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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

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Shining Star Gala 2019

From businesses to organizations to ordinary people, there are plenty of wonderful gems in Mount Prospect that make it a great community in which to live and work. The 27th Annual Celestial Celebration, celebrating this year's Shining Stars, will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at the Cotillion Banquets, 360 South Creekside Drive in Palatine. A *Shining Star* is an individual or organization that helps to make our community a great place in which to live and work.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost of the evening is \$65 per person, before January 20th and \$75 after. The price includes an open bar, dinner, dancing to the sounds of Orchestra 33, a taco bar and more. It is truly a heartwarming evening with videos paying tribute to the award winners.

This tradition started when the Village celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Following that event, a group of citizens approached



the Village leadership encouraging them to continue the event on an annual basis. Thus, under the leadership of Mayor Gerald *Skip* Farley, the Special Events Commission was formed, charged with coordinating social events that would bring Village residents together in enjoyable settings. It has been going strong ever since.

Join the celebration! Online reservations are now available on the Village website, go to mountprospect.org and click on the Shining Stars logo in the lower left hand corner. For more information, call 847.392.6000.



^ Mount Prospect Celebration

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 2
THE COTILLION BANQUETS



“The Shining Stars Gala is always a great event and a wonderful way to celebrate those who give so much to our community.”

HOWARD KLEINSTEIN
Director of Communications | Village of Mount Prospect

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Community Events

JANUARY
4

Ageless Grace
Friday | January 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 1:30pm
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.



JANUARY
5

Mt. Prospect Park District Summer Job Fair
Saturday | January 5
11am – 1pm
RECPLEX
420 West Dempster Street
Get a jump start on looking for a summer job and be a part of the Mt. Prospect Park District team. Learn about a variety of part-time and seasonal positions that suit every schedule and meet with Mt. Prospect Park District managers. Learn more at mppd.org.



JANUARY
8

Senior Walking Club
Tuesdays | January 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 8:30am
LIONS RECREATIONAL CENTER | Main Gym
411 South Maple Street
Senior residents are invited to get some exercise and walk with the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps. All seniors are welcome to participate.



JANUARY
9

Coffee, Tea, and Me
Wednesday | January 9
11:30am
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 Algonquin Road
Des Plaines
Join The Garden Club of Mount Prospect for a program featuring a film by the Bigelow Tea Company entitled, *Explore the World of Tea*. Then stay tuned for a presentation by fellow members about their favorite beverage: coffee. Guests of members are welcome. Refreshments will be available at the 11:30am social hour and the meeting will start at 12:15pm. The program will begin at 1:00pm.



JANUARY
10

Dynamic Year Luncheon
Thursday | January 10
11:30am – 1pm
VICTORIA IN THE PARK
1700 Elmhurst Road
Please join fellow business and community leaders to kick off another dynamic year! Mayor Arlene Juracek presents STATE OF MOUNT PROSPECT. This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please RSVP to meghan@mountprospectchamber.org by January 4, 2019. PAYMENT OPTIONS: Drop cash or check in the black mailbox outside of Chamber office (46 E. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect), call office at 847.398.6616 to pay with a credit card or use the PayPal link on the homepage of our website, mountprospectchamber.org to pay online.



JANUARY
13

Second Sundays at the Society: Meet the Friedrichs
Sunday | January 13
11:30am – 1:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 South Maple Street



Stop by the Society campus to Meet the Friedrichs, the first owners of the home on the museum campus. Dietrich, Lena, and daughter Bessie will guide you through the house and tell you what it was like to live in Mount Prospect in the early 1900s. The Central Schoolhouse will also be open for a fun make-and-take family craft.

JANUARY
15

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago Titus Andronicus
Tuesday | January 15 | 7pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street
The Mount Prospect Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project of Chicago back to Mount Prospect in 2019. At 7 pm the pre-show introduction begins. Following the play is a post-show discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team, which will further enrich your experience. To register, visit mmppl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library. FOR MATURE AUDIENCES ONLY.



JANUARY
19

Friends Book Sale
Saturday | January 19
9am – 4:30pm
Sunday | January 20
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. Special *Members Only* sale 6:30-9:30pm. Friday, January 18. For more information about the Friends of the Library and how to become a member, call 847.253.5675 or visit mmppl.org.



