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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST | REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH OCTOBER 20

Share your seasonal spirit with the community! For the third year in a row, the Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission is holding the Spooktacular Halloween Decorating Contest.

This initiative is about more than decorations, it's also about building community spirit, getting to know new neighbors and areas in Mount Prospect, and having a little fun! The contest is open to all properties within Mount Prospect, whether you rent or own a home, condo, or apartment or operate a business in the Village. Displays of all sizes and types are welcome! Please note that decorations must be safe for neighbors and the community at large.

REGISTRATION

Registration is free and mandatory to participate. It is open through October 20. To sign up, simply provide us with a snapshot of your spooktastic decorations, along with your name, address, and contact details. You can access the registration form online at mountprospect.org/Halloween or in person at Village Hall (on the third floor).

SPOOKTACULAR DECORATING MAP

Unless you specify otherwise, all registered properties will be included on our Halloween Decorating map. This map will be made available to the public prior to Halloween so your fellow community members can enjoy your spooktacular creations! The map will include an address and photo of the display on the online version.



TIME TO GET CREATIVE! AWARD CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Most Frightfully Fun
- Most Creative
- Best Decorated Door/Windows
- Judges' Favorite
- People's Choice (*voting will be held on the Village Facebook page, facebook.com/mountprospectIL, from October 23 at 10 am to October 27 at 10 am*)

A panel of judges from the Special Events Commission will cast their votes on October 26, and winners will be announced on

October 28. Winners will not only receive a yard sign to proudly display on Halloween night, but they will also be presented with a certificate from Mayor Paul Hoefert at a Village Board meeting and get a special shout-out on the Village's communications channels!

Have questions or need assistance? Reach out to Special Events Commission Staff Liaison Kylie Cerk at kcerk@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5201.



Flip to pages 2 and 3 to read about more fall festivities, including Randhurst Village's Fall Fest, a spooky Movie on the Green, Downtown trick-or-treating, and fun Halloween events for families with the Mt. Prospect & River Trails Park Districts.

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Community Events

OCTOBER
2

Senior Connections
Thursday | October 2
9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Older adults living in

Mount Prospect are invited to enjoy a presentation by Village leadership, meet their neighbors, and get acquainted with Village staff. Refreshments will be served. No registration is required, so just show up to enjoy a fun and informative event.

OCTOBER
3

Fit 4 Life
Fridays | October 3, 10, 17
& 31 | 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 all fitness levels. Fit 4 Life 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. Class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration required.

OCTOBER
3

Creature Features Outdoor Movie Night
The Addams Family
Friday | October 3
Festivities begin at 6 pm
Movie begins at 7 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL
BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

Gather your group for just \$35 (up to 6 people) and enjoy a big bucket of treats, plus free popcorn! Enter our super fun, kid-friendly raffle with bonus tickets for anyone in Addams Family costumes. Register today at mppd.org using code 50805.

OCTOBER
4

Trick or Treat Trail
Saturday | October 4
45 minute time slots from
8:30 am to 12:15 pm
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
411 S. Maple St.
Suggested ages 3-10 years
old. Free for adults, \$12

for residents, and \$17 for non-residents. Registration is required at mppd.org.

OCTOBER
4

Obstacle Course Race
Saturday | October 4
9:30 am – 1:30 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
The River Trails Park District

Youth OCR is a 1.25-mile (2K) obstacle course through Woodland Trails Park with 10–14 natural and manmade challenges. No street crossings—just fun, adventure, and determination! Every participant gets a t-shirt, medal, goodie bag, and bragging rights. Early Bird \$20 (through Sep 1), Regular \$25 (Sep 2–Oct 2), and \$30 (Oct 3–4). Register at rtpd.org.

OCTOBER
4

Diwali Party
Saturday | October 4
10 – 11:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Be a part of our Diwali Party where we'll celebrate this joyful Festival of Lights with crafts, activities, and vibrant performances by the Natya Dance Theatre. All are welcome – no registration required.

OCTOBER
4



Randhurst Fall Fest
Saturday | October 4
11 am – 2 pm
RANDHURST VILLAGE
Located in front of
Orangetheory Fitness,
Fall Fest offers exciting
activities including pumpkin
decorating, face painting, a bounce
house, tractor rides and live owls from the
Stillman Nature Preserve.

