



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

FALL 2010

“ This is a great program. I’ve been contemplating replacing my windows for several years and the ability to have a portion of my costs covered by this rebate made the project more feasible. I couldn’t be happier with my new windows. ”



Energy Efficiency Home Weatherization Rebate Program

As heating and cooling costs continue to rise, paying the utility bills each month can put a strain on a household’s budget. For some residents performing energy efficient improvements to their home to reduce these energy costs may not be feasible due to the current economic climate. To assist homeowners in reducing the financial burden of performing energy efficient upgrades to their home the Village of Mount Prospect is currently offering rebates to local homeowners through the Energy Efficiency Home Weatherization Rebate Program. The program offers matching rebates of up to 50%

of project costs for qualified improvements. The maximum rebate is \$1,500 per household, with the ability to increase this amount if an energy audit is performed on the home. In order to qualify improvements must conform to minimum efficiency standards and the work performed by a contractor licensed to do business in Mount Prospect. Household income restrictions also apply. Eligible improvements include installing Energy STAR rated products such as water heaters, windows, roofs, furnaces, and air conditioners, or installing insulation in an attic or wall to obtain a certain R-value. (continued on Page 16)

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Mark Your Calendar for these Community Events/Programs



Fall Festival/Oktoberfest - Oct. 16

Lions Club Farmers' Market
Sundays Through October 17
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Commuter Parking Lot (northwest corner of Northwest Hwy. and Rte. 83)

For a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies, stop by and check it out!

Annual Cultural Series: A South American Carnival

Mount Prospect Public Library
October 1 – October 31

Spend the month with us as we explore pre-Columbian civilizations and colonial architecture and experience the unique blend of past and present as expressed in the lively South American music and dance. For a full list of programs, visit www.mpppl.org.

"They Felt It Had Prospect for the Future: The Story of Early Mount Prospect" - Exhibit Opening
Mount Prospect Historical Society
October 15, 5:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit opening from 5 to 7:30 p.m. with a reception and presentation to immediately follow. Call 847/392-9006 for details.

Studio Spooktacular
Mt. Prospect Park District, The Studio
October 16
Ages 4-6 • 9:30-11:30am
Ages 7-11 • 1-3pm
Halloween crafts for boys and girls.

Fall Craft Show at Friendship Park
Mt. Prospect Park District, Conservatory
October 16 • 10am-3pm

Selections will include jewelry, handmade items, fall specialties, holiday décor and more. Admission is free.

Fall Festival & Oktoberfest
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Fall Festival)
4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Oktoberfest)
Saturday, October 16
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. The family will enjoy hayrides, candy lines and entertainment. Following the Fall Festival, stay for the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest - Live entertainment featuring the German Band Phenix, great food, and dancing are expected to bring in the crowds for a fun night out in downtown Mount Prospect!

Howlin' Halloween Fest
Mt. Prospect Park District,
Lions Recreation Center
Saturday, October 23 • 11am-3pm
\$4 per child Ages 3-8

Wear your costume as you make your way through our Halloween arcade of games. Enjoy the moonwalk, crafts and more!

Sister Cities Wine Tasting
November 4, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mt. Prospect Sister Cities Commission invites you to join them at Vino 100 for their Annual Wine Tasting. They will have wines to taste with appetizers and cheeses throughout the evening. There is a \$10.00 donation per person at the door. For more information please call Maura at 847-392-6000.

Free Children's Festival of Art
Saturday, November 6 - 10am - NOON
Clayground Art Studio - 847-342-6653

Veterans' Day
Thursday, November 11
10:30 a.m.

Lions Park - Veterans' Band Shell

The procession will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Park recreation center and will march around to the band shell where a ceremony will be held. Please come out to honor and support our veterans.

Mt. Prospect Community Band Fall Concert
November 14, 2:00 p.m.

The Mt. Prospect Community Band will present its fall concert entitled "Trumpets Triumphant" in the theater at Forest View Educational Center at 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Hts. For ticket information contact the Mt. Prospect Park District at (847) 640-1000.

"Mount Prospect Stories" - Veterans' Day
Mount Prospect Historical Society
Village Hall Community Center
November, 18, 7:30 p.m.

Highlighting the experience of Mount Prospect residents, at home and abroad throughout the major armed conflicts of the 20th century.

Holiday Boutique
River Trails Parks & Recreation Foundation
Rob Roy Banquets - 505 E Camp McDonald Rd-
Prospect Heights
Thursday, November 18, 4-9pm

Shop our Holiday Boutique featuring local jewelry artists. For more information log on to www.rtpd.org or call at 847.463.3713

Toys for Kids

Donations accepted through Dec. 10

The Mount Prospect Police, Fire and Human Services Departments are once again conducting their annual Christmas Toys for Kids program. Only NEW, UNWRAPPED toys will be accepted at any Mount Prospect Fire Station from November 26 until December 10.

Holiday House Decorating Contest December 3 - 7

If your holiday lights are on the evenings of December 3 - 7, your home will be considered for the Village's Holiday Decorating Contest. Judges will be touring the Village on those dates to scout all the beautifully decorated houses of Mount Prospect. Winners will be announced at the December 14 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Award categories include Best Use of Lights, Best Block, Simple yet Elegant, and more.

23rd Annual Holiday Housewalk December 3, 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Featuring the area south of the tracks along Emerson and Maple Streets. Tickets will be available for purchase Nov. 1. For more information on these or other Historical Society events, call (847) 392-9006.

Teddy Bear Walk Mount Prospect Public Library December 4, 10 a.m. - Noon

Bring your favorite Teddy Bear for storytelling, music and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. Registration is required. To sign up, visit www.mppl.org/events, call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

Holiday Open House Mt. Prospect Park District, Friendship Park Conservatory December 4, 11am-3pm

Music, crafts, live reindeer, hayrides, holiday floral displays and, of course, Santa. Bring your camera!

