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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

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Sustainability IN MOUNT PROSPECT

Sustainability Report

The Village Board recently held a Committee of the Whole meeting where staff provided an update on the progress made towards completing the 2023 – 2028 Village Sustainability Implementation Guide. Most importantly, the

meeting highlighted that implementation has been successful and explained what ongoing implementation of the guide will look like in the future.

The full Sustainability Report provided from the meeting can be found on the Village's website at mountprospect.org/sustainability. Some of the key initiatives completed in 2025 include: overall increase in solar panel permitting, increased community outreach,

a pilot speaker series, the creation of Sustainability News, launching of the Single Use Plastic Utensil Reduction Program, and increased recycling opportunities of difficult-to-recycle items. These items were highlighted along with the corresponding Sustainability Implementation Guide action items. The Implementation Guide has 39 actions items in total, so these 2025 accomplishments are just some of the many actions the Village is working on to help make Mount Prospect a more sustainable community!

Village staff, the Sustainability Committee, community groups, and everyone in the Village who has helped work towards the goals in the Sustainability Implementation Guide have been outstanding partners and sustainability stewards. The Village will continue to work on implementing its sustainability initiatives and evaluate new opportunities for the community to work towards a more resilient future.

SUPUR Program

The Village began the Single Use Plastic Utensil Reduction Program (SUPUR) as a way to partner with businesses in the community and help limit the number of single use plastic utensils given away



at restaurants. Participation is completely free. Businesses that sign up have committed to ask customers if they need plastic utensils when they order, instead of automatically including them. Look for the blue window decal and sign near pick up locations for participating businesses.

This program is always looking for new participants! Sign up your restaurant, coffee shop, or any business that provides plastic utensils by emailing jallain@mountprospect.org.

Recycling Options

The Village remains committed to helping residents recycle. Some items can be difficult to recycle, which may be discouraging or lead to improper disposal. To make recycling easier and more convenient, the Village is working to reduce barriers for the more challenging items. Below are several recycling and waste-reduction programs available to the community:

- Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- Textile Recycling
- Holiday Tree and Wreath Curbside Recycling
- Curbside Organics Program
- Pumpkin Composting Collection
- Plastic Bag Recycling
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling
- Holiday Light and Extension Cord Recycling
- Medication Disposal
- Sharps Disposal
- Electronics Recycling
- Battery Recycling
- Eyeglass and Hearing Aid Recycling



The Public Works Department leads the Village's recycling efforts. Residents can drop off hard-to-recycle items like batteries, fluorescent and CFL light bulbs, medications, American flags, holiday lights, and plastic bags at the Public Works Recycling Center (1700 W. Central Rd.) at any time. More information can be found on the Public Works Solid Waste webpage: mountprospect.org/solidwaste.

Sign Up for Sustainability News

Be the first to hear about these exciting sustainability initiatives and more! Sign up for Sustainability News, a quarterly publication delivered via email. Go to mountprospect.org/notifications or scan the QR code to get on the list. If you already receive other Village e-newsletters, you'll be prompted to update your profile to add Sustainability News.



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Community Events

March

Fine Dining Progressive Dinner

WED | MAR 11 & 25

DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

An unforgettable fine dining experience highlighting the culinary talent of our vibrant downtown. Evenings feature three exceptional restaurants where guests will enjoy a curated stop including a signature entrée, craft cocktail, and decadent dessert. A charming trolley ride between locations adds fun and elegance to the evening. Space is limited. For details and tickets, visit mpdowntown.com.

Bessie's Workbasket: Macramé Plant Hangers

WED | MAR 11 | 7 – 9 pm

CENTRAL SCHOOL

103 S. Maple St.

In this beginner-friendly macramé class, attendees will learn how to create a custom plant holder. Please bring a 4- to 6-inch empty pot — all other supplies will be provided. The class is \$10 per person. For more information, visit mtphist.org.

Birds in the Garden: Creating and Enjoying a Bird Oasis

WED | MAR 11 | 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Learn how to attract and support local bird populations through thoughtful landscape enhancements and native plant selection from gardener Pam Karlson. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Irish Traditional and Folk Music with Trillium

THU | MAR 12 | 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Join Trillium for an energetic array of Celtic, folk, ragtime, bluegrass, and Dixieland music. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Book Club: Lafayette in the Somewhat United States

THU | MAR 12 | 7 – 8 pm

CENTRAL SCHOOL

103 S. Maple St.

Dive into the extraordinary life of Marquis de Lafayette with *Lafayette in the Somewhat United States* by Sarah Vowell and/or *The Hero of Two Worlds* by Mike Duncan. Through engaging stories and lively discussion, guests will consider the challenges, triumphs, and lessons of a man

who dedicated his life to freedom and the pursuit of a more just society. Learn more about this free event at mtphist.org.

