulations to the 2024 Poster Contest Winners

The Fire Department held its annual Fire Prevention Week poster contest this fall. Kindergarten through 5th grade students at Mount Prospect schools were invited to participate using the theme *Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you*. On November 19, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each grade level were recognized at the Village Board meeting. The children took pictures with Mayor Pro Tem Vince Dante and Fire Chief John Dolan. Immediately following, the students and their families were invited to a celebration reception in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall.

The Fire Prevention Bureau would like to thank all the children who participated and remind the community we are all winners with working smoke alarms!



Meet Certified Therapy Dog Charlie!

Charlie and Crime Prevention Officer Greg Sill completed their certification with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs organization!

The Police Department adopted a yellow Labrador Retriever named Charlie in August 2023 from Chicagoland Lab Rescue with the goal of pairing him with an officer and becoming a Certified Therapy Animal Team. The role of a therapy dog is to bring joy and happiness to everyone they meet, while also boosting morale and lowering stress levels.

Charlie lives with Officer Sill and his family and comes to work with Officer Sill every day. Charlie and Officer Sill also visit places in the community including schools, senior living facilities, the Mount Prospect Public Library, Park District facilities, the 911 dispatch center, and more. Charlie is also ready to help those who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event by letting them pet or play with him. While at the police station, Charlie visits with police officers, professional staff, and sometimes with people who are visiting the police station. Charlie looks forward to continuing to meet more and more of the Mount Prospect community soon.



Congratulations Officer Brady

Join us in offering thanks and best wishes to Officer Mike Brady who has retired after 23 years of service to Mount Prospect. Mike has accepted a position with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, where he will be an Arson Investigator assigned to the McHenry County region.

Throughout Mike's career, which began in August 2001, he has been part of the Patrol Section, worked as a rotational Detective in the Investigations Unit, and was assigned to our Special Operations Unit. Mike served the Department as an Evidence Technician, Range Officer, Fire Arson Investigator, Bike Officer, and was an Evidence Technician on the Major Case Assistance Team's Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction Team. He was selected as a Runner-Up Officer of the year in 2012.

Mount Prospect Police Chief Eterno stated that, "Mike served this community with professionalism and honor and became a friend to everyone in the Department. Thank you to Mike for his 23 years

of dedicated service, and I wish him all the best of luck in his new job at the Fire Marshal's Office."



Winter Prep for Your Vehicle

Before driving in the winter, make sure you're prepared for a weather emergency. Stock your vehicle with the following items to handle common winter driving-related tasks:

- A snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter in case your vehicle gets stuck in the snow
- Jumper cables, a flashlight, and warning device like flares or emergency markers
- A first aid kit including a tourniquet
- Blankets
- A cell phone charger, water, food, and any essential medications

For safe winter driving tips from the Public Works Department, see page 9.

Stay Connected

Follow the Mount Prospect Police Department on social media.



