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DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

9th Annual Irish Fest!

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 | SATURDAY, APRIL 18



Celebrate in a **huge heated tent** with excellent Irish music performed by some of Chicago's hottest Celtic musicians, Irish food and of course Irish beer. The event will be held Friday from 5 – 11 pm and Saturday from 11 am – 11 pm in the Chase Bank parking lot at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue – one block north of Northwest Highway and one block east of Elmhurst Road/Rte. 83 and just one block from the Mount Prospect Metra stop. FREE parking available across the street in the Emerson Street Parking Deck at 30 South Emerson Street.

Entertainment

SATURDAY | 11AM TO 2:00PM

Hogan Irish Dance Academy, Saol Academy of Irish Dance, Dillon-Garin School of Irish Dance and Trinity Irish Dance.

NEW THIS YEAR!

ST. BALDRICKS EVENT | 4 TO 8PM

Brought to you by Amethyst Skye Salon, Firefighters Local Union 4119 and Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.



Eats

Food offerings will include **HARRINGTON'S** for corned beef and fish 'n chips. **HUBBY'S IN THE DOGHOUSE** will provide hot dogs, vegan dogs and Guinness brats. **CANTA NAPOLI** will be cooking up Irish nachos, colcannon balls and beef stew.

Drinks

There will be Irish beer and other favorite beverages.

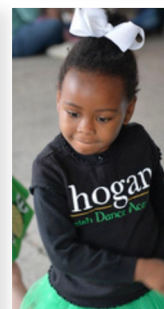
Irish Swag

Irish Vendors will sell their wares including Galway Bakers, The Irish Boutique and the Mount Prospect Junior Women's Club.

Sponsorship

There are several sponsorship opportunities available and this is THE YEAR to be a part of this fun community event!

Contact the Chamber office 847.398.6616 or dawn@mountprospectchamber.org.



For up to the minute info, band bios and vendor details visit mpirishfest.com or **Mount Prospect Irish Fest** on Facebook.

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Community Events

MARCH
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Early Bird Pool Pass Sale

March 1 – May 1
Save on your early pool pass purchase at any park district facility. Summer pass includes access to the Big Surf Wave Pool, Meadows Aquatic Center and the RecPlex Indoor Pool. Pass holders enjoy exclusive Magic Monday and Super Sunday hours. Purchase by May 1 for eligibility to win prizes including a free pass for 2021! Individual passes are \$110 for residents and \$120 for non-residents. Family passes run \$215 for residents and \$235 for non-residents. Visiting mppd.org for more information.



MARCH
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Early Voting & Grace Period Registration at Village Hall

March 2 – 16
See page 11 for details on location and hours.



MARCH
3

Play and Learn

Tuesdays | March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31
11:30am – 12:30pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 West Algonquin Road



Parents bring your toddlers and pre-school-age children to listen to books, dance to music, and enjoy making fun crafts. To learn more, call 847.506.4930.

MARCH
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Conversations in English

Thursday | March 5 & 19
11:30am – 1pm
Thursday | March 12 & 26
5:30 – 7:00pm



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1711 West Algonquin Road
If you are learning English, come practice your conversational skills in a friendly group setting with native English speakers. Hot tea will be served. This program is available for Mount Prospect or Elk Grove Township residents. For more information or to register call 847.506.4930.

MARCH
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Ageless Grace
Friday | March 6, 13, & 20
(no class march 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.

MARCH
6

Mother and Son Luau Night

Friday | March 6
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
411 South Maple Street
Aloha! It's hot, hot, hot in our tropical gym. Enjoy games, dinner, dancing and hang ten activities. Come dressed ready to travel to paradise with your favorite guy. (age 4-8). Register online at mppd.org for \$30 per couple.



MARCH
7

Mini Golf at the Library

Saturday | March 7
10am – 3pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street
Join the MPPL for an 18-hole miniature golf fundraiser at the library. It will be a day of family fun for all ages. This unique adventure will have golfers putting throughout the library and between the stacks. \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. There will also be a 19th Hole with refreshments, entertainment, games and activities. This event is a fundraiser for the MPPLF, which provides funding to the library for special programs and projects that are otherwise unattainable with tax dollars.



