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MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY MONDAY | MAY 25 | 9:30AM

NEW
LOCATION
THIS
YEAR!

Mount Prospect's Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony on May 25 will feature a change of venue due to ongoing construction at Lions Memorial Park. The parade steps off at 9:30 am from the Village Centennial Green and follows a new route (see map), before returning to the Centennial Green for the 11 am ceremony.

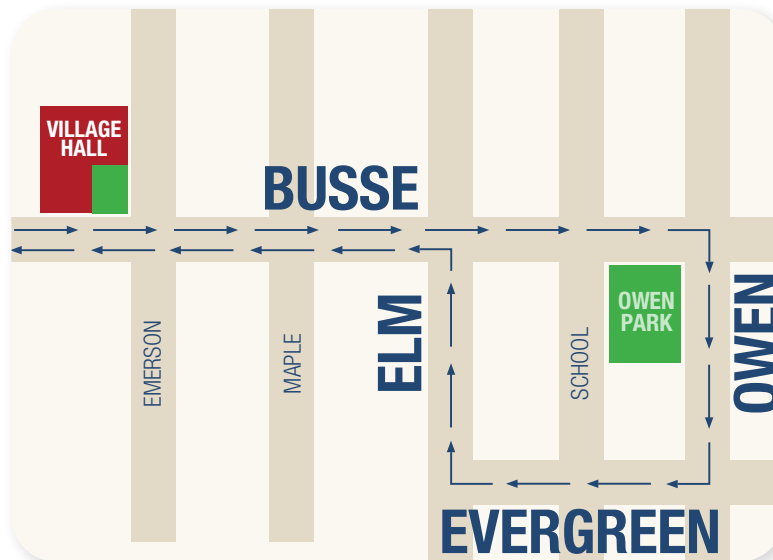
Colonel (Ret.) Michael Paul Peck, U.S. Army, will serve as both the keynote speaker and Grand Marshal of the parade. Colonel Peck currently serves as Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the World Wars and as the American Legion Delegate to the Illinois Veterans Advisory Council. He completed two tours in Vietnam with the 18th Military Police Brigade and was later commissioned through Infantry Officer



Candidate School at Fort Benning. He retired from the Army Reserve as a Colonel in 2017 and, following more than a decade of service, became Superintendent of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Lake County, Illinois. His family proudly represents five generations of military service.

The Village of Mount Prospect welcomes all residents to attend, including veterans from Mount Prospect and surrounding communities.

For additional event information, please contact Dutch DeGroot of VFW Post 1337 at dutch23mp@comcast.net or Bill Starr of American Legion Post 525 at billstarr14@gmail.com.



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Community Events

MAY
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Fit 4 Life
Fridays | May 1, 15, 22 &
29 | 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 is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. No registration is required.

MAY
2

From Frank Lloyd Wright to Ray Bradbury Bus Trip
Saturday | May 2
8:45 am – 5:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.



Hop on a bus and head to Racine, WI to spend the morning exploring the campus of the iconic SC Johnson Wax headquarters designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. After a stop at the Waterfront Warehouse restaurant for lunch, the group will head to the Waukegan History Museum at the Carnegie for a guided tour of the museum. At the end of the day, the bus will drop attendees back at the Society. Tickets for this daylong bus trip are \$110 for MPHS members, \$125 for non-members (fee does not include lunch). For more information, visit www.mtphist.org.

MAY
2

Derby De Mayo Pub Crawl
Saturday | May 2
3 – 7 pm
DOWNTOWN
MOUNT PROSPECT
It's Derby De Mayo — the perfect blend of Kentucky Derby flair and Cinco de Mayo fun! Grab your neighbors and friends and head to Downtown Mount Prospect for an afternoon of celebrating, sipping, and strolling. Participants will visit favorite downtown eating and drinking establishments, enjoying great food, festive drinks, and a lively atmosphere along the way. Registration begins at 2 pm and includes entry into a raffle. Get more details at mpdowntown.com.



MAY
4

Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics
Monday | May 4 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Attorney Jacob K. Ehrensaft will explain wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, guardianship, and how to ensure your final wishes are protected. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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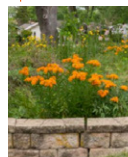
Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | May 5, 12, 19 & 26
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



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.

MAY
6

Landscaping with Native Plants
Wednesday | May 6
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Peggy Simonsen from Citizens for Conservation will share the advantages of using local native plants in your home landscape. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MAY
6

Evening Creations: Decorative Garden Stakes Craft
Wednesday | May 6
7 – 8 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
Make your own decorative beaded garden stake and add pizzazz to your flowerpots and gardens this spring. This class is limited to 14 seats and costs \$10. For more information, visit mtphist.org.