Mt. Prospect Community Band Holiday Concert December 5, 4:00 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church 605 West Golf Road

**Junior Women's Club Luminaria
December 11, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Weiss Community Center, 1500 E. Euclid**
Luminaria are \$4 for a set of 5 kits which includes the bags, candles and sand. All proceeds benefit various Mount Prospect charities and families in need. Pre-orders are welcome - email mpjuniors@gmail.com.

New Year's Eve Party for Kids December 30

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. Join us for food, music, dancing, entertainment and more. Two seatings will be offered. More details to come. Visit www.downtownmountprospect.com for details.



Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is approaching fast and will be here soon. Here are some helpful tips to keep all of our little vampires and princesses safe.

- Make sure kids only trick or treat during the suggested times of 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- Avoid dark colored costumes, 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 wearing masks as they restrict vision, use face paint instead.
- Make sure kids trick or treat in groups and an adult should always tag along for extra safety.
- Trick or treaters should always cross at the cross walks and never go between parked cars.
- A quick note to the drivers out there - make sure you drive a little bit slower in the residential areas and watch for those kids that forgot the last tip and run out from between parked cars.
- And finally, an adult should always check all candy.

Try to keep these tips in mind and it will help make this a safe and happy Halloween.

Officer Friendly will be happy to speak to your children's group or class on Halloween safety. Call 847.870-5650 to schedule a visit from Officer Friendly.

Trick-or-Treating Hours

Sunday, October 31

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



News, Notes and Reminders



Parking Restrictions

As the weather cools, you will notice more soccer and football leagues playing games at the many parks in town. Please be reminded of the following when parking on the street during these events:

- Obey all posted signs which may contain restricted parking hours or restrict which side of the street you may park on.
- Be courteous of the neighbors by not blocking sidewalks or driveways.
- Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or 20 feet of a crosswalk is prohibited and violators will be ticketed.
- Parking with the left wheels to the curb is prohibited.

Thank you for adhering to these laws and allowing a potentially stressful parking situation to be less stressful to the neighborhood and less costly to you.

Portable on Demand Storage Containers

When you need to use a portable on demand (POD) storage container for that big project or move, please be considerate of the neighborhood by placing the containers on the driveway and filling and removing the containers promptly. The containers are unsightly and can damage landscaping if not properly located.

The Village Code limits the placement of POD storage containers to a maximum of 14 days and no more than 2 times in a 30 day period. The container may only be placed on the driveway. Should you have any questions or wish to report a problem, please call the Environmental Health & Housing Division at 847/870-5668.

Senior Driver Refresher Class

The Secretary of State sponsors Rules of the Road driver refresher classes for senior citizens who need to renew their driver's license. It is designed to reinforce knowledge of rules of the road and cover any changes in the driving laws. The next class at the Village Hall Community Center will be held on November 17 at 1:30 p.m. You do not need to wait to take the class until your license expiration date. You may take it ahead of time if you hope to avoid bad weather or conflicts with travel plans. Call 847/870-5680 to register.

Thinking About a Building Project?

Free Pre-Submittal Meeting Helps You Get Started!

The Building Division offers FREE pre-submittal meetings to review your project. These meetings are meant to ease you through the building permit application process, explain the requirements of what the Village is looking for, and make your permit review process go smoothly and quickly! We are happy to meet with you for any size project. Please note, a pre-submittal meeting is required for larger projects such as remodels, additions, or new construction. To schedule a pre-submittal meeting for your project, please contact the Permit Coordinator at 847-818-5396.

Vehicle Stickers Required

The deadline for displaying the 2010-2011 vehicle stickers was April 30, 2010. The Police Department issues citations to owners of locally registered vehicles on which 2010-2011 stickers are not displayed. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late payment penalty. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased replacement vehicles after May 1. In these situations, there is a 30-day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Proof of move-in or vehicle purchase date is required to ensure that a penalty is not imposed. If you change vehicles during the year, call the Finance Department at 847-392-6000 for more information.

Shining Star Awards

Each year the Village recognizes individuals and organizations that contribute to making Mount Prospect a better community at the Celestial Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5 and the Special Events Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Shining Star Awards. If you have a neighbor that would bend over backward for anyone in need, or know someone who is always there but asks nothing in return? Then you might know a Shining Star candidate. They can only win if they are nominated. Nomination forms and category descriptions are available on the Village's web site, www.mountprospect.org. Nominations must be received by November 15.





Community Connections Center Celebrates One Year Anniversary

Mayor Irvana Wilks (right) is joined by Jaquie Laramie Christen, Branch Coordinator of the Mount Prospect Public Library South Branch (left) and Mount Prospect resident and former Community Relations Commission Chair John Brennan (center).

The Mount Prospect Community Connections Center celebrated its one year anniversary in August. The Center's goal is "to create a healthy Mount Prospect community by ensuring that all members of the Village have access to resources and information that ensures full participation in civic life and a pathway to quality education, jobs and economic self sufficiency."

In looking at some of the highlights of the past year, those aspirations seem to have been met:

- The South Branch of the Mount Prospect Public Library located in the Center had 60,000 visitors and checked out 37,000 items.
- Police and Human Services Departments personnel worked with about 1,000 individuals and had 6,300 contacts with them.
- Active participation by all Community Connections Center's Partner Agencies:
 Consolidated School District 59
 District 214 Community Education
 Northwest Community Hospital
 Elk Grove Township

Examples of Community Partner Agency programming include:

- District 214 is offering ESL classes for 9 weeks this fall at the Center. Several women are going to the Women and Children's Center to participate in their training programs.
- District 59 will be holding pre-kindergarten classes at the Center in November for 3 weeks training mothers in Effective ways of parenting.
- Elk Grove Township has a representative at the Center once a month assisting people with General Assistance.
- Northwest Community Hospital will hold a class on diabetes on Sept. 11th @ 11:30 AM and another class on healthy relationships on Sept 20th at 5 PM.