OCTOBER
5



Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K Run/Walk
Sunday | October 5 | 9 am
LIONS PARK
411 S. Maple St.
Run through the Lions Park
neighborhood at the Pink
Lemonade 5K! Teens and adults get a
race t-shirt, the first 500 finishers earn
medals, and prizes go to top finishers plus
male/female age groups. Proceeds benefit
Lemons of Love and those impacted by
cancer. Details at runsignup.com/Race/IL/MountProspect/Lemons5K.

OCTOBER
5



Lions Club Farmers Market
Sundays through October
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA
COMMUTER LOT
Head downtown and
experience one of the busiest Farmers
Markets in the suburbs. Enjoy a wonderful
array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods,
and much more. For more information,
visit mplions.org.

OCTOBER
7



Choosing Your Medicare Supplement Insurance Policy
Tuesday | October 7
10 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Tom Kilkenny from Weiss Financial Ratings will provide the helpful guidance needed to navigate Medicare supplement options with a Medicare Supplement Insurance Buyers' Guide. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
7



Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | October 7, 14,
21 & 28
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.

OCTOBER
8



Understanding Medicare Choices
Wednesday | October 8
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Make a more informed decision about Medicare by learning about how different medical expenses are covered by Traditional Medicare (Parts A/B/D and Supplement Plans) versus Medicare Advantage Plans (Part C). To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
8



Bessie's Workbasket – Knit a Washcloth
Wednesday | October 8
7 – 9 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.
Join us for a cozy, beginner-friendly knitting workshop
and learn to make a classic washcloth—
perfect as a gift or to keep for yourself.
No experience needed! Class is \$10 per
person. Details at
mtphist.org/bessies-workbasket.

OCTOBER
9



Friends in Play
Thursday | October 9 & 23
11:30 am – 1 pm
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
Adults 55 and over are
invited to connect with

others while enjoying classic games. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.

OCTOBER
9



Navigating the U.S. Immigration System
Thursday | October 9
7 pm Virtual
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Be a part of this virtual program that will help participants gain an overview of the immigration system, including information about green cards, naturalization, citizenship, and legislative updates from an attorney at Chokshi Filippone Law, LLC. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
11



Coffee with Council
Saturday | October 11
9 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Join the Village Board for
coffee and conversation.

Community members are invited to speak with Mount Prospect officials about topics and concerns and ask questions in an informal setting.

OCTOBER
11



One Book, One Village Afternoon Tea Social
Saturday | October 11
12 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Socialize with your neighbors over snacks and tea and participate in activities related to the One Book, One Village featured title, *Remarkably Bright Creatures*. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
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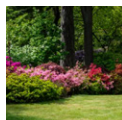
Cemetery Walk
Sunday | October 12
12:30 – 3:30 pm
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
CEMETERY

101 N. Elmhurst Ave.
Step back in time as
costumed actors bring
Mount Prospect's early
residents to life, sharing stories of the
Village's past. This special October event
replaces Second Sundays and blends
history, theater, and community. \$10 in
advance, \$15 at the gate (14+), and
free for kids 13 and under. Details at
mtphist.org.



OCTOBER
14

**Gardens of the
Midwest, by Brock and
Ruth Ann Seney**
Tuesday | October 14
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Brock and Ruth Ann, avid
travelers, will share insights on nearby
gardens including Cantigny, Morton
Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Garden,
Missouri, Des Moines, Reiman, Anderson
Japanese Gardens, and more. Ruth,
a Master Gardener and experienced
speaker, will guide the talk. Join for
9:30 am social time, 10 am business
meeting, and 11 am speaker. Guests
welcome.

OCTOBER
15

Movies on the Green
Wednesday | October 15
No later than 6:30 pm
Hocus Pocus
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Bring a blanket and enjoy
this Halloween classic under the stars.



OCTOBER
15

AI in the Job Search
Wednesday | October 15
7:30 pm *Virtual*
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Learn how AI tools impact
job boards, application



processes, resumes, LinkedIn profiles,
networking, and more. During this virtual
program, presented in partnership with
the Arlington Heights Memorial Library,
participants will learn where AI can give
them an edge and where it might be
working against them. To register, visit
mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
16

**A Celebration of
Cephalopods**
Thursday | October 16
7 pm *Virtual*
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Celebrate One Book, One Village with a
virtual talk on cephalopods! Bret Grasse
of the University of Chicago Marine
Biological Laboratory will share their
amazing diversity, importance today, and
ancient history. Register at mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
18/19

**Friends of the Library
Book Sale**
Saturday | October 18
9 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday | October 19
11 am – 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Stock up on great books at bargain prices
during the Friends of the Library's used
book sale. Funds raised through the sale
will help the Friends support additional
library programs, events, and services.