MAY
7

Historical Society Book Club: "Washington's Spies"
Thursday | May 7
7 – 8 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
Discover how neighbors, including loyalists, rebels,



and opportunistic merchants, made difficult choices and navigated the colonies divided. To prepare for the discussion, participants are invited to read "Washington's Spies: The Story of America's First Spy Ring" by Alexander Rose or watch the television adaptation ("Turn: Washington's Spies") on AMC. Join this free Historical Society event for a discussion full of suspense, strategy, and human stories. For more information, visit mtphist.org.

MAY
9

Coffee with Council
Saturday, May 9
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.

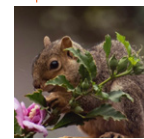
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Senior Game Day: Game On!
Monday | May 11
9:30 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Spring is in the air, and it's the perfect time to connect with neighbors over classic card games, board games, puzzles, and more. Come meet new friends, sharpen your skills, and enjoy a morning of great company. No registration is required.



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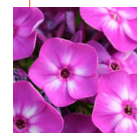
Controlling Garden Marauders, by Mark Lyons
Tuesday | May 12
9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Aphids eating your cucumbers? Squirrels stealing your corn? Rabbits munching on your lettuce? Mark Lyons, an experienced garden coach, will teach you strategies and tactics to stop these invaders from destroying your garden and stealing the fruits and vegetables you worked so hard to grow. Mark Lyons is a master gardener, consultant and educator. This Garden Club event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering, followed by an hour-long business meeting. Lyons will begin his presentation at 11 am.

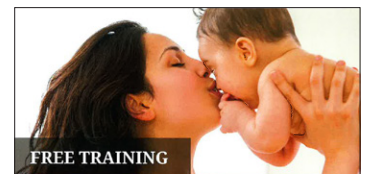
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Gardening with Fewer Pesticides
Tuesday | May 12
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Join horticulturist Sharon Yiesla for a look at several methods of reducing the use of garden chemicals. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



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Free Pediatric CPR, Choking, and First Aid Training



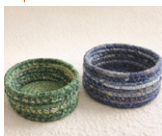
Wednesday | May 13
6 – 9 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Calling all parents, grandparents, and babysitters. Join the Mount Prospect Fire Department and Village Nurse for free pediatric CPR and first aid training. Participants will receive a Heartsaver® Pediatric First Aid CPR AED Card through the American Heart Association. Registration is required. Call 847.870.5660 to register.

**MAY
13**

Bessie's Workbasket: Upcycling Fabric Baskets

Wednesday | May 13
7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Choose from a rainbow of fabrics or bring your own materials to upcycle. You'll wrap clotheslines with fabric and hand-stitch the coils together to create a one-of-a-kind basket to take home. Tickets are \$10 per person. For more information, visit mtphist.org.



**MAY
14**

Take History to Heart: Holocaust Survivor Steen Metz

Thursday | May 14
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Steen Metz, a child Holocaust survivor, shares his experience in the

Theresienstadt concentration camp during World War II. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

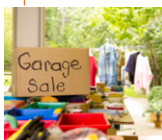


**MAY
15**

Garage Sale Weekend

Friday, May 15 –
Sunday, May 17
VILLAGE-WIDE
One of the largest garage sale events in the suburbs! With hundreds of sales on the same weekend, this annual event draws

shoppers from far and wide. Learn more, sign up to sell, and find a map of participating homes at mountprospectgaragesale.com.



**MAY
16**

Mount Prospect Garden Club Plant Sale

Saturday | May 16
9 am – 2 pm
Rain date: May 17
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Come shop a variety of perennials, annuals, and vegetables — all grown by Mount Prospect Garden Club members and Master Gardeners. House plants will also be for sale — come early for the best selection. All plants have been screened for pests, which



can be a problem when purchasing from plant stores. Expert gardening advice is always free.

**MAY
16**

Public Works Open House

Saturday | May 16
9 am – 1 pm
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1700 W. Central Rd.

This annual event features games, a facility tour, and displays demonstrating how our

water & sewer system, parkway trees, buildings, streets, and vehicles are maintained. Meet PW Paws, the Public Works Department mascot! There will be free refreshments and hot dogs sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Visit mountprospect.org to learn more.