facebook.com/mountprospectpolice



@MountProspectPD



@MountProspectPD



youtube.com/mountprospectpolice



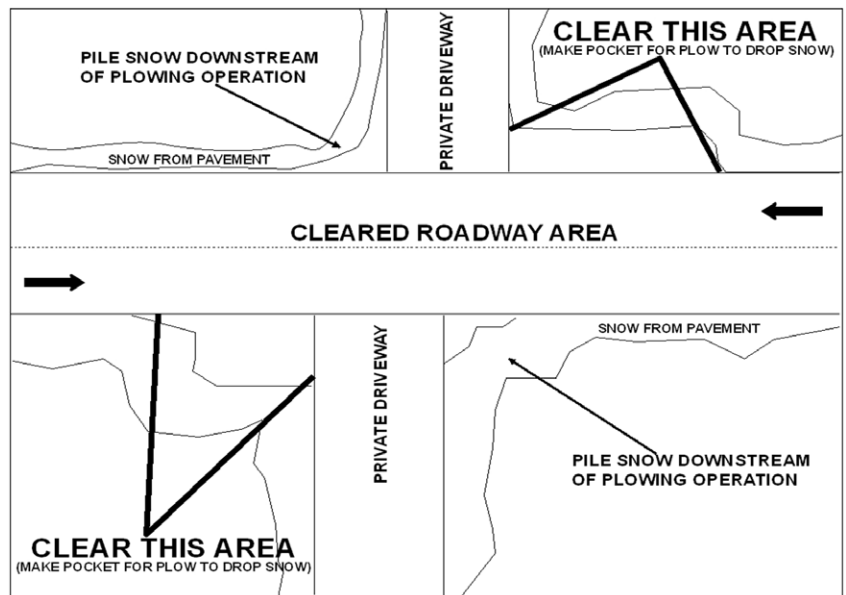
Mount Prospect Police Department



Snow Shoveling

When the inevitable winter snow arrives, please remember that it is hazardous to shovel, plow, or blow snow onto any public street. Snow should be moved to your yard or parkway.

To keep your driveway clear and open, shovel all snow to the side, moving it in the direction of traffic. Leave a snow-free pocket on the opposite side of your driveway. This will prevent snow from reaccumulating on the apron when snowplows pass by.



2025 Solid Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no solid waste collection on the following holidays during 2025:

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas
- New Year's Day (2026)

If a holiday falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday.

Holiday Light Recycling

Residents can drop off holiday string lights that are no longer needed, or no longer work, at the Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Rd. The program is for string lights only; we cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials. The Recycling Center is available 24/7 year-round. Call 847.870.5640 for more information.



Safe Driving in Winter

Low visibility and slick surfaces can make wintertime driving especially hazardous. Keep you and the vehicles around you safe by adhering to these key winter driving tips:

- Clear all snow and ice from front, back, and side windows before driving.
- Allow for more travel time on all trips.
- Reduce your speed appropriately when visibility and road condition worsen.
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Do not use high beam headlights during a snowstorm as they will increase glare and reflection.
- When ice or snow are present, allow for more space between you and the car in front of you.
- Keep in mind that bridges and less utilized roads will freeze more quickly than main roadways.
- If you are involved in a minor accident, move your car to a clear location before exiting the vehicle.
- Maintain extra distance between you and a snowplow and do not attempt to pass when they are actively plowing or salting.
- Follow all driving laws. Buckle up and turn headlights on when windshield wipers are active.

Flip back to page 7 to see the Police Department's list of emergency items to keep in your car.



Winter Tree Care

Few people realize that winter is a good time to perform tree care and maintenance. This is a great opportunity to prepare trees for a healthy growing season as they have gone dormant for the winter.

Start by pruning all trees, particularly oaks, elms, and fruit trees. These species are highly sensitive to pruning during the growing season. Doing so in the winter helps to reduce the possibility of insect damage to fresh wounds. Remove broken, dead, or diseased branches with poor attachments. Caution should be used to avoid removing live limbs or more than 25% of the crown. A professional arborist should be contacted for larger trees and to answer questions, as improper pruning can cause more problems in the future if not done correctly.

Young plants with thin or smooth bark can be wrapped to help prevent frost cracks. Applying an anti-desiccant can help evergreens retain moisture throughout the winter.

Finally, watering can play an important part in the health of a tree through the winter. Young plants should be watered if temperatures rise above freezing and stay there for an extended time.



Water Service Replacement Cost Sharing

The Village has established a program to provide financial assistance to residents who want to replace their existing lead or galvanized steel water service with a copper water service from the public water main to the water meter inside the property. The Lead and Galvanized Steel Water Service Replacement Cost Sharing Program is available to all homeowners, multi-family homes, and commercial buildings.

The program offers a rebate for costs incurred by an owner to replace an existing lead or galvanized service line with copper. The Village will reimburse 100% of the cost to replace the service line from the water main to the water shutoff valve, known as the B-box, and 2/3 of the cost to replace the shutoff valve to the water meter, but not more than \$10,000 of the actual expenses incurred.

For more information regarding this program, please visit mountprospect.org/leadshare.





CCC Needs Assessment

The Community Connections Center (CCC), a satellite location of the Human Services Department located in South Mount Prospect, marked its 15th anniversary. This location is a shared space with the Mount Prospect Public Library-South Branch. The CCC has grown significantly over the last 15 years, both in size and in the range of services it offers to the community. To ensure the CCC continues to meet the evolving needs of residents, the Village has retained Initium Health to conduct a needs assessment. Initium will be conducting a survey as well as focus groups. You can learn more about Initium's work and opportunities to provide input by visiting mpconnections.org.

