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MARCH/APRIL 2018

Irish Fest LUCKY YEAR 7

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 | SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Join us in downtown Mount Prospect for the 7th Annual Irish Fest! Celebrate all things Irish in a huge heated tent filled with Irish music, Irish food and of course Irish beer! Irish Fest is located in the Chase Bank Parking Lot at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue, one block north of Northwest Highway and one block east of Elmhurst Rd./Rte. 83. Only one block from the Mount Prospect Metra stop! FREE parking available across the street in the Village Hall parking deck. | **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

Entertainment

Larkin & Moran Brothers | The Dooley Brothers | The Tooles They Might Be Irish featuring Matt Rowley (both nights!) Irish dancers from 4 local groups

HEADING TO THE USA IN 2018! Ireland's very own, Matt Rowley has risen to fame throughout Ireland as one of the most sought after bands. His ability to play the best of Irish songs and mix in contemporary rock makes for a signature night of fun and dance.



Eats

HARRINGTON'S | fish 'n chips, corned beef sandwiches and Irish potatoes

FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL UNION 4119 | burgers and dogs

Drink

Irish beer and other favorite Irish beverages!

Irish Swag

Galway Bakers | The Irish Boutique
Mount Prospect Junior Women's Club

Schedule

FRIDAY

5:30-7:30 pm | They Might Be Irish featuring Matt Rowley

8:00-11:00 pm | Larkin & Moran Brothers

SATURDAY

11:00 am-2:30 pm | Irish Dancers

3:00-5:00 pm | The Dooley Brothers

5:30-7:30 pm | The Tooles

8:00-11:00 pm | They Might Be Irish featuring Matt Rowley

Sponsorship

There are opportunities for residents/community support and Chamber business sponsorships available and this is THE YEAR to be a part of this event. Contact the Chamber office at 847.398.6616 or dawn@mountprospectchamber.org

Info

For details about Irish Fest and for up to the minute info visit www.mpirishfest.com or @MPIrishFest on Facebook.



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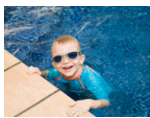
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Community Events

**MARCH
1**

River Trails Park District Summer Pool Passes on Sale

Thursday | March 1
WEISS COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 East Euclid Avenue
Enjoy a great summer at



the River Trails Park District Woodland Trails Pool. There are two water play areas on the pool deck and a zero-depth pool designated just for tots. For serious swimmers, there are two lap lanes available during all open swim hours. Pool passes are \$43 per resident and \$58 per non-resident until May 1. Regular season rates begin May 2 at \$48 per resident and \$63 per non-resident. Pool pass can only be purchased at the Weiss Community Center. For more information, visit rtpd.org or call 847.255.1200.

**MARCH
1**

Mt. Prospect Park District Early Bird Pool Pass Sale

March 1 - May 1
Individual | \$110 (resident)
\$120 (non-resident)
Family | \$210 (resident)
\$230 (non-resident)



Purchase your pass at any facility and save! Our Summer Pool Pass features three pools: Big Surf Wave Pool, Meadows Aquatic Center and RecPlex Indoor Pool. Passes purchased by May 1 are eligible to win prizes including a free pool pass for next year. A summer of fun at the pools is *in the bag* with your free gift tote. Pool pass holders enjoy exclusive Magic Mondays and Super Sunday hours. For more information, visit mppd.org or call 847.255.5380

**MARCH
2**

Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program

Every Friday | 1:30-2pm
**VILLAGE HALL
Community Room**
50 South Emerson Street
The Mount Prospect Village Nurse in conjunction with



the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps Nurses offer free weekly exercise events. Ageless Grace is a seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.

**MARCH
3**

Freeze Fest Zone

Friday | March 2 | 5-8pm
THE ZONE
550 Business Center Drive
Join the RTPD for a night of activities, games and entertainment: bounce houses, entertainment by Jason Kollum, turf games, arts and crafts, free freeze pops and giveaways, with concessions for purchase. Tickets for kids 16 years and under are just \$2, and all proceeds go to the Send a Kid to Camp Foundation Fund. For more info, visit rtpd.org or call 847.255.1200.



**MARCH
3**

Mini Golf at the Library

Saturday | March 3
10am-3pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
10 South Emerson Street
Explore the Library as you play 18-hole miniature



golf. This unique adventure will have golfers of all ages putting throughout the library, between the stacks and down the stairs. There will also be a 19th hole with refreshments, entertainment and games. This event is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. The MPPLF provides funding for special programs and projects that are otherwise unattainable. For more info, visit mppl.org.

**MARCH
6**

Mount Prospect Senior Walking Club

Tuesdays | 8:30-9:30am
**LIONS PARK
RECREATIONAL CENTER**
411 South Maple Street
The Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps Nurses host the Mount Prospect Senior Walking Club, stop by to get active!