**MAY
16**

Coin Collecting Appraisals

Saturday | May 16
10 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Lifelong coin collector

Dave Ekstrom will meet with you privately to appraise your old coins. Bring your wheat pennies and old silver dollars to learn the value of your collection. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



**MAY
16**

Spring Craft & Vendor Fair

Saturday | May 16
10 am – 4 pm
PROSPECT MOOSE
LODGE
601 N. Main St.

Prospect Moose Chapter #1481 is hosting a free fair where local artists and crafters will be selling their wares. This event has free admission and is open to the public. Refreshments will be available.



**MAY
16**

Afternoon Tea: Mary Pickersgill

Saturday | May 16
1 – 2 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
Hear the amazing story of how this Baltimore

flag maker sewed the flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore against the British in September of 1814. Her flag inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words to a poem which has become our National Anthem. Tea and cucumber sandwiches will be served. Tickets are \$25 for Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members. For more information, visit mtphist.org.



**MAY
16**

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays | May 16 –
September 26
3 – 8 PM
EAST METRA
COMMUTER LOT
Come view the coolest classic cars around.

Shows will take place every Saturday night with themed nights each week. Admission is free. For more information, check out mplions.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.



**MAY
19**

Coffee Talk & Construction

Tuesday, May 19
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 to 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.

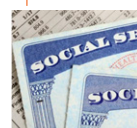


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25**

Making the Most of Social Security

Wednesday | May 20
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Stacy Bromann of The

Data Group will share filing strategies to help participants make informed decisions to maximize benefits. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



**MAY
25**

Memorial Day Parade

Monday | May 25
9:30 am
NEW LOCATION
Sponsored by VFW Post
1337 & American Legion
Post 525
Parade starts at Village

Hall and ends back at the start for a ceremony on the Centennial Green. The Ceremony of Remembrance will have a keynote speaker and performances of patriotic music. All are welcome. For more information, visit vfw1337.com.



*Coming in
June!*

Mental Health Matters

Friday | June 5 | 5 – 6:30 pm
BUSSE POCKET PARK

Fridays on the Green

Friday | June 5 Kickoff | 6:30 pm
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL

Lions Club Farmers Market

Sundays | Starting June 7
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT

Family Bike Ride

Saturday | June 13
Kick-off at 9:30 am
EUCLID SCHOOL

Movies on the Green

Wednesday | June 17 | 6 pm | Dusk
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL

Mental Health Matters Event

The Human Services Department is excited to announce the date for the 6th Annual Mental Health Matters event. This free community outing is once again partnering with Fridays on the Green on June 5, from 5 to 6:30 pm.

The event will focus on positive mental health and resilience with a resource fair featuring mental health agencies, local businesses that focus on wellness, and kids activities. The Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer from the Heroin Epidemic Relief Organization will be available for adults to explore and ask questions to local experts.

This Feel Good Friday will feature music by DJ Scottify and free Kona Ice for the first 150 attendees. Stay connected for updates by visiting mountprospect.org/MHM, by calling 847.870.5680, or by scanning the QR code.



News Around Town

Dealing with Solicitors

In the warmer months, there can be an increase in door-to-door solicitors. Here are some helpful tips on what to do when a solicitor is at your door:

- Never open the door if you are not sure who is there.
 - Use a peephole, camera, or window to see who is there.
 - Engage them by speaking through a closed door if you are unsure.
- Always ask for identification.
 - Legitimate solicitors should carry a photo ID and proof of business or legal credentials.
 - If they can't produce it, do not engage.
 - It is okay to call 911 to help confirm if solicitors are legitimate.
- Don't be afraid to say No
 - You are not obligated to answer questions, take materials, or let someone in your home.
 - A polite but firm "No, thank you" is sufficient. Close the door if they persist.
 - Display a No Soliciting sign near your door or mailbox – solicitors are obligated to honor this sticker. If a solicitor disregards the sticker, call 9-1-1 to report it. Free No Soliciting stickers are available at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., at the Finance Department front counter, in the Human Services Department on the second floor, and in the Village Manager's Office on the third floor.
- Never let a stranger into your home.
 - No matter how polite or convincing someone seems, do not let them in unless you've arranged the visit in advance and verified their credentials.
- Utilize technology for extra security.
 - Install a video doorbell or motion-sensing camera for visibility and recordings.
 - Keep exterior lights on at night to deter unwanted visitors.

When something seems suspicious, call 9-1-1. Our police officers are at the ready to assist.

