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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

## MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATION OF CULTURES!

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 | 11:30 AM – 6:00 PM | KOPP PARK

The 2nd Annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures will take place on September 14th between the hours of 11:30 am to 6pm, at Kopp Park, located just behind RecPlex, 420 Dempster Street. The Mayor and the Village Board have long recognized the diverse population that makes up the Village. 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 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 kick off with an opening ceremonies which will begin with a parade of cultures and culminate with a multi-stranded ribbon will be tied together as a symbol of unity. There will be



a day long line up of cultural entertainment featuring bands, singers, dancing groups and sports demos. 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, featuring small plates with a three dollar price tag.

Parking in the RecPlex parking lot will be limited. Attendees are encouraged to park in the north end of the Kohls parking lot at 1500 Elmhurst Road, (Elmhurst Rd and Dempster Street.)

You can find out more information about participating cultures, performances, participating restaurants, and more on the Village Website [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** **Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market**  
Sundays | 8am – 1pm through October 20  
**EAST COMMUTER LOT**  
*Northwest Hwy & Emerson*  
Check out a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies. Sponsored by the MPLC. For more info, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org).

**SEPTEMBER 2** **Old Fashioned Family Picnic in the Park**  
Sunday | September 2  
10am – 3pm  
**WOODLAND TRAILS PARK**  
*1500 East Euclid Avenue*  
Join River Trails Park District for a free end of the summer hoopla. Enjoy huge inflatables, a petting zoo, kids craft area, games, face painting, and a DJ. Don't miss Trusty the Turtle Race and the Kid's Coin Splash as the pool closes for the season. For info, call 847.255.1200 or visit [www.rtpd.org](http://www.rtpd.org).

**SEPTEMBER 3** **Senior Walking Club**  
Tuesday | September 3, 10, 17 & 24 | 8:30am  
**THE PARK ON CENTENNIAL DRIVE**  
Senior residents are invited to get some exercise and walk with the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps.

**SEPTEMBER 3** **Bessie's Story Hour**  
Tuesday | September 3  
10 – 11am  
**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
*101 South Maple Street*  
Kids of all ages will enjoy an hour of stories from the turn of the 20th century. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a snack and meet us by the stone bench under the crab tree. Free event. No registration required. For more info, call 847.392.9006.

**SEPTEMBER 3** **Play and Learn**  
Tuesday | September 3, 10, 17 & 24  
11:30am – 12:30pm  
**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER**  
*1711 West Algonquin Road*  
Bring your toddlers and preschool-age children to listen to books, dance to music, and enjoy making fun crafts. To learn more, call 847.506.4930.

**SEPTEMBER 5** **Conversations in English**  
Thursday | September 5 & 19 | 11:30am – 1pm  
Thursday | September 12 & 26 | 5:30 – 7pm  
**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER**  
*1711 West Algonquin Road*  
Practice your conversational skills in a

friendly group setting with native English speakers. Available for Mount Prospect or Elk Grove Township residents. For more info or to register call 847.506.4930.

**SEPTEMBER 6** **Ageless Grace**  
Friday | September 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 1:30pm  
**VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM**  
*50 South Emerson Street*  
The Village Nurse's free seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.

**SEPTEMBER 7** **A Spot of Tea with a Side of Gossip**  
Saturday | September 7 | 1pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
*103 South Maple Street*  
Join the Historical Society as Martina Mathisen portrays Luella Parsons, Hollywood's most dynamic gossip columnist. Luella could make or break a career with a few taps of her typewriter. Sip tea and enjoy light refreshments while hearing about some of the era's biggest stars. \$12 per person, reservations required. To reserve your spot, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call 847.392.9006.