**MARCH
9**

French Trivia Night

Friday | March 9 | 7pm
**VILLAGE HALL
Community Room**
50 South Emerson Street
Celebrate our French-American connection with the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission. Test your French trivia knowledge while you compete for prizes while enjoying snacks and beverages. All questions will be in English. Tickets are \$10 and proceeds support community activities and programs sponsored by Sister Cities Commission. Limit 10 people per table. To buy or reserve your tickets, visit mountprospectsistercities.com/events.



**MARCH
9**

Ladies Night Out: Book Chat and Wine

Friday | March 9
7:30-9pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
Dietrich Friedrichs House
101 South Maple Street



If you enjoyed reading the *Little House on the Prairie* books by Laura Ingalls Wilder, then Sarah Miller's book, *Caroline: Little House Revisited*, told from the perspective of Wilder's mother, Caroline Quiner Ingalls, will be sure to capture your interest. Come discuss the book, and enjoy wine, coffee and light desserts. To best facilitate discussion, attendance is limited to 20 people. Tickets are \$15. To make your reservations via PayPal, visit mtphist.org. Call 847.392.9006 for more information.

**MARCH
14**

Mount Prospect Garden Club

Wednesday | March 14
11:30 am social hour followed by business meeting. Programs start at 1pm.
**FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY**
395 W. Algonquin Rd
Des Plaines



**MARCH
18**

MARCH MADNESS Mount Prospect Community Band Spring Concert

Sunday | March 18
3:30pm
**TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
605 West Golf Road



Spend your afternoon listening to great marches from around the world, including Walton's Crown Imperial, Valdres by Hanssen and Sousa's El Capitan. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door and can be purchased at RecPlex (420 West Dempster) or from band members. The band is a program of the Mt. Prospect Park District, mppd.org.

**MARCH
21**

Movie Night in the Schoolhouse

Wednesday | March 21
6:30pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
Central Schoolhouse
103 South Maple Street



Join us in the 1896 one-room schoolhouse and enjoy an old-fashioned movie accompanied by refreshments. Let the Mount Prospect Historical Society take you back to the early days of cinema.

**MARCH
24**

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | March 24
9:30-10:10am | 3-4 yo
10:20-11am | 4-5 yo
11:10-11:40am | 5-8 yo
RECPLEX
420 West Dempster Street
Join the Mt. Prospect Park



District for an *Eggstra* special day at its annual indoor egg hunt. Jump into piles of grass and hunt for treat-filled eggs. Be sure to bring a basket for all your treasures. After the hunt, make a special craft and take a photo with the Easter bunny. Tickets are \$5 per child for the egg hunt and an additional \$3 for the craft. Register early at mppd.org – this popular event tends to sell out!

**MARCH
24**

Lunch with the Bunny

Saturday | March 24
11:30am-12:30pm
ROB ROY COUNTRY CLUB
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
The River Trails Park District invites you and your family to an afternoon lunch with refreshments, treats and an egg hunt! You never know who might show up, so don't forget your camera. Bring a high chair or booster seat if needed. Seats are limited, call 847.255.1200, stop by Weiss Center or visit rtpd.org to register by March 17.



**MARCH
28**

Rules of the Road

Wednesday | March 28
1:30pm
**VILLAGE HALL
Community Room**
50 South Emerson Street
This free class is intended as a refresher for senior



citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's licenses. Registration is required call 847.870.5680.

APRIL
5

50 Plus Breakfast Club
Thursday | April 5 | 9am
VILLAGE HALL
Community Room



50 South Emerson Street
Are you tired of cooking?
Too much fast food, TV

dinner and home delivered pizza? Join the Human Services Department for a free breakfast, good information and community resources. Learn how to make good choices when alternative food sources are your only option. And pick up a few tips on cooking for one person and cooking safety.

APRIL
6

Mount Prospect Senior Walking Club
Tuesdays | 8:30-9:30am
LIONS PARK
RECREATIONAL CENTER



411 South Maple Street
The Mount Prospect
Medical Reserve Corps
Nurses host the Mount Pros-

pect Senior Walking Club in the gym. Stop by to get active!

APRIL
9

Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program
Every Friday | 1:30-2pm
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Community Room



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The Mount Prospect Village
Nurse in conjunction with

the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps Nurses offer free weekly exercise events. Ageless Grace is a seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.

APRIL
10

75th Anniversary Trivia Night Contest
Tuesday | April 10 | 7-9pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY



10 South Emerson Street
The week of April 8 is
National Library Week and
it's also the MPPL's 75th

Birthday! Gather a team of two to five participants for a trivia contest featuring questions from categories including history, pop culture, sports and more. Get ready for special 75-themed questions. To bring a team, contact Janine Slayton or Joe Collier at 847.253.5675 by March 30. Spectators are welcome!