Senior Game Day: Let the Games Begin!

FRI | MAR 13 & MON | APR 13

9:30 – 11 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

AT VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson St.

Ready for some friendly competition and good company? No need to register, just come by for a fun morning of games and connect with your neighbors!

Fit 4 Life

FRI | MAR 13, 20 & 27

FRI | APR 3, 10 & 24 (no class April 17)

10 – 10:45 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

AT VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson St.

This free seated exercise program is open to seniors of all fitness levels residing in Mount Prospect. Programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness, and Zumba Gold classes. It's a fun and engaging way to stay active. No registration is required.

Coffee with Council

SAT | MAR 14 | 9– 11 am

VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM

APR 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.

Mt. Prospect Community Band Concert

SAT | MAR 14 | 4 pm

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

605 W. Golf Rd.

Join the Mt. Prospect Community Band for their concert entitled, *Spring Awakening*, presented by the Mt. Prospect Park District.

Password Safety

MON | MAR 16 | 11 am

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Mike Gershbein from Very Smart People will show you how to create safe passwords and use password managers to make your online life easier. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Coffee Talk & Construction

TUE | MAR 17 & APR 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.

Soil: Can You Dig It? with Rolfe Jaremus

TUE | MAR 17 | 9:30 am

MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE STATION

911 E. Kensington Rd.

This program explores local soil types, including how they form, their characteristics, pH levels, and amendments. Rolfe will also share practical tips for creating healthier, more plant-friendly gardens. With decades of experience, Rolfe has worked with soils ranging from silty sand to heavy clay. Garden Club event begins with a 30-minute social gathering, followed by a one-hour business meeting. The presentation begins at 11 am. Guests are welcome.

Play and Learn Group

TUE | MAR 17, 24 & 31

TUE | APR 7, 14, 21 & 28

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER

1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Children with a caregiver are invited to join the Human Services Department for a weekly program that includes story time, music, and play-based learning.

Fire and Ice: Presented by Mad Science

SAT | MAR 21 | 10 am

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

This spectacular show will thrill and chill audiences with amazing dry ice experiments. Best for ages 5-11 with an adult. The event is sponsored by the Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Against All Odds: Women Who Triumphed in the Male-Dominated World of Art

TUE | MAR 24 | 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Join Denise Laurin for an engaging

discussion about gifted women who triumphed over the status quo and emerged as equals in the world of visual arts. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Using Artificial Intelligence in your Small Business

WED | MAR 25 | 2 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Discover how businesses are harnessing the power of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to accelerate growth and efficiency. Presented in partnership with SCORE. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

The Magical World of Balloons: Presented by Smarty Pants

THU | MAR 26 | 10 am

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Get ready for more of Smarty's fun with a new show full of amazing magic, hilarious laugh-out-loud comedy, and of course, his award-winning, world's biggest balloon props. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Senior Game Day / Día De Juegos Para Adultos 55+ (English & Spanish)

THU | MAR 26 & APR 23

11:30 am – 1 pm

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER

1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Ready for some friendly competition and good company? Join us for an English and Spanish Game Day every 4th Thursday of the month! No need to register, just come by for a fun morning of games and connect with your neighbors!

Celebrate Eid al-Fitr

SAT | MAR 28 | 3 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

All are welcome to learn and celebrate the end of Ramadan together with a special story, craft, and other activities. Best for ages 11 and younger with their families. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AARP Driver Safety Course

MON/TUE | MAR 30 & 31 | 1 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

This two-part, eight-hour program provides a refresher course for motorists ages 55 and up. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

April

Senior Connections

THU | APR 2 | 9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

This bimonthly program offers a unique opportunity to socialize with neighbors and get acquainted with Village staff. The April session will feature a special presentation by the Cook County Sheriff's Office and the Mount Prospect Police Department regarding senior scams. Refreshments will be served at this residents-only event, and no registration is required. For more information, please contact the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

Easter Egg Hunt

SAT | APR 4 | 10 am
BURNING BUSH TRAILS PARK
1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.

Join the River Trails Park District for some springtime fun. Kids age 6 to 10 can hunt for eggs and win prizes, before taking a photo with the Easter Bunny. Admission is \$11 for residents/partner-residents and \$13 for non-residents. Registration is required by March 29 at rtpd.org.