OCTOBER
21

**Coffee Talk &
Construction**
Tuesday | October 21
7:30 – 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Building and Inspection



Services invites you to meet with the
department's team members and discuss
any construction topics including aging in
your current residence and steps to make
your home more accessible. For more
information, call 847.818.5289 or email
building@mountprospect.org.

OCTOBER
22

**Olympic Peninsula
Travelogue**
Wednesday | October 22
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
As part of the Mount



Prospect Public Library's One Book, One
Village event series, Faye Levin-O'Leary
will take participants on a travelogue
journey through Washington state's
Quinault Rainforest, one of the most
biologically rich temperate rainforests in
the world. To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
23

**Social Security
Planning**
Thursday | October 23
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Unlock the full potential of
your retirement benefits with John Daly,
CFP. Daly will guide you through crucial
claiming strategies and highlights pitfalls
to steer clear of. To register, visit mppl.org
or call 847.253.5675.



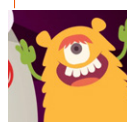
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**Older Adult Health &
Wellness Expo**
Friday | October 24
9:30 – 11:30 am
VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Join the Human Services
Department for free health
screenings, wellness demos, vaccine
clinic, and much more! No registration is
required. Please bring your prescription
card and medical insurance card. For
information, call 847.870.5680.



OCTOBER
24

**Monster's Bash
Free Event**
Friday | October 24
4 – 7 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
Dress in your best costume
and celebrate Halloween
with the River Trails Park District! Enjoy
pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating
through our character walk, carnival
games, bounce houses, and a festive
hayride—fun for the whole family. In case
of bad weather, activities move indoors to
the Weiss Center. Learn more at rtpd.org.



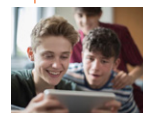
OCTOBER
24

**One Book, One Village
After Hours Social**
Friday | October 24
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Socialize with your
neighbors over snacks and wine while
library staff provides conversation starters
about its featured title, *Remarkably Bright
Creatures*. This event is open to those 21
and up. To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.



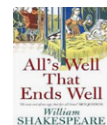
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**Middle School
Late Night Hang**
Saturday | October 25
7 – 10 pm
THE ZONE
550 E. Business Center Dr.
Middle School Night is just for
grades 6–8! Enjoy parkour,
music, turf games, creative stations, video
games, and plenty of space to hang out with
friends. Pre-register for \$15 or \$20 at the
door. Register online at rtpd.org



OCTOBER
26

**Shakespeare Project of
Chicago: All's Well That
Ends Well**
Sunday | October 26
1:45 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
The performance of one of William
Shakespeare's great works will be directed by
Michelle Shupe and sponsored by the Library
Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.



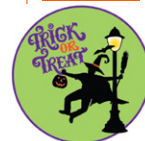
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**100 Dresses: Stitching
Together Memories**
Wednesday | October 29
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Inspired by her favorite book,
The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes, quilter
and storyteller Deb Lindahl shares her family
history through the art of quilt making. To
register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



OCTOBER
29

Downtown Trick-or-Treat
Wednesday, October 29
4 – 6 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT
PROSPECT
Children of all ages are
encouraged to dress up in their
favorite costumes and visit
participating downtown businesses for treats
and Halloween cheer. Look for orange signs
in business windows to identify participating
locations. Don't forget your treat bags! For
more information, visit mpdowntown.com or
facebook.com/mpmdma.



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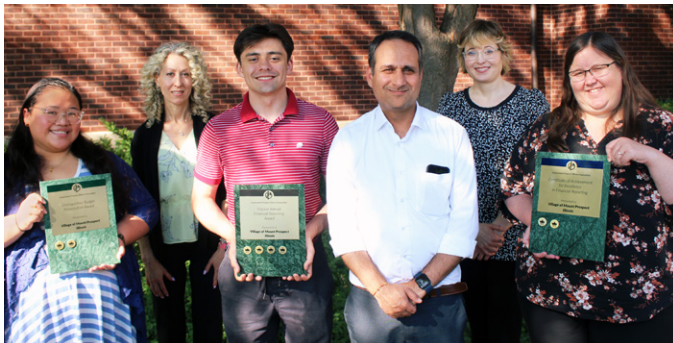
Trick-or-Treating Hours
Friday | October 31
3 – 8 pm
VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT



News from the Finance Department

Finance Department Wins Fourth Triple Crown Award

The Village of Mount Prospect's Finance Department was awarded the 2023 Triple Crown by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).



