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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

## MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

The inaugural Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures will take place on September 29th between the hours of 11 am to 7pm, at Kopp Park, located just behind RecPlex, 420 Dempster Street. The Mayor and Village Board recognize the value of our diverse population and established a celebration of our diversity as a top priority in the strategic plan. A high priority on the Village's strategic plan has been a way to celebrate the diversity in our population. As a result, the Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures has been planned as a commemoration to honor the many diverse populations that live side by side in the Village.

The Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures is a partnership between the Village, the Mt. Prospect Park District and the Chamber of Commerce and will feature entertainment, cultural booths, craft fair and food from around the world. The day will begin with a parade of cultures. Each Mount Prospect culture represented will march in native garb and carry the flag of their country. Each group will come up on stage and introduce themselves in English and their native tongue. There will be a day long line up of cultural entertainment featuring bands, singers, dancing groups and other cultural performances. Cultural booths manned by residents will feature each participating group and allow residents to learn about other



cultures. There will be a variety of kids' crafts celebrating cultural diversity. Ten Thousand Villages will sell fair trade crafts from a variety of countries. Local ethnic restaurants will offer tastes from around the world and there will also be a beer tent selling a number of foreign brews.

You can find out more information about participating cultures, performances, participating restaurants, and more at [mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures](http://mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures). If you would like your culture represented and want to volunteer to help with that effort, please email Julie Kane at [jkane@mountprospect.org](mailto:jkane@mountprospect.org)



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# Community Events

SEPTEMBER  
**1**

## SHOW YOUR CARD. It's worth more than you think!

September 1-30

### VARIOUS LOCATIONS



Each September, the Mount Prospect Public Library and local businesses team up to double the value of your library card. The annual Show Your Card promotion offers discounts or small gifts to people who present their library card to participating businesses or organizations anytime in September. This is in addition to the great deals that your library card gives you every day of the year. Students, don't forget to add a Mount Prospect Public Library card to your school supply list.

SEPTEMBER  
**1**

## Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show

Saturdays | 3-9pm  
Through September 29

### EAST COMMUTER LOT

Northwest Hwy & Emerson  
View the coolest classic cars around. Shows take

place every Saturday night with themed nights each week. For more info, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org).



SEPTEMBER  
**2**

## Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market

Sundays | 8am-1pm  
Through October 14

### EAST COMMUTER LOT

Northwest Hwy & Emerson  
Check out a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies.

For more info, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org).



SEPTEMBER  
**3**

## Old Fashion Family Picnic in the Park

Monday | September 3  
10am-3pm

### WOODLAND TRAILS PARK

1500 East Euclid Avenue  
Join the River Trails Park District for an end-of-the-

summer hoopla! This free event will be a day of family fun with huge inflatables to play on, a petting zoo, a kids craft area, games, face painting and a live DJ. Don't miss the Trusty the Turtle Race at 11:30am and Kid's Coin Splash as the pool closes for the season at 3pm. To learn more, visit [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org) or call 847.255.1200.



SEPTEMBER  
**4**

## Senior Walking Club

Tuesdays | 8:30am  
Through September 25

### 900 CENTENNIAL DRIVE

(behind Mt. Prospect Plaza)  
Senior residents are invited to get some exercise and walk with the Mount

Prospect Medical Reserve Corps. All seniors are welcome to participate.



SEPTEMBER  
**7**

## Ageless Grace

Fridays | 1:30pm  
Through September 28

### VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street

The Mount Prospect Village Nurse offers free weekly

exercise events. Join us for a seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.



SEPTEMBER  
**8**

## Fishing Derby

Saturday | September 8  
9-11:30am

### ROBERT T. JACKSON CLEARWATER PARK

1717 West Lonquist Boulevard

Grab your gear and make

your way to Clearwater Park for a morning of family fishing with the Mt. Prospect Park District. Test your skills and maybe even land a big one. Worms will be provided, but participants will need to bring their own rod, reel, and tackle. Register your child and bring the family to share in the fun! Tickets are \$8 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. Visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org) for details or to register with code 34939.



SEPTEMBER  
**8**

## Randhurst Village Street Fest

Saturday | September 8  
12-5pm

### RANDHURST VILLAGE DRIVE

Between Center Court & AMC Theatres  
Randhurst Village is bringing together local community groups, stores

and restaurants as well as special entertainment and presentations for a day filled with family-friendly fun in a one of a kind FREE outdoor event. Guests are invited to bring their own chairs to enjoy the live performances. [randhurstvillage.com](http://randhurstvillage.com).



SEPTEMBER  
**9**

## Mount Prospect Historical Society History Day Bake Sale

Sunday | September 9  
8am-1pm

### MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS CLUB FARMERS' MARKET

East Commuter Metra  
parking lot (NW Highway &

Emerson)

Stop by to buy yummy homemade baked goods and purchase museum store items. For more information, visit [mtpsh.org](http://mtpsh.org) or call 847.392.9006.



SEPTEMBER  
**9**

## MARCHÉ FRANÇAIS – Farmers' Market with a French Twist

Sunday | September 9  
8am-1pm

### PROSPECT AVENUE BETWEEN EMERSON AND MAPLE

In celebration of Mount Prospect's Sister City, Sèvres, France! There will be plenty of items to purchase including linens, jewelry, unique gifts and more. For info, including vendor booth inquiries, email [sistercities@mountprospect.org](mailto:sistercities@mountprospect.org) or visit [mountprospect.sistercities.com](http://mountprospect.sistercities.com). Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission.



SEPTEMBER  
**15**

## MPDMA Summer Slide Pub Crawl

Saturday | September 15  
3pm

### DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Enjoy a great time out with neighbors and friends visiting some of

your favorite downtown Mount Prospect eating and drinking establishments. Visit [mpdowntown.com](http://mpdowntown.com) for details and registration. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association.



SEPTEMBER  
**22**

## Fire Department 2018 Open House

Saturday | September 22  
10am-2pm

### POLICE AND FIRE HEADQUARTERS

112 East Northwest Hwy

Come meet Mount Prospect firefighters and see firetrucks, ambulances, and more at the Fire Department's Annual Open House. This year's Open House will be filled with activities for everyone young and old, including a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog. A free lunch will also be provided to all attendees. For more information call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



SEPTEMBER  
**23**

## Mount Prospect Public Library 75th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday | September 23  
2-4pm

### MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street

In 2018, the Mount Prospect Public Library celebrates 75 years as a tax-supported community resource. The Mount Prospect Public Library is a welcoming, trusted gathering place, forum, and information source, which will continue to serve community members for many years to come. For more information, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org), call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.



SEPTEMBER  
**27**

## Rules of the Road Class

Wednesday | September 26  
1:30 pm

To provide residents who need to take the renewal exam for their driver's license with the information and confidence they need to successfully pass the



exam. To register, call Human Services at 847.870.5680.

SEPTEMBER  
**27**

## Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce 2018 Golf Outing

Thursday | September 27  
10am Registration

11am Shotgun Start

### MT. PROSPECT GOLF CLUB

600 S. See-Gwon Avenue

\$150 for single golfer or

\$550 for foursome. Open to public. The Annual Fall Classic, 18-hole golf outing is a fun day filled with contests, raffle prizes, breakfast, lunch, dinner, courtesy beverage cart, and more. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce ([mountprospectchamber.org](http://mountprospectchamber.org)).



SEPTEMBER  
**29**

## Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures

Saturday | September 29  
11am-7pm

### KOPP PARK

(Next to RecPlex)

420 W. Dempster Street

The Village of Mount

Prospect celebrates its diverse population by holding its inaugural Celebration of Cultures. Come out and discover the variety of populations in the Village. The festival will have a cultural taste of Mount Prospect, cultural booths, info booths, kids crafts, and of course cultural entertainment. This is a partnership between the Village, the Mt. Prospect Park District, and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce ([mountprospectchamber.org](http://mountprospectchamber.org)).



OCTOBER  
**1**

### Cultural Month: A Journey Along the Nile

October 1-31  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 South Emerson Street



The longest river in the world, the Nile, has two branches that touch ten countries. The river is the cradle of many civilizations, and much world history, agricultural practice, and science. Sail with the Mount Prospect Public Library up this remarkable natural wonder and learn about the music, art, and food of eastern and northern Africa. Revive or indulge your fascination with ancient Egypt and discover how to experience the Nile for yourself. Visit the October calendar at [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) for a complete listing of programs. The annual Cultural Series, highlighting diverse regions of the world, is funded through the generosity of the Elizabeth J. Clough Memorial Fund.

OCTOBER  
**1**

### Barbara Rinella: *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule*

Monday | October 1  
7-8:30pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 South Emerson Street



The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation welcomes Barbara Rinella, whose performance will bring to life *Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule* by Jennifer Chiaverini. This is the first novel to chronicle the singular relationship between Julia Grant, beloved First Lady and wife of 18th President Ulysses S. Grant, and the courageous woman who was her slave and namesake. It also reveals how love blossomed between President Grant, an Army soldier and serious abolitionist, and Julia, a lovely Southern belle. This performance is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation, which provides funding for programming and special projects at the library. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in person at the Registration Desk. For more information, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org), call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.

OCTOBER  
**2**

Senior Walking Club  
Tuesdays | 8:30am  
Through October 30  
900 CENTENNIAL DRIVE  
(behind Mt. Prospect Plaza)  
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OCTOBER  
**5**

Ageless Grace  
Fridays | 1:30pm  
Through October 19  
VILLAGE HALL  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
50 South Emerson Street  
The Mount Prospect Village Nurse offers free weekly exercise events. Join us for a seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.



OCTOBER  
**6**

### The Trails Challenge Youth Obstacle Course Race

Saturday | October 6  
9:30am  
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK  
1500 East Euclid Avenue  
Voted 2017 'Best Event' in Illinois by the Illinois Park & Recreation Association, The



River Trails Park District Trails Challenge Youth OCR is a 1.25 Mile (2K) Obstacle Course Race. The course will take adventurous youth throughout the Woodland Trails Park. There will be 14 to 16 natural and man-made obstacles throughout the course, challenging kids' determination and physical prowess. The race is held completely within the Woodland Trails Park footprint, so there are no street crossings. All participants will receive a t-shirt, medal, goodie bag, and bragging rights that they conquered The Trail! Registration ends 45 minutes prior to each race start time. Early Bird rate: \$18 per person until September 3. Regular rate: \$23 per person until October 4. Race day rate: \$28 per person on October 5 and 6. Visit [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org) or call 847.255.1200 for exact race times, age groups, and registration.

OCTOBER  
**6**

Fabulous Fall Fest  
Saturday | October 6  
11am-3pm  
LIONS RECREATION  
CENTER  
411 South Maple Street  
Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for an afternoon of autumn family fun. Enjoy a petting zoo, inflatables, hay rides, games, prizes, face painting and season treats. Dress in your Halloween Best! Tickets are \$5 at the door for kids ages 3-8, and adults enter for free! For more information, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).



OCTOBER  
**11**

Senior Health Fair  
Thursday | October 11  
9am-Noon  
VILLAGE HALL  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
50 South Emerson Street  
State Representative David Harris will host a Senior Health Fair, which will feature many services



including flu shots, glucose testing, hearing screening, and 35 presenters from local health agencies. For additional information, contact Human Services at 847.870.5680.

OCTOBER  
**12**

Oktoberfest  
October 12/13  
4-11pm  
DOWNTOWN  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
Emerson Street & Busse Avenue  
Celebrate Mount Prospect's heritage with an authentic German Oktoberfest. Enjoy delicious food, spirits and fun as the MPDMA presents two nights of fun. Details at [mpdowntown.com](http://mpdowntown.com).



OCTOBER  
**13**

Fall Festival  
Saturday | October 13  
1-4pm  
DOWNTOWN MOUNT  
PROSPECT  
Emerson Street & Busse Avenue  
Experience pumpkin painting, a scarecrow contest, hayrides, games, and crafts. Take part in the longest trick-or-treat line in town under one tent. ADMISSIION IS FREE. For more information, visit [mpdowntown.com](http://mpdowntown.com). Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association.



OCTOBER  
**18**

Senior Health Month  
In addition to Representative Harris' Health Fair, the Mount Prospect Human Services Department will host a variety of weekly events as a part of Senior Health Month.  
Tai-Chi  
Thursday | October 18  
| 2pm  
VILLAGE HALL



Music and the Brain  
Thursday | October 25 | Noon  
VILLAGE HALL

Ageless Grace  
Thursday | October 25 | 1:30pm  
VILLAGE HALL  
Lighthouse for the Blind  
Roadshow  
Tuesday | October 30 | 10am - 3pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER  
**19**

Halloween Trivia  
Friday | October 19  
Doors open 6 pm  
Games begin 7 pm  
VILLAGE HALL,  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
50 South Emerson Street  
A fun night with lots of raffle prizes! This is a community event, open to



the public. \$200 per table of 8-10 people. Bring your own food/snacks/beverages (no on-site sales of any food or beverages). Be creative and have fun choosing your team name/theme, bring decorations for your table and wear costumes! Contact [dawn@mountprospectchamber.org](mailto:dawn@mountprospectchamber.org) or 847.398.6616 for event registration. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.

OCTOBER  
**20**

Friends Book Sale  
Saturday | October 20  
9am-4:30pm  
Sunday | October 21  
Noon-4pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 South Emerson Street  
Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. There will be a members-only preview sale on Friday, October 19 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm prior to the public event on October 20 and 21. 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 [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



## Mount Prospect Public Library Celebrates 75 Years of Service

For 75 years, the Mount Prospect Public Library has served as the community's place to gather, imagine, and create. We invite you to discover how our library's story reflects the amazing progress and transformation of Mount Prospect since 1943. We celebrate the last 75 years by looking back at all those the library has served and by looking forward to what the future may hold.

Our celebration throughout the fall will focus on four areas that have become hallmarks of the library's place in Mount Prospect: art and culture, technology, service, and community.

In September the Library will host an Anniversary Celebration during which the community will be invited to enjoy a variety of musical performances, a

magician, and demonstrations of amazing library services.

During our anniversary year, our Library Instagram account @MPPLib has highlighted photos of our events with the hashtag #MPPL75. For more information and to take a closer look at the library's past visit [mopl.org/75years](http://mopl.org/75years).



### Permits

It is very common for residents to question the need for permits for work being done on their home. The fact is, avoiding the permitting process is not only a direct safety hazard for you, your family, and even your neighbors, it can also adversely affect the value of your home.



The Village specifically requires permits on any project that involves structural items, gas, electricity, and/or water for our community safety. This includes items like water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners and generators.

As part of the permitting process, inspections are required to ensure that your contractor performed the work and/or installed your new mechanicals correctly.

Without minimizing the importance of public safety, permits are also essential to protecting the value of your home. For instance, if you install a gas fireplace without a mechanical permit and your house burns down because of faulty installation, your insurance may not cover the damage.

Further, when it comes time to put your home on the market, permits and inspections can help validate your home's value. If the sellers can't substantiate that the work was done with permits, the appraiser might not give full value for the improvements. If the house doesn't appraise for the sale price, your sale could be in jeopardy.

If you have questions regarding work requiring permits, please do not hesitate to call us at 847.870.5675 or email us at [building@mountprospect.org](mailto:building@mountprospect.org).

### Inspection Services

#### Be Aware of Construction and Home Repair Scams

According to the Illinois Attorney General's Office, unscrupulous home repair contractors try to gain the confidence of home owners with common techniques such as attempting to frighten you with claims that your house has health concerns or code violations. They may also say they will work with your insurance company or offer you a *free* roof inspection or furnace cleaning. We urge you to be cautious of actions like these, particularly any offer of free services.

The Attorney General's Office recommends avoiding a home repair contractor that:

- Contacts you or comes to your home uninvited
- Tells you that your safety is in danger if you do not conduct repairs immediately
- Pressures you to sign papers or contracts before you are ready to do so
- Offers to drive you to your bank
- Drives an unmarked vehicle
- Asks you to pay for your entire project, or a large portion of the work, up front

If a construction company won't put its promises in writing, look for a company that will. Here are some easy ways to check the complaint history on construction contractors.

- Contact the Better Business Bureau
- Check Angie's List
- Check local references; get at least 3
- Google the contractor's name and the officers of the company
- Check with the Illinois Attorney General's office

The Illinois Attorney General's Office has additional resources available at [illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/consumer\\_publications.html](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/consumer_publications.html).

If you have questions, comments or concerns regarding your contractor, call 847.818.5289.

## Water/Sewer/Refuse Bills

Access your utility account at [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) to:

- View Account Summary
- View Current Bill
- View Consumption Analysis
- View Account History
- Make a Payment (no service fee)

## Planning to Move?

If you are moving out of a Mount Prospect residence, please call 847.818.5266 to close your utility account and address any outstanding balance.

## Did You Purchase a Vehicle Sticker?

The deadline for purchasing 2018-2019 vehicle stickers was April 30th. The Police Department may issue citations to owners of locally registered vehicles in which the current sticker is not displayed. If a citation is issued for not having the current sticker, the recipient may have to pay a fine, the basic cost of the new sticker, and the late purchase penalty. The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who have purchased new vehicles after May 1. In these limited cases, residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker in person at Village Hall, as proof of purchase or move-in date is required to assure that a penalty is not imposed. Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a 2018-2019 vehicle sticker should contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 with updated vehicle information to determine eligibility for transference of the sticker from one vehicle to another for no additional fee. For more information about vehicle stickers, contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 or visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org).

## Pocket Park Coming to Downtown

The Village is in the process of developing the Edwin and Elsie Meyn Busse Pocket Park at the northeast corner of East Busse Avenue and South Emerson Street, and is seeking your input. To date the Village has purchased two parcels of land at 19 and 21 South Emerson Street, removed existing homes, and then hired an architectural design firm, Altamanu, Inc.

Altamanu held a pop-up activity at the recent Block Party and will hold a public design meeting in mid-September followed by an open house in late October. At these meetings, the firm is seeking public input and consensus on the proposed park design. Village staff has already gathered preliminary public input at the Talk & Chalk held at Centennial Green in mid-July.

If you have any questions about this exciting addition to our downtown, or the planned public meeting dates, please contact the Planning Division at 847.818.5328.

## South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan

The South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan is a long range planning document covering the portion of Mount Prospect that is south of Golf Road. Since its completion in 2009, a number of recommendations have hinged on the development of the Metra STAR line, a proposed train line designed to connect the outer Chicago suburbs with each other. This project is no longer moving forward, thus the Village is looking to revisit the Sub-Area plan. The update will also evaluate how the areas that were recently annexed into the Village can be enhanced to improve the community.

To date, the village has held an open house, and participated in several village-wide events to gather public input for the update. If you'd like more information on the update, or would like to take our online survey to give your input, please visit [mountprospect.org/CONNECTSouthMP](http://mountprospect.org/CONNECTSouthMP). A second open house is being held on Thursday, September 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the Community Connections Center, 1711 Algonquin Road.

If you have questions regarding the update, please contact Connor Harmon, Development Planner, at [CHarmon@mountprospect.org](mailto:CHarmon@mountprospect.org) or 847.818.5312.

## What's New at Randhurst Village

As a busy summer construction season winds down, a number of new out lot buildings have emerged along the perimeter of Randhurst Village offering an exciting new mix of service, retail and dining options.

Delicious fast-casual dining options can be found at MOD Pizza and McAlister's Deli. Kiddie Academy offers a comprehensive childcare program for which registrations are now being accepted. Aligned Medical Health specializes in integrative healthcare and nutritional counseling and Club Pilates offers a boutique pilates experience. Randhurst Village is the place for all residents, nonresidents and visitors to shop, eat, and play.

To stay current on projects throughout the Village call the Planning Division at 847.818.5328 or visit [mountprospect.org/business/development-updates](http://mountprospect.org/business/development-updates).



Thursday | June 28th  
THE HENRY HANK FRIEDRICHS  
MEMORIAL PAVILION  
Melas Park  
1500 W Central Road



Friday | July 13  
LEMONS OF LOVE  
406 West Central  
[lemonsoflove.org](http://lemonsoflove.org)



## FALL LEAF COLLECTION | October 15th thru November 30th

The Village's fall loose-leaf (not bagged) collection program provides residents a convenient method to dispose of leaves at no cost. The program allows residents to set out loose leaves to be picked up by Public Works at the curb on scheduled collection days between Monday, October 15th and Friday, November 30th.

The loose-leaf collection program is for leaves only; leaf piles will not be collected if the pile contains grass clippings or other yard material. Yard material other than leaves must be disposed of according to the Village's yard waste collection guidelines that can be found at [mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/yard-waste](http://mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/yard-waste). Please visit the Village's website for more information on leaf collection and a map identifying the collection schedule.

Please rake leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line one day prior to the scheduled collection day. Do not rake leaves into the street after the truck has passed your home. The machines travel each street weekly during the collection period, but only once on each side.

Burning leaves in Mount Prospect is a violation of Village code and is not allowed under any circumstances.



## Make a Special Contribution to the Holidays in Mount Prospect

From your yard to downtown Mount Prospect – we're looking for a fir or spruce tree of at least 30 feet tall to be the centerpiece of our tree lighting ceremony this year. If you have a suitable tree in your yard that you are thinking of removing, consider donating it to the Village to be enjoyed by all residents this holiday season.

The Village will entertain requests from residents for trees that have uniform and full growth (tree cannot be trimmed up from the bottom). The Village will remove and transport the tree at no cost to you. If you think you have the right tree for our community, contact the Public Works Department at [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) or call 847.870.5640.



## Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Wanted

While we may not want to think about snow covered streets yet, Public Works is looking for experienced large truck drivers with a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license with air brake endorsement, who are available for part-time work during snow events. It's a great way to earn some extra money during the winter months. First-year drivers must attend an orientation class hosted by the Public Works Department. Please contact the Public Works Department at [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) or call 847.870.5640 for details.



## Caring for Your Trees in Fall

Fall is just around the corner, and soon the leaves will be changing color. Although we're coming to the end of the growing season, trees still need care to make sure they go into dormancy on a healthy note. Following these easy tips can help ensure your trees are healthy when they leaves return in spring.

The first thing to note that trees still need to receive adequate water though the fall. Generally an inch of rainfall per week will take care of this, but during extended dry periods, supplemental watering is essential. You can do this by running a sprinkler under the canopy of the tree keeping in mind that the roots can extend out as far as the trees is tall, and this entire area should be watered.

We recommend that you place mulch around the base of the tree to help retain soil moisture and keep the ground from freezing, allowing more time for roots to grow. Wood chips are a great and natural material to use as mulch. A 2"-3" layer of mulch will help reduce weeds, allowing you to keep weed whips and lawn mowers away from the trunk of the tree. Mulch should not be piled up against the trunk of the tree, but rather be placed at ground level right next to the trunk.

Fall can be a good time to fertilize trees that are lacking nutrients. Timing is important to prevent a flush of new growth that will not be hardened off prior to freezing temperatures. If not completed in September, wait until the tree has gone into dormancy in late November. Should you miss the optimum window of time, fertilization can be done in spring.

Use the fall to evaluate trees for insect damage or pruning needs. Most insect damage occurs earlier in the season but some control measures require treating in fall before the growing season to get the best results. The life cycle of most insects differ, so a tree care professional should be consulted if significant damage is noted.



overwintering insects and fungi, and removing fallen leaves, fruit, and other tree debris from the landscape can help reduce foliar diseases the following season.

Finally, fall can be a great time to get a dormant prune scheduled. Removing dead and broken limbs can help improve the health of the tree, as well as reducing

## Mercury Thermometer/Thermostat Recycling

The Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) are proud to offer residents a recycling program for mercury-containing thermometers, thermostats and wall switches.



Because mercury poses health and environmental risks, mercury-containing products should be recycled whenever possible. Old thermometers contain up to 700 milligrams of mercury, 140 times more than a CFL.

Residents may bring their mercury thermometers, thermostats and wall switches to Mount Prospect Public Works Department at 1700 West Central Road, between 7:30 am and 5:00 pm on weekdays.

## Only Rain Down the Drain

Storm drains and roadside ditches lead to our inland lakes, streams, rivers and Lake Michigan, which means that any motor oil, pet waste, leaves, grass clippings, or dirty water from washing your car that enters a storm drain gets into our water without being treated. For this reason, never dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain or into a ditch. Pollutants like this that get into our lakes and rivers through storm drains can poison fish, birds, and other wildlife, and can find their way into drinking water supplies. Dirt, litter, branches and grass clippings can also clog storm drains and cause flooding. Be sure to report anyone dumping materials into a storm drain or ditch to Village officials.



## Ten Things You Can Do to Prevent Water Pollution

1. Sweep up driveways and sidewalks instead of hosing them with water.
2. Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a ditch.
3. Plant bare spots in your yard.
4. Compost your yard waste.
5. Use fertilizers sparingly and avoid pesticides.
6. Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
7. Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
8. Check cars for leaks and recycle motor oil.
9. Pick up after your pet.
10. If you are on a septic system, have it inspected and pumped regularly.

# Fire Department

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2018 this October 7th through the 13th. This year's theme is: *Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.*

In a fire, seconds can mean the difference escaping safely or tragedy. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign works to educate residents about three basic but essential steps that can help prevent fires in the home, and how to escape safely in the event that one should occur.

- **LOOK** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home, identify potential fire hazards, and take steps to eliminate them.
- **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Have everyone meet at a pre-arranged spot outside your home. The spot should be a safe distance from the home.
- **LEARN** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the Mount Prospect Fire Department will once again be conducting its annual Poster Contest for students in Kindergarten through 5th grade. All Mount Prospect schools have been given the guidelines for the contest and we encourage all students to participate in this educational activity. For more information, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

The end of Daylight Savings Time is November 4th. Remember to change your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries while changing your clocks.

### Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association, smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Three of every five home fire deaths result 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 will give you time to get out.

Follow these important tips to keep your smoke alarms functioning properly

- Install new batteries at least twice a year and immediately if the low battery signal chirps on your alarm.

## Halloween Fire Safety Tips

According to the National Fire Protection Association, taking these simple safety precautions can prevent fires this Halloween.

- When choosing a costume, make sure fabrics and decorative materials are flame-resistant and stay away from long trailing fabric.
- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. Keep all decorations away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.

- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Choose a device that bears the label of a recognized testing UL laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, outside all sleeping areas and in every room where people sleep.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every five years. An easy way to remember is to write the install date on the base of the device.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

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.





# Police Department

## Make It a Safe Halloween

With Halloween just around the corner, here are some tips to help your little vampires and princesses enjoy a safe celebration.

- Do your trick-or-treating during the Village's stated hours of 3 pm to 8 pm.
- If your kids will be out after dark, avoid dark colored costumes. If costumes are dark, be sure your children carry a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective belt so they are visible to drivers.
- Avoid wearing masks that restrict vision; use face paint if possible.
- Make sure kids trick-or-treat in groups; have an adult tag along for extra safety.
- When crossing streets, only use crosswalks; instruct the kids to never walk from between parked cars.



- For all of the drivers in town, take extra caution on Halloween; drive a bit slower and keep a watchful eye out for excited monsters and superheroes who might try to run across the street without looking.
- Mom and dad should do a safety check on all of the candy and treats that the kids bring home.

Let's have a safe and fun Halloween in Mount Prospect this year!

## Phone Scams on the Rise

The incidence of scams perpetrated over the phone continues to rise across the country. One scam we see frequently targets our senior citizens, and is often called the *Grandparent Scam* or *Money for Bail* scam. The scammer calls during the overnight hours and claims to be the victim's grandson or granddaughter. The scammer will prey on the grandparents' concern by stating that they have been involved in a serious traffic accident in another state or have been arrested and need money. The callers asks for hundreds of dollars to be sent or wired to them to get them out of trouble.

The Mount Prospect Police Department wants to remind everyone of these practical steps to prevent being victimized by this type of fraudulent behavior.

- Do not wire money to anyone unless you are absolutely sure it is someone you know and trust. Once wire funds are picked up, there is little law enforcement can do to recover it.
- Do not purchase gift cards and provide card number information over the phone or via email.
- Do not send a check, cash, or money order or give out your account information to anyone insisting on immediate payment.
- Do not let anyone rush you into making a decision. Take your time to ask questions and gather information about the product, contest, company, or charity and ask for written information to be sent to you. Scam artists typically will not take the time to provide this.
- Always check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, Illinois Attorney General, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups. Unfortunately, not all bad businesses can be identified through these organizations.

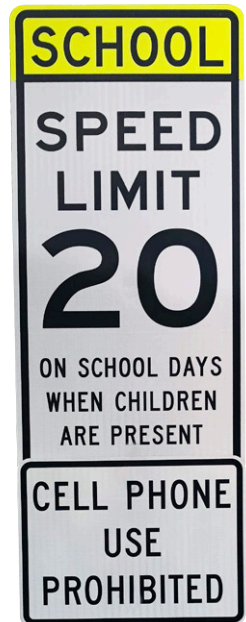
And always remember that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

## The Kids are Back in School – Drive with Care

Children all across Mount Prospect are ready to learn this school year, but moms and dads can always learn something new, too. While our local schools invest heavily in security hardware, video cameras, and hall monitors to keep your children safe and faculty and staff receive training in safety drills and how to identify and report suspicious activity in and around the schools, the greatest threat to your child's well-being and safety can be a parent dropping off and picking up their child.

Every parent who drops off or picks up a child at school knows the streets and neighborhoods surrounding schools get very congested during these times. Parents often block driveways preventing homeowners' access to their property while other cars regularly park in fire lanes and crosswalks. The most dangerous incidents occur when parents double or triple park in the street and then call out to their children who dart out between parked cars to get to the waiting parent. Regrettably, adult volunteers are verbally abused daily when they ask parents to comply with the safety rules. If we all obey the traffic and parking laws and follow the school's pickup and drop off procedures, we can prevent the injury or death of a child.

The Mount Prospect Police are asking parents to schedule after school events and appointments accordingly so that you have the time to park safely and drive away from the school at a safe speed. And remember, the use of cell phones by drivers in school zones is strictly prohibited unless the vehicle is parked.



## Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police officers will concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts by implementing the Street of the Week program on designated roadways for one week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the program in the months ahead:

- September 3-9 | Wolf Road
- September 10-16 | Rand Road (Rt. 12)
- September 17-23 | Northwest Hwy (Rt. 14)
- September 24-30 | Lonquist Blvd
- October 1-7 | Elmhurst Rd/Main St
- October 8-14 | Golf Road (Rt. 58)
- October 15-21 | Bruning Bush Lane
- October 22-28 | Busse Road

# Human Services

## Medicare D Prescription Drug Open Enrollment

The Open Enrollment period for Medicare D begins October 15th and will run through December 7th. Each year brings multiple changes to the program including premiums, co-pays, deductibles and actual drugs that are covered. Our staff, along with volunteers from the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP), is available to assist you in determining which of the various plans best meets your needs, and to determine your eligibility for extra assistance with your premiums and co-pays. To schedule an appointment, call 847.870.5680 to request a worksheet. Completing the worksheet is a pre-requisite for the appointment. There are a limited number of appointments available so don't delay in making the call.



## Great Opportunity for Mount Prospect Teens to Help Residents in Need and Earn Some Extra Cash

The Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department is launching a pilot program this winter to connect residents who are elderly or disabled with teens 13-18 who would like to earn some extra money shoveling snow. The Village will connect residents with teens who live nearby. The Village will not be responsible for screening residents or teens and the rate of pay and scope of work will be negotiated between the resident and teen. For more information, please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



## Senior Health Fair

State Representative David Harris will host a Senior Health Fair Thursday, October 11, from 9:00 am until noon in the Village Hall Community Room. The event will feature many services including flu shots, glucose testing, hearing screening and thirty-five presenters from local health agencies. For additional information, contact Human Services 847.870.5680.



## Rules of the Road Class



Throughout the year we offer classes to provide residents who need to take the renewal exam for their driver's license with the information and confidence they need to successfully pass the exam. Our next class will be held Wednesday, September 26 at 1:30 pm. To register, call Human Services at 847.870.5680.

## English Speaking Skills Courses to Return in September

Persons wishing to practice their English speaking skills are welcome to join us for casual conversation in an informal setting Thursdays from 11:00 am until 12:00 noon or 6:00 to 7:00 pm at the Community Connections Center, 1711 West Algonquin Road. Call 847.506.4930 to register.



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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



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## 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 call the Village Manager's Office at 847.392.6000 or visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org).



# September 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b> MP Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot	<b>3</b> Old Fashion Family Picnic in the Park, 10am-3pm Woodland Trails Park RTPD	<b>4</b> Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am 900 Centennial Dr.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH	<b>7</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>8</b> Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Community Room Fishing Derby, 9-11:30am Clearwater Park, MPPD Randhurst Village Street Fest, 12-5pm MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot, VW Night
<b>9</b> MP Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot MPHist History Day Bake Sale at the Farmers Market Marche Francais - Farmers Market with a French Twist 8am-1pm, Prospect Ave	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am 900 Centennial Dr.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>15</b> MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot 70's & 80's Night MPDMA Summer Slide Pub Crawl, 3 pm, Downtown MP
<b>16</b> MP Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am 900 Centennial Dr.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>22</b> Fire Department Open House 10am-2 pm, Police & Fire Safety Building MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot 70's & 80's Night
<b>23</b> MP Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot Mount Prospect Public Library 75th Anniversary Celebration, 2-4 pm 10 S. Emerson St.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am 900 Centennial Dr.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce 2018 Golf Outing, 10am registration 11am shotgun start MP Golf Club	<b>28</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>29</b> Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures, 11am-7pm Kopp Park, 420 W. Dempster MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot Last Night Y'all!
<b>30</b> MP Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot						

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### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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Planning Division	847.818.5328
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<b>7</b> MP Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am 900 Centennial Dr.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Senior Health Fair, 9am-noon, VH Community Room	<b>12</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Downtown MP	<b>13</b> Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Community Room Fall Festival, 1-4 pm Downtown MP Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Downtown MP
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