APRIL
11

Mount Prospect Garden Club
Wednesday | April 11
11:30 am social hour followed by business meeting.
Programs start at 1pm.
FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY
395 W. Algonquin Rd,
Des Plaines



APRIL
14

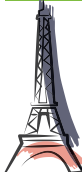
A Peek in Mount Prospect's Attic
Saturday | April 14
10am-noon
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Dolores Haugh Education
Center
101 South Maple Street



Children in grades three to five are invited to come explore relics from Mount Prospect's past at the MPHS. Items from the Society's artifact collection will be on display and used during this interactive event. There is no fee but registration is required. For more information, call 847.392.9006 or visit mthist.org.

APRIL
19

Sister Cities Pot Luck Dinner
Thursday | April 19
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
VILLAGE HALL
Community Room
50 South Emerson Street
Celebrate our Sister City
relationship with Sèvres,



France. Enjoy the stories and video presentations of Prospect High School students. Piano Parlor students will enhance the evening with music. Please bring a dish to share; French recipes are encouraged. Attendees may bring wine to share. Free event, but reservations are required: mountprospect.sistercities.com/ events. For info, please contact Commissioner Rafi Sahakian at events@mountprospect.sistercities.com. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission.

APRIL
21

Earth Day
Saturday | April 21
1-3pm
FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY
395 West Algonquin Road
Plant a seedling and
decorate a flower pot while



learning about gardening, recycling and going green! During this free Earth Day event hosted by the Mt. Prospect Park District, you can tour the greenhouse and get tips on how to make your garden grow. Mount Prospect Public Works and The Garden Club of Mount Prospect will also have special displays. For more information, visit mppd.org.

APRIL
21

Mount Prospect Historical Society Annual Spring Dinner
Saturday | April 21
6-10pm
ROB ROY COUNTRY CLUB
505 East Camp
McDonald Road



The theme this year is *Guys and Dolls Speakeasy Soiree*. You'll love the speakeasy décor, the prime rib buffet and the speaker on Chicago gangster Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair. Tickets are \$50 per person. To make your reservations via PayPal, visit mthist.org. Call 847.392.9006 for more information.

APRIL
21/22

Friends Book Sale
Saturday | April 21
9am-4:30pm
Sunday | April 22
noon-4pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street



Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library used book sale. A special members-only preview sale will take place on April 20 from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events and services. For more information on the Friends and how to become a member, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
23

Money Smart Week
April 23 – 27
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street
When it comes to proper
financial planning, it's
normal to feel overwhelmed



and underinformed. Which is why the Mount Prospect Public Library is hosting Money Smart Week, you can attend daily seminars to learn how to successfully plan your finances and stay in the black. Individual sessions are listed below.
FINANCIAL PLANNING
Monday | April 23 | 7-8pm
RETIREMENT PLANNING
Tuesday | April 24 | 1:30-2:30pm
HACK-PROOF YOUR FINANCIAL LIFE
Tuesday | April 24 | 7:30-9pm
PLANNING FOR LONG-TERM CARE
Wednesday | April 25 | 1:30-2:30pm
FRUGAL TRAVEL PLANNING ONLINE
Thursday | April 26 | 1-2:30pm

APRIL
27/28

7th Annual Irish Fest
April 27 | 5-11pm
April 28 | 11am-11pm
DOWNTOWN MP
CHASE BUILDING
PARKING LOT
Celebrate all things Irish in
a huge heated tent filled



with Irish music, Irish food and of course Irish beer! For details and up to the minute info visit www.mpirishfest.com or @MPIrishFest on Facebook.

Seasonal Maintenance Positions Available

Work involves patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, reading water meters, etc. The work requires physical strength and endurance plus the ability to withstand exposure to the elements. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. For more info, visit mountprospect.org. Email completed applications to pwjobs@mountprospect.org or send to Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056.

Building Department

Tips for Cleaning a Blocked Sewer Line

If the main sewer line from your residence is blocked notify your sewer provider first. Depending on your location within the Village, your provider will be either Mount Prospect Public Works 847.870.5640, or Illinois-American 800.422.2782. If you are not sure who your provider is, check your utility statement.

When you call a contractor to fix the issue, have them determine if the blockage is in the private line or the sewer main. By properly diagnosing this first, you may be able to save considerable time and money in the repair process. If the blockage is in the main or parkway, contact the sewer provider.

Once the block is cleared, have the contractor run a camera into the line and save the recording on a DVD or thumb drive. Saving this information can assist with future issues.