In May, the Village's Finance Department received Outstanding Achievement on its Popular Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending in 2023, resulting in the Department's fourth consecutive Triple Crown Award. The Village of Mount Prospect is one of approximately 400 local governments in the U.S. and Canada to be awarded the 2023 Triple Crown.

The Triple Crown is awarded to agencies who receive the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award within the same fiscal year.

The Village is proud to recognize the Finance Department's significant achievement of meeting the high standards for all three award programs.

Ribbon Cutting!



August 28, 2025

TRU BOWL SUPERFOOD BAR | 1212 E. Central Rd.
224.248.9390 | trubowl.com

News Around Town

Nominations Open for Shining Star Awards

Friendliness is a way of life in Mount Prospect, and it is the people in our community that bring meaning to this motto. That's why each year, the Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission holds the Shining Star Awards and Gala!

Nomination Details

We are now collecting nominations from the community for the annual Shining Star Awards. There are nine award categories that cover a wide range of interest areas, such as businesses, community organizations, and those working in public service.

New this year, we are honoring our teachers with a Best Educator Award! This award is to recognize an individual who goes above and beyond in shaping the minds and hearts of their students. Teachers do not need to live in Mount Prospect but must teach Mount Prospect students.

Review the award categories and fill out the nomination form at mountprospect.org/shiningstars or by scanning the QR code. Paper forms will be available for download or can be picked up at Village Hall on the 3rd floor. Remember: the more details provided in your nomination, the better! The deadline to submit nominations is end of day on November 17.



Judging Process

The winners are selected by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission and are chosen based solely on the information provided in the nomination. An ideal nomination includes specific details, multiple paragraphs, numerous strong examples, and even photos or other attachments. Judges also look at the number of nominations received per person, though this is not a deciding factor.

If your nominee was not selected, you may resubmit a nomination form the next year or any other year in the future. Winning a Shining Star Award in the past disqualifies you from winning again, with the exception of the esteemed *Living Legend Award*.

Email specialevents@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5201 with questions on nominating.

SAVE THE DATE!

Awards will be presented at the Shining Stars Gala on February 7, 2026, at Crystal Palace Banquets. Watch for more details in the coming months.



Community/Economic Development

It Was a Great Alfresco Season

The Village would like to thank everyone for another successful alfresco season on Prospect Avenue. The alfresco dining area had nearly 20,000 visitors this summer, and Prospect Avenue visits are up from 197,000 in 2024 to 233,000 (an 18% increase) in 2025.

At the beginning of October, the alfresco dining area will be transformed back into six parking stalls. Even though summer has come to an end, the doors are always open at the great merchants on Prospect Avenue. Consider dining and shopping local throughout the year at places like Games Plus, The Knee Law Firm, Edward Jones, Mosaic Yarn Studio, Vista Linda Eye Care, Synergy Fitness, Whiskey Hill, Salerno's, Berkshire Hathaway/Starck, Mia's Cantina, LTH Beauty, Splendid Day Spa, Lady Dahlia, and Patina Wine Bar. There is truly something for everyone on Prospect Avenue!



Edward Jones

GAMES PLUS



THE KNEE LAW FIRM LTD



Mosaic
Yarn Studio, Ltd.



SYNERGY
FITNESS STUDIO

VISION CENTER
Vista Linda Eye Care



Skechers Coming to Randhurst Village

Randhurst Village will soon welcome a leading brand known for innovation, comfort, quality, and style with the arrival of a Skechers store. The store will occupy a portion of the space that previously housed Bed Bath & Beyond.

As a global Fortune 500 product-driven, consumer-focused company, Skechers offers something for everyone — from lifestyle and performance shoes to industry-certified work footwear. In addition to their popular and diverse footwear lines, Skechers also carries apparel and accessories to outfit the entire family.

Watch for details and an opening date at randhurstvillage.com or on social media @shoprandhurst.