Transit Study

The Village of Mount Prospect is conducting a comprehensive assessment of village-wide public transportation options. The goal of this study is to identify how public transportation can best serve residents of Mount Prospect, particularly for transit-dependent populations within the community who rely on this as their primary mode of transportation – such as youth, older adults, those with disabilities, and low-income households. The Transit Study will identify gaps in current service; incorporate public feedback provided by transit-focused stakeholders and the community; develop recommendations that improve transit access and connectivity for all community members; and create a roadmap to prioritize projects that improve transit options. For additional information, find the study website at mountprospect.org/humanservices or email info@mptransitstudy.org to receive project updates. Keep an eye out for a public survey coming in early 2025!



Program Spotlight

One of the many wonderful things about the Village of Mount Prospect is the way the community shows up to help fellow residents in need. The **Human Services Department's Emergency Assistance Program** is the mechanism through which residents donate to help those in need and the avenue through which those in need receive assistance. The Emergency Assistance Program provides emergency financial assistance, food pantry assistance, and a back to school and holiday program for enrolled families. Residents seeking assistance meet with a department social worker to complete an assessment.

In 2024, the food pantry saw unprecedented demand, relying heavily on community donations to operate. The department accepts both monetary and food donations. Food donations can be made via our Amazon wish list or by dropping off food at the Human Services Department. Monetary donations are accepted via PayPal or by checks payable to the *Village of Mount Prospect Food Pantry*.

On behalf of the Human Services Department team, we wish to thank the residents, civic organizations, businesses, schools, Village departments, churches, and anyone else who collected or donated food, gift cards, and monetary donations in 2024. Your generosity has a profound impact and truly makes a difference in the lives of those in need. Thank you for making someone's life just a little bit easier!



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Social Engagement Opportunities

Social engagement is a vital part of our health and well-being, and it is a key focus of the Aging in Community Action Plan. To learn more about new opportunities for socialization in our very own Farley Community Room as well as around the community, be sure to pick up a copy of the **Senior Buzz Newsletter** for January/February. You can access the newsletter digitally by scanning the QR code or subscribing to the email list. If you haven't yet subscribed to the Senior Buzz, you can do so at mountprospect.org/notifications or contact the Human Services Department to receive a paper copy by mail.

Don't forget to check out the calendar for upcoming department program and events.



Aging in Community Initiative Updates

Stay up-to-date with the Aging in Community initiative by visiting mountprospect.org/AIC.



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2025

January

February



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 Village Hall Closed Free Outdoor Ice Rink Open after January 1 (weather permitting) Mt. Prospect Golf Club	2	3	4
	LEARN MORE AT www.experiencemountprospect.org					
5	6	7 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	8 Bessie's Workbasket 7-9pm, MPHIST	9 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC MPHS Book Club 7pm, MPHIST	10	11 Coffee with Council 9am, VH
12 Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHIST	13	14 Low Maintenance and Organic Alternatives to Lawn Grass 9:30am, VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	15	16 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, 7pm MPPL	17	18
19	20 Managing DNA Kits Safely, 7pm MPPL	21 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Let's Plan a Trip to Europe, 7pm MPPL	22	23 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC Financial Forecast 2025, 7pm MPPL	24	25
26	27 Get Organized for Your Job Search 7pm, MPPL	28 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Post-Election Update with Paul Lisnek, 7pm MPPL	29	30 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH	31	

