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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019



## Winter Fun Around Mount Prospect

Mount Prospect has a multitude of activities to get you ready for the holidays. The season kicks off with the Mount Prospect Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christkindlmarket on Wednesday, November 27th. Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season when the Mayor lights the official Village Tree, donated by a local family. Hear the Prospect High School Madrigals sing holiday tunes and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Then move inside and see the wide assortment of holiday gifts for sale in the Christkindlmarket. The Tree Lighting takes place at 5 pm and the Christkindlmarket is from 4 -7 pm.



Enjoy the beauty of the season at the **Mount Prospect Historical Society's 32nd Annual Holiday Housewalk**, featuring six private homes in the Country Club area of Mount Prospect. On Friday, December 6th, from 3:30-9 pm, homes decorated for the holidays will be open to the public for tours, with additional décor provided by area florists. Tickets go on sale November 1. Tickets are \$28 before November 30th; \$30 on day of walk. Purchase at various locations in town or online at [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org).

The Mt. Prospect Park District promises a whole day of family fun starting with their **Holiday Open House** on Saturday, December 7th at the Friendship Park Conservatory from 11 am – 3 pm. There will be musical performances, hay rides, crafts and face painting. Bring your camera for a special photo with live reindeer, visit Santa, and enjoy their holiday displays. Later on in the day, the Mt. Prospect Community Band will perform its annual, **Sounds of Christmas Concert** on

Saturday, December 7th at 4 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 West Golf Road. A Mt. Prospect Community Band holiday tradition – come celebrate the season through song. Enjoy classic carols and contemporary selections. For more information visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

Get into the holiday *spirit* at the **Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce's Craft Beer and Wine Walk** taking place on December 7th at 2pm throughout downtown. Restaurants and businesses provide venues for sampling craft beers and wine. For details and to register, visit [mountprospectchamber.org](http://mountprospectchamber.org).

Kids will have a *beary* good time at the **39th Annual Teddy Bear Walk** on Saturday, December 7th. Bring a favorite teddy bear and see story-performer Chris Fascione act out beloved stories. Ted E. Bear will then lead a march to Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by the Mount Prospect Fire Department. Register early at [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org), as this program fills quickly.

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# Community Events

NOVEMBER  
**1**

**Ageless Grace**  
Friday | November 1, 8, 15, & 22 | 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.



NOVEMBER  
**2**

**Post-Halloween Pumpkin Recycling**  
Saturday | November 2  
9am – noon  
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY  
1700 West Central Road  
Bring your clean pumpkin of any size. Pumpkins which



have been decorated with acrylic paint can also be dropped off but all other decorations such as candles, yarn or stickers must be removed. Service is available to residents of Mount Prospect and SWANCC member communities (no businesses please). For information, please call 847.870.5640 or visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org).

NOVEMBER  
**5**

**Play and Learn**  
Tuesdays | November 5, 12, 19 & 25 | 11:30am – 12:30pm  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER  
1711 West Algonquin Road



Parents 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.

NOVEMBER  
**7**

**Conversations in English**  
Thursday | November 7 & 21 | 11:30am – 1pm  
Thursday | November 14  
5:30 – 7pm  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER  
1711 West Algonquin Rd



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.

NOVEMBER  
**9**

**Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation Cabaret Night**  
Saturday | November 9  
6:30pm  
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY  
395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines

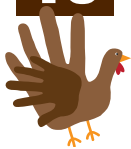


Listen to traditional pop and jazz standards presented by premier entertainer Peter Oprisko. Tickets \$20 in advance or

\$25 at the door and include appetizers and sweet treats. Drinks and fall raffle tickets will also be available for purchase. Benefits the Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation annual scholarship program. For more information visit [mppd.org/foundation](http://mppd.org/foundation).

NOVEMBER  
**10**

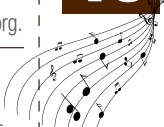
**Second Sunday at the Society: Make-and-Take Paper Turkeys**  
Sunday | November 10  
11:30m – 1:30pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
101 & 103 South Maple St  
Stop by the Mount Prospect



Historical Society museum campus for hands-on activities and make-and-takes. All ages are welcome at this free event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours.