Fridays on the Green

Get ready for the return of Fridays on the Green concerts this summer. Taking center stage on the green this year are the following bands:

June 5 | Ken Dix and The Friday Night Lawn Jockeys

June 26 | Turning Down Today

July 17 | Anchors Away

August 7 | Black Berry Jam

August 28 | The Throwbacks

September 11 | The Socially Acceptable Band

Concerts start at 6 pm on the Centennial Green with the exception of the June 5 concert, which starts at 6:30 pm.



Community/Economic Development

Holiday Inn Set to Reopen

The Holiday Inn Hotel at 200 E. Rand Rd. has a new owner who has received Village approval to reopen the hotel and restaurant. The 3-story building encompasses 80,000 square feet of space that includes 139 guestrooms, a restaurant, and banquet and meeting space.

The project will reactivate a key vacancy along the Rand Rd. commercial corridor and expand lodging options for visitors to Mount Prospect after a full cosmetic refresh inside and outside. The owner is seeking a new tenant for the restaurant.



New Development at Elmhurst Rd. and LaSalle St.

In March, the Village approved a new mixed-use development for the vacant property at the southwest corner of S. Elmhurst Rd. and LaSalle St. Part of the Lake Center Plaza Planned Unit Development, this development will include a 5-story, 76,650 square foot building featuring 46 apartments on the top four floors and approximately 7,100 square feet of commercial space for retail and restaurants on the first floor.

The development will provide 148 parking spaces, including surface parking and parking in an underground parking area. The building design incorporates high-quality durable materials such as brick, cast stone, fiber cement panels, and glass railings.

The project will redevelop one of the last vacant parcels within Lake Center Plaza and bring additional housing and commercial activity to this corridor of Elmhurst Rd.



Openings & Ceremonies!



March 13, 2026 | RE-GRAND OPENING
Cap's Ice Cream
10 S. Pine St.
847.392.2277 | capsicecream.com



April 1, 2026 | RIBBON TYING CELEBRATING 3 YEARS
Splendid Day Spa
137 W. Prospect Ave.
708.369.3644 | splendid-dayspa.com



April 3, 2026 | RIBBON CUTTING
Milano Nail Spa
12 Randhurst Village Dr.
224.857.8700 | milanonailsparamountprospect.com



EMS Week | May 17-23, 2026

May 17 through 23 has been designated as EMS Week with the theme of **Improving Outcomes Together**. The purpose of the week is to recognize and show gratitude to EMTs and paramedics who provide lifesaving care daily. The Mount Prospect Fire Department will use the week to educate the public about the many hours of training and behind the scenes activities that allow our EMS professionals to provide essential services.



The Fire Department recently purchased ten new Lifepak 35 cardiac monitors. These new monitors have more advanced technology and treatment options to provide optimal care to all patients. The LP 35 monitors can evaluate the electrical stability of the heart

muscle and assist EMS providers in delivering the level of care necessary to support positive outcomes. The EMS Committee made the decision to make the purchase after a one-year research and trial process.

Mount Prospect firefighter/paramedics are required to attend continuing education courses



once a month covering a variety of subjects. Our paramedics are required to attend 8 in-person continuing education classes annually and must have a minimum of 30 hours a year for a total of 120 hours in a 4-year licensure period. Topics may include respiratory, trauma, diabetic, behavioral, neurological, environmental, and cardiac emergencies. Pediatric and adult care must be covered in each session. One recent class required paramedics to read a patient presentation,

answer questions about assessment findings, and identify possible interventions and transport decisions.

Our EMS System Coordinator recently held a hands-on training class on advanced life support. This

is a specialty training started by the EMS System in 2026 to allow EMS providers the opportunity to perform less frequent/high risk procedures. Those participating in the scenario mimicked the typical number of personnel that would show up on a scene to simulate a realistic situation. Individuals who were not active in the scenario were expected to listen and provide feedback.



Fire Extinguisher Training

The Mount Prospect Fire Department believes that safety starts with education – and the best type of education is hands-on. We are excited to show how our new fire extinguisher training system is helping businesses learn critical skills in a safe, controlled environment.

A fire extinguisher training system is a tool that allows participants to practice putting out fires without the risk of losing control of a fire. Using the advanced system, we can create a realistic fire scenario while remaining completely safe during outdoor demonstrations.

This system is a live-fire training prop designed to look like a commercial grill. The prop produces controlled flames fueled by a propane tank. Real fire extinguishers with pressurized water are used to extinguish the fire, allowing participants to experience the weight, pressure, and discharge of an actual extinguisher without the mess caused by dry chemicals. This system has been found to be an extremely effective way to demonstrate how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

The instructor begins by teaching participants to assess the fire and to check that it is small and contained. Participants are taught to never turn their back to a fire and to make sure there is a clear exit behind them.