Help Shape Mount Prospect's Future!

The Village of Mount Prospect invites residents, business owners, and community stakeholders to join two upcoming Visioning Workshops for the MP2040 Comprehensive Plan. These interactive sessions will let you share ideas, set priorities, and map out a vision for how the Village will grow and invest over the next 10 – 15 years.

Northside Workshop

Wednesday, October 1 | 6 – 7:30 pm
River Trails Middle School | 1000 N. Wolf Rd.

Southside Activity *(English & Spanish)*

Thursday, October 2 | 11 am – 2 pm
Community Connections Center
1711 Algonquin Rd.

Your input will help shape Mount Prospect's future! For more information, scan the QR Code or visit MP2040.com.





Fire Prevention Week

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, *Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home*, works to better educate everyone on how to buy, use, charge, and dispose of these batteries safely.

Lithium-ion batteries store a lot of energy in a small place. Common household items like smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys are all powered by lithium-ion batteries. If not used correctly or if they become damaged, they can overheat and start a fire or explode.

During Fire Prevention Week, October 5 – 11 this year, we want to focus on three key messages:

- Buy only listed products. When buying a lithium-ion battery product, look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging. This means it meets established safety standards.
- Charge devices safely. Always use the cables that come with the product to charge it and do so in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If a new charger is needed, always buy it directly from the manufacturer. Charge your device on a



hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch as this could cause a fire. Do not overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

- Dispose of or recycle batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bin. Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them. Visit mountprospect.org/recyclecoach to find out where you can recycle these items..

Career Opportunity with the Mount Prospect Fire Department

We will be testing for positions within the Mount Prospect Fire Department in the fall of 2026. To be considered, applicants must meet these minimum criteria:

- Pay a \$30 non-refundable application processing fee
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have no felony convictions
- Possess a high school diploma or equivalent
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Submit proof of a valid Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and Approved Ladder Climb card from a licensed agency
- Be between the ages of 20 and 35 by the date of the application deadline

To increase the chances of success on your written exam, we recommend testing with several other departments.

Most municipalities test every 2 years. In most cases you will need to pass the Candidate Physical Ability Test to take the written exam.

Applicants are initially ranked by their scores on the written exam. The following factors can provide preference points in

your ranking:

- U.S. military veteran
- Possessing an associate's degree in Fire Science/EMS or a bachelor's degree in any field
- EMT P or B license
- Be a Mount Prospect resident
- Fluency in a second language

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Deputy Chief Joe Vena at 847.870.5660.





Deputy Chief Addante Retires

Congratulations to Deputy Chief Anthony Addante on his retirement from the Mount Prospect Police Department after 26 years. Anthony began his career with Mount Prospect on June 30, 1999, and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2010, Commander in 2018, and Deputy Chief in 2023.

Throughout his career, Anthony has served as a Patrol Officer, Bike Officer, Juvenile Officer, Crime Free Housing Officer, Field Training Officer, Community Oriented Policing Officer, Sergeant of the Special Investigations and Gang Intelligence Unit, Patrol Sergeant, Administrative and Training Sergeant, Patrol Commander, Investigative Commander, Field Training Officer Program Coordinator, Deputy Chief of Administration, and, for the past year and a half, Deputy Chief of Operations.

Anthony was selected as a Runner-Up Officer of the Year in 2003 and 2005. He was also awarded Officer of the Quarter in 2005. Over his career, Anthony received 44 citizen letters of appreciation, two certificates of exceptional performance, six honorable mentions, 11 commendations, and was presented with a life-saving award from the Mount Prospect Fire Department. **Deputy Chief Addante, thank you for serving, and we wish you the best in your next chapter.**

Another Retirement After 26 Years

Sergeant Jon Juhl is also retiring from the Police Department after 26 years. Sergeant Juhl was initially hired by the Department as a Community Service Officer in 1999 and was sworn in as a Police Officer in 2000. He has served in various capacities, including Juvenile Officer, Training Officer, TAC Officer, and Investigator. In addition to his regular duties, Jon was assigned to the Major Case Assistance Team as an Investigator. In his role as a Sergeant, Jon oversaw the Department's Special Response Team and assisted with our Field Training Program. Over his career, Jon was voted Officer of the Quarter six times, Runner-Up Officer of the Year in both 2007 and 2014, and selected as Officer of the Year in 2010.