NOVEMBER  
**10**

**Mt. Prospect Community Band Born in the USA Fall Concert**  
Sunday | November 10  
3:30pm  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
605 West Golf Road



Concert featuring some of America's most beloved composers: George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Alfred Reed, and John Williams. The band will salute our Veterans with a special musical tribute. The Mt. Prospect Community Band is a program of the MPPD. Tickets can be purchased for \$8 in advance at the RecPlex (420 West Dempster) or for \$10 at the door. For more information, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

NOVEMBER  
**11**

**Veterans Day Observance**  
Monday | November 11  
10:30am  
LIONS VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK  
411 South Maple Street



A guest speaker will talk about this day which honors all veterans, past and present. The ceremony will conclude with a 21-gun rifle salute by the VFW/American Legion Firing Detail. This is a FREE EVENT.

NOVEMBER  
**13**

**A Wildlife Friendly Fall Cleanup by Kim Pesche**  
Wednesday | November 13  
11:30am  
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY  
395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines



The management of a garden can have dramatic impacts on wildlife. Learn

why people are now embracing a new approach to fall cleanup. The Garden Club of Mount Prospect is hosting Kim Pesche, manager at Pesche's Flowers, to speak about a wildlife-friendly way to approach fall cleanup. Kim has a varied and diverse background, having worked in all avenues of horticulture and at botanic gardens worldwide. Refreshments at 11:30am, social hour/meeting at 12:15pm and the program at 1:00pm. Guests are always welcome. Visit [gcmp.weebly.com](http://gcmp.weebly.com) for more information.

NOVEMBER  
**13**

**Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class**

Wednesday | November 13  
1:30pm  
VILLAGE BOARD ROOM  
50 South Emerson Street  
If you'd like a refresher in advance of taking your



written exam for your Illinois driver's license renewal, join the Human Services Department for this review. Registration is required. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

NOVEMBER  
**13**

**Power of the Purse**  
Wednesday | November 13  
7pm  
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM  
50 South Emerson Street



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for its fourth Power of the Purse handbag auction. New and gently used handbags will be for sale, and wine and desserts will be served. Proceeds go towards preserving the Central School and other Mount Prospect Historical Society educational programs. Reservations are required by November 1. For more information visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call 847.392.9006.

NOVEMBER  
**14**

**Mount Prospect Stories: Prohibition Era Mount Prospect**  
Thursday | November 14  
7 – 8:30pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 South Emerson Street



This October marks the 100-year anniversary of the Volstead Act—otherwise known as Prohibition. Mount Prospect Historical Society Director, Lindsay Rice, will discuss what led to the ban on alcohol, how it affected Mount Prospect and surrounding areas, and what led the government to ultimately repeal the Volstead Act. Join us as we explore the juxtaposed worlds of politics, the temperance movement, gangsters, and the quiet village of Prohibition-era Mount

Prospect. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.

NOVEMBER  
**21**

**Best Children's Books of 2019**

Thursday | November 21  
7 – 8:30pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 South Emerson Street  
As you gear up for holiday shopping, look to the



MPPL for suggestions of this year's best children's books. Join the library for a fast-paced book talk bonanza, featuring Youth Services' favorite titles, snacks, and new book giveaways. Librarians will share fabulous fiction and nonfiction titles for preschoolers through sixth graders. This event is perfect for teachers, parents, and families. Sponsored by the MPPLF. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.

NOVEMBER  
**27**

**Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christkindlmarket**

Wednesday | November 27  
Tree Lighting | 5pm  
Christkindlmarket | 4-7pm  
VILLAGE HALL  
50 South Emerson Street



Bring friends and family to witness the lighting of a tree donated by a Mount Prospect resident. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and carols. Stay and explore the Christkindlmarket in the Community Room, which welcomes an array of local vendors with creative gifts just in time for the holidays. For vendor opportunities, please email [speialevents@mountprospect.org](mailto:speialevents@mountprospect.org). Tree Lighting is sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect, Christkindlmarket is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. Cookies and Hot Chocolate by the MP Lions Club.

DECEMBER  
**1**

**Holiday Open House**  
Sunday | December 1  
11am – 3pm

FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY  
395 West Algonquin Road  
Des Plaines



Enjoy musical performances, hayrides, crafts, face painting and a visit with Santa! Bring your camera for a special photo with live reindeer, buy a home-grown poinsettia, and enjoy Mt. Prospect Park District holiday displays. For more information, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).



DECEMBER

2

### Play and Learn

Tuesdays | December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 11:30am – 12:30pm

#### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER

1711 West Algonquin Road  
Parents 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.



DECEMBER

4

### Christmas Traditions from Around the World

Wednesday | December 4  
11:30am

#### FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY

395 West Algonquin Road,  
Des Plaines

Join the Garden Club of Mount Prospect to find out how the rest of the world celebrates Christmas. Refreshments at 11:30am, social hour/meeting at 12:15pm, program at 1:00pm. Guests are always welcome. For more info visit [gcmp.weebly.com](http://gcmp.weebly.com). Note: This meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month.