True Crime: Financial Fraud

WED | APR 8 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect Police Department will review real case examples of common financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a financial crime. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Bessie's Work Basket: Candle Wreath Decor

WED | APR 8 | 7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Brighten up your table or door with a mesh ribbon candle holder or wreath. Grab a friend and come learn the techniques to make a statement piece for spring. \$10 per person. For more information, visit mtphist.org.

Budgeting and Savings Basics

THU | APR 9 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual

Certified Financial Planner and Professor of Finance at North Central College,

Ryan Decker will break down the basics of personal finance: budgeting and introductory saving and investment strategies. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Mt. Melas Adventure Run

SAT | APR 11
MELAS PARK

Run, Climb, Jump, Push, Pull and Crawl your way to the finish line! Timeslots begin at 8 am. Register individually or as a team at mppd.org

Buying a Home: The Basics

MON | APR 13 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual

Open Communities, a fair housing agency, will provide an overview of what it takes to purchase a home. Learn what lenders look for in a loan application, credit basics, down payments, and the key players in the homebuying process. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Garden Club Spring Luncheon: My Top 10 Herbs by Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh

TUE | APR 14 | 9:30 am
ST. EMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
1400 E. Central Rd

Take a stroll through the herb garden with Marcy Lautanen-Raleigh as she shares her top 10 favorite herbs, including growing tips, flavor notes, and creative uses. Perfect for beginners and seasoned gardeners alike. This event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering, followed by an hour-long business meeting. The presentation begins at 11 am. Guests are welcome.

Older Adult Social Engagement Expo

FRI | APR 17 | 9:30 – 11:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Presented by the Village of Mount Prospect Aging in Community Initiative, this free event aims to connect older adults with valuable resources and social engagement opportunities in our community. No registration is required.

Friends Book Sale

SAT | APR 18 | 9 am – 4:30 pm
SUN | APR 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.

Fair Housing and Disability Rights

TUE | APR 21 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join representatives from Open Communities to explore the fair housing rights and responsibilities that both renters and housing providers need to know. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Retirement Reality with Jill Schlesinger

TUE | APR 21 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual

Discover what it really takes to build a secure retirement, with expert advice from CBS News Business Analyst Jill Schlesinger. Jill will walk through the specific steps necessary to get you where you want to go, whether you are just starting your career or are ready to wind down. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Earth Day

WED | APR 22 | 4:30 – 6:30 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1600 E. Euclid Ave.

Join the River Trails Park District for a free afternoon event filled with eco-friendly, hands-on fun, including tree and flower planting, a nature walk, a recycled art craft, bird and bat house painting, and a reptile show. Together, we'll learn how to protect our beautiful planet while having a blast — because every small action counts.

Rain Gardens 101

WED | APR 22 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Horticulturist Heather Prince for a walk through the different types of rain gardens. Learn the basics of rain garden engineering and explore an extensive plant list. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Progressive Pub Experience

THU | APR 23 | 6 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT
Get ready for a lively night out at the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association's Progressive Pub Experience! Check-in begins at 5:45 pm at Centennial Green, with the tour starting promptly at 6 pm. Guests will visit five local restaurants

and pubs, each featuring a signature food item and drink. Free parking is available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck. This 21+ event has limited space. For details and tickets, visit mpdowntown.com.

Mount Prospect Stories: Bringing the Spirit of '76 to Mount Prospect

THU | APR 23 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

In honor of the United States' 250th anniversary this year, Mount Prospect Historical Society Director Emily Dattilo will look at the last big national anniversary — the 1976 Bicentennial — and the many ways Mount Prospect celebrated this national milestone. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Spring Fling

SAT | APR 25 | 9:30 am – 12 pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.

Close out the spring session with this one-day yoga event. The morning starts with a Yoga Flow class accompanied by live music. Mimosas and light appetizers will be available after class. This event is for adults ages 21 and older. Grab some friends and sign up to get the \$30 early bird rate before April 12. Regular rate is \$35 for residents and \$42 for non-residents. Register at rtpd.org.

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: The Witch

SUN | APR 26 | 1:45 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Dare to step into a shadowy world of dark magic, lust, and revenge with Thomas Middleton's *The Witch*, adapted and directed by Peter Garino. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Drop-in Houseplant Swap

WED | APR 29 | 4 – 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Bring an indoor plant or rooted cutting — free of pests — and pick up a new indoor plant to add to your collection. Swappers are welcome to bring plant pots to swap as well. No registration is required.

May

Memorial Day Ceremony

MON | MAY 25
NEW TIME AND LOCATION!
9:30am | CENTENNIAL GREEN
50 S. Emerson St.

News from the Village Clerk

Early Voting at Village Hall

Residents may cast ballots at Village Hall in advance of the March 17 gubernatorial primary election. Early voting will be available through March 16. If you are not registered to vote, you can register and vote on the same day. You will need to provide two pieces of identification with proof of your current residence. The early voting schedule is as follows:

- Monday – Saturday | 9 am to 5 pm
- Sundays | 10 am to 4 pm

Village Hall is located at 50 South Emerson Street.

If you prefer to vote by mail, call the Village Clerk at 847.818.5333 to request a mail ballot or visit cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections/ways-to-vote.



5th Annual Citizens Civics Academy

Continuing our commitment to community engagement, the Village is pleased to announce the return of our Citizens Civics Academy. This free educational program is designed to increase public awareness, foster civic understanding, and provide firsthand insight into how local government operates.

The Academy will begin on April 2 and run for eight weekly sessions. Participants will learn about the Village's many responsibilities and services, how Village departments work together and with the community, and the essential role residents play in local government.

Classes will be held at Village Hall and other Village facilities, including Public Works, the Police Department, and Fire Station 13, offering participants a behind-the-scenes look at each department's work.

For more information or to complete an application, visit mountprospect.org/citizenscivicsacademy.



2025

BY THE NUMBERS



1.9%
COMMERCIAL VACANCY RATE



6.7%
INDUSTRIAL VACANCY RATE



12.7%
OFFICE VACANCY RATE



\$98,220,710 | COMMERCIAL
CONSTRUCTION INVESTMENT



41
BUSINESSES OPENED



6.9
MILES OF ROADWAY RESURFACED



56,150
FEET OF SIDEWALK REPLACE



23
RIBBON CUTTINGS



5
RIBBON TYING CEREMONIES



2
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

Community/Economic Development

Comprehensive Plan Update

As we move into 2026, the Village is midway through drafting an update to our Comprehensive Plan. The process is built upon months of community engagement and technical analysis. Over the past year, residents, businesses, and community partners shared feedback through workshops, events, interviews, and surveys, helping staff better understand priorities related to land use, housing, transportation, economic development, parks, infrastructure, and overall quality of life. That input was combined with data on existing conditions and development trends and has informed the direction of the plan now taking shape.

Village planning staff will now focus on refining goals, policies, and future direction, translating community values into a clear framework to guide decisions through 2040. In the coming months, draft materials will continue to be refined and shared publicly for feedback before the plan is finalized and considered for adoption. Additional opportunities for the community to review and weigh in will be announced as the process moves forward. Contact chogan@mountprospect.org for questions and more information.



Green Buildings Grant Program

The Village recently launched a new Green Buildings Grant Program, offering financial assistance to eligible businesses that are investing in energy-efficient and sustainable building improvements. The program is designed to support projects that reduce energy use, lower long-term operating costs, and decrease environmental impacts, while advancing the Village's broader sustainability and climate-resilience goals.

Accepted projects are eligible for 50% of construction costs, up to \$10,000.

Projects must demonstrate measurable energy savings and environmental benefits and are subject to Village review and approval. Property owners and businesses interested in learning more about eligibility, application requirements, or potential project types are encouraged to contact Charlie Hogan, Development Planner, at 847.818.5328 or via email at chogan@mountprospect.org for additional information.



Randhurst Village Additions



Two new businesses, Time Mission and MINISO, have opened at Randhurst Village, adding to the vibrant mix of retail and entertainment options.

Time Mission brings an immersive social gaming experience, offering mentally and physically engaging challenges for guests of all ages. Featuring more than 25 interactive game portals, Time Mission is an ideal destination for families, friends, team-building activities, field trips, and parties.

Known for its high-quality, design-forward products at affordable prices, global retailer MINISO offers a wide selection of toys and plushies, electronics, fashion accessories, beauty and wellness, as well as snacks and beverages.

For more information and a complete list of retailers, visit randhurstvillage.com.



National Poison Prevention Week

The 3rd week of March brings the annual recognition of National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW). Established in 1961 by Congress, NPPW originated to raise awareness of poison prevention and safety.



U.S. Poison Centers respond to more than 2 million cases each year—about one every 15 seconds. Reports are received through the Poison Help Line at 800.222.1222 and at PoisonHelp.org. We encourage you to save this number in your phone for emergencies.

Nearly half of these cases involve children age 5 and younger, often due to exposure to medications, vitamins or supplements, plants, household chemicals, automotive products, insect stings, or animal bites.

You can reduce the risk of accidents at home by following these tips:

- Keep cleaning products and medications locked up and out of reach of children and pets.
- Never store chemicals in food or drink containers.