Sergeant Juhl, we appreciate your service and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.



Halloween Safety

Here are a few tips to make this Halloween both safe and fun for everyone:

- Trick-or-Treat between 3–8 pm.
- Choose light-colored costumes or add a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective gear.
- Use face paint instead of masks to keep vision clear.
- Go in groups with at least one adult.
- Cross at crosswalks, not between cars.
- Drivers: slow down in neighborhoods and watch for kids.



Happy Halloween everyone!

Neighborhood Meetings This Fall

This fall, we invite everyone to get to know the police officers assigned to their neighborhood and learn about crime trends in the area. Each neighborhood meeting will include brief presentations about police related topics. Some will take place outdoors, which will allow kids to interact with the officers and see police vehicles up close. Feel free to attend the meeting in your area or visit any of the others. We hope to see you at one of these upcoming meetings:

Beat 3164 | October 2 | 5:30 pm

Mrs. P & Me, 100 E. Prospect Ave. (outdoors)

Beat 3166 | October 15 | 6 pm

Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.

Beat 3168 | October 17 | 7 pm

Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.

Beat 3170 | October 23 | 9 am

Sycamore Trails Park, 1500 E. Kensington Rd. (outdoors)

Beat 3160 | November 12 | 6 pm

Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse Rd.

Beat 3162 | December 1 | 6 pm

Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

If you are not sure which police beat you are in, you can confirm boundaries at mountprospect.org/policebeats.





Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 20

The Village's fall loose-leaf collection program provides a convenient method to dispose of leaves at no cost and with no bagging required. Simply rake loose leaves one foot from the curb line one day prior to your weekly scheduled collection day between October 20 and December 5. The trucks will only pass by once on the designated day, so do not rake your leaves into the street if you missed the collection window.

This program is for leaves only. Leaf piles will not be collected if the pile contains grass clippings or other yard material. Yard material other than leaves must be disposed of according to the Village's yard waste collection guidelines.

Visit mountprospect.org/organics for more information on leaf collection and a map identifying the collection schedule.

Please remember that burning leaves in Mount Prospect is not allowed.

Pumpkin & Styrofoam Collection Event

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 1 from 8 – 11 am, and join us for a special collection event to responsibly recycle pumpkins and Styrofoam. Accepted foam items include packaging materials from televisions, appliances, computers, and furniture, as well as foam coolers and food service foam such as egg cartons, trays, takeout clamshells, cups, and plates. Please note that all foam must be clean, dry, and free of tape and labels. Pumpkins are also welcome, including plain, clean pumpkins of any size or those painted with acrylic paint. Be sure to remove all decorations, such as candles, yarn, and stickers before drop-off.



This event is open only to Mount Prospect residents and residents of communities that belong to the Solid

Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) - no businesses. No other drop-off materials will be accepted.

For additional information, call 847.870.5640.



2025 Electronic Recycling Ends October 29

Since early April, the Village, in association with SWANCC, has been conducting the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to collect no-longer-needed electronics. Drop-offs at Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd., which take place on Wednesdays from 10 am to noon, will end for the year on October 29. Collections will continue year-round at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Rd., on Saturdays from 9 – 11 am, except when following a holiday.

For more information, call 847.870.5640 or visit mountprospect.org/solidwaste.





Storm Water System

Even if you live miles from a river or stream, you could be polluting it without knowing. Unlike the sanitary sewer system, which carries water from your indoor drains to wastewater treatment plants, the water in your storm drain goes directly into channels, creeks, rivers, and streams. Luckily, there are plenty of things you can do to keep that storm water from adding pollution to our natural bodies of water. Here are some common storm drain pollutants:

HOME MAINTENANCE	LAWN & GARDEN	AUTO
Detergents, Cleaners, Solvents	Pet/Animal Waste	Oil & Grease
Oil and Latex Paint	Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides	Radiator Fluids & Antifreeze
Swimming Pool Chemicals	Clippings, Leaves, Soil	Cleaning Chemicals
Outdoor Trash & Litter	Fertilizer	Brake Pad Dust

Here's how you can help.

Household:

- Buy household products labeled nontoxic whenever possible.
- Clean up spills with absorbent material such as kitty litter, and check with your waste carrier or a hazardous waste collection center for disposal recommendations.