The Center continues to expand its programming to meet the needs of the residents it serves. The Community Connections Center is located at 1711 W. Algonquin Road. For more information on the Center and the services it provides, call 847/506-4930.

Holiday Adoption Program to Benefit Food Pantry

Continuing the holiday tradition Millie's Hallmark/Neat N Cool Gifts is once again lending its financial support and assistance to the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry. The Christmas holiday "adoption" program was started in 2007, as a way to help raise awareness and funds for the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry. Millie's Hallmark creates a holiday window display and the "characters" in the window are available for purchase ("adoption") by holiday shoppers with 100% of the adoption fee going to the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry. In the last three holiday seasons Millie's Hallmark/Neat N Cool Gifts has raised over \$4700.

This year, the program's theme is "Santa's Secret Workshop." Millie's Hallmark main window display will feature a Santa's Workshop circa 1950 theme and the "toys" Santa's elves are making are available for purchase. Prices range from \$10 - \$20. The animated Santa's Secret Workshop window will be unveiled on Friday, November 5 in advance of Millie's Holiday Open House Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7 which will also be the start of this year's adoption program.

Each plush animal comes with its own personalized adoption certificate and will be available for its adoptive family to take it home starting December 12.

There are a limited number of "Santa's Secret Workshop Pals" available for adoption. So, If you would like to "Adopt-A-Pal" and in the process help the families needing assistance in Mount Prospect this holiday season, then stop by Millie's Hallmark at 1024 S. Elmhurst Road.

For information on the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry, contact Nancy Morgan, at 847/870-5680. For information on the Millie's Hallmark Adoption Program, call 847/593-8288.



Across the Board

Since the last publication of the Mount Prospect Newsletter, the Village Board of Trustees has enacted the following ordinances from May 18, 2010 through August 17, 2010:

5797 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "F-2" liquor license issued to Panzano's Pizza, Pasta & More, 106 Northwest Highway;

5798 grants a conditional use permit (circular drive) for property located at 903 West Isabella Street;

5799 amends Section 102 "Public Intoxication," Chapter 23 of the Village Code (Offenses and Miscellaneous), to comply with Illinois Compiled Statutes;

5800 adopts the prevailing wages established by the State of Illinois for public works projects provided by contractors;

5801 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by deleting one (1) Class "F-3" liquor license issued to Edith's Place, LLC d/b/a Edith's Place, 1046 Mount Prospect Plaza;

5802 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic Code) of the Village Code by removing parking prohibition signs along Helena Avenue between Haven Street and Lincoln Street;

5803 repeals Ordinance No.5640 in regard to the acquisition of property through condemnation or otherwise in the Tax Increment Redevelopment Area, 6-18 West Busse Avenue;

5804 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by deleting one (1) Class "S-3" liquor license issued to JNK Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Michael's Steak & Seafood, 113 South Emerson Street;

5805 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "S-3" liquor license issued to Jesus Rosales Family Corporation d/b/a Lety's Sports Bar and Grill, 1827 West Algonquin Road;

5806 grants a conditional use permit to operate a gymnastics school at property located at 550 Business Center Drive;

5807 amends Chapter (Village Government Miscellaneous Provisions), Chapter 10 (Licenses and Permits), Chapter 19 (Health Regulations) and Chapter 23 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Regulations) of the Mount Prospect Village Code regarding hearings, notices and penalties related to licenses, landlord-tenant and administrative to reduce conflicts between sections, clarify code language and eliminate duplicated services;

5808 amends Section B of Section 8.401, "Authority to Act," of Article IV, Demolition of Repair of Buildings, Chapter 8 of the Village Code regarding lien for demolition;

5809 authorizes disposal of certain personal property owned by the Village of Mount Prospect;

5810 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by deleting one (1) Class "F-1" liquor license issued to Artemis Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Artemis Restaurant, 912 South Busse Road;

5811 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "S-1" liquor license issued to Randhurst Banquet, Inc. d/b/a Holiday Inn - Randhurst Banquet Hall, 200 East Rand Road and one (1) Class "F-3" liquor license issued to Randhurst Sports Bar, Inc. d/b/a Bar Louie, 200 East Rand Road;

5812 amends Chapter 21 (Building Code) and Appendix A, Division I of the Village Code to establish regulations for demolition and structures and site restoration activities.

5813 repeals Articles V and VI of Chapter 19 (Health Regulations) and amends Appendix A, Divisions II and III, of the Village Code in regard to public spas and swimming pools.

Are you Registered to Vote? 2010 GENERAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

To be eligible to vote in the November General Election you must be registered to vote by October 5. If you have moved or changed your name since the last election you need to re-register. Voter registration is available in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. You must present two forms of identification with at least one showing your current address.

Voter registration requirements:

- United States Citizen
- *At least 18 years of age by Election Day
- A resident of your precinct for at least 30 days prior to an election.

For questions on absentee voting, early voting dates and locations and voter registration, please go to the Cook County Clerk's Office website at www.voterinfonet.com. or call the Village Clerk's office at 847.818.5355.



2010 Budget Update and 2011 Budget Preview

Throughout the year the Finance Department provides updates for the Village Board and Finance Commission on the financial condition of the Village. These updates include information on the status of the current year's budget and provide a forecast for the upcoming year. While the Village has benefitted from conservative fiscal management and a diverse revenue stream, the lingering economic crisis continues to impact Mount Prospect as it has our neighboring communities.

The Village Board and Staff have started the 2011 budget process even though there are several months left in 2010. Balancing the 2011 budget will prove to be a challenge with continued sluggish revenue growth and increases to health, pension and other employee costs. Historically, normal growth in revenue each year was sufficient to cover the annual increase in expenditures. Since that is no longer the case, the Village will need to take expenditure levels back to where they can be supported by existing revenue streams.