DECEMBER

5

### The 50s Plus Breakfast Hour

Thursday | December 5  
9 – 10am

#### VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street  
Residents 50 years of age and older are invited to

attend the 50s Plus Breakfast Hour on Thursday, December 5 at Village Hall. Come join your Village team and the Chamber of Commerce to learn and have fun. For more information, please call 847.870.5680.



DECEMBER

5

### Conversations in English

Thursday | December 5 & 19  
11:30am – 1pm

Thursday | December 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.



DECEMBER

6

### Ageless Grace

Friday | December 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.

DECEMBER

6

### Holiday Housewalk

Friday | December 6  
3:30 – 9pm

#### COUNTRY CLUB AREA OF MOUNT PROSPECT

The 32nd Annual Holiday Housewalk features six homes decorated by the homeowners with additional floral arrangements and décor provided by area florists. Homes are located east of the golf course and north of the creek. Tickets on sale November 1 and are \$28 until November 30. They can be purchased at locations in town or online at [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org). Tickets the day of the walk are \$30. Mount Prospect Historical Society members can purchase tickets at the museum for \$26. Proceeds go towards preserving the Central School and other Mount Prospect Historical Society educational programs.



DECEMBER

7/14

### Breakfast with Santa

Saturday | December 7 & 14 | 10 – 11:30am

#### ROB ROY GOLF COURSE

505 East Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights

Joining the River Trails Park District to celebrate the



season with a breakfast buffet. Please drop off a small, wrapped gift (value should not exceed \$10) to the Weiss Center for Santa to give to your child by 12/4 for the 12/7 seating and by 12/11 for the 12/14 seating. Label the gift with your child's first and last name. All guests, including infants, must be registered. Limited highchairs and booster seats, so please bring one for your child. Family seating request form is available online or at the Weiss Center. Complete by 12/2 for first seating and 12/9 for second seating. Infants under one are free, children ages one to 15 are \$11, and \$15 for everyone over the age of 15. For more info call 847.255.1200 or visit [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org).

DECEMBER

7

### 39th Annual Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday | December 7  
10am – Noon

#### MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street



Don't miss this *beary* good time as the library celebrates the 39th annual Teddy Bear Walk. Bring your favorite teddy bear and see performer Chris Fascione act out beloved stories. Sing along with Parents' Choice Gold Winner Mark Dvorak as he brings favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead a march to Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by the Mount Prospect Fire Department. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. To register, visit [mmppl.org](http://mmppl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.

DECEMBER

7

### Craft Beer & Wine Walk

Saturday | December 7  
2pm

#### DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Restaurants and businesses participate in this winter event. There will be samples to try and raffle prizes to win. Visit [mountprospectchamber.org](http://mountprospectchamber.org) for details and to register!



DECEMBER

7

### Mt. Prospect Community Band Sounds of Christmas Concert

Saturday | December 7  
4pm

#### TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 605 West Golf Road



Come celebrate the holiday season through song. A Mount Prospect holiday tradition, this free concert is put on by the Mt. Prospect Community Band. Santa himself never misses this concert. Enjoy classic carols and contemporary selections. The band is a program of the Mt. Prospect Park District. For more information, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

DECEMBER

8

### Second Sunday at the Society: Gingerbread Open House

Sunday | December 8  
11:30am – 1:30pm

#### MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

101 & 103 South Maple St



Stop by the Mount Prospect Historical Society for the annual Gingerbread Open House, which includes a variety of holiday make-and-

takes. All ages are welcome at this free event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours.

DECEMBER

14

### Friends Holiday Gift Sale

Saturday | December 14  
10am – 3pm

#### MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street



Just in time for the holidays, you can browse a wide variety of quality used books, music, movies, and games from every genre. All items have been specially selected for this sale, so you can find the perfect gift for the adults, teens, and children on your list. Funds raised will help the Friends of the Library support additional programs, events, and services. For more info, visit [mmppl.org](http://mmppl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the library.

DECEMBER

21

### Stocking Deliveries

Saturday | December 21  
10am – 1pm

Imagine your child's delight or a friend's surprise when jolly old Saint Nick brings a stocking full of goodies to the door. The RTPD will



try to accommodate your time requests; however, no guarantees can be made. Deliveries for River Trails residents only ages one year and up. Stockings are \$16 for the first child and \$10 for the second child. For more info call 847.255.1200 or visit [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org).