JANUARY
29

Preschool/Child Care Information Night
Tuesday | January 29
7:30 – 9pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street
This annual open house is your chance to speak with teachers and directors of more than 20 preschools and child care centers located in Mount Prospect. No registration necessary, just drop in. For more information, visit mmppl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.



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FEBRUARY
2

Mardi Gras Family Night
Saturday | February 2
4 – 8pm
RECPLEX
420 West Dempster Street
Celebrate Mardi Gras with open swim, studio crafts, a bounce house, a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, and games galore. Get up close and personal with Bubba, the 14-foot alligator and take a photo with him between 4:30 and 7:30pm. Pre-register for this Mt. Prospect Park District event online at mppd.org using class code



35174. Admission for children is \$6 for residents or \$8 for non-residents, and adults may attend for free.

FEBRUARY
2

The Shining Stars Gala 2019
Saturday | February 2
6 pm
THE COTILLION BANQUETS
360 S. Creekside Drive
Palatine
It's that time of year when the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission celebrates individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. Enjoy dinner and open bar while dancing the night away to Orchestra 33 Band. Tickets are \$65 per person before January 20 and \$75 per person after January 20. Ticket sales end on January 30.



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LIONS RECREATIONAL CENTER | Main Gym
411 South Maple Street
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FEBRUARY
9

Mommy and Me Valentine Tea
Saturday | February 9
12:30 – 1:30pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 East Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights
Put your party clothes



on and bring your mom, sister, and grandma to a delicious afternoon of high tea with the River Trails Park District. Tea will be served in real china and an assortment of sandwiches and goodies will be included for everyone to enjoy. The registration deadline is February 2 or until the maximum of 60 people is reached. Children ages 2 to 14 are \$9 for residents and \$11 for non-residents, and participants ages 15 and up are \$12 for residents and \$14 for non-residents. For more information visit rtpd.org or call 847.255.1200.

FEBRUARY
9

Afternoon Tea with Louisa May Alcott

Saturday | February 9
1:30 – 3pm

**DOLORES HAUGH
EDUCATION CENTER**

101 South Maple Street

Mothers, daughters, grandmas, aunts, nieces, and besties are invited to come enjoy an Afternoon Tea with Louisa May Alcott. Historical Interpreter Leslie Goddard will portray Miss Alcott in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the book *Little Women*. Tickets are \$8 per person and pre-registration is requested. To register via PayPal, visit mtphist.org or contact the Mount Prospect Historical Society at 847.392.9006.



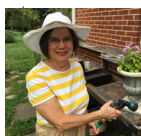
FEBRUARY
13

Tropicals to Perk up Your Home by Barb Collins

Wednesday | February 13
11:30am

**FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY**

395 Algonquin Road
Des Plaines



The Garden Club of Mount Prospect welcomes Barb Collins, published author of two books, *Landscaping Herbs* and *Professional Interior Plantscaping*, to speak at the February club meeting. Barb will show guests where tropical indoor plants grow wild and she'll explain how to adapt the many different species and their cultivars to our homes and temperate climate. Members are invited to bring guests. Refreshments will be available at the 11:30am social hour and the meeting will start at 12:15pm. The program with Barb will begin at 1pm.

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The Shakespeare Project of Chicago A Midsummer Night's Dream

Tuesday | February 19
7pm

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FEBRUARY
9

Friends Cookbooks and How-to Sale

Saturday | February 9
10am – 3pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

10 South Emerson Street

Calling all cooks and DIYers.

If you love food and DIY projects, then this sale is for you. Stock your pantry and workroom with books from the library's stellar collection. Stop by the library between 10am and 3pm for the best selection. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services. For more information, call 847.253.5675.



FEBRUARY
18

Skate to Save History

Monday | February 18
Noon – 5pm

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY
CENTER**

1000 West Central Road



The Mount Prospect Historical Society and the Mt. Prospect Park District will host a Skating Party to preserve local history this Presidents' Day. Come out to skate, listen to a DJ, and have fun. Admission is \$5 per person and inline skates can be rented for \$5 at the facility—or you can bring your own (must pass Park District inspection). All proceeds will go towards the many Mount Prospect Historical Society educational programs. For more information, visit mtphist.org or call 847.392.9006.