For the first six months of 2010, it appears that revenues and expenditures are tracking near budget. Most revenues seemed to hit a soft bottom with some seeing a slight increase from 2009 levels while departments continue to maintain tight controls over spending. Assuming this trend continues through December, the General Fund budget which had anticipated a deficit will end the year balanced.

The Village has been able to weather the storm up to now primarily by holding the line on non-personnel spending. Budgets have been balanced using cuts and limited use of reserves while all core services remained intact. With significant economic recovery likely still years out, additional cuts will be needed to balance this year's budget. For the first time budget cuts may come from personnel that will require the Village to modify service delivery. Priority will be given to emergency response capabilities and other significant core services. Other core functions may be eliminated or service times modified.

The 2010 budget was prepared with limited increases to taxes and fees. The property tax levy saw a modest increase of 3.3%. The only other fee increase was to the water and sewer rate. This combined rate was raised just 4%, consistent with our practice of moderate annual increases rather than larger sporadic changes to the rate. The Village will again attempt to balance the budget through reducing expenses with limited increased revenues through tax or fee increases.

Budget decisions moving forward also depend greatly on the State of Illinois getting their financial house in order. State shared revenues due to us constitutionally such as the income tax must continue to be received by the Village. Additionally, the Village has been vigilant in keeping up with its pension obligations and fiscally responsible to its local pension. The State must now step up with regards to the future public safety pension obligations and expenses in a similar manner.

Budget meetings are scheduled with the Village Board and Finance Commission through October and November. Look for additional information and updates on the 2011 budget later this Fall on the web site at www.mountprospect.org.



Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2010 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than: \$21,660 for 1 person; or \$29,140 for 2 or more persons. The Village will rebate 50 percent (to a maximum of \$100) of its portion of the total 2009 Cook County real estate tax bill. Please apply after you have received and then paid the 2nd installment of your 2009 tax bill.

Assistance in completing the application will be available at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street in the Finance Department. The dates for assistance have not yet been determined. Information will be mailed out November or early December to those who have participated in the program. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Lisa in the Finance Department at 818-5277.

Protecting Your Investment: The Importance of Building Permits

People sometimes ask “Why is it important that I get a building permit for construction work?” Avoiding permits can create life safety hazards and potentially affect the resale value of your property. Frequently, the Building Division hears concerns about the Village requiring permits for items such as water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, and generators. While it may seem tedious, the Village specifically requires permits on any project that involves gas, electricity, and/or water for our residents’ safety. Final inspections are performed to ensure that your contractor performed the work and/or installed your new mechanicals correctly.

Most importantly, inspections are conducted to protect life safety. Every year the Mount Prospect Fire Department is called out on carbon monoxide alarms at single family homes. The deadly gas is commonly found leaking from water heaters, or other mechanical appliances which were installed without a permit. Often the improper installation of these appliances did not allow for sufficient ventilation of the poisonous gas and caused a potentially deadly situation for the homeowners. An inspector would have recognized these issues during an inspection and required the contractor to remedy immediately.

Permits and inspections are also important in protecting the value of your investment. For instance, if you install a gas fireplace without a mechanical permit and your house burns down because of faulty installation, your insurance may not cover the damage. When it comes time to sell your home, permits and inspections can help validate the value of your home.

Many times appraisers ask for verification that the improvements were, in fact, done with permit. If the sellers cannot substantiate that the work was done with permits, the appraiser might not give full value for the improvements. If the house doesn’t appraise for the sale price, your sale could be in jeopardy.

The Building Division is here to protect the citizens and ensure the safety of the properties in the Village. If you have questions regarding work requiring permits, please do not hesitate to call us at 847-870-5675 or email us at building@mountprospect.org



Current Plat of Survey Required for Building Permits

The Building Division requires an accurate Plat of Survey to process a variety of permits. The purpose in requiring the Plat of Survey is to ensure the work is occurring on the applicant’s property and to review conformance with the Village’s zoning regulations (i.e. land use, density, setbacks, and lot coverage). Calculating lot coverage is important because more impervious surface area leads to more water being displaced into the stormwater maintenance system. If lot coverage is exceeded consistently it can contribute to area flooding in high rain events.

Property owners should receive a Plat of Survey at the time they purchase a property. If you do not have a copy of your Plat, a good place to start may be the financial institution that holds your mortgage. If you are unable to locate a copy of your Plat, you will need to consider having

a new Plat produced. Your Plat is the legal document that shows exactly what land you own. It should also accurately reflect the structures and impervious surface on your lot. If you need to have a Plat made of your property, there are several local surveyors listed in the yellow pages who can produce one for you.

If an application is made for a building permit and the applicant is seeking permission to replace an item already on the survey, a new plat of survey will not be required. The applicant will be required to sign an affidavit that the survey being used accurately reflects existing conditions. For property alterations not built at the time the survey was taken, a plat of survey no older than 1 year is required; again, the applicant will sign an affidavit that the survey being used accurately reflects conditions. Questions may be directed to the Permit Coordinator at 847/818-5396.

Community Development Block Grants



Electronics Recycling

To ensure convenient recycling opportunities are available, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, (SWANCC) is providing a one-day collection event for residents to drop off electronics at no cost.

October 2, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
 Rolling Meadows
 Public Works Building
 3900 Berdnick Street
 (In conjunction with the Document Destruction Event)

As a more sustainable solution for collecting old electronics, the largest growing part of our waste stream, SWANCC has established permanent locations for residents to drop off electronics on a weekly basis at no cost.

Morton Grove Public Works
 7840 Nagle Avenue
 Wednesday 1 pm - 3 pm
 Friday 10 am - 12 pm

Winnetka Public Works
 1390 Willow Road
 Tuesday 10 am - 12 pm
 Thursday 1 pm - 3 pm

For a list of acceptable materials, please go to www.swancc.org. Electronics from businesses, institutions or schools will not be accepted.