Protecting Yourself During Home Repairs

Complaints received by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General demonstrate that unscrupulous home repair contractors take advantage of home owners and perpetrate scams against them once they have gained the confidence of the home owner. Please be cautious of these tactics:

- Contacting you or showing up at your home uninvited
- Telling you that you are in danger if you don't make immediate repairs
- Pressuring you to sign a contract before you are ready, or taking too fast without clearly explaining their proposal
- Quoting a price that is out of line with other estimates
- Offering to drive you to the bank to access funds to pay for their work
- Can only be reached via answering machine
- Drives an unmarked car or a vehicle with out of state license plates
- Asking for payment in full up-front

When choosing a contractor do as much research as possible. Information is available from the Illinois Attorney General or the Better Business Bureau. While you should get written estimates from several contractors, don't necessarily go with the lowest bid, especially if it is significantly out of line from the others. Ask the contractor if they are using any sub-contractors. If so, be sure to speak with them directly. Ask if they have worked with the main contractor before and if they have always been paid on time.

Before signing any home repair or remodeling contract over \$1,000, a home repair and remodeling contractor in Illinois is required to provide the customer with a copy of the *Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights* pamphlet.

While the work is being done on your home keep all paperwork including contracts, invoices, change orders and correspondence related to the project in one place. Keep a log of all conversations and phone calls related to the project and take photographs as the work progresses. Before making the final payment, make sure that the work meets the contract, the job site is clean, you have written warranties for materials and workmanship, and you have written proof that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid. Be sure to complete a Village inspection as well before making final payment.

A mechanic's lien protects a subcontractor in the event that the general contractor fails to pay for the subcontractor's services or supplies. In that event, the subcontractor can ask a court to put a lien, or hold, on your property until the debt is paid. As the property owner, you are responsible for the debt, and you will not be able to sell or finance your property until all liens are paid or lifted.

By giving you a signed lien waiver, a supplier of materials or services for your home repair project acknowledges that he or she has no right to file a mechanic's lien against your property. In other words, the supplier acknowledges having been paid in full for those materials or services. It is important that you get these written and signed waivers from every subcontractor who has worked on your home in the course of the project. Do not make the final payment to the contractor until you are satisfied with the work and have obtained signed waivers showing that every subcontractor has been paid. You can find blank Waivers of Lien forms at home stores, print shops, and on the Internet.

For more information from the Illinois Attorney General's Office please visit www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homerepair_construction.html

If you have any questions about projects on your property, call the Building Department at 847.818.5289 or email building@mountprospect.org.

Ribbon Cuttings

Thursday | December 14, 2017
MOUNT PROSPECT CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE OFFICES (New Location)
46 West Northwest Highway
847.398.6616 | mountprospectchamber.org



Wednesday | January 24
FRANKIE'S HOT DOGS | 15 year anniversary!
720 East Rand Road | 847.590.9545



Monday | February 12
PARENTI & RAFFAELLI LTD.
1401 Feehanville Drive
847.253.5550 | parentiwoodwork.com



Sidewalk Replacement

The Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program provides a partnership between the Village and property owners to maintain a critical component of our infrastructure.

The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. Applications are available online at mountprospect.org or at Public Works.

Applications will be accepted in the order they are received. The last day applications will be accepted is May 18 unless funding runs out prior to that date.

The resident's share of the cost is \$65 for a sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount. Increased concrete costs have caused costs to increase slightly this year.

The Village will select a contractor in May and the sidewalk replacement work will continue across the Village throughout the summer. The contractor's work includes removing the existing square, replacing it with new concrete, and backfilling along the edges with topsoil.

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

Community/Economic Development

Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program

If you've got an issue with some part of your house like a leaky roof, bad plumbing or drafty windows, you may be eligible for assistance through the Village's Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program. The program is open to low-income Mount Prospect residents who have owned and occupied their home for at least one year. The funds can be used to correct housing code violations, increase energy efficiency, make improvements to accommodate disabled persons, and more. The program offers interest-free loans up to \$25,000 which are then due upon sale of the home or change in title for the property. The Home Weatherization Grant Program provides a matching grant up to \$1,500 to use for energy efficiency improvements. For more information, visit mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5328.



**What's
Happening
Around Town
this Spring?**

Watch for New Businesses Coming to Mount Prospect

There will be some exciting new projects coming our way in the months ahead beginning with the re-development of the old Mitchell Buick site along the Rand Road corridor. A Texas Roadhouse Restaurant, The Tile Shop and AAA Insurance and Auto Repair facility is proposed. Also proposed for 2018 is the development of a warehouse and potentially two commercial buildings along Algonquin and Elmhurst Roads. This development will enrich the already successful business climate the south end of town has to offer. To learn about other development projects in the pipeline visit the Village website at mountprospect.org.