FEBRUARY
21

Candlelight, Yoga and Wine

Thursday | February 21
6 – 8pm

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE

505 East Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights

Bring your yoga mat and meet the River Trails Park



District at Rob Roy Clubhouse for an exclusive event. The night will start with yoga by candlelight and end with wine and chocolate. Previous yoga experience is recommended. The event is for those ages 21 years and up and is \$25 for residents or \$30 for non-residents and drop-ins. For more information, please contact Fitness Supervisor Robin at 847.255.1200 or visit rtpd.org.

FEBRUARY
10

Second Sundays at the Society

Sunday | February 10

11:30am – 1:30pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

101/103 South
Maple Street



The theme for February's Mount Prospect Historical Society Second Sunday program is Valentines. Stop by campus for a variety of hands-on activities and make-and-takes. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

FEBRUARY
21

Freeze Fest

Friday | February 22
5 – 8pm

THE ZONE

550 Business Center Drive



Join the River Trails Park District at The Zone for a fun-filled night of parkour activities, entertainment, a photo booth, an arts and crafts zone, bounce houses, turf games, freeze pops, and other giveaways. Concessions will also be available for purchase. All ages are welcome—children 16 years and under are \$2 per person. All donations go to Send a Kid to Camp. All participants must fill out a Parkour Open Gym release form. The form can be found

at rtpd.org on the Freeze Fest Special Event Page and can be filled out prior to the event or in person at check-in. For more information visit rtpd.org or call 847.255.1200.

FEBRUARY
22

Mount Prospect Trivia Night!

Friday | February 22

Doors open at 6pm
Games begin at 7pm

**VILLAGE HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM**

50 South Emerson Street



Be creative and have fun

choosing your team name and theme then decorate your table accordingly! Don't forget to bring food, snacks and beverages! Team tables are 8-10 people. Sign up before January 19 for the early bird rate of \$200 per team. After January 19 the cost is \$250 per team. Call 847.398.6616 or email meghan@mountprospectchamber.org for more information or to register your team. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.

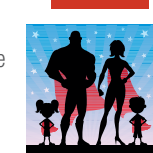
FEBRUARY
23

FanFest

Saturday | February 23
10am – 4pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 South Emerson Street



Geek out at Mount Prospect Public Library FanFest, a day dedicated

to all your favorite fandoms. Whether you wish you lived in a galaxy far, far away, a school for witchcraft and wizardry, a world where superheroes save the day, or a Tardis, you will enjoy this family-friendly event. Enjoy crafts, games, cosplay (costumes), virtual reality, a panel discussion and book signing with local graphic novelists, and more. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Ribbon Cuttings

October 26, 2018
 THRESHOLD MARTIAL ARTS
 133 West Prospect Avenue
 Mount Prospect, IL. 60056
 847.257.2210
 thresholdmartialarts.com
 Martial Arts for Life

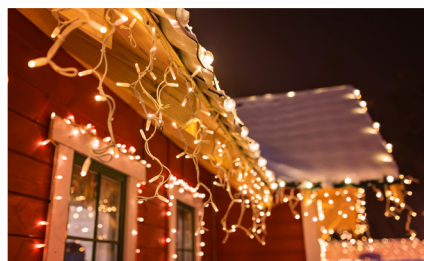


December 3, 2018
 MCALISTER'S DELI
 Grand Opening and Ribbon
 Cutting Ceremony
 1109 North Elmhurst Road
 Randhurst Village
 mcalistersdeli.com



Holiday Decorations

As much as we enjoy holiday decorations, Village code requires that temporary exterior lights be removed 60 days after a holiday. In addition to maintaining the look of your neighborhood, the requirement serves as a benefit to you as well, as the ultra violet (UV) rays from sunlight can deteriorate low gauge wire over time, as can ice and wind. After you remove the lighting, inspect it for wear before storing it for next year. Any damaged lights should be recycled to prevent causing a fire if used again.



Local Businesses Receive Recognition

The Village of Mount Prospect's Economic Development Commission honored three local businesses for their commitment and contributions to the community at the Village's annual Business Breakfast recently.

Lightbox Graphix received the Budding Business Award for their Be A Light project which allows business friends to collaborate in meeting the needs of underprivileged children. Located at 1894 South Elmhurst Road, Lightbox Graphics is owned by Danny and Amy Chiao who accepted the award given to businesses less than five years old.