**SEPTEMBER 7** **Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show**  
Saturdays | 3 – 9pm through September 28  
**EAST COMMUTER LOT**  
*Northwest Hwy & Emerson*  
View the coolest classic cars around with themed nights each week. For more info, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org)

**SEPTEMBER 8** **History Day Bake Sale**  
Sunday | September 8  
8am – 1pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT LIONS CLUB FARMERS MARKET**  
*East Commuter Lot*  
Historical Society presents History Day at the Farmer's Market. Stop by to purchase yummy homemade baked goods and museum store items. For information, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call 847.392.9006.

**SEPTEMBER 8** **MARCHÉ FRANÇAIS – Farmers' Market with a French Twist**  
Sunday | September 8  
8am-1pm  
**PROSPECT AVENUE**  
*Between Emerson & Maple*  
In celebration of Mount Prospect's Sister City, Sèvres, France! Purchase 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 8** **Second Sunday at the Society: Make and Take Apple Prints**  
Sunday | September 8,  
11:30am – 1:30pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
*101/103 South Maple Street*  
Come on by for bushels of fun and a make-and-take activity in Central School. All ages are welcome at this free event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours.

**SEPTEMBER 11** **Dahlia – Living Fireworks by Carol Cuchorski**  
Wednesday | September 11  
11:30am  
**FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY**  
*395 Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines*  
Former president of the Elk Grove Garden Club Carol Cuchorski who speaks regularly at the Chicago Flower and Garden Show and manages their on-site seminars will share her dahlia passion and let you know how you can grow them, too! Refreshments at 11:30am, social hour and meeting at 12:15pm, program will begin at 1pm. Guests welcome.

**SEPTEMBER 14** **Fishing Derby**  
Saturday | September 14  
9 – 11:30am  
**ROBERT T. JACKSON CLEARWATER PARK**  
*1717 West Lonquist*  
Grab your gear for a morning of family fishing! Worms will be provided, but bring your own rod, reel, and tackle. \$8 for residents and \$12 for non-residents age 4-14. Register online with code 37475 or visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org) for details. Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District.

**SEPTEMBER 14** **Celebration of Cultures**  
Saturday | September 14  
11:30am – 6pm  
**KOPP PARK**  
*420 Dempster Street*  
Join the fun and celebrate our cultural diversity! Taste foods from Poland, Korea, Mexico, Serbia, Middle East, Italy, Asia, vanilla ice creams from around the World and cultural entertainment, live music, booths & crafts!

**SEPTEMBER 14** **Summer Slide Pub Crawl**  
Saturday | September 14  
3 – 7pm  
**CHECK IN AT CENTENNIAL GREEN**  
Enjoy a great time out with neighbors and friends visiting some of your favorite downtown eating and drinking establishments. For more information, visit [downtownmountprospect.com](http://downtownmountprospect.com).

**SEPTEMBER 18** **Movie Night at Central School: Royal Wedding**  
Wed | September 18 | 6pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
*103 South Maple Street*  
Come enjoy a classic movie in the historic Central School. Doors open at 6pm for this free event, and the movie starts at 6:30pm.

**SEPTEMBER 24** **City Lit Theater Company Presents: Books on the Chopping Block**  
Tuesday | September 24  
7:30 – 9pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
*10 South Emerson Street*  
In honor of Banned Books Week, City Lit will spotlight recently banned or challenged books. Join the MPPL for a captivating performance and themed snacks, prizes, and an opportunity for discussion. To register, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.

**SEPTEMBER 25** **Rules of the Road Class**  
Wednesday | September 25  
1:30pm  
**VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM**  
*50 South Emerson Street*  
If you'd like a refresher in advance of taking your written exam for driver's license renewal, join the Human Services Department for this review. To register call 847.870.5680.