The PASS method is taught to serve as a reminder of the steps to operate a fire extinguisher.

P	A	S	S
Pull the pin	Aim at the base of the fire	Squeeze the handle	Sweep from side to side

There are a number of sensors on the simulator. When the water stream hits these sensors, it tells the simulator that the “fire” was put out correctly. The participants are taught that it is important to hit the flame at the base – sweeping from side to side. Once the fire is put out, participants are given immediate feedback to build confidence.

By repeating these steps in a realistic simulation, we build muscle memory that can make all the difference in a real emergency scenario. The outcomes for the participants include:

- Understanding how quickly a fire can grow
- The importance of aiming at the base
- Maintaining a safe distance from the fire
- Knowing when to stop and evacuate

We stress that if a fire cannot be extinguished safely, everyone should evacuate and close the door behind them to help control the spread of smoke and fire. It is important to immediately warn others by shouting “FIRE” and activating building fire alarms if possible. If no one else has done so, call 911 from a safe location outside the building.

By giving members of the community the tools and confidence to act safely, we are strengthening the first line of defense to maintain fires.

To schedule fire extinguisher training for a Mount Prospect business, feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



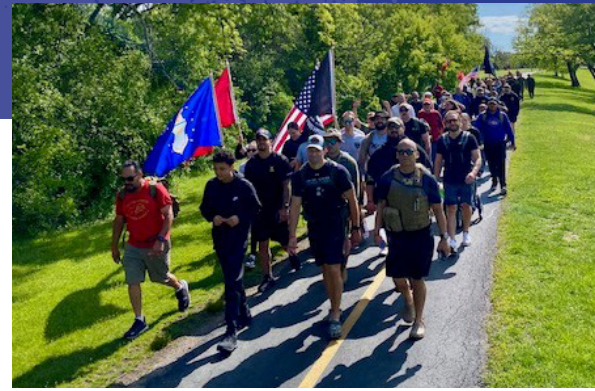


Embrace the Ruck

On Saturday, May 23, Mount Prospect Police Military Veterans are hosting an Embrace the Ruck walk to remember and honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

This free 6.2 mile (10K) walk begins and ends at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., and will wind through the beautiful neighborhoods of Mount Prospect.

The term “ruck” originates from the military backpack worn by soldiers as they marched toward a destination. The ruck would contain various tools and materials and could weigh between 20 and 75 pounds, depending on the mission. The distance of a ruck march can vary from 3 to 20 miles through an array of terrain and weather obstacles. Military



veterans often hold ruck marches to raise awareness of issues veterans face, such as mental health struggles, homelessness, and suicide. This march is held to honor the memory of those who died in action. Wearing a backpack, or ruck, is optional for this event.

Check-in begins at 8 am. The National Anthem will be presented at 8:45 am, and the march begins at 9 am. Parking will be available at Village Hall. If you have any questions, contact the Police Department at 847.870.5656.

“Freezee Fridays” Make Their Return This Summer



Be on the lookout every Friday this summer, as your Mount Prospect Police Officers look to provide a cool treat to the community. Officers will once again be stocking up on freeze pops and patrolling the community to deliver a break from the heat to anyone they see out and about in the Village. Get to know your local officers while enjoying a freeze pop.



E-Bikes Regulations

This past fall, the Village Board passed an ordinance to implement safety regulations for micromobility devices (E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and E-Motos). The Police Department encourages all riders and their guardians to familiarize themselves with the ordinance and comply with these regulations to help keep everyone safe. Violations of the ordinance could result in a fine and/or impoundment of the micromobility device. Learn more about the ordinance on the Village website at mountprospect.org/micromobility and in Chapter 23.121 of the Mount Prospect Village Code.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT MICROMOBILITY
DEVICES

Walk Your Wheels Zone

With the new micromobility ordinance, a Walk Your Wheels zone was created in the downtown area of the Village. The use of E-Scooters or Low-Speed E-Scooters is prohibited on sidewalks in this zone, which is divided into two areas, one on each side of the railroad tracks. These two areas are:

- South of the railroad tracks | Prospect Ave., between Pine Street and Emerson St.
- North of the railroad tracks | Northwest Hwy. along the south, Maple St. along the east, Busse Ave. along the north, and the building located at 20 W. Northwest Hwy. along the west.