Only the following will be accepted for recycling:

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| Computers – PCs and laptops | PDA's |
| Scanners | Printers |
| Computer Monitors | VHS players |
| Mobile Phones | Fax Machines |
| Peripherals – mice, keyboards, zip drives | DVD players |
| MP3 Players | Video Game Consoles |
| Televisions | |

In 2010 the Village of Mount Prospect was awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$391,839 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). CDBG Funds are used to assist low- and moderate-income households through a number of home repair programs.

The Village's **Home Weatherization Grant Program** provides a matching grant up to a maximum of \$1,500 for residents to make energy conservation improvements to their home.

Our **Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program** provides 0% loans up to \$25,000 for home improvements and repairs. Thus far in 2010, the Village has completed 7 home repair projects, 4 additional projects are currently underway, another 4 projects ready to start up and we have a waiting list for future projects.

For more information on CDBG Programs, please call 847/818-5328 or see the web site www.mountprospect.org

The Village's 2010 CDBG Funds are also being used to fund eleven local Public Service Programs which address priorities and objectives identified in the Village's 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan, such as Homelessness & the Continuum of Care, Youth Programs and supportive programs for children and adults with special needs.

The Community Development Department is currently developing our 2011 CDBG Action Plan which will propose activities to be undertaken by the Village in the next fiscal year to address needs and objectives described in the Strategic Plan component of the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan describes the activities and proposed dollar amounts to be funded with our 2011 allocation. A draft of the 2011 Action Plan will be available for public review and comment in the Community Development Department, 2nd Floor of Village Hall, from September 7, 2010 through October 6, 2010.

First Time Homebuyer Program

The Village of Mount Prospect has been awarded a \$31,500 grant in HOME funds through the Illinois Housing Development Authority for our First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program. The Village's Homebuyer Program provides down payment and closing cost assistance to qualified applicants, enabling them to realize the dream of owning a home. For eligibility criteria, program information and application materials, please visit our website at www.mountprospect.org and click on "Community Development Block Grant" in the quick link drop-down menu.



Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When changing your clocks on November 7, remember to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

The Fire Department recommends the following guidelines for installing and maintaining your smoke detectors.

- Install new batteries at least once a year. Immediately install a new battery if the detector “chirps” warning of a low battery.
- Test your smoke detector monthly.
- Choose device that bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install detectors on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors should also be installed in every room where people sleep.
- Replace your smoke detectors when they are 10 years old. The fire department recommends writing the install date on the base of the device.
- Working smoke alarms provide an early warning, especially when you are asleep. If a fire occurs, having a working smoke alarm reduces your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%. Test your smoke detectors and practice your home fire escape plan.

Residents who cannot afford a smoke detector or have physical limitations that would hinder them from installing or maintaining their smoke detector should contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for assistance at (847) 818-5253.

Winter Fire Safety

As winter approaches remember and heed to these few but precious life saving tips to help you keep warm and safe this winter season.

- Have your fuel burning appliances professionally cleaned and checked once a year and whenever you suspect a problem.
- Keep all combustibles away from any heating device. All space heaters must have ample space, at least three feet away from any combustible object or wall, and remember to unplug it when not in use.
- If you have a fireplace, keep the fires small and always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Never burn trash or paper in a fireplace. Remove ashes in a metal container and store them outside away from the building. Never leave children unattended in the presence of fire.
- Check your smoke detectors regularly and keep them clear of dust and debris.
- Have a fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room and designate a meeting place outside of your home. Share the plan with your family members and practice it regularly.
- Carbon monoxide is also a serious problem this time of year. The Fire Department urges everyone to have a working carbon monoxide detector in their home.

For more information please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253.

Fire Prevention Week: Oct. 3-9

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2010 – October 3 thru 9, urging Mount Prospect residents to remember “Smoke Alarms: A sound you can live with.” This year’s theme focuses



on educating people about the importance of smoke alarms and the necessary steps to update and maintain their home smoke alarm protection.

Three-quarters of all homes in the United States have at least one working smoke alarm. In more than half of the reported home fires where smoke alarms were present, batteries were missing or disconnected. Please take the time to check your smoke alarms.

In conjunction with the Fire Prevention Week theme, the Fire Department will be conducting their annual poster contest for elementary school students and essay contest for junior high school students. Every Mount Prospect school is given the guidelines for the contest and we encourage your child to participate in this educational activity. If you have any questions about participating, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253.



Security Tips: For a Joyous Holiday Season

As another holiday season approaches, we find our schedules quite full of activities and we all become very busy. We need to take a moment out of our busy schedules to remind ourselves of holiday safety. Typically as the holidays approach we see an increase in thefts and burglaries. Here are some tips to keep the holidays safe and merry.

- Make your house look as if someone is always home. Keep lights on the inside and outside, using timers to achieve this when no one is home. If your house is the only dark one on the block, it sticks out as no one being home.
- When shopping, don't overburden yourself with too many packages or bags, your purse or wallet could be an easy mark for thieves. Don't become too engrossed in your shopping as to let your guard down.
- When you park your car, make sure all your vehicle doors are locked. This simple prevention measure makes a big impact. The vast majority of thefts from motor vehicles occur from vehicles with unlocked doors.

- Don't place purchases inside your vehicle for all to see. While you are in the stores shopping, some thieves are in the parking lot shopping. Place bags and packages in your vehicle's trunk or out of sight. If a thief can't see that they are assured of a good score, they usually won't risk getting caught.



Chat with the Chief

Mount Prospect Police Chief John Dahlberg will be holding several informal citizen discussion sessions this fall at the Mount Prospect Public Library.