**SEPTEMBER 26** **The Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce Annual Fall Classic Golf Outing**  
Thursday | September 26  
10am Registration  
11am Shotgun Start  
**MT. PROSPECT GOLF CLUB**  
*600 S. See-Gwon Avenue*  
Enjoy a fun day filled with contests, raffle prizes, breakfast, lunch, *Taste of Mount Prospect* dinner, courtesy beverage cart, and more! \$150 per person or \$550 for foursome. Open to the public! Contact [meghan@mountprospectchamber.org](mailto:meghan@mountprospectchamber.org)

**SEPTEMBER 28** **Fire Department Open House**  
Saturday | September 28  
10am – 2pm  
**POLICE AND FIRE HEADQUARTERS**  
*112 East Northwest Highway*  
Come meet the firefighters and see firetrucks, ambulances, and more! All ages are welcome to attend. Enjoy activities for young and old, including a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog. A free lunch will be provided. For more information, call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



OCTOBER  
**1**

### Senior Walking Club

Tuesday | October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 8:30am

THE PARK ON CENTENNIAL DRIVE

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get some exercise and walk with the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps.

OCTOBER  
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1711 West Algonquin Road



Bring your toddlers and preschool-age children to listen to books, dance to music, and enjoy making fun crafts. To learn more, call 847.506.4930.

OCTOBER  
**3**

### The 50s Plus Breakfast Hour

Thursday | October 3 | 9am  
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street

Residents 50 years of age and older are invited to attend. Come join your Village team and the Chamber of Commerce to learn and have fun. For more information, please call 847.870.5680.



OCTOBER  
**3**

### Conversations in English

Thursday | October 3 & 17  
11:30am – 1pm

Thursday | October 10 & 24  
5:30 – 7pm

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1711 West Algonquin Road



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OCTOBER  
**4**

### Ageless Grace

Friday | October 4, 11, 18 & 25 | 1:30pm

VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street

The Village Nurse's free seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.

OCTOBER  
**5**

### TRAILS CHALLENGE Youth Obstacle Course Race

Saturday | October 5  
9:30 – 11:30am

WOODLAND TRAILS PARK

1500 East Euclid Avenue  
1.25 Mile (2K) obstacle course hosted by the River Trails Park District. The course will take adventurous youth throughout the Woodland Trails Park with 14 to 16 natural and man-made obstacles throughout. All participants will receive a t-shirt,

medal, goodie bag, and bragging rights. Registration ends 45 minutes prior to each race. Early bird rate is \$18 per person until September 2, \$23 per person until October 3 and \$28 per person on October 4 and 5. Visit [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org) for exact race times, age groups, and registration.



OCTOBER  
**9**

### Conservation@Home by Pete Landwehr

Wednesday | October 9  
11:30am

FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY,

395 Algonquin Rd, Des Plaines

Pete Landwehr has been a

Master Gardener since 2014, been raising vegetables for more than 30 years and has been involved in the Conservation@Home program since 2016. Pete will introduce the program and its main objectives, including sustainable gardening, good water and soil practices, ecological practices to support wildlife and the plant environment, etc. Refreshments at 11:30am, social hour and the meeting at 12:15pm, the program will begin at 1pm. Guests are welcome.

OCTOBER  
**5**

### Fabulous Fall Fest

Saturday | October 5  
11am – 3pm

LIONS RECREATION CENTER

411 South Maple Street

Join the Mount Prospect Park District for an autumn afternoon of family fun with a petting zoo, inflatables, hay rides, games and prizes, face painting, and seasonal treats. Tickets are \$5 at the door for children age 3 to 8—adults are free. For more information, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).



OCTOBER  
**5**

### John Meyn Blacksmith Exhibit Grand Opening

Saturday | October 5 | 11am

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

101 South Maple Street

Come take a look at the Historical Society's brand-new exhibit. Be one of the first to get a peek at this fabulous new addition to the Society campus which showcases a somewhat hidden but crucial part of Mount Prospect's history. All ages are welcome at this free event.

OCTOBER  
**6**

### Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market

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through October 20

EAST COMMUTER LOT

Northwest Hwy & Emerson  
Check out a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies. Sponsored by the MPLC. For more info, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org).