MARCH
8

Second Sunday at the Society: A Peek in Mount Prospect's Attic

Sunday | March 8
11:30am – 1:30pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 South Maple Street
A unique opportunity to take a peek behind the scenes at the Society! The Society will be opening their extensive storage area, which is normally closed to the public, so you can see firsthand how they store and archive historic items. This is a free event. mthpist.org

MARCH
11

Spring into Vegetable Gardening by Lisa Hilgenberg

Wednesday | March 11
11:30am
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines
Spring is almost here and it's time to get out into the vegetable garden. This Garden Club of Mount Prospect presentation will inform guests on how to *get growing* to harvest homegrown vegetables. Guest speaker, Lisa Hilgenberg, is the Regenstein Fruit and Vegetable Garden horticulturist at the Chicago Botanic Garden,

where she manages four acres of edible landscape, curating and interpreting a collection of 500 types of edible plants. You may recognize Lisa's voice from her Weekly Gardening Minute on WBBM/CBS Chicago 780 AM/105.9 FM. Refreshments/social hour at 11:30am, business meeting at 12:15pm and the program will begin at 1 pm. Guests welcome. Visit gcmp.weebly.com for more information.

MARCH
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Afternoon Tea with Lynn Rymarz in Julia Child: Her Life in France

Saturday | March 14 | 2pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 South Maple Street
Historic interpreter Lynn Rymarz will present *Julia Child: Her Life in France*. Hear Julia describe her love of French food and how she learned to cook it. Follow her visits to the local markets and her cooking classes at the Cordon Bleu. Tea and light refreshments will be served. Registration required/space is limited. Tickets are \$12 per person. To register, visit mthpist.org or contact the Society at 847.392.9006.



MARCH
15

Mt. Prospect Community Band Ides of March Spring Concert

Sunday | March 15
3:30pm



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
605 West Golf Road
Celebrate the Ides of March with the Mt. Prospect Community Band, under the direction of Monty Adams. The program will feature the award-winning tenor, Simon Kyung Lee singing several Italian favorites. The Mt. Prospect Community Band is a program of the MPPD. Tickets are available for \$8 at the RecPlex (420 West Dempster) or \$10 at the door. Visit mppd.org for more information.

MARCH
19

Wits Workout

Thursday | March 19
10 – 11:30am
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
50 South Emerson Street
New monthly 90-minute small group program for older adults looking to engage intellectually and connect socially. The program is free to MP residents, but registration is required. For information or to register please call 847.870.5680.

MARCH
25

Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class

Wednesday | March 25
1:30pm
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM



50 South Emerson Street
If you'd like a refresher in advance of taking the 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.

APRIL
2

The 50s Plus Breakfast Hour

Thursday | April 2 | 9am
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, April 2 at Village Hall. Come join your Village team and the Chamber of Commerce to learn and have fun. For information, please call 847.870.5680.



APRIL
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Conversations in English

Thursday | April 2 & 16
11:30am – 1pm
Thursday | April 9 & 23
5:30 – 7:00pm
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1:30pm



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

APRIL 4 **Easter Egg Hunt**
 Saturday | April 4 | 8:30am
REC PLEX
 420 West Dempster Street
 Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for an Eggstra special day at the annual indoor Egg Hunt. Jump into piles

of grass and hunt for treat-filled eggs. Bring a basket for all your treasures and a camera for a photo with the Easter bunny. Register early at mppd.org as this popular event sells out. Tickets \$5 per child for the egg hunt and an additional \$3 for the craft. Egg Hunt schedule:

8:30 – 9:10am | sensory friendly
 9:30 – 10:10am | 3 and 4-year-olds
 10:20 – 11:00am | 4 and 5-year-olds
 11:10 – 11:40am | 5 to 8-year-olds

APRIL 4 **Lunch with the Bunny**
 Saturday | April 4
 11:30am – 12:30pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
 505 East Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights



Here comes Peter Cottontail... to the Rob Roy Golf Course. Join the River Trails Park District for an afternoon of refreshments, treats and an egg hunt. Don't forget your camera! Please bring a highchair/booster seat if needed—only a limited number will be available. To request specific seats, register online at rtpd.org or stop by the Weiss Community Center to complete a form. Registration deadline is March 29. For more info, please call 847.255.1200.

APRIL 4 **Money Smart Week**
 April 4 – 11
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 South Emerson Street
 Join the MPPL for the 2020 Money Smart week, which will include seminars to

help residents keep their finances in order. Schedule for the week is as follows:
 Tuesday | April 7 | 7:30pm | *Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning*
 Wednesday | April 8 | 10am | *Medicare Supplement Insurance: Choosing a Medigap Policy with the Best Rate*
 Thursday | April 9 | 7pm | *Strategies for Long Term Care*

APRIL 7 **Play and Learn**
 Tuesdays | April 7, 14, 21 & 28
 11:30am – 12:30pm
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 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.

APRIL 7/8 **Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®**
 Tuesdays beginning April 7 (English) and Wednesdays April 8 (Spanish)
 See page 10 for details on times and locations.



The Human Services Department will offer the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®* training course in both English and Spanish. Call the Human Services at 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 for more information or to register.