- Be aware that carbon monoxide, pesticides, and some cosmetics can be harmful if misused.

Pet owners should also be aware of common household hazards. Xylitol (found in sugar-free gum, candy, and some peanut butters) can cause low blood sugar and liver failure in dogs. Chocolate is toxic to dogs and cats, with darker chocolate posing greater risk. Even small amounts of grapes or raisins can cause kidney damage in dogs.

Other potentially harmful items include lilies, glow sticks or necklaces, garden fertilizers, and rodenticides. If your pet ingests something you're unsure about, contact your veterinarian or the nearest animal hospital immediately.

Be Prepared for Severe Weather

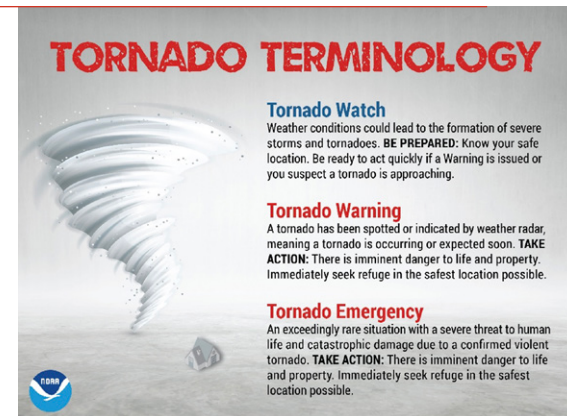
Severe weather is a regular part of life in Illinois, ranging from minor disruptions to life-threatening emergencies. Mount Prospect residents are familiar with tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, lightning, flash flooding, and extreme winds. While these hazards are common, their dangers are often underestimated, and injuries frequently occur when people delay action or lack preparedness. Education, awareness, and advance planning are the most effective ways to reduce risk.

The first week of March is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois, a time for residents, businesses, and schools to review and update emergency plans. Preparing in advance and responding quickly can significantly reduce the risk of injury or loss of life.

Illinois ranks among the top states for tornadoes per square mile and is frequently impacted by strong thunderstorms producing damaging winds, large hail, and dangerous lightning. Nationwide, lightning causes dozens of deaths and hundreds of injuries each year, most often during outdoor activities or near water. Flooding is also a major concern. Heavy rainfall can cause equipment failure that may result in serious damage.

Tips for staying safe during severe weather:

- Monitor weather conditions, as storms can develop quickly with little warning.
- Pay attention to warning sirens when outdoors.
- Use multiple alert methods indoors, including NOAA Weather Radio, local TV or radio, and trusted weather apps.
- Have a clear, practiced emergency plan with a designated safe location, such as a basement or interior room away from windows.



Lightning Safety

Stay safe during a thunderstorm

What do you do when lightning strikes?

Remember:

- When thunder roars, go indoors! Move from outdoors into a building or a car with a roof.
- Avoid using corded phones and electrical equipment.
- Avoid running water.



Emergency Management Community Seminar Series

Date: Wednesday April 8, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Panel discussion begins at 6:30 PM



Location: Mount Prospect
Fire Station 13
111 E Rand Road

- Weather alerts and notification systems
- Flood preparedness
- Utility outages
- Post storm clean up and recovery

Topic:
Storm Preparedness

To reserve your seat call 847-818-5253
or Email: ema@mountprospect.org



Thank You Commander Szmergalski

Commander Eddie Szmergalski announced his retirement from the Mount Prospect Police Department after 33 years of service. He began his career with the department in 1992, serving as a Community Service Officer.

After taking the police exam, he was sworn in as a police officer on July 7, 1995. In 2008, Eddie was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and then in 2014 rose to Commander. Throughout his career, Commander Szmergalski served in several roles, including Patrol Officer, Tactical Officer, Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Investigative Sergeant, Patrol Commander, Operations Commander, and Investigative Commander. He was also a youth officer, member of the Department's Honor Guard, and was the Team Commander for the Major Case Assistance Team's (MCAT's) Officer Involved Death Team.



Over his career, Eddie was recognized for his outstanding work and earned numerous awards, receiving 15 commendations, 5 honorable mentions, 6 certificates of exceptional performance, and 45 citizen letters of appreciation. Eddie was named Officer of the Quarter for the 1st quarter in 1998, 2001, and 2006, and was selected as the Officer of the Year in 1998 and Runner up Officer of the Year in 2001. Congratulations and thank you, Commander Szmergalski.

Welcome Officer McClellan



Join us in welcoming the newest member of our Police Department, Officer Ryan McClellan. Ryan graduated from Wheeling High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Lewis University. His past employment history includes sales, retail, and working as a multimedia support technician. Ryan has begun his academy training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign.