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 32nd Annual Shining Star Awards & Gala 6pm, Crystal Palace Banquets
2 Comedy Cabaret Featuring Vito Zatto 5-7:30pm Friendship Park Conservatory	3 Ace the Job Interview, 7pm MPPL	4 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	5 Galentine's Night Out, 6:45-9pm Mt. Prospect Golf Club Evening Creations 7pm, MPHIST	6 Senior Connections 9-11am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Progressive Dinner 6pm, Downtown Mount Prospect MPDMA	7 Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH Family Valentine's Dance, 6-8pm Rob Roy Golf Course	8 Coffee with Council 9am, VH
9 Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHIST	10	11 Plant Propagation by Dolly Swibes Foster, 9:30am VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC The Black Music Experience, 7pm MPPL	12 Bessie's Workbasket 7-9pm, MPHIST	13 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC Internet Privacy and Reducing Robocalls, 7pm MPPL	14	15
16	17 Village Hall Closed Afternoon Tea: Laughing with Lucille, 1pm MPHIST	18 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	19	20 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Leverage AI for Career Success: Transform Your Resume and Job Search with AI 7pm, MPPL	21	22
23	24	25 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: <i>The Winter's Tale</i> 7pm, MPPL	26 Small Business Morning Meetup 9am, MPPL	27 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC Frozen in Time: The W. C. Kimball, a Lake Michigan Shipwreck, 7pm MPPL	28	



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Looking Forward to 2025

As 2025 begins, please know two things. Firstly, we are coming off of a very positive 2024 with unprecedented growth and development, another reduction of the Village's portion of the tax levy, the permanent

elimination of the Vehicle Stickers, significant sales tax growth, strong Citizen Safety policies and initiatives to strengthening our Police, Fire, Public Works, and Human Services Departments, the addition of 224 acres to the Village in South Mount Prospect that are ripe for development, and more.

Secondly, as we head into 2025, we move forward with an extremely strong financial position supported by balanced budget, strong revenue flows, well-funded reserve funds, and additional opportunities for growth. While no one ever knows what the future will bring, the policies set forth by your Mayor and Village Board for 2025 and the actions of staff that will support these policies put our Village in a place of preparedness, ready to move our Village forward as well as meet any challenges that may come our way.

A LOCALLY STRONG CULTURE OF GIVING AND VOLUNTEERISM

On another note, I believe our Village has always had a deep culture of giving supported by volunteerism and a strong desire to help those that cannot help themselves. That shows itself from people performing simple acts of kindness for their neighbors to serving on community organizations around town all with charity and selflessness as a part of their basic mission.

One such organization recently celebrated its 90th Anniversary, our Mount Prospect Lions Club. Our Lions Club, like many local organizations, do so much for our Village. I recently spoke at the 90th Anniversary Celebration and wanted to share my comments.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AT THE MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS CLUB 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

90 Years and still going strong ... that's our Mount Prospect Lions Club! The Mount Prospect Lions is an organization that goes above and beyond in a big way for their Village and by doing so have become tightly woven into the fabric of our community. The fact is that the Lions are integral to so much that goes on in Mount Prospect.

Fun, oh yah, the Mount Prospect Lions bring the "fun" ... the Annual 4th of July Festival, Cruise Nights, Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, the Farmers Market and Leftover Vegetable Giveaways, Hot Cocoa at the Holiday Tree Lighting, Hot Dogs at the Public Works Open House, Easter Egg Hunt for Visually Impaired, and more. But, more importantly, the Lions are actively involved in supporting those in need through annual monetary donations to the Village's Food Pantry, College Scholarship Program, the local Scouting program, the Mount Prospect Historical Society, and others.

I also want to remind everyone that back in the 1950's, the Lions Club purchased and donated the land that is now Lions Park and more recently donated the funds to purchase the Pavilion structure at the Meyn Busse Downtown Pocket Park.

Our Lions have done and continue to do all of this while staying focused and true to their "Lions International 5 Pillars" ... to help the Visually and Hearing Impaired, Feed the Hungry, Reduce Diabetes, Help those with Childhood Cancer, and Protect our Environment. Worldwide there are 46,000 Lions Clubs with over 1.4 million members all shooting at these same targets. Thank God for the Lions.

The Mount Prospect Lions are simply a dedicated and committed group of people who provide selfless service to their fellow citizens. Your charitable efforts are unmatched and make a seriously positive impact relative to strengthening our entire community and bringing joy to so many.

Congratulations on celebrating 90 years as a Club. As a representative of an appreciative community, I say thank you for all that you do for Mount Prospect. You bring life, charity, and unity to our Village and as Mayor, I am humbly grateful. Thank you.

As I close this month's Mayor's Message, I just want to reiterate that as we look ahead to 2025, rest assured that your Village is prepared to seize opportunities and meet challenges that come our way. And, as your Mayor, I believe Mount Prospect has a very, very bright future.

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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