APRIL 8 **Growing Beautiful Roses Easily by Kim Hartmann**
 Wednesday | April 8
 11:30am
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY



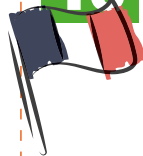
395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines
 Learn about selecting, growing and maintaining the hardiest, disease-resistant roses in our area. Kim Hartmann, is a landscape designer who has been with Countryside Flower Shop & Nursery in Crystal Lake since 2006. She has a B.S. in Horticulture and Communication from the U of I and is a Master Gardener. Kim was recently awarded the Illinois Green Industry Association ICN Professional of the Year award. Kim will discuss various types of roses and the best varieties for zone 5b. Refreshments/social hour at 11:30am, business meeting at 12:15pm and the program will begin at 1pm. Guests welcome. Visit gcmp.weebly.com for more information.

APRIL 16 **Wits Workout**
 Thursday | March 16
 10 – 11:30am
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
 50 South Emerson Street
 New monthly 90-minute small group program for



older adults looking to engage intellectually and connect socially. The program is free to MP residents, but registration is required. For information or to register please call 847.870.5680.

APRIL 16 **Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission Sèvres Share-Out**
 Thursday | April 16 | 7pm
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
 50 South Emerson Street
 The Sister Cities Com-



mission invites you to learn about Mount Prospect's relationship with Sèvres, France. Enjoy light refreshments while learning why our partnership with Sèvres is so important and hearing more about the Commission. RSVP is requested. Visit mountprospect.org for more information.

APRIL 17/18 **Irish Fest**
 Friday | April 17
 5 – 11pm
 Saturday | April 18
 11am – 11pm
CHASE BANK PARKING LOT
 Emerson & Busse



Come and celebrate Irish Fest in a **huge heated tent**. Enjoy Irish music from some of Chicago's hottest Celtic musicians, Irish food and, of course, Irish beer. This free event will be held rain or shine in the Chase Bank Parking Lot at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue—one block north of Northwest Highway and one block east of Elmhurst Rd./Rt. 83. mpirishfest.com

APRIL 18/19 **Friends Book Sale**
 Saturday | April 18
 9am – 4:30pm
 Sunday | April 19
 Noon – 4pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 South Emerson Street



Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's Used Book Sale. Special members can participate in the preview sale on Friday, April 17 from 6:30 – 9:30pm. For more info on the Friends and how to become a member, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events and services.

APRIL 18 **Earth Day**
 Saturday | April 18
 1 – 3pm
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
 395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines



Learn about gardening, recycling and going green at this free Earth Day event. Tour the greenhouse, get tips on how to make your garden grow and view additional displays from Mount Prospect Public Works and The Garden Club of Mount Prospect. Visit mppd.org for more information.

APRIL 18 **History in the Headlines: The Lasting Impact of Kodak on our World**
 Saturday | April 18
 6 – 10pm
ROB ROY COUNTRY CLUB
 505 East Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights



The Mount Prospect Historical Society celebrates George Eastman, founder of Kodak, and his development of a camera for the masses during the Society's ninth annual History in the Headlines dinner. Historian R.J. Lindsey will present a program playing Eastman, who invented the \$1 Brownie box camera. Affordable and easy to use, the Brownie made it possible for anyone, even children, to take snapshots. Historical events were also recorded through the lens of a Kodak camera and Lindsey will tell the tales—great and small—of many early Kodak owners. After his presentation, attendees will take part in a fun photography history trivia contest. Tickets on sale March 4 for \$50 per person. To place a reservation, visit mpthist.org or phone 847.392.9006.

APRIL 22 **National Library Week Trivia Night**
 Wednesday | April 22 | 7pm
THE RED BARN RESTAURANT & BREWERY
 303 East Kensington Road
 It's National Library Week and the Mount Prospect



Public Library invites you to assemble a team of two to five people for a trivia contest featuring questions from a variety of categories, including history, pop culture, sports, mystery and more. If interested contact Janine Slayton or Anne Wilson at 847.253.5675 by March 31. Spectators also welcome.

SeeClickFix



SeeClickFix is the new app to contact and interact with Village staff. Mount Prospect residents will be able to provide Village staff with pictures, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information needed to get the job done efficiently. In addition, the SeeClickFix platform provides Village staff with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from creation to resolution — engaging citizens throughout the process. The app not only allows residents to report problems, but also to view, comment on, and vote to fix problems submitted by their neighbors. Residents can even create their own

watch areas to receive notifications about all the issues reported in their community, enabling them to follow the progress of all service requests — not just the ones they report. The SeeClickFix mobile app is available for download for Android and iPhone. In addition to the mobile apps, residents can send reports via the Village's website: mountprospect.org.