## Save the Date!

Mayor Arlene Juracek's  
**State of Mount Prospect**  
presentation at the  
Dynamic Year Breakfast  
Thursday | January 9, 2020  
Doors open at 7:00am  
Breakfast Buffet at 7:30am  
Program begins at 8:00am

### Mt. Prospect Park District Job Fair

Saturday | January 4, 2020  
11am – 1pm

#### REC PLEX

420 West Dempster Street

Learn more about summer employment at the Mt. Prospect Park District Job Fair. Connect with hiring managers and discover the variety of part-time and seasonal positions offered.

## Holiday Tree Lighting and Christkindlmarket



The holiday season in Mount Prospect is filled with great family events and traditions beginning with our Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christkindlmarket on November 27. Bring

the entire family or gather a group of neighbors to kick-off the holiday season as we celebrate at Village Hall, at the corner of Route 83 and Busse Avenue.

Christkindlmarket, presented by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission, will be open in the Community Room from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. The gathering will feature an array of local vendors with creative gifts just in time for the holidays. At 5:00 pm. we'll flip the switch to light up the Village tree, donated once again this year by a local family. While there, enjoy carols, hot chocolate and cookies. The Tree Lighting Ceremony is sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect.

If you are a local business interested in being a vendor at the Christkindlmarket, please email [specialevents@mountprospect.org](mailto:specialevents@mountprospect.org).

## Veteran's Day Observance

Each year on November 11, our country asks citizens to pause and pay tribute to those who have served our country. The armistice that brought an end to WWI was signed at 11:00 am on November 11, 1918.

Mount Prospect VFW Post 1337 will host a ceremony in the park house at Lions Veterans Memorial Park beginning at 10:30 am on the 11th. Dutch DeGroot, retired United States Air Force Master Sergeant will speak about the history and importance of observing Veteran's Day. The ceremony will conclude with a 21-gun rifle salute by the VFW/American Legion Firing Detail and Korean War veteran Steve Chmela will play Taps.

Throughout early November members of VFW Post 1337 and American Legion Post 525 will be participating in school and civic programs throughout Mount Prospect. Connecting our veterans with young students is an important way to educate the next generation about the sacrifices that have been made on their behalf and to explain many of our nation's cherished traditions.

To schedule a visit or information session, contact Bill Starr, American Legion Commander at [billstarr14@gmail.com](mailto:billstarr14@gmail.com) or Dutch DeGroot, Service Officer at [service\\_officer@vfw1337.us](mailto:service_officer@vfw1337.us) or visit [vfw1337.us/news.html](http://vfw1337.us/news.html).



## Chicago Executive Airport Sound Insulation Program

Chicago Executive Airport is pleased to announce the launch of its Residential Sound Insulation Program (RSIP). This federally funded project will provide qualifying homes near the airport with sound insulating materials such as new windows, doors, and ventilation systems.

The program will be introduced with a presentation on November 12, 2019 from 6-8 pm at the Ramada Inn, 1090 S. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, IL 60090. All airport neighbors from Wheeling, Prospect Heights, and Mount Prospect are invited to attend. Representatives of the Executive Airport will share an overview of the project, which includes a general timeline and information on what may qualify a home for construction improvements. This is a great opportunity to learn about the project and meet the team.

Please note the Village is not hosting or managing the sound insulation meeting. The RSIP project manager, Penny Merritt, is available for any questions. She can be reached at [pmerritt@cscos.com](mailto:pmerritt@cscos.com) and 847.947.8392, Monday through Friday 8 am – 4:30 pm.



## Shining Stars

It's that time of year when the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission searches for nominations of individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. Those nominated may be celebrated as Shining Stars and recognized at a gala banquet to be held Saturday, February 1, 2019 at The Cotillion Banquets.

Nominations can come from community leaders, business people, residents, and people who simply want to make Mount Prospect a better place to live. The categories cover a wide range of interest areas and are designed especially to seek out individuals who do things that often go unnoticed by the public. Please refer to the Village web site, [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org), for a detailed list of categories and previous winners. You may also fill out and submit online a nomination form from the Village website. Simply follow the Shining Stars Awards link on the homepage. Forms are also available at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street. Nominations forms must be filled out fully and received no later than midnight, November 25, 2019. The winners are selected in early December and will be announced shortly thereafter. Mail completed forms to: SHINING STAR AWARDS Mount Prospect Special Events Commission

PO Box 69 Mount Prospect | Illinois 60056. If you have questions or need more information email: [SpecialEvents@mountprospect.org](mailto:SpecialEvents@mountprospect.org).