Randhurst Village to See Plenty of New Development

There will be a number of new projects dotting the Randhurst Village property in the near future. A new outlet building will welcome a Tide Dry Cleaners, Verizon, Supercuts, and a McAlister's Deli. The cleaner will feature curbside valet service and McAlister's will include an outdoor patio. A Kiddie Academy will be located east of Costco and north of the Home Depot parking lot.

To stay current on projects throughout the Village call the Planning Division at 847.818.5328.



Vehicle Sticker Renewals

MAY 1 IS THE DEADLINE TO PURCHASE AND DISPLAY YOUR 2018-19 MOUNT PROSPECT VEHICLE STICKERS

There are multiple ways to purchase your sticker, including online at mountprospect.org/departments/finance-department/vehicle-stickers, or in person at the Finance Department in Village Hall. Renewal applications were mailed in early February and reference a vehicle ID on the pre-printed application that will help in the renewal process. Residents may also purchase a vehicle sticker online without a pre-printed application.

Full-price passenger stickers only may be purchased at the Algonquin Busse Currency Exchange at 1725 West Algonquin Road. Purchases made at the currency exchange will include an additional \$2 fee.

Rates for 2018-19 stickers are:

Passenger Vehicles	\$45	Class B Trucks	\$68
Motorcycles & Motorbikes	\$30	Full-size Trucks	Charged by Class/Body Weight

A reduced rate of \$15 is available for residents 65 years of age and older. However, there is a limit of just one reduced rate vehicle sticker per family household. The vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a noncommercial purpose. Seniors who turn 65 prior to May 1, 2018 are eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at the reduced rate and first-time seniors must come to Village Hall to obtain the sticker, as a current driver's license is required at the time of purchase.

If you did not receive a renewal application in the mail, you are still responsible for purchasing a 2018-2019 sticker. A late penalty will be added to the cost of a vehicle sticker purchased after April 30. Residents may receive a citation for not having a current sticker displayed after May 1.

If purchasing new license plates, do not wait for receipt of the plates to purchase the vehicle sticker. Simply indicate applied for in the license plate information field. When the plates are received, contact the Finance Department and provide the new plate number.

Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a sticker should remove the sticker from the vehicle at the time of sale or donation and contact the Finance Department with updated vehicle information, as they may qualify to transfer the sticker to the replacement vehicle for no additional fee.

Extended hours will be available at Village Hall:
TUESDAYS | APRIL 17 & APRIL 24 | 8:30 AM TO 7:00 PM
SATURDAYS | APRIL 21 & APRIL 28 | 9:00 AM TO NOON

Twenty-four hour payment boxes are located outside the front door of Village Hall and in the parking garage, next to the library book return.

If you have questions, call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.

Public Works

Unlimited Organics Collection Program Begins April 2

The existing yard waste collection program has been expanded and renamed as the Organics Program. While the Village will continue to pick up yard waste, residents may also place organic matter such as fruits and vegetables out for collection.

Acceptable Organics

Grass clippings	Fruits & vegetables	Crackers
Brush	Pastas	Dairy Cheese, yogurt (no liquids)
Flowers	Meat (no bone)	Coffee Grounds
Leaves	Breads	Cereals

Non-Acceptable Organics

Plastic bags	Plastic forks, knives or spoons
Styrofoam	Plastic containers/wrap from food packaging
Bones, seafood	Plastic of any kind
Shrink wrap	Glass of any kind
Chip and candy wrappers	Beverages

All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge, but residents must provide their own rigid container or obtain one through the cart rental program for collection. Any size container up to 95 gallons is acceptable with this program.

- Rigid containers up to 32 gallons cannot exceed more than 50 pounds as they are manually tipped by the driver.
- Rigid containers 32 gallons and larger must be wheeled carts as they are picked up with a hydraulic arm.

Households producing a large amount of yard waste may be interested in the Village's optional organics/yard waste cart rental program. The program has a monthly fee of \$3.58 paid directly to the Village that includes the use of a wheeled cart (cart size of your choice – 35, 65 or 95 gallon).

The traditional brown kraft bags used for lawn refuse can be used for yard waste only. Organic matter must be in the rigid containers. Bag specifications are as follows:

- Bags must be made of biodegradable kraft paper. Biodegradable bags made out of corn starch or similar products are not acceptable.
- The bag will not be collected if it exceeds 32 gallons.
- The bag will not be collected if it exceeds 50 pounds.
- Plastic bags containing yard waste will not be collected.

Organics/yard waste generated from Mount Prospect residential properties will be taken to Organix Recycling, LLC in Chicago.

Yard waste can be placed at the curb as early as 4:30 pm the day before collection and no later than 6:30 am of collection day. Late set-outs will not be collected until the following week.

Organics service will be provided from April through mid-December.

Brush Collection

If you are planning on a spring cleaning for your yard, properly prepared materials can be placed at the curb.