Chief Dahlberg and members of his command staff will make themselves available to answer residents questions, take their comments and or hear their concerns. No advance notification of your attendance is necessary – just come as you are. These meetings will provide residents with a great opportunity to meet Chief Dahlberg and converse with him in a relaxed and open atmosphere. The meetings will be conducted at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson Street, Meeting Room #152, on the following dates: Thursday, November 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and in Meeting Room #154 on Thursday, November 18 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Traffic Unit

The following is the schedule of where the Traffic Unit will be concentrating their efforts in the upcoming months

Street	Date
Elmhurst Road	Sept 27 - Oct 3
Central Road	Oct 4 - Oct 10
Northwest Hw	Oct 11 - Oct 17
Busse Road	Oct 18 - Oct 24
Burning Bush Lane	Oct 25 - Oct 31
Euclid Avenue	Nov 1 - Nov 7
Rand Road	Nov 8 - Nov 14
Golf Road	Nov 15 - Nov 21
Wolf Road	Nov 22 - Nov 28
Northwest Hwy	Nov 29 - Dec 5
Central Road	Dec 6 - Dec 12

Please contact Sergeant Mike Eterno at 818-5248 with your traffic law enforcement concerns or questions.

Police Department Welcomes Buster



The Police Department proudly announces the arrival of its newest member, Buster. Buster is a donated remote control miniature squad car which promises to be an integral member of the Crime Prevention Unit's educational program. Buster has the ability to speak via a remote headset, and contains a microphone so those speaking to him will also be heard on the headset. Another feature of Buster is an internal MP3 player which can be used for playing back safety talks, music, and more. Thanks to contributions of three local businesses, Buster is now fully functional.

The Police Department specifically wants to thank Dave and Jim's Auto Body of Elk Grove Village, Suburban Accents from Rolling Meadows, and Ultra Strobe Communications, Inc of Lake Zurich. Be on the look out for Buster at an event near you!

Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Wanted

If you have experience driving large trucks, have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, can be available whenever needed and could use some extra money, the Public Works Department wants you! The Department is currently looking for supplemental snow plow drivers, an orientation class must be attended by all first years drivers, please call 870-5640 for details.

Street Plowing Procedures

Since all streets can't be plowed at the same time after a snowfall, there is a priority system.

- Principal intersections are plowed and salted first.
- Primary collector streets are then plowed enough to allow two-way traffic to pass safely. Cul-de-sacs are plowed after a 2- inch accumulation of snow.
- Feeder streets and dead ends are plowed last.

When all roads have been opened, repeat passes will be made to clear them curb-to-curb, and intersections also will be cleared completely.

Remember, it is hazardous and illegal to shovel or blow snow into any public street once the street has been plowed. All shoveled or blown snow should be piled in your yard or parkway. Shovel the snow to the side, in the direction of traffic, and clear a pocket for snow on the opposite side of your driveway. The accumulated snow in the plow will dump into the pocket and NOT in your driveway.

Keep Sidewalks Free of Snow

Sidewalks that are not shoveled can make it almost impossible for some to get around and have the potential to cause serious injuries. If you are a healthy person who is comfortable shoveling snow, please help out your neighbors. If you are unable to clear your own sidewalks, is there a neighbor, caretaker or family member who could offer assistance?

Solid Waste Notes

Christmas Tree Collection

January 3 - 14

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Village's Christmas tree composting program. Christmas trees will be collected by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day; no stickers required.

Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris. Please remove all decorative items from the tree including:

- Lights
- Tinsel
- Ornaments/bulbs
- Strings/wires

Please do not cut or trim trees for collection, place trees at the curb whole.

Trees may be placed at the curb prior to January 3 and after January 14, but these trees will be collected as regular refuse and will not be composted.

Wreaths will also be collected at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day, but are considered refuse due to the metal frame. Please place your wreath in your green refuse cart for disposal. In addition, artificial wreaths

are not recyclable. Artificial wreaths should be placed in the green refuse cart for disposal not the blue recycling cart

Holiday Collection Schedule

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

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day (Falls on a Sunday, no garbage collection the following Monday)

Except: New Year's Day (Falls on a Saturday, no affect on the collection schedule).



Caring For Your Car and the Environment

Proper car care and maintenance is a very important part of efforts to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways. Whatever is dumped into storm drains or onto pavement will wind up in local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, it is very important that it is disposed of properly. 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 listing of oil recycling stations.

Antifreeze is also dangerous to the environment. It contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife. It should be treated in the same manner as waste oil. In the case of a spill involving any of these types of materials, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill. Sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit the Village website (www.mountprospect.org).

Fall Leaf Collection Program

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 4 through November 19. Additionally bagged leaves will be collected from November 22 through December 10.

Loose Leaf Collection

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.
- Rake leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line on the day before your scheduled pickup day and not prior to that.
- Do not rake your leaves onto the street if the vacuum truck has already passed your home. The machines travel each street weekly during the collection period, but only once on each side.

Bagged leaf collection

ARC Disposal will conduct the extended leaf collection program for bagged leaves on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day from November 22 through December 10.

- Biodegradable compost bags containing leaves only will be collected without the Village-imprinted sticker.
- All other yard material and/or leaves in rigid containers must have the Village-imprinted sticker affixed to pay for collection and disposal of the yard material. Bags and/or containers must not exceed 50 lb. Rigid containers must also have the yard waste decal affixed.