# Community/Economic Development

## Building and Inspections Department

One of the greatest concerns for any homeowner is a problem with a sewer line. If you encounter blockage of your main line, please take these important steps:

- Begin by notifying your sewer service provider. Depending upon your location in the Village call either Mount Prospect Public Works at 847.870.5640 or Illinois-American at 800.422.2782. Check your utility statement to find your service provider.
- Have your contractor spend time diagnosing whether the blockage is in the private line or in the sewer main. This can save you time and money.
- If the blockage is in the main or parkway, contact your sewer provider.
- When your contractor clears your line, have them use a video camera inside the line to record the current state of the line. Place this information on a flash drive or other device and save in a safe place to view later if you need repairs or for the next contractor.



## Local Couple Opens New Restaurant in Downtown

Mount Prospect residents Will and Marci Lehnert recently debuted a new restaurant in downtown. After many years of operating a hot dog cart in Wicker Park, the couple completely rehabbed what had been an auto repair shop at 208 South Main Street to open Hubby's in the Dog House.

The inviting new space offers specialty hot dogs, burgers, Italian beef, and more. The restaurant offers a seating area, a takeout space, and catering services. Hubby's in the Dog House is quickly becoming a popular spot in the continually developing downtown area and we look forward to having this fun new spot be a part of the area for many years to come.

Check out the Village's Development Update webpage at [mountprospect.org/business/development-updates](http://mountprospect.org/business/development-updates) or call the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 to learn about new and upcoming projects.



## Ribbon Cuttings



Thursday | October 3  
WEIL FOOT AND ANKLE CLINIC HEADQUARTERS  
1660 Feehanville Drive  
847.262.9904 | [yourilpodiatrist.com](http://yourilpodiatrist.com)



Saturday | October 5  
JOHN MEYEN BLACKSMITH EXHIBIT  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 Maple Street  
847.392.9006 | [mphist.org](http://mphist.org)

## Finance

### 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).



# Public Works

## Recycle Your Pumpkin

The Village of Mount Prospect will host a pumpkin recycling event Saturday, November 2, from 9:00 am to noon. All pumpkins collected will be composted by Organix Recycling, LLC. Pumpkins can be dropped off at the Public Works Facility, 1700 West Central Road.



Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins painted with acrylic paint. Any pumpkin decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers or other decorations should be removed prior to drop-off. No other drop-off materials will be accepted at this event. Pumpkins will only be accepted from Mount Prospect and SWANCC member community residents (no businesses). Republic Services will provide roll-off containers and will transport the pumpkins to the composting site.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 and visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org).

## Curbside Leaf Pick-up Continues Through December 6

The Village's fall leaf collection program provides residents with a no-cost, convenient way to get rid of leaves. The program allows residents to set out loose leaves at the curb for collection by Public Works crews from October 21 through December 6 (weather dependent). There will be no leaf collection on Thanksgiving or the following day.

The loose-leaf collection program is for leaves only. Any leaf pile containing grass clippings or other yard material will not be collected. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove the unacceptable materials from the leaves for collection. Leaves can be raked onto the pavement one foot from the curb line on the day before your scheduled pickup day. Please do not



rake leaves onto the pavement prior to that. If the vacuum truck has already passed by your home, do not rake leaves into the street as the trucks travel each street once per week during the collection period.

Rather than raking leaves to the street, you may want to consider putting your leaves to work. Leaves make terrific mulch; instead of raking them into the street this year, pack them around your perennials and on your flowerbeds as insulation against the cold. If you have a vegetable

garden, spread the leaves on top of it, then rototill them into the soil to enrich it for the next year's crop. Leaves are also a valuable addition to a well-maintained compost pile.

## Collection of Organics, Yard Waste and Brush Runs through December 13

Please make sure that your organics, yard waste, and loose branches and brush are properly packaged for pick-up prior to the season ending December 13. No items will be collected after that date. Check the Village website for information on the start of the 2020 collection program.





## Environmental Considerations When Caring for Your Car

Proper car care and maintenance plays a very important role in efforts to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids such as oil and anti-freeze are hazardous to waterways. When they are dumped into storm drains or onto pavement, they will make their way to local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations in our area.



Antifreeze is also dangerous to the environment and should be treated in the same manner as waste oil. It contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife. If you should spill oil or anti-freeze, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill, then sweep the absorbent up after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org).