The Enduring Business Award which is given to an entity that has been in the Village for more than five years, was presented to Mrs. P and Me. Current owner Chris Figaro has operated the restaurant since 2004 and longtime manager Chris Bozonelos currently serves as president of the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association. The business has participated in numerous downtown activities including pub crawls, progressive dinners, and the Mt. Prospect Downtown Block Party.



Esteban and Joy Aguado, owners of Mia's Cantina Mexican Grill at 143 West Prospect Avenue received the Entrepreneur of the Year Award. The Aguados opened Mia's Cantina in the downtown district in 2012 after participating in the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative. They have subsequently opened a second Mia's Cantina in Downers Grove and will be opening their third restaurant in Wheeling early next year.



We salute all of these businesses for their achievement and commitment to the Village of Mount Prospect. They serve as outstanding examples of local success stories. We encourage residents to always support merchants in our community for shopping, dining and professional services.



Exciting Changes Taking Place in Mount Prospect!

It's become quite common to see hard hats, cranes and bulldozers throughout Mount Prospect as multiple new developments continue to take shape around town.

The new industrial and commercial project at 1731 Wall Street is nearing completion, with February 2019 as the target end date. This key project on the Village's southern end is part of a mixed-use district as designated in the Village's Comprehensive Plan. A number of potential tenants are currently inquiring about the project.

Summer 2019 should bring an end to the construction of Park Terrace, a development featuring 12 townhomes at 15 – 19 North Elmhurst Avenue. The foundations have been poured and construction is underway on the new units which will feature rooftop terraces in one of this currently underutilized site.

A high-profile development at 20 West Northwest Highway is moving along as underground parking and first floor construction have taken place. The construction of steel framing on the remainder of the project will continue into 2019.

With The Tile Shop, Texas Roadhouse and Buona Beef planned as tenants, the site at 801 East Rand Road has been undergoing site work in advance of construction being complete by the fall of 2019.

To stay current on projects check the Village's website Project Pipeline page at mountprospect.org.



Finance

Water and Sewer Rate Increase

The Village Board enacted a multi-year rate structure in 2017 for water and sewer utility rates. Following are the rates for in-village water customers, effective for billings after January 1, 2019:



FIXED FEES

Water: \$4.00/month (for service lines up to 1" meter)

Sewer: \$5.00/month

Refuse: No change; rate remains \$19.58/month

VOLUMETRIC (USAGE) FEES

Water increases from \$9.65 to \$10.33 per thousand gallons

Sewer increases from \$1.90 to \$2.09 per thousand gallons

For a listing of all water, sewer and refuse rates please visit mountprospect.org.

2019-2020 Vehicle Stickers

Residents should look for a renewal notice in the mail during the first week of February 2019 for Mount Prospect vehicle stickers. The deadline for displaying the stickers will be April 30, 2019. If you had a 2018-2019 vehicle sticker and do not receive a renewal application in the mail, you are still required to purchase and display a sticker by the due date. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late penalty payment. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased vehicles after May 1; in these situations, there is a 30-day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Stickers may be purchased online at mountprospect.org or at the Finance Department in Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. Stickers may also be purchased at the Elmhurst Road Currency Exchange, 1698 S Elmhurst Road, Suite 106 as of February 1, 2019. The deadline for displaying the 2018-2019 vehicle sticker was April 30, 2018. The Police Department may issue citations to drivers of locally registered vehicles if a current vehicle sticker is not displayed. For more information, please call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.



Fire Department

Do you have an emergency supply kit in your car for the winter months?

Before you head out for any traveling this winter, make sure your vehicle is winter ready! Prior to traveling, check road and weather conditions for our area and of your destination. Pack an emergency supply kit for your vehicle to keep you prepared for winter weather or any emergency road closures.

When creating an emergency supply kit, consider adding items such as:

- Blankets
- Flashlights
- First Aid Kit
- Snow Brushes
- Jumper Cables
- Sand or Kitty Litter
- Cell Phone Charger
- Hank Crank NOAA Weather Radio
- Water and High Protein Snacks
- Extra mittens, scarves and hats



For more information, please visit mountprospect.org/How-Do-I-Learn-About-Emergency-Preparedness

Help Keep Hydrants Clear

Every winter fire hydrants become buried by the snow. This creates a situation where it becomes difficult for the Fire Department to locate and use the hydrants.