Paint and Solvents:

- Clean water-based paints from rollers, pans, and brushes in a sink that goes into the sanitary sewer system. Use paint thinner to remove oil-based paint from brushes and rollers, then take the used thinner and leftover paint to a household hazardous waste collection center or keep for touch ups.

Automotive:

- Keep your vehicles in good repair and watch for possible leaks.
- Take leftover or used fluids to your household hazardous waste collection center.
- Clean up leaks and spills with absorbent material such as kitty litter and dispose of properly.



Swimming Pools and Spas:

- Water containing chlorine is harmful to aquatic life. Whenever possible, drain water into the sewer system.
- There are established guidelines on the amount of residual chlorine, acceptable pH range, coloration, filter media, and acid cleaning wastes when draining into the storm drain system. Check with the Village for a copy of the guidelines.

Lawn and Garden:

- Use a broom or rake to clean up yard debris and place in your yard waste container.
- You should always consider mulching your lawn and allowing the grass clippings to serve as a natural fertilizer.
- Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers; once applied, don't over-water or use before it rains.

Trash:

- Place trash and litter that cannot be recycled or reused in your waste container.
- Recycle the products that you can.
- Buy recycled products.
- Remember: Reduce – Reuse – Recycle.



Opportunity for Experienced Truck Drivers

In preparation for the winter season, Public Works is looking for individuals with experience driving large trucks to assist with our snow-plowing efforts. If you have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, we may have an opportunity for you to earn some extra income. If you can be available as needed, join our team of supplemental snowplow drivers. First-year drivers must attend an orientation class. Please contact the Public Works Department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5640 for details.

Human Services



Older Adult Health and Wellness Expo

Mark your schedule for our free Health and Wellness Expo on October 24, from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Village Hall. The Expo will feature interactive demos, health screenings, and a wide array of resource tables. Discover new ways to boost your health, connect with local organizations, and take charge of your well-being. No registration is required. We look forward to helping you take the first step toward a healthier you.



Substance Use Prevention

You're invited to join us on October 8 from 6 to 8 pm at Village Hall for an important event dedicated to substance use education, prevention, and community support. This free event will feature a keynote presentation on recovery and support, Narcan training, and a resource expo with local organizations. Attendees can also visit the Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer to learn how to spot signs of teen substance use. Registration is required as space will be limited. Call 847.870.5680 to secure your spot for this important discussion.



Opportunity for Teens to Be Involved

We will once again offer our Teen Snow Shoveling Program this winter to connect teens ages 13 to 18 with residents who need assistance with snow removal at their homes. Older adults and those with disabilities will be paired with teens looking to be involved. The Village will not screen participants, and any rate of pay is to be negotiated between the teen and property owner. For more information, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Human Services Department continues to see a growing number of residents utilizing the food pantry. With this increase, we need help to keep the shelves stocked. Human Services recently launched an easy way to donate needed items to the food pantry through an Amazon Wish List. If you would like to donate, scan the QR Code. Donations can also be dropped off at the Human Services Department on the second floor of Village Hall.



Senior Buzz Newsletter

The Senior Buzz is available online at mountprospect.org/seniorbuzz or by scanning the QR code. It is also available in print at Village Hall, both in the Senior Hub on the first floor and in the Human Services Department on the second floor. If you would like to receive the



Senior Buzz via email or would like a hard copy mailed to you, call 847.870.5680.



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices for information and resources on this topic.