### Motor Oil Recycling Locations in Mount Prospect

AUTOZONE

1735 West Golf Road

847.718.1841

Accepts oil at no cost and car batteries for store credit

O'REILLY AUTO PARTS

1 East Rand Road

847.398.3203

Accepts oil (5-gallon limit) and oil filters at no cost

## Proceed Carefully When Winterizing Your Household Water System

For a variety of reasons, people may choose to winterize their home water service. Whether it is for an extended vacation, a home renovation project, vacancy or home sale, residents need to adhere to Village Code and ordinances when dealing with their water service.

To schedule a water service shutoff at the b-box please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 at least 48 hours in advance. If Public Works finds any problems with the operation of the b-box, the property owner will be notified. Sometimes debris or age will make a b-box inoperable.

After the water service is shutoff by Public Works, you will need to drain the interior plumbing by shutting off the water heater and opening the water heater drain port or by draining the lowest faucet or spigot in the system. Expect to drain several gallons of water from this spigot so have a bucket handy. Contact a licensed plumber to properly drain piping, water heater, toilets, and traps to prevent damage from freezing.

Turning off the heat to a property is not advisable during the winter months as pipes can freeze or worse, burst and cause flooding. Lower your thermostats to maintain a minimum temperature to keep pipes from freezing. Contact an HVAC contractor to install a programmable thermostat if needed.

The Village Code does not allow a property to be winterized by the removal of the water meter. B-boxes, round-ways or road boxes should only be operated by Public Works. Improper use of these devices by untrained persons can result in damage, including main breaks or service leaks causing service disruption to the property and others. Fines and fees can be imposed per the Village Code.

Do not use an air compressor to *blow out* the private service piping as doing so allows grit, oils and other contaminants to enter the private and public water supply posing a potential health risk to you and others who drink the water. Adding chemicals or antifreeze to your system is unsafe and unsanitary and is not allowed by Village Code as they may contaminate the piping and require expensive cleanup.

Winterizing your property does not relieve you from paying sewer, cross-connection device and refuse flat fees. These are applicable whether there is water usage or not. Be safe, be smart – winterize the proper way.



## Thanksgiving Safety

Did you know that Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? Safety in the kitchen is important; especially when there is a lot of activity and people at home. Here are a few safety tips to follow this November:

- Stay in the home when cooking the turkey and remember to check on it frequently.
- Make sure smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.
- Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during this busy time.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.



## Winter Holiday Safety

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. As winter approaches, residents should remember these few life saving tips to help keep safe.

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Make sure Christmas trees are at least three feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Carbon monoxide is also a serious problem in the winter. Check carbon monoxide detectors regularly to ensure they are working properly.

## Christmas Tree Safety

Christmas trees account for approximately 200 fires annually, resulting in an average of 4 deaths, 15 injuries and 12 million dollars in direct property damage. Tree fires typically occur as a result of shorts in electrical lights, and/or open flames from candles. Well-watered trees are generally not a problem, however dry and neglected trees can cause issues.

To eliminate a potential fire hazard this holiday season, the Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends residents use an artificial Christmas tree. If residents elect not to use an artificial tree, the purchase of a fresh cut tree will reduce the risk of fire. When checking for freshness, residents should look for:

- A tree that is completely green.
- Needles that are difficult to pull from branches and do not break when bent between fingers (when the trunk is bounced on the ground a shower of needles should not occur).
- A trunk that is sticky with resin.

Once residents get their tree home, they should follow these guidelines to ensure a safe holiday season:

- Place the trunk in a bucket of water to maintain freshness until they are ready to bring it inside.
- Cut off about two inches of the trunk before bringing it indoors, then mount it in a sturdy stand with wide spread legs. Use thin wire or fishing line to fasten large trees to walls or the ceiling to prevent the tree from toppling over.

- Place the tree at least three feet from fireplaces, radiators or other heat sources.
- Treat the tree as if it were fresh flowers, making sure the water cup is filled at all times. Heated rooms tend to rapidly dry out trees, creating fire hazards.
- Do not rely on chemical coatings or sprays to flameproof trees.
- Never put lit candles on a tree.
- When decorating, make sure all electrical light cords are not frayed or split. Test lights before putting them on the tree.