OCTOBER  
**7**

### Library Foundation Presents: Barbara Rinella in Fly Girls

Monday | October 7  
7 – 8:30pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street

The Library Foundation welcomes back acclaimed book dramatist Barbara Rinella for an evening presentation of *Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History* by Keith O'Brien. Meet Amelia Earhart together with her fantastic friends and hear the remarkable story of the women who broke the original glass ceiling and changed the course of air travel. This is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in person at the Registration Desk. For more info, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.



OCTOBER  
**11/12**

### Fall Fest/Oktoberfest

Friday | October 11  
4-11 pm

Saturday | October 12  
1-11pm

EMERSON STREET AND BUSSE AVENUE



Join in the fun of celebrating Mount Prospect's heritage with authentic German food, spirits, and music at Oktoberfest on Friday. Then on Saturday Fall Fest will take place (1-4pm). Enjoy pumpkin decorating, a trick-or-treat candy line, hay rides, food, and music in the downtown area. For more info, visit [mpdowntown.com](http://mpdowntown.com).

OCTOBER  
**13**

### Second Sunday at the Society: Make and Take Pumpkins

Sunday | October 13  
11:30am – 1:30pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

101/103 South Maple St.



Join us at Central School to make a mini paper pumpkin and learn how a seed grows into a pumpkin. All ages are welcome at this free event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours.

OCTOBER  
**17**

### Explore Your Mind

Thursday | October 17 | 2pm  
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street

The Village Nurse and Senior

Services Social Worker will teach an *Explore Your Mind* workshop where seniors can learn memory cues and apply their knowledge to fun-filled activities. For information or to register, please call 847.870.5680

OCTOBER  
**18**

### Halloween Trivia

Friday | October 18 | 6 – 9pm  
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street

\$200 per team of 8-10.



Bring your own food, snacks & beverages (no on-site food/beverage sales), decorate your table and wear costumes! There will be awards for best costume/theme, spooky music, raffle sales and lots of prizes! For more info, call 847.398.6616 or email [meghan@mountprospectchamber.org](mailto:meghan@mountprospectchamber.org)

OCTOBER  
**19/20**

### Friends Book Sale

Saturday | October 19  
9am – 4:30pm

Sunday | October 20  
Noon – 4pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street



Stock up on great books at bargain prices! Special members-only preview sale on Friday, October 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Funds raised help the Friends support Library programs, events and services. For info on the Friends and how to become a member, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER  
**23**

### Using Herbs in Your Eco-Friendly Home

Wednesday | October 23  
10 – 11am

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street



Join the Village Nurse and learn how to make homemade soaps, deodorant, glass cleaners, and other household products. Sponsored by the Human Services Department as part of Senior Health Month. To register, please call 847.870.5680.

OCTOBER  
**29**

### Lighthouse for the Blind Roadshow

Tuesday | October 29  
9am – 3pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street



As a part of Senior Health Month, the Human Services Department invites those with visual impairments to the library to explore a variety of low vision products available for purchase. For information or to register, please call 847.870.5680.

## The Village of Mount Prospect is on Instagram

You may follow the Village's Instagram account

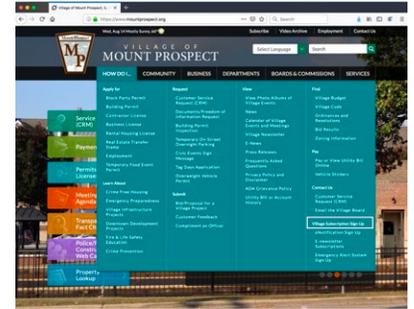
[#villageofmountprospect](#)

and see photos, videos and other content that will inform, entertain and amuse Mount Prospect residents.



## Sign up for Meeting Notifications

If residents want to be informed when the official agendas come out for Village Board Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings or Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings, they may sign up to be informed by email on a weekly basis. Go to the Village website [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org), under the *How Do I* tab select **VILLAGE SUBSCRIPTION SIGN UP** and click on **E-NEWSLETTERS SUBSCRIPTIONS**. Fill out the form and select Meeting Agenda Notifications.



## Finance

### Water/Sewer/Refuse Bills

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

### Vehicle Stickers

The deadline for purchasing 2019-2020 vehicle stickers was April 30. 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 2019-2020 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).

## Building and Inspections Department

### Checking on Your Home's Health

Fall is the right time to check your house and make sure that it is ready for our winter weather. Start with these basic steps:

- Clean your windows and doors to maintain tight closures; if you have weather stripping, make sure it is properly installed and in good condition.
- Having your furnace and heating system checked is less expensive and far safer than waiting until it needs repair.
- Keeping your gutters and downspouts clean can prevent damaging ice dams from forming on your roof. Call a professional service to clean them out if necessary.
- If you have any indoor painting to do, get it done in the fall when you can keep windows open for fresh air while you paint.
- If you have a pool or hot tub, take all safety precautions while winterizing them. Keep a locked cover in place, make sure fence gates are secure and perform all suggested maintenance.
- Avoid pipes bursting by draining all pipes leading to outdoor spigots before the first freeze.
- Check your GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) receptacles both inside and outside your home. Use a GFCI test device with trip-button which can be found at most home centers. When adding outdoor decorations and lights for the holidays, think safety first.
- Test and replace batteries on all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn your clocks back on November 3.



# Community/Economic Development

## Elmhurst Road/Rand Road Commercial Corridor Gets Boost

A prime commercial property at 920 North Elmhurst Road is undergoing a major makeover as the Village has given GW Properties approval for a new development. The building, adjacent to Randhurst Village Shopping Mall, has been vacant for more than a year since the departure of the previous tenant, Firestone Tires. GW Properties is splitting the existing building into 3 tenant spaces which are tentatively planned to include Verizon Wireless, Aspen Dental, and Tropical Smoothie Café. In addition to the remodel and build out, the site will be entirely landscaped to improve the character of this very visible commercial corridor. For additional information on the site, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.



## New Downtown Park Coming Soon

The Mount Prospect Village Board recently approved the final design proposal for the new Edwin and Elsie (Meyn) Busse Park at the northeast corner of Busse Avenue and Emerson Street in downtown. With the approval, construction crews from Clauss Brothers, Inc. have begun working on the site with completion targeted for the end of November.

The inclusive planning process involved multiple public meetings and the completion of more than 200 surveys by residents. That cumulative feedback factored into the final design which will include a large, programmable lawn space, a pavilion, string lights, an array of seating options, bollards, pole lights, and brick pavers. Many existing trees will be preserved for the new park. While a water feature is not part of the design at this time, underground utilities will be installed on site to support the construction of one in the future.



If you have any questions about the park, please contact the Planning Division at 847.818.5328.

Check out the Village of Mount Prospect's Development Update webpage at [mountprospect.org/business/development-updates](http://mountprospect.org/business/development-updates) to learn about new and upcoming projects.



Thursday | June 20  
7-11 CONVENIENCE STORE  
1201 East Central Road  
at Rand Road  
[7-eleven.com](http://7-eleven.com)



Thursday | June 20  
HAMPTON INN AND SUITES  
at Randhurst Village  
847.590.1860  
[hilton.com](http://hilton.com)



## Holiday Tree Wanted

It's time for the Village to find the centerpiece of our 2019 Tree Lighting Ceremony. If you have a fir or spruce tree at least 30 feet tall in your yard that you no longer want, you can consider donating it to the Village for use in our holiday display. We are accepting requests from homeowners for a tree with full and uniform growth which we will cut and transport at no cost to you. To learn more, contact the Public Works Department at [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) or 847.870.5640.

## Fall Leaf Collection

The Village's fall loose leaf collection period will run from October 21 through December 6 this year. The program allows residents to dispose of loose (not bagged) leaves at no cost by setting them at the curb in conjunction with our weekly pick-up schedule. You may 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.

Please visit the Village's website for more information on leaf collection and a map identifying the collection schedule. The loose-leaf collection program is for leaves only; yard material other than leaves must be disposed of according to the Village's yard waste collection guidelines. Leaf piles will not be collected if the pile contains grass clippings or other yard material.



**Burning leaves is a violation of Village Ordinance 24.115 and is strictly prohibited.**

## Supplemental Snowplow Drivers

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department is looking for supplemental snowplow drivers. To qualify, you must have experience driving large trucks and have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement. This can be a great way for you to earn some extra income if your schedule allows you to be available whenever needed. 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.



## Fall Tree Care Tips

With fall just around the corner it is time for leaves to begin turning color and eventually falling. Although we're coming to the end of the growing season, proper care will ensure that your trees go into dormancy on a healthy note. Following these tips below can protect your trees this winter.

- Keep trees adequately watered this fall. An inch of rainfall per week is generally sufficient, but with our unpredictable weather, be prepared to supplement with additional watering from a sprinkler set under the canopy of the tree. Remember that roots can extend as far out as the tree is tall so keep the entire area watered for best results.
- Mulching around the base of the tree will 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" thick 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 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 not promote a flush of new growth that will not be hardened off prior to freezing temperatures. If not completed early enough (September), wait until the tree has gone into dormancy in late November to fertilize.
- Fall is a good time to evaluate trees for insect damage. The life cycle of most insects differs, so a tree care professional should be consulted if significant damage is noted.
- Use the season to get a dormant prune scheduled. Removing dead and broken limbs can help improve the health of the tree, as well as reduce insect and fungi damage during the winter.

## Recycle Your Old Mercury Thermostat or Thermometer

The Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offer a recycling program for thermometers, thermostats and wall switches which contain mercury. These devices should be properly recycled as mercury poses health and environmental risks. Old thermometers may contain up to 700 milligrams of mercury, 140 times the amount found in a CFL.



Residents may bring their mercury thermometers, thermostats and switches to the Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm to be properly recycled.

## Home Hot Spots for Water Quality

Your activities can affect water quality in various spots throughout your yard. Look around your property with an eye toward these conditions.

- Directing downspouts to unpaved areas lets rainwater soak into the ground which reduces the flow of runoff into the lakes.
- Composting converts leaves and grass clippings into a nutrient-rich mulch for your planting beds and gardens minimizing the need for fertilizers.
- Natural areas and planting beds lend variety to a residential lawn, attract wildlife and mean you have less lawn to mow and fertilize.
- Keep lawn chemicals, car care products and household cleaners properly sealed in their containers. Safely store these containers away from people, pets and runoff water.
- Limit the use of fertilizer and pesticides. If you do use those products, sweep excess off paved areas to keep them from entering the water supply through storm sewers.
- A small oil drip or gas leak may not seem like a big deal, but after a good rain these toxic chemicals become runoff that washes into bodies of water.
- Cover bare spots in your lawn to reduce water runoff by planting the area with grass or some other vegetation, and then immediately covering with mulch or hay until vegetation takes root.

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK | October 6-12

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2019, October 6 through 12. This year's theme is *Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. PLAN and PRACTICE Your ESCAPE!* The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe in a fire.

In a typical home fire, there may be as little as one to two minutes to safely escape once the smoke alarm sounds. Planning and practicing your escape will make the most of the time you have to safely get everyone out of the home.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the 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

Daylight Savings Time ends November 3. Remember to change your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries while changing your clocks.

#### 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 are caused by fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast and a working smoke alarm will give you time to get out safely.

#### What you need to know about smoke alarms

- Install new batteries at least twice a year and immediately if the alarm *chirps* warning of a low battery.
- 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, including every room where someone sleeps, as well as outside all sleeping areas.
- 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 5 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 that feature strobe lights and bed shakers.

Residents who have purchased a smoke alarm and need 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.

### National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness month and it's a great time to think about how you and your family would handle natural disasters such as flooding, thunderstorms, extreme heat, extreme cold, and tornadoes. Consider taking these steps:

- Make a 72-hour preparedness kit in the event you are unable to leave your home.
- Put together a plan to store additional food and water supplies.
- Develop a readiness plan to implement in case you lose power.
- Consider installing a home or portable generator.
- Equip your home with flashlights with working batteries.

Take time to prepare for these and other emergency situations so you are ready should they occur.

### Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training

The Village offers free Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training to learn the basics of emergency preparedness. The program promotes a partnering effort between emergency responders and the citizens they serve, and classes meet once a week for 7 weeks. The training covers topics like basic first aid, search and rescue, severe weather, and how to build an emergency kit, to make sure you and your family are prepared for a local disaster.

This year's class will start on Wednesday, October 2 and run every Wednesday through November 13. Classes are held at the Mount Prospect Fire Station 14, 2000 East Kensington, from 6:30 – 9:30pm.

For more information about the free training, call 847.818.5253 or visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org) and click on the tabs *How Do I* and *Emergency Preparedness*. Also visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for ways you and your family can plan and act when needed.

# Police Department

## Drive Safely Near Schools

School districts throughout Mount Prospect invest heavily in security hardware, video cameras, and hall monitors, as well as extensive staff training to keep your children safe. However, the greatest threat to your child's well-being and safety may be a parent dropping off and picking up their child.

Drop off and pick up times produce heavy traffic congestion on the streets surrounding schools. Parents sometimes park blocking driveways, preventing homeowners' access to their property while other cars 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, unless your vehicle is parked, the use of cell phones by drivers in a vehicle is strictly prohibited.

## Upcoming Beat Meetings

The Police Department invites residents and business owners to join the officers working in their patrol beat to attend upcoming beat meetings to receive updated information on crime trends and prevention tips. The fall beat meetings will take place between September 9 and October 17. For specific dates, times and locations of your next beat meeting please visit [mountprospect.org/departments/police-department](http://mountprospect.org/departments/police-department).

## Make it a Safe Halloween

Here are some helpful tips to keep our little vampires and princesses safe this Halloween.

- Make sure kids only trick or treat during the suggested times of 3 to 8pm.
- Avoid dark colored costumes as they are much harder to see at night. If dark costumes are worn, make sure your kids carry a flashlight, glow stick, or wear a reflective belt or vest to make sure they are seen.
- Avoid masks as they restrict vision; use face paint instead.
- Make sure kids trick or treat in groups with an adult for extra safety.
- Always cross streets at the cross walks and never go between parked cars.
- If you are out driving on Halloween, be sure to drive with caution in residential areas and watch for kids that run out from between parked cars.
- When the kids return home, an adult should check all candy.



## Police Department Portal for Special Services

The Police Department has begun utilizing Frontline Public Safety Solutions online portal to provide residents with a convenient way to request overnight parking permission, a home watch while on vacation or register a pet. The online portal, which can be found on the Village website [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org) or by visiting [frontlinepss.com/mountprospect](http://frontlinepss.com/mountprospect), is available to all residents. Requesting overnight parking permission or a vacation home watch can also be made by calling the Police Department at 847.870.5656.

Public Safety Solutions Tool-Kit  
Mount Prospect Police Department

As a citizen, you have the ability to request your own entries that will be directed right to your police department. Simply choose the selection below and fill out a form for your request.