First Responder Academy for Teens

Mount Prospect teens interested in careers in public service including police and fire departments are encouraged to participate in our First Responder Academy for Teens. The Academy is open to high school students from local communities. It will run for eight consecutive Thursday evenings from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. beginning April 2 with classes held at both Police and Fire Headquarters. The program offers a better understanding of police and fire careers while providing hands-on experiences and discussion.



Applications for the First Responders Academy for Teens are available by using the QR code. Applications are due March 20, 2026.

Building with the Blue

Kids are invited to join us for another Building with the Blue on May 2 from 9 am to noon. We are partnering with the Home Depot, 350 E. Kensington Rd. Stop by to meet our officers, build a craft, take some pictures, and even sit in a squad car. No registration is required – just stop by.



Public Works

Yard and Organic Waste Collection Resumes

March 30 brings the return of our yard and organic waste collection program. In addition to traditional yard waste such as grass clippings, branches, and twigs, residents may also include organic materials like vegetables and fruit. Your monthly collection fee covers both types of material.

Using a cart from our rental program or your own rigid container, you may place an unlimited amount of material out for pick-up each week. No sticker is required when using a cart. Kraft paper bags may be used for yard waste only.

The rental fee for a cart is \$4.27 per month, paid directly to the Village. You may choose from a 35-, 65- or 95-gallon cart, all for the same price.

In addition to fruits and vegetables, other acceptable organic materials include coffee grounds, flowers, potatoes, meat without bones, bread, cereal, and more.

YES!

ACCEPTABLE

- GRASS CLIPPINGS
- BRUSH
- EGGSHELLS
- FLOWERS
- LEAVES
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- PASTAS
- MEAT (NO BONE)
- BREADS
- CRACKERS
- CEREALS
- CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS)
- COFFEE GROUNDS

Is this OK for Organics collection?

NO!

NON-ACCEPTABLE

- PLASTIC BAGS
- STYROFOAM
- BONES, SEAFOOD
- SHRINK WRAP
- CHIP AND CANDY WRAPPERS
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR WRAP FROM FOOD PACKAGING
- PLASTIC OF ANY KIND
- GLASS OF ANY KIND
- BEVERAGES

Village of Mount Prospect Public Works Department | 847.870.5640 | publicworksdept@mountprospect.org

More information on the organics program can be found at mountprospect.org/organics or by contacting Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Keep Electronics Out of Landfills with Free Drop-off Services

To ensure environmentally safe recycling of electronics, the Village will again partner with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) for an electronics recycling program.

Drop-offs will be accepted at these locations on the following schedule:

Mount Prospect Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd.
Wednesdays, 10 am to noon, April 8 through October 28
Mount Prospect residents only.

Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Rd.
Saturdays, 9 to 11 am, year round

There will be no collection services on holidays or at the Glenview location on the day following a holiday.

Visit mountprospect.org/recycling for a complete list of acceptable items.

For more information, contact us at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Summer Job Opportunities for College Students

The Public Works Department will once again offer seasonal job opportunities for students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. The type of work offered will include patching potholes, weeding Village flower beds, painting fire hydrants, and reading water meters. Much of the work takes place outdoors, so the ability to withstand the elements along with physical strength and endurance are required.

In addition, undergraduates and graduate students enrolled in a program related to engineering or construction are encouraged to apply for our Civil Engineering Internship. This opportunity will provide the successful applicant with invaluable experience in preparation for a civil engineering career. Work will involve construction layout and inspection associated with street and sidewalk improvement programs, inspection of private development construction, and AutoCAD drafting for Village improvement projects.

For more information on applying for any of these positions, visit mountprospect.org/employment.

Street Resurfacing Begins in April



Beginning in April, the Village will invest \$7.1 million in resurfacing approximately seven miles of Village streets. The program will run through October and include 79 blocks on 31 streets throughout the Village.

Prior to work beginning on your street, a brochure will be delivered to you detailing the scope of work. Information can also be found at mountprospect.org/resurfacing. Once

work begins you can find daily updates by following @MP_Resurfacing on X. Some work will be weather dependent, so schedules may change from day to day.

If you have any questions about work on or near your street, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Tree Planting Resumes

Keeping our community green, healthy, and beautiful is the key goal of our annual parkway tree planting program. For 2026, we plan to replace every tree removed last year.

Trees will be matched with each site to provide long-term growth and performance utilizing eight to ten different tree species to create a stronger and more resilient urban forest. The diversity of trees will keep our streets leafy and vibrant while protecting against disease, pests, and environmental stress.