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Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT  www.experiencemountprospect.org		1 MP2040 Visioning Workshop, 6-7:30pm, River Trails Middle School	2 Senior Connections 9-10:30am, Village Hall MP2040 Visioning Workshop, 11am-2pm, Community Connections Center	3 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Creature Features Outdoor Movie Night, <i>The Addams Family</i> , festivities begin at 6pm, movie begins at 7pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	4 Trick or Treat Trail, 8:30am-12:15pm Lions Recreation Center Obstacle Course Race, 9:30am- 1:30pm, Woodland Trails Park Diwali Party, 10-11:30am, MPPL Ranthurst Fall Fest, 11am-2pm Ranthurst Village
5 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Lemonade 5K Run/Walk 9am, Lions Park	6 Choosing Your Medicare Supplement Insurance Policy, 10am, MPPL Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, CCC	7 Movies on the Green No later than 6:30pm <i>Hocus Pocus</i> , Village Hall AI in the Job Search, 7-8:30pm Virtual, MPPL	8 Bessie's Workbasket: Knit a Washcloth, 7-9pm, MPH-Hist Understanding Medicare Choices, 7pm, MPPL Substance Use Prevention Event, 6-8pm, Village Hall	9 Friends in Play 11:30am-1pm, CCC Navigating the U.S. Immigration System, 7pm Virtual, MPPL	10 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall	11 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall One Book, One Village Afternoon Tea Social, 12pm MPPL
12 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Cemetery Walk, 12:30-3:30pm St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery	13 Village Hall Closed	14 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC Gardens of the Midwest, by Brock and Ruth Ann Serney 9:30am, Village Hall	15 Olympic Peninsula Travelogue, 7pm, MPPL	16 A Celebration of Cephalopods 7pm, Virtual, MPPL	17 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall	18 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9am-4:30pm, MPPL
19 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Friends of the Library Book Sale, 11am-4pm MPPL	20	21 Coffee Talk & Construction 7:30-9am, Village Hall Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, CCC	22 100 Dresses: Stitching Together Memories, 2pm MPPL Downtown Trick-or-Treat 4-6pm, Downtown Mount Prospect	23 Friends in Play 11:30am-1pm, CCC Social Security Planning 7pm, MPPL	24 Older Adult Health & Wellness Expo 9:30-11:30am, Village Hall Monster's Bash, 4-7pm Woodland Trails Park One Book, One Village After Hours Social, 7pm, MPPL	25 Middle School Late Night Hang 7-10pm, The Zone
26 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Shakespeare Project of Chicago: <i>All's Well That Ends Well</i> , 1-4pm, MPPL	27	28 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	29	30	31 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Trick-or-Treating Hours 3-8pm	

MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.
CCC Community Connections Center



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Message from the Mayor

Several exciting and major Village projects are underway in our community from a new Downtown Gateway to the re-development of the former Chase Bank building site at 111 E. Busse Avenue. Continuing to move our Village forward and make positive improvements is a key strategic goal of your Village Board. Below are a few examples of improvements underway or pending approval.

Downtown Gateway

As you may have noticed, the former Formula Auto Repair business located at Northwest Highway and Central Road was demolished and site development is well underway. The site has been cleared of all structures, pavement, and the top



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2 feet of soil. All of this has been done to prepare the site for plantings, walkways, and seating as well as the installation of a new clock tower. When completed, the site will be a beautiful gateway into downtown Mount Prospect, setting a positive tone for our downtown. The Gateway is expected to be completed in December 2025.

111 E. Busse Avenue (former Chase Building site)

Earlier this year, the 111 E. Busse Avenue site was purchased by the Village for redevelopment. Input was solicited and received from the community at large as to what they would like to see for this re-development. Following that, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) went out to the development community incorporating the community input. Five development proposals were received and are now being reviewed by Village Staff and the Village Board. There is much more to come soon on this exciting project.



Melas Park to Meadow Park Bridge

For some time, the Village has been working on the concept of a bridge connecting Melas Park to Meadows Park to provide safe passage for our residents over Northwest Highway and

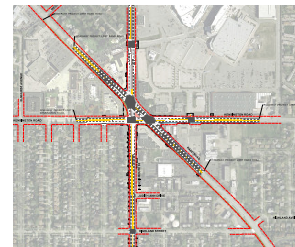
the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Village staff have successfully competed for and been granted funding for 89% of the cost of the bridge. However, Federal rules limit grant funding to 80% of project costs. Construction of the bridge is subject to a final Village Board vote in February 2026.



Rand Road, Route 83, and Kensington Road Intersection

Engineering is currently underway to prepare for the improvement of this vital and highly traveled intersection in Mount Prospect. Once completed, people should experience significant improvements to traffic flow and timing, similar to the recently completed intersection at Rand Road, Central Road, and Mount Prospect Road. In addition, street lighting and new bike and pedestrian shelters will provide enhancements that will benefit nearby businesses and our residents. Completion is expected in the Summer of 2026.



These are just a few examples of current public projects in our Village. Each is a significant and high-profile project which will provide a positive future impact on our Village for years to come. As I stated earlier, your Village Board is laser focused on moving our Village forward with impactful public improvements and growth through private development and investment in our community. Stay tuned for exciting new restaurants opening in Downtown Mount Prospect, including Coco and Maple located in the HQ Residences building and Fatpou Tap Works at Main and Evergreen.


Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT