



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE HEADQUARTERS/STATION 13 OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 25

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On Tuesday, September 25, 2018 the Village of Mount Prospect will hold a public Open House at 111 E. Rand Road, the site of the future Mount Prospect Fire Headquarters/Station 13. The Open House will take place from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. and will be a chance for the public to tour the building and view conceptual floor plans, elevations, and renderings of what the renovated Rand Road property will look like. Information on the financing plan will also be available. In addition, a portion of the Open House will be dedicated to the progress that has been made on the new Police Headquarters project that will be located at 799 Biermann Ct. This will also include floor plan information, elevations, and exterior renderings of the future appearance of the Biermann building.

The Mount Prospect Village Board voted to approve the purchase of the property at 111 E. Rand Road on May 15, 2018 for purpose of repurposing the existing building shell for the relocation of the current Fire Headquarters/Station 13 to this space. The purchase price of the building was \$1,477,500 with the real estate closing being completed on August 17, 2018. The relocation of Station 13 to 111 E. Rand Road will allow the Fire Department to improve its coverage of the industry standard 4-minute drive time from 83% of the Village to 97% coverage.

“The relocation of the Fire Department Headquarters/Station 13 to 111 E. Rand Road will improve industry drive time performance measures by 14%,” stated Fire Chief Brian Lambel. “It will also enhance emergency response to Prospect High School and the community north of Euclid Avenue.”

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The anticipated budget for the new Fire Headquarters/Station 13 project is \$10,378,000, which includes the purchase of the land and building, design fees and soft costs, hard construction costs, project contingencies, and furniture and fixture purchases. The funding for this project has been tied to two bond sales already completed in 2018 and is anticipated to have no effect on future tax levies. This zero impact to the levy is due to a financing strategy developed by staff and financial consultants, which includes refinancing old debt and using Village reserves and moderate use of capitalized interest in the debt service repayment plan. The adaptive reuse of the building versus the construction of a completely new building is anticipated to save \$3.7 million in overall costs and provide for a new Fire Department Headquarters/Station 13 that will last for the next generations.

Representatives from the Village Administration, Community Development, Finance, Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments will all be in attendance. They will be joined by the design and construction teams for each project. Williams Architects and Nicholas & Associates will be answering questions on the Fire Headquarters/Station 13, while representatives from FGM Architects and Camosy Construction will be on hand to respond to questions regarding the Police Headquarters project. The teams have been working diligently with staff to design both of the new headquarters with an anticipated Spring 2019 construction start for both projects. Expectations are to be able to occupy both new headquarters in late Spring of 2020.

The Village Board decided earlier this year, based on a space needs study conducted on the current shared Police/Fire Headquarters building at 112 E. Northwest Highway, to relocate both the Police and Fire Headquarters/Station 13. It was determined that the current facility was functionally inadequate due to space constraints, operational changes, accessibility, and the impact of technology. It was also determined that relocating Police and Fire facilities from the downtown site allowed for the potential redevelopment of prime real estate that was within the Prospect and Main TIF District.

The Village takes pride in keeping this process open and transparent. In addition to the Open House on September 25, 2018, there will be several more opportunities for the public to learn about the project and provide feedback to staff and the Village Board.

Anticipated Key Dates/Public Meetings

September 25, 2018 | 6 PM – Public Open House at 111 E. Rand Road

October 2, 2018 | 7 PM – Village Board Meeting – Police HQ Budget Discussion, Fire HQ Design Update

December 4, 2018 | 7 PM – Fire HQ Budget Discussion

February 2019 – Tentative Final Budget Approvals, Fire and Police HQ's

April 1, 2019 – Tentative Start of Construction, Fire and Police HQ's

Spring 2020 – Tentative Grand Openings, Fire and Police HQ's

For more information about these and other projects, visit the Village web site's Transparency and Fact Check portal at www.mountprospect.org/transparency.

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