To request a spring planting, contact Public Works no later than March 31. If we do not plant your tree in spring it will be on our fall planting schedule.

Village crews will mark new planting locations with a white mark on the curb and leave a letter at your home explaining the process.

For more information call 847.870.5640 or email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Together We're Growing

Join us for our Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony on Friday, April 24, as we grow a greener Mount Prospect one tree at a time.

Learn more at
mountprospect.org/publicworks.

Potholes – Part of Life in the Midwest

If it seems to you that potholes suddenly appear overnight, you are right. The phenomenon is created by the combination of water and winter weather. When water seeps into cracks in the pavement and freezes, it expands and weakens the road. Repeated freeze-thaw cycles cause the surface to break apart, creating potholes. Winters with big temperature swings produce more potholes, especially those that appear suddenly.

When a pothole is reported on a Village roadway, our crews respond quickly with temporary repairs to keep roadways safe during cold and wet weather. Once the weather moderates, crews will address the pothole with permanent, full-depth patches from the base up. Addressing the situation quickly and correctly will prevent water from getting deeper into the road, which can create even bigger problems.

Help us keep our roadways safe by reporting any potholes you see at mountprospect.org/CRM.

Mount Prospect Water Facts

Due to our proximity to Lake Michigan, you may assume that our region enjoys an unlimited supply of fresh water. That is not the case.

The Great Lakes system is the largest source of available fresh surface water in the world, providing approximately 22% of that global total. Lake Michigan, the second largest of the Great Lakes by volume and is the largest public drinking water supply in the state, serving approximately 6.6 million residents.

Illinois' use of Lake Michigan water is limited. Since the reversal of the Calumet and Chicago Rivers away from Lake Michigan, most of Illinois is no longer in the Great Lakes watershed. The water we pump out of the lake now ultimately flows to the Gulf of Mexico.

Due to this diversion of water out of the Great Lakes, the state of Illinois is under a U.S. Supreme Court Decree that limits the amount of water it can use. Communities in Illinois that utilize Lake Michigan as a source of drinking water must apply to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), which is the state agency that governs permits for Lake Michigan water and oversees the State's compliance with the decree. Recent Illinois usage of its water allocation from Lake Michigan has reached about 76% of the allowed total.

The Village of Mount Prospect receives its water from the James W. Jardine Water Purification Plant in Chicago. The Jardine Purification Plant is the largest water treatment plant in the world.





Mental Health Matters

June 5 is the date for our 6th annual Mental Health Matters event, which will once again be held in partnership with the Fridays on the Green concert series. Mark your calendar for this feel-good Friday night with the community. Details coming soon to the Human Services Facebook Page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices and Mental Health Matters webpage at mountprospect.org/MHM.

Health Screenings

Stay on top of your health with convenient screenings offered by our Public Health Nurse. Mount Prospect residents can receive a lipid panel (produces 6 results, including total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, and triglycerides) or an A1C test (average blood sugar over three months). Each test is \$20. Appointments are required and can be made by calling Human Services at 847.870.5680.

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Older Adult Social Engagement Expo

The Older Adult Social Engagement Expo will take place on April 17, from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Presented by the Village of Mount Prospect's Aging in Community Initiative, this free event is designed to connect older adults with valuable local resources and meaningful social engagement opportunities within the community. No registration is required.

The Senior Hub

If you are a senior looking to connect with new friends, or need specific resources, we invite you to visit the Senior Hub. The Senior Hub is designed to help you thrive in our community. Located at Village Hall in the entrance of the Farley Community Room, the Senior Hub serves as your central connection point for local senior activities, a place to discover social opportunities, and is the home base for Village senior programming.

Learn More

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 the Farley Community Room and throughout the community, be sure to check out the Senior Buzz Newsletter for March/

April at mountprospect.org/seniorbuzz. If you haven't yet subscribed to the Senior Buzz, you can do so by contacting the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

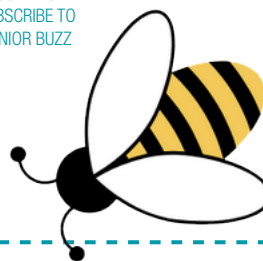


SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT AGING IN COMMUNITY

Stay informed about the Aging in Community initiative by visiting mountprospect.org/AIC.



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Mount Prospect | IL 60056
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Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



March is Nutrition Awareness Month and April is National Fair Housing Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices for information and resources on these topics.

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Message from the Mayor

The following is an abridged version of the Mayor's 2026 State of the Village address, held on February 19, 2026. The Theme was Mount Prospect is On Fire.

Over the last five years, we have made strides in virtually every arena. We have seen unprecedented growth and development throughout our Village

and so many exciting significant improvements still lie ahead. Through strategic leadership, a strong financial position, and ongoing growth and development, we are very well-positioned for an extremely successful future.

Vision | Everywhere you look, things are happening. 5 years ago, this was the Vision and Objective your Village Board had for Mount Prospect, and it is happening. You must have Goals, you must have Objectives, and you must

have Future Vision to work towards or you go nowhere. Our Vision was to create economic growth which would become the engine to promote development across our Village. Over the past 5 years we have accomplished just that! It is said, *Economic Growth creates Prosperity*. No truer words were ever spoken.

Citizen Safety | Most importantly, and the first thing I will address, is Citizen Safety. Citizen Safety is and will always be PRIORITY #1. Your Village Board is laser focused on safety. Why? Because, when you need Police Officers or Firefighter / Paramedics to respond, there is absolutely nothing more important.

Expanding & Upgrading Protective Services | Since 2021, our Police Dept has grown by 9 Sworn Officers, which allowed us to create a Special Response Team to investigate high profile, violent crimes, and establish a Traffic Enforcement Unit to combat growing traffic issues in the Village in 2026. Since 2021, our Fire Dept has grown by 12 Firefighter / Paramedics, we have added a 4th ambulance, and as noted last year, a 4th fire station and a 4th fire district. With these changes, response times improved by 45 seconds in our busiest response areas.

Major Water Infrastructure Improvements | Resiliency and Safety are directly correlated...In 2024, we built an Emergency Water Interconnect as a belt and suspenders backup source of water. As a backup, we also maintain 4 Deep Wells. A large water main was also installed on Oakton Street in South Mount Prospect bringing water to the area that had been on individual wells.

Financial Strength and Flexibility | We have the ability to make the safety improvements noted above because of our financial strength, which continues to grow stronger year by year. We maintain a Balanced Budget, we have yet another 0% property tax levy in 2026, and we are closer to AAA Bond Rating than ever before. We have incredibly strong revenue flows from our Sales Taxes, Income Taxes, and Investment Income. In addition, our Capital Funds are strong. Through fund accounting, we save our capital for a time when it will be needed and, in my opinion, we spend our precious tax dollars given to us by our citizens wisely and responsibly.

Reduction of Tax Levy | Mount Prospect has the lowest property tax rate at 0.826%. Our current property tax levy is at the same level as it was in 2015. While the Village is only 8% of your total property tax bill, staying off the Property Tax has been a goal of your Village Board. Over the past 5 years, we have saved the average household over \$500 in property taxes. Your Village is doing its part to control property taxes.

Intentional Growth & Development | South Mount Prospect has seen new development with Prospect Senior Lofts (53 units), Lake Center Plaza (Dunkin', Cilantro Grill, and apartments above), and a new building under construction for the DiMeo Brothers Headquarters. In Downtown Mount Prospect, there have been 10 new buildings built in the past 5 years. North Mount Prospect continues to foster a positive business environment in Randhurst Village and the Rand Road corridor. Randhurst Village is 91% leased, and the Kensington Business Center has an extremely low vacancy rate at 5.0%. And I am happy to share that the former Holiday Inn is to be rehabilitated pending Board approval.

Community Appeal | We are making great strides in what I like to call *Community Appeal*. We anticipate new gateway signs, one along the east side of Busse Road, just north of the I-90 freeway, and at Kensington Business Center. Pocket Parks like Klehm's Island and the Central Gateway (awaiting the clocktower portion) are popping up around town, and my hope is to see more of these in the future. Pending Board approval, the Melas to Meadows Pedestrian Bridge will provide much-needed connectivity.

Thriving Educational & Recreational Environment | Part of what keeps our community desirable are our outstanding schools, parks, and library. Reconstruction of Lions Memorial Park and a new Lincoln Middle School is underway, and there are improvements and expansions happening at RecPlex, Westbrook School, and the 2nd floor of the Library.

Progress in Sustainability | Mount Prospect is on the forefront of this important societal effort. We have established a Sustainability Committee, published a Sustainability Newsletter, and developed a Sustainability Plan. We are reactivating the Green Business Grant Program and focusing on our Styrofoam Recycling efforts.

Never forget...If you are standing still, you are sliding backwards. As your Mayor, I will not let that happen! I am announcing that I am putting forward the concept of an *Economic Development Loan Fund* to be used to promote development. In the coming months, I am looking forward to a robust Village Board discussion around this concept through our annual Strategic Planning. We will continue to grow Mount Prospect, the premier municipality of the Northwest suburbs!

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