You can help the fire department by ensuring the hydrant near your home or business is kept free from snow on all sides. Please keep a clear path from the street to the hydrant as well.



Top 10 Space Heater Safety Tips

1. Look for a space heater equipped with a guard around the heat source to keep children and pets safe.
2. Select a heater approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
3. Follow manufacturer instructions for proper use and safety measures.
4. Only use space heaters in well-vented areas and at least three feet away from any objects such as curtains, clothing or furniture.
5. Always place a space heater on a flat, level surface.
6. Do not use an extension cord to power the space heater.
7. Use K-1 kerosene only for kerosene space heaters (do not use gasoline, camp stove fuel, or any other flammable liquid).
8. Store all fuel outdoors. Never refuel the heater inside the home.
9. Never leave a space heater on overnight or unattended.
10. Never place objects on the space heater to dry.

For more information, please call the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



Police Department

Don't Tempt Criminals with an Unlocked Car

The majority of instances of items being stolen from cars in the Village occur when cars are left unlocked. These burglaries can be very hard to solve as there is usually very little physical evidence left behind. In order to avoid being a victim of this type of crime, follow these easy steps:

- Always close your vehicle's windows and lock the doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.
- Remove loose valuables from your vehicle. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort.
- If you must leave valuables in your car place them out of sight in the trunk or under the seats.
- Don't hesitate to call or text 9-1-1 to report suspicious persons seen wandering around



parking lots or driveways or looking into cars as they walk by (your call can be anonymous).

- Park in a well-lit area. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of a door ding, a criminal looks for cars parked out of the way in order to help ensure less attention is drawn to them.
- Turning on outside driveway and porch lights help make your vehicle a less desirable target.

Winter Driving Tips

Even the most experienced drivers can have their driving skills challenged when the worst of winter weather hits. Stay safe by following these key winter driving tips:

- Keep your vehicle properly maintained. A well-maintained vehicle is better suited to meeting the challenges of winter driving.
- Keep a First Aid Kit in your vehicle. Your kit should include these items: Ice scraper | Snow brush | Matches | Candles | Flashlight | Warning triangle or flares | Bag of sand | Blankets | Emergency Help sign | Cell phone
- Check driving conditions before leaving home. Always be alert for hazardous conditions, watching for hard to see patches of ice (black ice) that may form in shady spots or over bridges.
- Keep a safe 5 second interval between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Keep headlights on during overcast days.
- Remove all snow and ice from the windows as well as the roof of your vehicle before driving.
- Make sure your windshield wiper fluid is topped off.

Above all else, SLOW DOWN. Most car accidents are the result of driving at excessive speeds.

Overnight Parking

As a reminder, there is no overnight parking on Village streets from 2 – 6am every night. This allows our Police Department to quickly identify suspicious vehicles in the community. If you need to utilize street parking overnight for guests or while having work done on your driveway, permission can be granted when you call 847.870.5656.



When to Call 9-1-1

We frequently receive questions about when it is or isn't appropriate to call 9-1-1. A call to 9-1-1 is the most immediate way to get a police officer to your location. Whether you need to report a crime or want to alert the police to a dog barking at 2am, a call to 9-1-1 is the way to go. Residents are encouraged to use 9-1-1 to report any suspicious behavior in their neighborhood. If you are simply looking for information or would like to request permission to park on a Village street overnight, please call the Police Department at 847.870.5656.

Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police officers will concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts on designated roadways for one week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the *Street of the Week* program this winter:

January 1-6 Golf Road (Rt. 58)	January 28-February 3 Lincoln Street
January 7-13 Burning Bush Lane	February 4-10 Wolf Road
January 14-20 Busse Road	February 11-17 Rand Road (Rt. 12)
21-27 Euclid Avenue	February 18-24 Central Road



Public Works

Christmas Tree Collection

Please recycle your used fresh Christmas tree through the Village's tree recycling program. You can leave your tree at the curb on your regular pick-up day December 31 through January 11. The refuse handler will pick it up at no additional charge to you; no lawn refuse sticker is needed. Please do not cut or trim the tree – simply place it at the curb whole.