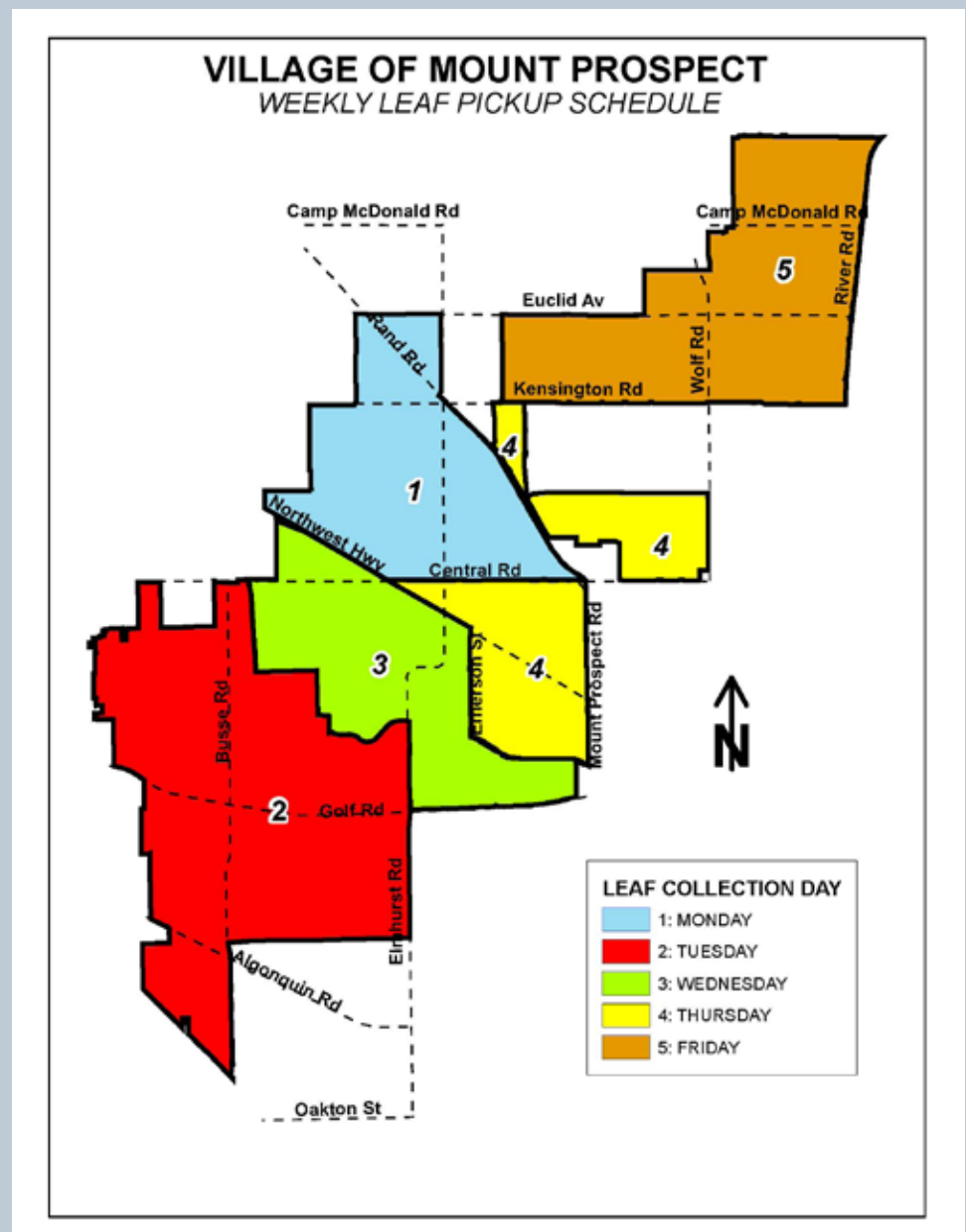
Keep your leaves

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.

And more leaves

Every year some residents ask about ordering truckloads of free leaves to use as mulch and compost. However, to order a supply, you must order a whole truckload. If that's too much for your needs, get together with your neighbors and share it. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 870-5640.

BURNING LEAVES IN MOUNT PROSPECT VIOLATES ORDINANCE 24.115



Prescription Drug Programs Enrollment Assistance



Open enrollment for Medicare D will take place November 15 through December 31. Individuals who are on Medicare A and/or B and did not sign up when they became eligible or would like to change their Medicare D plan must apply during this period. For assistance with enrollment there are several resources:

- Northwest Community Hospital's SHIP Program 847/618-7440
- Mount Prospect Human Services Dept. at 847/870-5680
- www.socialsecurity.gov
- www.medicare.gov

Illinois Cares Rx, License Plate Discount & Circuit Breaker Grant

The State of Illinois can assist people 65 years of age and older or disabled individuals with prescription drugs. In addition to the Prescription Drug assistance, the State of Illinois offers a grant program to help individuals sixty-five years of age and older and disabled citizens who pay taxes on their homes, or to refund some of the taxes paid as part of their rent. Illinois residents will, also, receive a discount of \$75 on their State of Illinois license plates.

The deadline for filing your application for these benefits is December 31, 2010. However, to ensure that you get the prescription coverage as soon as possible or to maintain the coverage if you are currently on the program, please file as early as possible. You must file each year! If you are interested or have not applied yet for 2009, please call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680, for assistance and/or the application.

Programs for Individuals with Special Needs

CALL CHECK

The Call Check Program provides support for residents in the form of telephone reassurance, advocacy, and referrals to appropriate parties. It is intended for frail individuals who do not have the physical or mental resources; or family available, to provide such support. This program will go into effect in times of extreme weather conditions, including a combination of extreme cold and ice; extreme temperatures and power outages; heavy winds and power outages. Note: Conditions must be widespread so that the Village is aware of the problem.



SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

The Village has established a special tracking program that will assist individuals who have been identified as needing special attention in a time of crisis or disaster. For example, we are placing people in this database that are on oxygen; wheelchair or bed bound; blind or visually impaired; deaf or hearing impaired; on ventilators; some form of dementia/memory loss and/or Alzheimer's; dialysis patient; an organ transplant recipient. If you have any one of these criteria or some other form of special needs, and would like to be placed in this database, please call 847/870-5680.

Holiday Assistance Programs Donations Needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas Programs

Help is available to low-income individuals living in Mount Prospect who need assistance during the Holiday Season. For additional information or to schedule an appointment to apply for the holiday assistance, please call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680.

In past years, local businesses, civic organizations, churches and individuals have helped to make holiday assistance programs very successful. This year again, with your help, we plan to bring happiness to residents who would otherwise not have the items that help to make holiday time special. In order to allow time for packing and distribution, non-perishable food items, should be dropped off at the Human Services Department located on the second floor of the Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For the Thanksgiving Program, non-perishable food items should be in by November 17, and frozen turkeys and hams should be brought in November 22. For the December Program, non-perishable food items should be in by December 15 and frozen or canned hams in by December 20.