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

## Fireplace Safety

In order to help reduce the risk of home fires, the Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends that residents follow these guidelines for proper use and maintenance of their fireplaces:

### Keep Fireplaces Clean

- Have your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected at least once a year. Make sure that the flue is carefully inspected both inside and out.
- Burn only hard woods as they contain smaller amounts of creosote, a black tarry substance that can block passageways and/or easily ignite.
- Put cool ashes in a metal container when you clean out your fireplace.

### Safely Burn Fuel

- Never leave a fire in your fireplace unattended.
- Burn only seasoned firewood.
- Never burn paper, charcoal or rags.
- When using artificial logs, burn only one at a time.

### Protect Your Home

- Keep flammable and combustible articles at least three feet away from the open fire.
- Make certain that your smoke detectors are working.
- Always use a fireplace screen in front of your fireplace.
- Supervise children at all times when using your fireplace.

Contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253 with any questions.



# Police Department

## We Know It's Cold Outside, but...

Don't leave your car running unattended while you stay warm in the house. Every year several cars are stolen in that exact circumstance. In addition, leaving a running car unattended is illegal and if the car is stolen and causes damage or personal injury, you could be held responsible. For your safety and that of the community, stay in your car any time it is running in your driveway or parking lot.



## Winter Driving is Back

As the seasons change, our driving habits need to change with them. Chicagoland road conditions in winter can test the skills of even the most experienced drivers. As we approach another winter driving season, please keep these tips in mind when getting behind the wheel.



- Keep your vehicle properly maintained. A properly functioning vehicle is key to safe winter driving.
- Be prepared for emergencies by keeping a first aid kit, ice scraper, snow brush, matches, candles, flashlight, warning triangles or flares, bag of sand, blanket, gloves, emergency HELP sign, and cell phone with charger in your vehicle.
- Watch for hazardous road conditions. Take extra care when driving on icy roads and watch out for hard to see patches of ice (black ice), especially in shady spots and over bridges.
- Keep a safe distance of at least five seconds behind other vehicles.
- Use your headlights during overcast and gloomy days.
- Remove all snow and ice from all windows of your vehicle before driving.
- Keep your windshield washer reservoir full to give you a clear view of what is ahead.

Finally, please slow down. Most car accidents are caused by driving at excessive speeds.

## Parking Restrictions After Snowfall

Parking on Mount Prospect streets is prohibited for a 24-hour period following a minimum 2" snowfall. This ordinance supersedes any previously granted permission to park on a street. Any cars parked on a street will be towed in order to keep a clear path for Village snowplows. All residents are required to monitor weather and adhere to the parking restriction regardless of time of day or day of week. Our Public Works crews do a great job clearing our streets and roadways so let's all do our part to keep them rolling on snowy days.

## Why We Need Nosey Neighbors

When people are called a *nosey* neighbor the connotation is usually not good. A simple internet search on the term provides an overwhelming number of ideas on how to deal with a nose neighbor, but very few praising them for watching out for the homes around them.

There are many positives to having, or being, a nose neighbor. We often fall into the routine of our daily lives and do not pay enough attention to what is going on around us. With most residential burglaries taking place during the daytime while people are out of their homes, we need to rely on our neighbors to watch out for us. Our neighborhoods could benefit from everyone being a little nosier and calling 911 whenever they see or hear any suspicious people or activity.

## 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:

November 4-10 | Northwest Hwy (Rt. 14)

November 11-17 | Lonquist Blvd

November 18-24 | Elmhurst Road (Rt. 83)

November 25-December 1 | Golf Road (Rt. 58)

December 2-8 | Burning Bush Lane

December 9-15 | Busse Road

December 16-22 | Euclid Avenue

December 23-29 | Lincoln Street



# Human Services

## Help a Local Family this Thanksgiving

While we look forward to enjoying the holidays, let's do our part to assist families that are in need this season.

Each year we collect food to be distributed to Mount Prospect families that are facing financial challenges. Through your generosity, we can make this a Thanksgiving to remember for many of those families. Please drop your non-perishable food items off at Village Hall in the Human Services Department no later than November 8.

For more details call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



## Teens Needed to Assist Seniors with Snow Shoveling

As we do each year, the Mount Prospect Human Services Department is looking to connect Mount Prospect teens (ages 13-18) with local seniors or residents with disabilities who need assistance with snow removal this winter. While we will not screen participants or determine any payment terms, we will assist in establishing the relationship to put teens in touch with those seeking help. For more information please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



## Rules of the Road



If you are a senior citizen who is due to renew your driver's license, we are hosting a Secretary of State Rules of the Road class November 13.

The class will take place at the Community Center in Village Hall at 1:30 pm. The free class provides a refresher on rules prior to taking your test. Registration is required so please call 847.870.5680 to reserve your spot.

## Are you a senior citizen?

Did you know that the Human Services Department publishes a monthly newsletter for seniors with upcoming community events, local groups for socialization and a variety of activities, resources, etc.? For more information please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



## Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook page for details and updates.



**community  
connections  
center**

1711 West Algonquin Road  
Mount Prospect IL 60056  
847.506.4930

### Hours

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





## VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

50 South Emerson Street  
Mount Prospect | Illinois 60056  
www.mountprospect.org

### VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency ..... 911  
Village Hall ..... 847.392.6000  
(includes Finance & Village Administration)  
Village Clerk ..... 847.818.5355  
Television Services ..... 847.870.5685  
Community Development  
Building Division ..... 847.870.5675  
Environmental Health ..... 847.870.5668  
Planning Division ..... 847.818.5328  
Fire Department (non-emergency) ..... 847.870.5666  
Human Services ..... 847.870.5680  
Police Department (non-emergency) ..... 847.870.5656  
Public Works ..... 847.870.5640  
Water Billing ..... 847.392.6000

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2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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**VH** Village Hall

# November 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> Second Sunday at the Society: Make-and-take Paper Turkeys 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist Mt. Prospect Community Band: Born in the USA Fall Concert, 3:30 pm Trinity United Methodist Church, MPPD	<b>4</b> Veterans Day Observance 10:30 am, Lions Park Rec. Center, MPPD	<b>5</b> Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>6</b> Garden Club of MP 11:30am, Friendship Park Conservatory Rules of the Road Class, 1:30pm, VH Boardroom Power of the Purse- Purse Auction 7pm, VH, HIST Mount Prospect-Stories: Prohibition Era Mount Prospect, 7pm, MPPL	<b>7</b> Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH	<b>1</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>2</b> Post-Halloween Pumpkin Recycling, 9am - noon PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY 1700 West Central Road
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center Best Children's Books of 2019, 7-8:30 pm, MPPL	<b>22</b> Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>27</b> Christkindlmarket 4-7pm Tree Lighting Ceremony 5 pm, Village Hall	<b>28</b> Happy Thanksgiving! VH Closed	<b>29</b> VH Closed	<b>30</b>

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# Holiday Fun

## AROUND MOUNT PROSPECT



### Holiday Open House

Sunday | December 1  
11:00am – 3:00pm

### FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY

395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines  
Join the Mt. Prospect Park District

for a free day of fun with musical performances, hay rides, crafts, and face painting. For more information, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

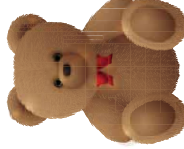


### Breakfast with Santa

December 7 & 14 | 10 – 11:30am  
**ROB ROY GOLF COURSE,**  
505 East Camp McDonald Road

Santa is joining us to celebrate the season with a breakfast buffet!

Registration fee is \$11 for children ages 1 to 15 and for those 16 and over, registration is \$15.



### Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday December 7 | 10am – noon  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
10 South Emerson Street

Don't miss this bear-y good time as the Library celebrates the 39th annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. To register, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org), call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.

### WINTER FUN!



### Craft Beer & Wine Walk

Saturday | December 7 | 2pm

### DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Restaurants and businesses participate in this winter event. There will be samples to try and raffle prizes to win. Visit [mountprospectchamber.org](http://mountprospectchamber.org) for details!

More information on all these events can be found in the Community Events section on pages 2 and 3!

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<b>1</b> Holiday Open House 11am-3pm Friendship Park Conserv. MPPD	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>4</b> MP Garden Club Christmas Traditions Around the World, 11:30am Friendship Park Conservatory	<b>5</b> 50's Plus Breakfast Hour 9am, VH 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 Holiday Housewalk 3:30-9pm Country Club Area, HIST	<b>7</b> Breakfast with Santa, 10am Rob Roy CC, RTPD 39th Annual Teddy Bear Walk 10am-Noon, MPPL Winter Craft Beer and Wine Walk 2pm, Downtown MP, Chamber Mt. Prospect Community Band: Sounds of Christmas, Concert 4pm, Trinity United Methodist Church, MPPD
<b>8</b> Second Sunday at the Society: Gingerbread Open House, 11:30am-1:30pm MPHist	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	<b>11</b>	<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-11am, Village Hall Community Room Breakfast with Santa, 10am Rob Roy CC, RTPD Friends Holiday Gift Sale 10am-3pm, MPPL
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