BRUSH LESS THAN 3.5 INCHES IN DIAMETER

- Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush on your regular collection day.
- Tree limbs must not exceed 3.5 inches diameter.

- Brush must be bundled
- Bundles not to exceed 50 pounds, 5 feet in length and must be secured with a biodegradable material (cloth or twine); no wire or plastic.

BRUSH GREATER THAN 3.5 INCHES IN DIAMETER

- Brush or logs greater than 3.5 inches in diameter are taken as garbage and not collected as yard waste.
- Logs can be placed in your garbage cart for collection or placed outside the cart. If logs are placed outside the cart the logs must be prepared according to the following specifications:
 - Bundles or individual logs will be collected on your regular scheduled collection day, not to exceed 50 pounds, or 5 feet in length.
 - One cubic yard limit (approximately 6 bundles or large logs equal 1 cubic yard).
 - Bundles must be secured with a biodegradable material (cloth or twine); no wire or plastic.

Electronics Recycling

The Village, in association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), has developed the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to collect electronics on an ongoing basis.

The following items will be accepted:

Televisions	Portable digital music players
Monitors	DVD players and recorders
Printers	Video game consoles
Computers (including tablet computers)	Small scale servers
Electronic keyboards	Scanners
Fax machines	Cable and satellite receivers
VCRs	

WEEKLY DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Collection locations will be closed on national holidays and the Transfer Station will be closed following a holiday.

Mount Prospect Public Works

1700 West Central Road
Wednesdays, April 4 through October 31
10:00 am to noon

Glenview Transfer Station

1151 North River Road
Saturdays, year round
9:00 to 11:30 am

Arbor Day Celebration

We are planning our Arbor Day Celebration for April 27. The Mayor, Village Trustees and PW Paws will be on hand. Check in at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org for the location.

Reforestation

The Village's reforestation efforts will continue in 2018. In addition to replacing all ash trees lost due to the emerald ash borer, the Village will continue replacing all trees lost regardless of reason across the Village. Under the reforestation program the Village is currently replacing trees removed in 2016 and 2017, with plans to continue working forward by year, budget permitting. The Village continues to utilize a number of different tree species thus increasing the diversity of the urban forest through planting. The Village plants trees in both spring and the fall. If your parkway tree is not replaced in the spring it may still be planted yet this fall. Village crews will mark the location of a new planting site with a brown mark on the curb, and leave a letter explaining the planting process.

If you have questions or would like more information on recycling programs, call 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Flood Preparedness & Protection

Local Flood Hazard

Five waterways carry storm water into, through and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. Flood hazard areas are associated with each waterway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Engineering staff will help locate 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. The most recent flooding event occurred in April 2013 when almost every neighborhood of the Village experienced flooding.

Flood Preparedness

Floods always occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning. But there are many things that you can do to prepare for a flood.

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood event. Keep backup records at other location such as at work or at a friend's house.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video record of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs 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 protection against floods and sewer backups.
- Keep cleaning supplies on hand that will be needed to recover from a flood.

Flood-proofing

There are many methods that have been successful to protect a building from flood damage. You could consider any of these measures, called retrofitting, to alter your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages:

ELEVATION | This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.

RELOCATION | Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.

FLOODWALLS | They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.

DRY FLOOD-PROOFING | Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.

WET FLOOD-PROOFING | Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You must get a permit from the Community Development Department before proceeding with any alteration to your building or land. Even regrading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

Flood Protection

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are some things you can do to reduce damages.

- Regrading your lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help to keep water away from your building.
- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering through the doorways during a flood event. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.

- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering your building during a flood event.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for approximately \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called flood proofing and retrofitting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Always check with the Mount Prospect Building Division before you build on, fill, alter or regrade your property or make building alterations. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with our Village Code and do not create drainage problems on any other property.

Floodplain Development Permit

The Village of Mount Prospect has adopted Floodplain Regulations (Chapter 22 of the Village Code). The regulations help to minimize the potential losses due to periodic flooding. You must get a Floodplain Development Permit for all construction activity within a floodplain.

Flood Insurance

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. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Contact your insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance. And because of the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on the 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 on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.

Drainage System Maintenance

Any debris that is deposited into any part of our drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and it is against our Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage and other unwanted material into any of the Village's waterways, the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek or any drainage ditches can decrease the ability of our drainage system to carry water away from our properties. Contact the Public Works Department if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

Flood Safety

If your basement or building has flooded, remember these precautionary steps:

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or lanterns.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless 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.
- Be careful after a flood because the floors are often covered with debris and mud which can lead to slipping or stepping on uneven or sharp objects.
- Flood water is often contaminated and can cause severe health threats, so clean everything that got wet.

Smoke Alarm Grant Program

In 2017, the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance awarded the Mount Prospect Fire Department a grant of 50 Ionization smoke alarms. Recognizing that the best protection comes from having a combination of Photoelectric and Ionization smoke alarms, the Mount Prospect Firefighters Local 4119 matched the award by providing an additional 50 Photoelectric smoke alarms. All of these smoke alarms have 10-year batteries that will allow for continual use without the need to replace the battery for the life of the smoke alarm.

In December of 2017, members of the Mount Prospect Firefighters Local 4119 and Fire Prevention Officer Pikora installed smoke alarms in over 40 homes. The Firefighters installed a minimum of two smoke alarms per home (one of each type) to ensure the safety of the residents. This was a great effort between Mount Prospect Firefighters Local 4119, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau to ensure that this program could reach as many homes as possible in Mount Prospect. The Mount Prospect Fire Department will continue to pursue smoke alarm grants to provide these important programs to residents.



Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Nearly 60% of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads quickly and a working smoke alarm can provide the warning you and your family need to safely get out of the house.

Residents who have purchased a smoke alarm, and are in need of assistance with installation should contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253. The Fire Prevention Bureau can also inspect existing smoke alarms to verify they are working properly as well.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

March 11 is the day to *spring ahead* and change your clocks for daylight savings time. Remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on that day, too. The Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends you change the batteries in these devices at least twice a year, and any time you hear the *chirp* warning of a low battery. *Change your clocks, change your batteries* is a simple way to remember to follow this recommendation so you always have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Spring Brings the Threat of Severe Weather

Springtime is happily not far off. While that brings many things to enjoy, remember that spring also brings to our community the chance of severe weather including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and flash flooding. The best way to ensure your safety during any severe weather event is to be prepared to handle the situation and make sure to take shelter when needed.



Because you may hear or read different terms during weather reports, we wanted to provide this brief outline so you are appropriately prepared for various conditions.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch | Weather conditions are strong enough to produce severe thunderstorms are capable of producing hail and/or winds 58 mph or greater, and even tornadoes.

Tornado Watch | Weather conditions are strong enough for severe thunderstorms to produce tornadoes. Listen to a weather radio or watch your local weather channel for more information and be prepared to take shelter.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning | A severe thunderstorm has developed and is capable of producing hail and/or winds 58 mph or greater.

Tornado Warning | A severe thunderstorm has produced a tornado, or radar has indicated low level rotation. Take shelter immediately.

For more information on Emergency Preparedness, please visit our website at moundprospect.org and go to *Emergency Preparedness* listed under the *How Do I* tab.

For more information on any these or other household safety issues, please call the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

Police Department

What Should You Do If Someone Knocks on Your Door

In recent years burglars have turned to knocking on the front door of homes during the day and evening hours to see if anyone is home. If you do not answer or acknowledge you are home, they will assume the home is unoccupied and possibly force in the door.

For many years, children home alone were instructed to ignore anyone at the door, even sometimes being told to go hide in a closet, the basement or even under a bed. Adults at home respond the same way, simply ignoring the presence of the person outside of their home, reverting to what was learned as children. It is our goal to change your mindset and have you adapt to the techniques burglars are now using to select their victim homes.

When someone knocks on your door, look out a window, peephole or use a security camera to see who is there. Acknowledge the person through the door without opening or unlocking it. You are not obligated to open your door and should never do so if you are not comfortable. You have the right to ask the person outside of your door to leave your property at any time. If the person does not leave or is acting suspicious, call 911 immediately to report it and have an officer come and assist you.



Railroad Crossing Danger

Mount Prospect has multiple railroad crossings in our community. That familiarity makes it easy to forget how dangerous train tracks and crossings really are. Remember, *Look, Listen, Live!* and follow these important tips to stay safe.

- Walking on the railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side of them is illegal.
- It is not safe to walk or stand in between the railroad tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions. If you are in the right-of-way next to the tracks, you can be hit.



- The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with either a railroad crossing sign (crossbuck), flashing red lights or a gate.
- Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. A second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the gates are fully raised and the red lights stop flashing, look in both directions, and then cross.

Sidewalk Obstructions

As the improving weather brings more people outside taking walks throughout our neighborhoods, residents need to remember to keep sidewalks free and clear of obstructions in a pedestrian's pathway.

Please keep all lawn equipment, bicycles, toys, and vehicles clear of the sidewalk. It can be dangerous for a small child or an elderly person to have to leave the sidewalk to get around an obstruction. Anyone found to be in violation of obstructing the sidewalk can be issued a citation for each offense.

Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police will concentrate traffic enforcement on designated roadways for one week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the program in the months ahead:

March 5-11 Elmhurst Road/Main Street	April 2-8 Euclid Avenue
March 12-18 Golf Road	April 9-15 Lincoln Street
March 19-25 Burning Bush Lane	April 16-22 Wolf Road
March 26-April 1 Busse Road	April 23-29 Rand Road



Human Services

Tax Preparation Assistance

If you are over 60 years of age and would like assistance with preparing basic tax returns, you can schedule an appointment with an AARP income tax preparer by calling 847.870.5680.