These areas are also marked with the official Walk Your Wheels zone signs. Please make sure you do not ride any E-Scooters in these zones to ensure the safety of everyone walking, dining, and enjoying downtown Mount Prospect.

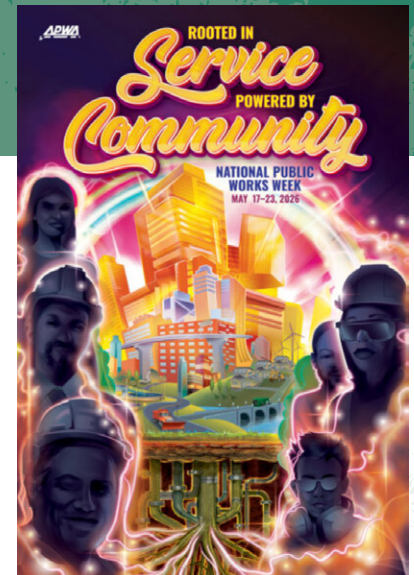
Public Works

Open House May 16

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Public Works Open House from 9 am to 1 pm on Saturday, May 16.

This free, family-friendly event offers a behind-the-scenes look at the services that keep Mount Prospect running every day. Visitors can meet Public Works staff, explore trucks and equipment, learn about Village services, and discover our sustainability and recycling programs.

Bring the whole family and join us at the Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Rd. We look forward to seeing you on May 16!



Sidewalk Cost Share Program

The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property through the Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. The resident's share for 2026 is \$129 per sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount established by the contractor's bid.

Applications are available online at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/engineering/sidewalk-replacement or at the Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Rd.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

If you have any questions concerning the sidewalk program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Spring Tree Care

Spring is the perfect time to boost nutrients and strengthen your trees for a healthy growing season. Begin by:

- Inspecting trees for signs of disease or winter damage before leaves appear
- Pruning dead, diseased, or unsafe branches early in spring. Waiting to prune in warmer weather may lead to an unwelcome spread of pests and diseases
- Setting the stage for healthy growth by removing fallen leaves, branches, and waste from around trees
- Feeding your trees necessary nutrients and applying a slow-release fertilizer
- Adding 2" to 4" of mulch around trees to improve soil moisture and control weeds

You can find more information at mountprospect.org/treecare.

Only Rain Down the Drain

Storm drains and roadside ditches flow directly into our inland lakes, streams, rivers, and Lake Michigan. Unlike wastewater from homes and businesses, stormwater is not treated before entering these waterways.

To help protect our environment, never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or any other materials into storm drains or roadside ditches. These substances pollute our lakes and rivers, can poison



fish, birds, and other wildlife, and may eventually contaminate drinking water sources.

In addition, debris such as dirt, litter, branches, and grass clippings can clog storm drains, increasing the risk of localized flooding. Keeping these materials off roadways and out of drains helps protect both the environment and our community.

Residents are encouraged to report any illegal dumping into storm drains or ditches to the Village.

Mount Prospect in Bloom

Tree planting in our parkways has begun and will continue through May. Annual flowers are being planted at 15 locations throughout the Village as well. Some of the larger displays can be found at:

- The monument sign at Central and Rand Rds.
- The entrance to Public Works at 1700 W. Central Rd.
- The intersection of Rt. 83 and Lincoln St.
- The intersection of Wolf Rd. and Feehanville Dr.
- The south end of Village Hall along Busse Ave.
- Below the water tower at Maple St. and Northwest Hwy.

The Village's monarch and pollinator gardens are also being prepped for additional plants, including five gardens as part of the Monarch Waystation program. The largest one is at the intersection of Mount Prospect and Central Rds among the gardens throughout the Village. Many thanks to the Garden Club of Mount Prospect who maintains a butterfly garden at Moehling Park that serves as a focal feature. By creating and maintaining these gardens, Mount Prospect helps contribute to usable habitat for increasing monarch butterfly populations.

Lawn Sprinkler Requirements

To protect public water supply from back-siphon and cross-connections, the State of Illinois requires that all lawn irrigation sprinklers have cross-connection and backflow protection devices. These devices must be certified by a State Licensed Cross Connection Control Device Inspector (CCCDI).

As part of the mandated certification requirements, a copy of the annual certification must be sent to the Public Works Department. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or visit mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/water-sewer/cross-connection-control-program. If the system has been removed, please have your plumber/inspector notify Public Works.