Volunteers are always needed for our holiday programs. If you would like to help sort the items or package the food, please call the Human Services department at 847/870-5680.



Business Page



New Business

(Includes Change of Ownership/Change of Address)

Active Taxes Inc.
1733 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 806-1040
Tax Service

Robert W Ashbrook CPCU
701 W Golf Rd, Suite 2
(847) 593-4940
Insurance Sales

Paul Augustyn, Attorney
1825 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 361-4851
Attorney

Ament, Inc.
500 W Central Rd, Suite 205
(847) 253-1515
Other

Amici Hair Studio
427 E Euclid Av
(847) 253-6358
Hair Salon

Atrium Builders Incorporated
1699 Wall St 209
(847) 452-3755
Construction

Azteca Bakery, Inc.
1902 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 427-2092
Food Service

Carlos Laundry Inc.
1621 S Busse Rd
(773) 988-3791
Laundromat

Chicago Institute For Rebt
1699 Wall St 404
(219) 365-4316
Other

Corelink Data Centers, Llc
800 Business Center Dr
(630) 201-2322
Other

Elite Office Products/Svcs.
1848 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 290-1933
Retail

FHG Properties, LLC
832 E Rand Rd, Suite 14
(847) 788-1426
Office

Fromm International, Inc.
603 Dempster St
(847) 498-8200
Wholesale

G.S. Cooper & Associates,
834 E Rand Rd, Suite 1
(847) 818-9575
Service

Imperial Realty Company
1699 Wall St, Suite 124
(773) 736-4100
Real Estate

Jesus Rosales Family
1827 W Algonquin Rd
(630) 445-9927
Restaurant

Happ Controls, Inc.
1743 Linneman Rd
(847) 593-6130
Retail

Kobler Enterprises, Inc.
832 E Rand Rd, Suite 14
(847) 788-1426
Dental Lab

Law Office Kim & Lee, Llc
1699 Wall St 702
(847) 472-9221
Attorney

Amalou V Lim, D.D.S.
1100 W Northwest Hw, Suite
109
(847) 577-5777
Dental Office

Marathon Insurance Services
2308 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 290-1079
Service

Nephrology Assoc Of
Northern Ill
601 W Golf Rd, Suite 105
(708) 386-1000
Other

Panzano's Pizza Pasta & More
106 W Northwest Hw
(847) 624-3287
Restaurant

R&R Technology Group, LLC
1613 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 541-2250
Other

RDK Ventures LLC
1798 S Elmhurst Rd
(812) 379-9227
Other

Randstad US, LP
1113 Mt Prospect Pz
Service

SA Mortgage Services, LLC
300 W Golf Rd
(847) 759-2081
Service

Shree Sai Ram, Inc.
1705 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 571-6627
Restaurant

Sports Authority
1033 N Elmhurst Rd
(847) 253-0939
Retail

Taxes & More, Inc.
2308 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 758-0338
Service

The New Sunrise Restaurant
401 E Euclid Av
(847) 342-0102
Restaurant

Vesselin Valtchev
1100 W Northwest Hw 105
(847) 269-1649
Service

Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings

Sports Authority
Randhurst Village
1033 N Elmhurst Road
(847) 253-0989



Sports Authority opened the doors on their new Mount Prospect store, located in Randhurst Village in August. The store moved from its Rand Road location to the new Randhurst Village development.

Panzano's Pizza, Pasta and More

106 W Northwest Highway
847/255-2100



Panzano's opened in July in the Clocktower Place shopping center. Panzano's is serving handmade pizzas, pasta, salads and desserts all made from the freshest ingredients. Offering eat-in, take-out and delivery with free delivery to local area, Panzano's is a welcome newcomer to the village of Mount Prospect.

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

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Emergency 911
Village Hall 392-6000
(includes Finance, Village Administration)
TDD 392-6064
Village Clerk.....818-5355
Television Services 870-5685
Community Development
Building Division870-5675
Environmental Health 870-5668
Planning Division818-5328
Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 870-5666
Human Services Dept...... 870-5680
Police Dept. (non-emergency) 870-5656
Public Works Dept. 870-5640
Water Billing 392-6000

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Home Weatherization (continued from Page 1)

The Village has allocated \$90,000 for the Rebate Program which is funded through a grant received from the Energy Efficiency Community Block Grant Program as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The funds will provide assistance for at least sixty homeowners within the community and are being provided on a first-come first-served basis. "The program is a great benefit to the community," stated Brian Simmons the Village's Deputy Community Development Director. "In addition to assisting homeowners with performing upgrades to their homes, the program is stimulating local economic activity through the purchase of products and equipment and use of local contractors."

The program was started on May 1, 2010, and as of August 20th eight homeowners have applied for rebates totaling \$9,500. Combined these homeowners have performed over \$30,000 worth of improvements to their homes including replacing windows (2 homes), attic insulation (3), furnaces (2) and air conditioners (3). The improvements are estimated to produce an energy savings of roughly 12% on average for the homes which have applied for rebates thus far. This translates into a combined annual savings of over \$1,140 off the previous energy bills for these homes collectively. Additionally, the eight projects have produced 80 hours worth of work for local contractors. Some of the feedback received from program participants includes:

For more detailed information about the Village's Energy Efficiency Home Weatherization Rebate Program please visit www.mountprospect.org, or contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.

"I was already planning to replace my 20 year old air conditioner, but couldn't afford to install an Energy STAR rated product. The rebate program made it more economical for me to make this purchase."

COFFEE WITH COUNCIL



Meet informally with the Village's Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect that's on your mind. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For more information about Coffee with Council, please call the Village Manager's Office at 392-6000, or visit the Village's web site at www.mountprospect.org.