Trees must be free of all decorations including lights, tinsel, ornaments and any string or wire.

Trees placed at the curb prior to December 31 or after January 11 will also be picked up free of charge but will be considered refuse and not composted.

Wreaths will also be collected at no additional



cost on your regular refuse collection day, but are considered refuse due to the metal frame. Please place your wreath in your green refuse cart for disposal. In addition, artificial wreaths are not recyclable. Artificial wreaths should be placed in the green refuse cart for disposal not the blue recycling cart.

Holiday Light and Extension Cord Recycling

As you pack away the holiday decorations, don't throw away your old, unused strings of lights, or the ones that didn't work properly this year. Mount Prospect offers a free light recycling program at Public Works, 1700 West Central Road. You can drop the old lights or extension cords off from 7:30 am – 5:00 pm any weekday, all year long, except for holidays. We do not accept garland, wreaths, live greens or other non-recyclable materials.



Damaged Mailboxes

If Village snow clearing operations cause damage to your residential mailbox you may be eligible for repair or replacement under the Village's mailbox replacement policy.

Upon notification of damage, the Village will verify eligibility and provide residents with a temporary, barricade-mounted mailbox until weather permits repairs or replacement. If the damaged mailbox is identified as beyond repair, the resident is provided with two methods for replacement: 1) Replacement by the Village will include a wood post with post anchor stake and a standard black or white steel mailbox in compliance with Village Code. Residents that prefer to have a different style mailbox will need to install the mailbox on their own, or 2) Residents may replace their own mailbox and are eligible to receive up to \$125 in reimbursement. To be eligible, the mailbox must be installed according to specifications defined in the Village Code.

For more information contact the Public Works department at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

2019 Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no solid waste collection on the following holidays:

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2019 | MEMORIAL DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY | LABOR DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY | CHRISTMAS DAY

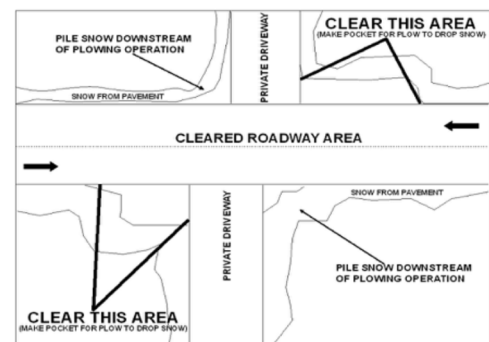
If a holiday falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday.

Call 847.870.5640 for more information.

Snow Shoveling Made Easy(er)

With an early winter storm this November, most residents have experienced snow removal already this season. As more accumulating snow is likely this winter, keep these steps in mind to make your snow removal efforts easier.

First, please remember that it is hazardous to shovel, plow or blow snow from your driveway or sidewalk onto a public street. By following the simple diagrams below, you can maintain your property and keep surface streets clear. Shovel the snow away from your driveway apron to the side, in the direction of traffic. Clear a space on the side that the Village snowplow will approach from so that the snow fills in the pocket before it hits the end of your driveway. Doing so will allow you to have the widest entry possible to your driveway after a measureable snowfall.



Your Winter Forecast

Is there a more difficult job than trying to forecast the winter weather in the Chicago area? As we have already seen in recent weeks, our weather can be quite varied and unpredictable. Our seasonal snowfall averages approximately 36 inches, but has ranged from 9.8 to 89.7 inches in a single winter. It is not uncommon to have multiple accumulations of around 2 inches. While our neighbors on the eastern shore of Lake Michigan are likely to experience more heavy snowfalls, a shift in the wind can bring us significant lake effect snow at any time. Snowfalls of 10 inches or more in a single day occur every few years in this area and we all need to prepare accordingly.

Temperatures can swing widely as well. The average daily high as measured at O'Hare airport in January is 31° with average lows for the month ranging right around 16°. Our area will experience approximately 8 nights of sub-zero temperatures per year, but some nasty winters have brought as many as 20 such days. While we are used to hearing “cooler by the lake” in the summer, temperatures closer to the lake tend to run warmer in the winter as the heat retained in the lake offsets the cold air. Those slightly warmer temperatures usually don't extend to Mount Prospect, however.