Flood Preparedness and Protection | Part 1

Over the next few newsletters, we want to share important information about how to best prepare and protect your home for potential flooding scenarios. Our area is very susceptible to heavy rain that can lead to flooding in some properties. Flooding is often the result of one or more of the components of the drainage system failing or being overwhelmed. The various components of the drainage system include the following:

- Five waterways carry stormwater into, through, and away from the Village. Stormwater collects in these waterways either as direct runoff from the rain or as water is directed into them from our storm sewers. The waterways are the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek, and Higgins Creek. When water from combined sources exceeds the capacity of a waterway, the backup can cause flooding.
- Stormwater can also collect in many smaller retention areas in the Village, including our network of storm sewers, combined sewers, drainage swales (shallow ditches), and detention ponds. These components of the system were designed to safely drain stormwater runoff and convey it to one of the five natural waterways referenced above. Much like the main waterways, the capacity of the smaller retention areas can be overwhelmed in some storms and cause flooding in surrounding and nearby properties.
- In your home, you likely have a series of downspouts that are designed to move water from your roof and footing drains to direct groundwater away from the foundation of the home. Older construction may have the footing drains and floor drains connected directly to the sewer system while footing drains in newer construction discharge to the ground by way of a sump pump. Excessive groundwater and/or surcharging in the receiving sewer system can cause flooding within the basement.

Associated with each waterway are Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). These areas represent 100-year flood event boundaries. SFHAs have an annual 1% chance of reaching flood levels during a storm event. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the SFHA associated with each waterway. Our Engineering staff can assist with locating your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens.

Be advised that the maps only reflect areas of potential flooding related to overflowing from the five main waterways while other localized flooding may occur for reasons unrelated to these waterways and, therefore, would not be reflected on the FIRMs. Simply put, an area may still be subject to flooding even if FEMA has not identified it on the FIRM.

While flooding generally occurs with little or no warning, there are some general precautions you can take to be better prepared.

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood and keep a copy at another location such as at work or a friend's house.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged or lost during a flood. Photographs or a video of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs or copies of valuable items such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills, and important telephone numbers in a location away from your home, such as a safe deposit box.

- Talk to your insurance agent about flood and sewer backup policies.
- Keep cleaning supplies you might need to clean up from a flood available in your home.

Should any part of your home or building flood, be cautious before beginning the cleanup process, keeping these safety tips in mind:

- If evacuation is necessary, turn off all utilities at the main power switch and the main gas valve before leaving.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for leaks rather than candles or a lantern.
- Touch electrical equipment ONLY if it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Floors that have been flooded may have debris or mud on them that can make them slippery; move cautiously when walking on them until they are cleaned.
- Flood water is likely contaminated, so clean everything that gets wet to eliminate threats to your health.

So, what are steps you can take to prevent your home or building from flood damage?

- Change the elevation by raising the structure so the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Physically relocate the building out of the flood area.
- Build floodwalls out of concrete or fill that create barriers between the building and the flood water.
- Make the walls and floors watertight through a process called dry flood-proofing.
- Wet-proofing, on the other hand, modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building, there is little or no damage.

Be advised that any alternation to your building or land, including re-grading or filling in the floodplain, requires a permit from the Community Development Department before beginning any work.

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village, regardless of whether the property is in an SFHA. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Because of the Village's participation in FEMA's Community Rating System (CRS) program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.





Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know

The Village's Aging in Community Initiative invites you to an informative event, **Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know**, designed for older adults and their loved ones. To make this journey relatable, the presentation follows the story of a fictional Mount Prospect couple as they navigate the local resources and support systems available in our community. For your convenience, we are offering the same presentation on two different dates. The first is Tuesday, June 23 from 1 to 3 pm, and the second is on Wednesday, July 22 from 6 to 8 pm.

Both sessions take place in the Village Board Room on the 3rd floor of Village Hall. Each event begins with the presentation, followed by a resource fair where you can meet with community partners. Registration is required and can be accessed through Eventbrite via the Human Services Village calendar. You may also reserve your spot by calling the Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



Wits Workout Starting in June!

The Village's Human Services Department offers free Wits Workout classes for older adults. These classes focus on brain strengthening activities like games, puzzles, and socialization. A full 4-week commitment is suggested.

Thursdays | June 11 – July 2 | 10 – 11:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL | 50 S. Emerson St.

Registration is required. Reserve your spot by calling the Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

Financial Wellness Workshop

The Human Services Department is partnering with National Financial Literacy Campaign to offer a 3-week workshop. The group will meet every Tuesday and Thursday from May 12 to May 28 at the Community Connections Center (1711 W. Algonquin Rd.). There is a \$10 fee to participate. To register call 847.506.4930.