Senior Assessment Program

The Human Services Department is offering a free private assessment for homebound individuals who may be having difficulty living independently. A social worker and nurse will help assess the situation for those dealing with decreased mobility, medication management problems, chronic illnesses, transportation or meal preparation, or lack of family members living nearby. For more information call Human Services at 847.870.5680.



Benefits Access Program

If you are interested in participating in the State of Illinois Benefits Access Program for license plate discounts, Seniors Ride Free and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free benefits, you must apply at least 90 days before your license plate is due. There are some income guidelines for this program. Once approved your participation is good for two years. If already in the program, you can reapply within 90 days of your benefits expiration date.

Rules of the Road

The next Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class will be held on March 28 at 1:30 pm at the Village Hall Community Center. This free class is intended as a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's licenses. Registration is required. Please call 847.870.5680.



Stay Active

Join the Mount Prospect Village Nurse and the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps Nurses at free exercise events weekly. The Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps Nurses host the Senior Walking Club every Tuesday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 am in the gym at the Lions Park Recreational Center. The Village Nurse leads Ageless Grace, a seated exercise program to music that works the body and the mind, every Friday from 1:30 to 2:00 pm at Village Hall in the Community Room.



Community Connections Center

Things are always busy at the Community Connections Center so we recommend you follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter. You can check our calendar, view current happenings and get updates on your favorite and new programs.



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Hours
Monday-Friday 11am - 7:30pm
Friday prior to the 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm
2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm





French Trivia Night

FRIDAY | MARCH 9 | 7PM

Mount Prospect Village Hall Community room
50 South Emerson Street

Celebrate Mount Prospect's French-American connection. Bring a friend, some snacks & beverages for fun, camaraderie and prizes!
All questions in English.

Tickets \$10

10 per Table | Limited Seating

Reserve your tickets today!

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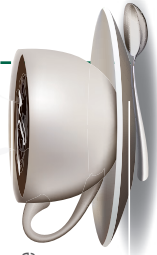
Proceeds support community activities and programs sponsored by Sister Cities Commission.



Coffee with Council

Meet informally with the Village Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9 to 11 am at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

For more information, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847.392.6000 or visit mountprospect.org.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>www.experiencemountprospect.org</p>			1 Summer Pool Passes on Sale, Weiss Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave, RTPD Blood Drive, 3-7pm, VH, Walk ins Welcome	2 Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program, 1:30-2pm, VH Community Room Freeze Fest Zone, 5-8pm THE ZONE, 550 Business Center Drive, RTPD	3 Mini Golf at the Library, 10am-3pm, 10 S Emerson St, MPPL
4	5	6 Senior Walking Club, 8:30-9:30am, Lions Park Recreational Center, 411 S Maple St	7	8	9 Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program, 1:30-2pm, VH Community Room French Trivia Night, 7pm, VH MP Sister Cities Ladies Night Out: Book Chat and Wine, 7:30-9pm, Dietrich Friedricks House, MPHist	10 Coffee with the Council, VH, 9-11am
11	12	13 Senior Walking Club, 8:30-9:30am, Lions Park Recreational Center, 411 S Maple St	14 MP Garden Club Meeting, 11:30 am, Friendship Park Conservatory, 395 W. Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines	15	16 Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program, 1:30-2pm, VH Community Room	17
18 March Madness, Mount Prospect Community Band Spring Concert, 3:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 W Golf Rd, MPPD	19	20 Senior Walking Club, 8:30-9:30am, Lions Park Recreational Center, 411 S Maple St	21 Movie Night in the Schoolhouse, 6:30pm, Central School House, 103 S Maple St, MPHist	22	23 Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program, 1:30-2pm, VH Community Room	24 Easter Egg Hunt! 9:30-10:10am 3-4 yo 10:20-11am 4-5 yo 11:10-11:40am 5-8 yo REQPLEX, 420 W Dempster St, MPPD Lunch with the Bunny 11:30am-12:30pm, Rob Roy CC, 505 E. Camp McDonald Rd, RTPD
25	26	27 Senior Walking Club, 8:30-9:30am, Lions Park Recreational Center, 411 S Maple St	28	29	30 Ageless Grace: Seated Exercise Program, 1:30-2pm, VH Community Room	31

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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
Building Division 847.870.5675
Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
Fire Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5666
Human Services 847.870.5680
Police Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5656
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MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society
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Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce
VH Village Hall

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29	30 MPEI's Half Day Resource Review Workshop, 8:30am-1:00pm, MPPL					

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