Based on 30-year averages obtained from NOAA's National Climatic Data Center for the months of December, January and February, the Chicago area ranked the sixth-coldest major U.S. city as of 2014.

While we are all ready for spring by March, temperatures don't always meet our expectations. It is certainly possible to see temperatures as high as 80°, including 2012 when we experienced 8 days that reached that level!

Needless to say winters in our area are not for the faint at heart, but it is also the reason why we Chicagoans are consider some of the toughest when it comes to nasty weather. Think Spring!

Caring for Your Trees in Winter

After a wet spring and a dry summer, the trees in your yard have gone dormant, but this winter can be a perfect time to do some maintenance to keep them healthy in 2019.

It's not too late to do some clean-up work around them by removing any leaves which are still on the ground. This will help reduce any inoculum left on the material that may infect the tree next spring. Although most foliar leaf diseases are insignificant to the health of the tree, reducing its presence will improve the aesthetics of the tree.

Now is a great time to do some pruning, removing broken, dead, or diseased branches to improve the overall health of the tree. Take care not to remove healthy limbs or to over-prune by reducing the crown by more than 25%. A certified tree professional can safely and properly trim your

Tips for Safe Winter Driving

Wet, snowy and icy roads, along with impaired visibility can make winter driving especially dangerous. To stay safe when you must be on the road in the winter weather, please follow these tips:

- Keep your gas tank full.
- Remember that as in foggy conditions, using high beam headlights during a snowstorm will actually decrease your visibility due to glare and reflection, so only use low beams and reduce your speed.
- Be sure to completely clean all snow and ice from every window on your vehicle before driving.
- With snow or ice on the surface of the road, braking can be more difficult. Leave extra space between you and the vehicle in front of you and gently pump your brakes when stopping to prevent skidding.
- Slow down! Always give yourself a few extra minutes when driving in the winter.
- Roads that are less utilized and bridges will always be icier than main surfaces. Be cautious.
- If you have the misfortune of being involved in a minor accident, move your vehicle to a safe location before getting out.
- Leave some separation between you and a snowplow ahead of you. Do not pass them while their plow or salt spreader is engaged.
- Of course, adhere to all standard driving laws including wearing your seatbelt and having headlights on when windshield wipers are in use.

Let's keep our roads safe this winter.



trees, avoiding the damage that can be done by incorrectly pruning.

You can maintain soil temperature and reduce water loss by applying a 2" to 4" layer of mulch around the tree. Do not, however, place the mulch up against the tree itself.

Finally, if the ground has not yet frozen, don't be afraid to water your tree. It needs moisture during the winter, too, so water as temperatures permit.



Human Services

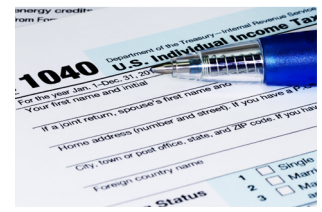
A Sincere Thank You for Your Generosity this Year

Through the generosity of Village residents, employees, local businesses, churches, schools, and civic organizations, we were once again able to operate a food pantry for families in need during 2018. Your donations provided food, nourishment, and hope to those who visit the pantry each month. In addition, many of these individuals and families had their holiday season brightened through our Holiday Meal Basket program. Thank you to everyone who made donations during the past year.

Upcoming Senior Programs

We will be offering the following special programs for seniors in our community in the months ahead. Please note that these programs require appointments or registration.

- **Real Estate Senior Exemptions and Tax Freeze Applications** | Applicants must be 65 years old and if seeking a tax freeze, must bring a record of your 2018 income.
- **AARP Income Tax appointments are available to those over 50 years of age who cannot afford a tax preparation service.** | Tax preparers are trained to complete standard forms; individuals with very complicated tax situations are advised to seek the services of a professional preparer.
- **State of Illinois Benefits Access Program License Plate Discount, Seniors Ride Free and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free benefits.** | This certificate remains valid for a 2 year period. If you applied for the Benefits Access Program in 2017, you will need to reapply this year. You are advised to apply 90 days prior to the expiration of your current sticker.