FREE TRAINING

PEDIATRIC CPR CHOKING & FIRST AID

Join the Mount Prospect Fire Department & Village Nurse for a free Pediatric CPR and First Aid training. **Registration is required.**

Participants will receive a Heartsaver® Pediatric First Aid CPR AED Card through the American Heart Association.

**Wednesday, May 13
6-9 PM**

Mount Prospect
Public Library
10 S. Emerson Street

*Target Audience: Parents,
Grandparents, Babysitters*

Call 847-870-5660 to register



**community
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1711 West Algonquin Road
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Hours
Monday-Friday 11 am – 7:30 pm
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at **facebook.com/MPHumanServices** for information and resources on this topic.

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Village Hall 847.392.6000
(includes Finance & Village Administration)
Village Clerk 847.818.5355
Television Services 847.870.5685
Community Development
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Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
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	11 Senior Game Day: Game On! 9:30-11am, Village Hall	12 Controlling Garden Marauders, 9:30am, Village Hall Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, Community Connections Center Gardening with Fewer Pesticides, 7pm, MPPL	13 Free Pediatric CPR, Choking, and First Aid Training, 6-9pm, MPPL Bessie's Workbasket: Upcycling Fabric Baskets, 7-9pm, Central School	14 Take History to Heart: Holocaust Survivor Steen Metz, 7pm, MPPL	15 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Garage Sale Weekend Village-wide	16 Garage Sale Weekend, Village-wide Mount Prospect Garden Club, Plant Sale, 9am-2pm, MPHIST Public Works Open House, 9am-1pm, Public Works Facility Coin Collecting Appraisals, 10am-3pm, MPPL Spring Craft & Vendor Fair, 10am-4pm, Prospect Moose Lodge Afternoon Tea: Mary Pickersgill, 1-2pm, Central School Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
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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.



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Message from the Mayor

The following are excerpts from the Mayor's opening comments at the 2026 Shining Stars Gala.

Good evening, I am Paul Hoefert, the Mayor of Mount Prospect, and on behalf of your Village Board and our Special Events Commission, I welcome you all to the 33rd Annual Shining Stars Gala. It is truly an honor to stand before you tonight, a night dedicated to gratitude, celebration, and the incredible power of community. Tonight, we honor nine *Profiles in Giving Back*, nine individuals, groups, and organizations who have used their time, talent, and resources to support causes, build community trust, and meet the needs of others.

These remarkable individuals remind us that greatness is not measured by wealth or fame, but by the willingness to serve others, to contribute to our community, and to lift people up in their time of need. What's interesting is that these honorees don't seek the spotlight yet somehow make everything around them just a little bit brighter.

The Shining Stars are people who have chosen to give—not because they had to, not because they were looking for accolades, but because it is who they are. They have offered their time, their talents, their energy, and most importantly, their hearts. I believe that in this world there are *Givers and Takers*. We are blessed in Mount Prospect to have an abundance of Givers. Each of you have shared your light, your compassion, and your energy. You have recognized moments of need and turned them into moments of hope.

These Shining Stars are people who showed up and stepped in when needed and quietly said, *I can help*. Through their actions, both big and small, they have strengthened the very

foundation of our Village. The impact of their kindness cannot always be measured in numbers or awards. Sometimes, it's seen in a child who feels supported, a neighbor who feels less alone, or a family who finds grace and hope in a difficult moment.



And these acts of service can ripple well into the future. The people you have helped may never forget that act of kindness. They may tell others about that act of kindness they received for decades to come. And, they may pay it forward with their own acts of kindness.

As I say each year, *People Helping People* is what life is all about. And, at the core, that is what the Shining Star Awards are all about; recognizing those Mount Prospect citizens, businesses, and organizations who put others before themselves. Those who have gone out of their way to help others or help their community with no expectation of any benefit coming back their way.

May your light continue to shine, may your example continue to inspire others, and may we all leave here this evening a little more committed to caring for one another, just as you have shown by what you have done. So tonight, we don't just say thank you . . . we congratulate you honorees and we celebrate you. You are the hearts that heal, the hands that shape the very character of our community, and the people who make our Village a better place for all!

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

2026-27 SHINING STAR AWARD NOMINATIONS WILL OPEN IN THE FALL – VISIT [MOUNTPROSPECT.ORG/SHININGSTARS](https://moundprospect.org/shiningstars).