 <b>Over Night Parking</b> Provide us the details of your vehicle and the location it will be parked over night. We will add your request to our database to ensure a ticket is not given.	 <b>Vacation Watch</b> Provide us the details of your property and the date ranges you will be gone. Once added to our database, your property will be patrolled while you are away.	 <b>Pet Management</b> Provide us the details of your pet. Once added to our database, your pet information will be available to the police department in case of lost or stolen.
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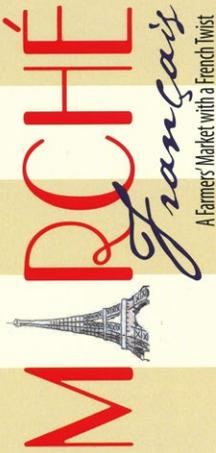
## Street of the Week Program

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 2-8 | Golf Road (Rt. 58)  
September 9-15 | Burning Bush Lane  
September 16-22 | Busse Road  
September 23-29 | Euclid Avenue  
September 30-October 6 | Lincoln Street  
October 7-13 | Wolf Road  
October 14-20 | Rand Road (Rt. 12)  
October 21-27 | Central Road



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French Market  
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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 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot MPLC	<b>2</b> Old Fashioned Family Picnic in the Park 10am-3pm Woodland Trails Park RTPD	<b>3</b> Senior Walking Club, 8:30am 900 Centennial Drive Bessie's Story Hour 10-11am HIST Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center Health Insurance Basics for Business Owners, 7pm, MPPL	<b>4</b> MP Garden Club Meeting Dahlia-Living Fireworks by Carol Cuchorski 11:30am Friendship Park Conservatory	<b>5</b> Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH	<b>6</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>7</b> A Spot of Tea with a Side of Gossip, 1pm, MPHIST MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot VW Night
<b>8</b> Lions Club Farmers Market (MPLC), & History Day Bake Sale at the Farmers' Market (MPHist) 8am-1pm, East Commuter Lot Marche Francais Farmers' Market with a French Twist 8am-1pm, Prospect Avenue Second Sundays at the Society, 11:30am, MPHIST	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Senior Walking Club, 8:30am 900 Centennial Drive Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>11</b> MP Garden Club Meeting Dahlia-Living Fireworks by Carol Cuchorski 11:30am Friendship Park Conservatory	<b>12</b> Conversations in English 5:30-7pm, Community Connections Center	<b>13</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>14</b> Coffee with Council, 9am-11:30am, VH Farley Community Room Fishing Derby, 9-11am Cleanwater Park, MPPD Celebration of Cultures Noon-6pm, Kopp Park Summer Slide Pub Crawl 3-7pm, Downtown, MPDMA MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot, Truck Night
<b>15</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8 am - 1 pm East Commuter Lot MPLC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Senior Walking Club, 8:30am 900 Centennial Drive Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>18</b> Movie Night at Central School, <i>Royal Wedding</i> 6pm, MPHIST	<b>19</b> Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center	<b>20</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>21</b> MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot Emergency Vehicle Night
<b>22</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8 am - 1 pm East Commuter Lot MPLC	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Senior Walking Club, 8:30am 900 Centennial Drive Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center City Lit Theater Company Presents: Books on the Chopping Block, 7:30pm MPPL	<b>25</b> Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm, VH Farley Community Room	<b>26</b> Mount Prospect Chamber Annual Fall Classic Golf Outing 10am Registration 11am Shotgun Start Mt Prospect Golf Club Conversations in English 5:30-7pm, Community Connections Center	<b>27</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>28</b> Fire Department Open House 10am-2 pm, Police & Fire Safety Building MPLC Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show, 3-9pm East Commuter Lot Thank You Night
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# October 2019



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

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Village Hall ..... 847.392.6000  
(includes Finance & Village Administration)  
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Television Services ..... 847.870.5685  
Community Development  
Building Division ..... 847.870.5675  
Environmental Health ..... 847.870.5668  
Planning Division ..... 847.818.5328  
Fire Department (non-emergency) ..... 847.870.5666  
Human Services ..... 847.870.5680  
Police Department (non-emergency) ..... 847.870.5656  
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