Senior Assessment Program

If you, a family member or neighbor is a homebound senior who is encountering circumstances that make it hard to remain in your home, a private assessment is available to identify solutions. A Senior Services Social Worker and the Public Health Nurse will visit your home to evaluate your situation. Qualifying circumstances may include decreased mobility, medication management problems, difficulty monitoring chronic illnesses like diabetes or hypertension, transportation issues, meal preparation, and family members living far away. For more information, or to schedule your in-home assessment, please call Human Services at 847.870.5680.



Make It a Healthier New Year

If your resolution is to become healthier in 2019, please take advantage of any of these health related programs.

- **Cholesterol check-up** | Available at Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 8:45am. There is a \$20 fee.
- **Senior Walking Club** | Join your peers at the Lions Rec Center every Tuesday at 8:30am for this free program that combines friendship and healthy activity.
- **Ageless Grace** | This seated exercise class for seniors meets every Friday at 1:30pm. Join friends at Village Hall to exercise both your mind and body. Ageless Grace is a free program.
- **Screening Clinic** | Choose your time and location for our clinics.
MONDAYS | 9-11am Village Hall and 1:30-3pm Community Connections Center
4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH | 12:15-1:45pm Stay Fit Physical Therapy
1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH | 8:30-9:30am River Trails Park District



Community Connections Center

You can see the Community Connections Center's monthly calendar, view current happenings and decide which programs you would like to attend through the Center's Facebook page. *Like* us at facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter

If you are interested in learning or improving your English in a friendly group setting, join us as we are once again offering our Conversations in English program. It provides a great opportunity for you to improve your English as you work with native English speakers. This program is offered every Thursday at the Community Connections Center. For more information and to register call 847.506.4930.



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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



Shining Stars Gala

A Mount Prospect Celebration
 Saturday | February 2 | 6:00 pm
THE COTILLION BANQUETS
 360 South Creekside Drive in Palatine

Join the celebration of individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place to live and work. Enjoy dinner and open bar while dancing the night away to Orchestra 33. Tickets are \$65 per person before January 20 and \$75 per person after January 20.



*Have a little fun,
 get a little exercise!*

Senior Walking Club

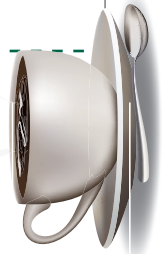
Tuesdays at 8:30 am
 LIONS RECREATIONAL CENTER | Main Gym
 411 South Maple Street

Senior residents are invited to get some exercise and walk with the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps. All seniors are welcome!

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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January 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center	2 Coffee, Tea, and Me 11:30am, Friendship Park Conserv. Garden Club of Mount Prospect	3 Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH	4 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	5 Mt. Prospect Park District Summer Job Fair 11am - 1pm RecPlex MPDD
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13 Second Sundays at the Society, 11:30am-1:30pm 101 S. Maple St, MPHIST	14	15 Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center Shakespeare Project of Chicago, 7pm, <i>Titus Andronicus</i> , MPPL	16	17	18 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	19 Friends Book Sale 9am-4:30pm, MPPL
20 Friends Book Sale Noon-4pm, MPPL	21	22 Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center	23	24	25 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	26
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Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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(includes Finance & Village Administration)
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Television Services 847.870.5685
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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
Public Works 847.870.5640
Water Billing 847.392.6000

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	<p>LEARN MORE AT</p> <p>EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT</p> <p>www.experiencemountprospect.org</p>				<p>1</p> <p>Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mardi Gras Family Night 4-8 pm, RecPlex, MPPD Shining Stars Gala, 6pm Cotillion Banquets, Palatine</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, VH Community Room Friends Cookbooks and How-to Sale 10am-3pm, MPPL Mommy and Me Valentine Tea 12:30-1:30pm, Rob Roy Golf Course, 505 E. Camp McDonald Rd Afternoon Tea with Louisa May Alcott 1:30-3pm, Doores Haugh Education Center</p>
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<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Skate to Save History 12-5 pm, Central Community Center MPHist & MPPD</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Senior Walking Club 8:30-9:30am Lions Rec. Center Shakespeare Project of Chicago, 7pm <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>, MPPL</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Candlelight Yoga and Wine 6-8 pm, Rob Roy Golf Course, RTPD</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH Freeze Fest, 5-8 pm The Zone, RTPD Mount Prospect Trivia Night! Doors open at 6pm Games begin at 7pm Preregistration required VH</p>	<p>23</p> <p>FanFest, 10am-4pm MPPL</p>
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