Purchase Your Vehicle Sticker by April 30

Renewal applications for Village vehicle stickers were mailed in early February. The pre-printed application includes a vehicle ID to help you correctly identify which cars are being renewed. For your convenience, stickers may be renewed or purchased online at mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. To purchase stickers in person, stop by Village Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm. The Finance Department will also be open on Saturday April 18 and 25 from 9am to noon. You can also drop your payment off 24 hours a day in payment boxes located outside the front door of Village Hall and in the parking garage next to the library book return. Full-price passenger vehicle stickers may also be purchased at the Elmhurst Road Currency Exchange at 1698 South Elmhurst Road #106. Purchases made at the currency exchange location will be subject to an additional \$2.00 fee. Residents who did not receive a renewal application in the mail are still responsible for purchasing a 2020-2021 sticker.

The rates for 2020-21 vehicle stickers are:

Passenger Vehicles	\$45	Class B Trucks	\$68
Motorcycles & Motorbikes	\$30	Full-size Trucks	Charged by Class/Body Weight

A late penalty will be added to the cost of a vehicle sticker purchased after April 30.

Residents 65 years and older can take advantage of a reduced rate of \$15 on one sticker per home, provided the vehicle is owned and operated by the senior for non-commercial purposes. Seniors who turn 65 prior to May 1 are eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at the reduced rate. Those taking advantage of the senior discount for the first time must come to Village Hall to obtain the sticker, as a current driver's license is required at the time of purchase.

If purchasing new license plates, do not wait for receipt of the plates to purchase the vehicle sticker. Simply indicate *applied for* in the license plate information field. When the plates are received, contact the Finance Department and provide the new plate number.

Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a sticker should remove the sticker from the vehicle at the time of sale or donation and contact the Finance Department with updated vehicle information, as they may qualify to transfer the sticker to the replacement vehicle for no additional fee.

For more information about vehicle stickers, please visit mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers or call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.

New Community Engagement Committee

Did you know the Village launched a Community Engagement Committee in 2019? A combined group of residents, business leaders and Village staff form a team dedicated to building a stronger community through the fulfillment of our mission statement: *To bring people in the Village together to embrace and celebrate diversity, serve as a community voice and provide opportunities to connect by empowering residents, businesses, and all members of the community to come together.*

The Community Engagement Committee welcomes ideas and suggestions from fellow residents who are interested in supporting the spirit and mission of this committee. Share your ideas, comments or queries at cecmp@mountprospect.org or visit the Village website, mountprospect.org for more information.



2020 U.S. Census

Census Day is April 1, 2020.

Wondering what the 2020

Census means to the Village

and our residents? The U.S.

Census determines many

important factors, including how much funding the

State of Illinois receives from the federal Govern-

ment, which in turn effects how much funding the

Village of Mount Prospect will receive. This funding

directly impacts Village projects like infrastructure,

public transit, and social programs. The Census also

determines the number of legislative seats Illinois

has in the U.S. House of Representatives. Your

participation is important! Being counted helps us

attain a *complete count*, ensuring that our state and

Village receive accurate amounts of funding and

representation.

It's easy to be sure you are counted. For the first time, the Census is available online. If you cannot access a computer or mobile device, there are several locations available in Mount Prospect to complete the online census form:

- VILLAGE HALL | 50 South Emerson Street
- POLICE/FIRE HEADQUARTERS
112 East Northwest Highway
- MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street
- RIVER TRAILS WEISS COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 East Euclid Avenue
- COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER/MOUNT PROSPECT SOUTH BRANCH LIBRARY
1711 West Algonquin Road
- RECPLEX | 420 West Dempster Street

The Village will be providing updates on where to participate via the Village website, social media channels, and printed material available throughout town. The online portal opens March 26, and by then you should have received a postcard from both the Village and the Census Bureau informing you that the Census is approaching. The online portal will remain open throughout the summer; however, you are considered a late responder if you do not respond by April 30.

You may also be counted in the 2020 Census via phone or mail, with instructions to do so included on the information mailed directly to your residence. In response to a frequently discussed topic, there is no question asking about citizenship on the Census form. Census workers will be visiting residences that have not responded beginning May 1 through the end of September. For answers to FAQ's and additional information, visit mountprospect.org/2020Census.



Be Prepared for Spring Thunderstorms

The Mount Prospect Fire Department wants you to know what to do before, during and after a thunderstorm.

Before

- Follow the 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule. If you see lightning and cannot count to 30 before you hear thunder, immediately move indoors. Remain indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.
- Secure outdoor objects that could potentially blow away.
- Shut all windows and secure outside doors.
- It is recommended that you always keep an eye on trees and remove dead or rotting branches as they are may fall and cause damage during a storm.
- Keep an emergency preparedness kit that includes food, water, warm blankets, a battery-powered radio, flashlights (with extra batteries), first aid supplies, cell phone and charger, and important documents including family and emergency contact information and some cash.

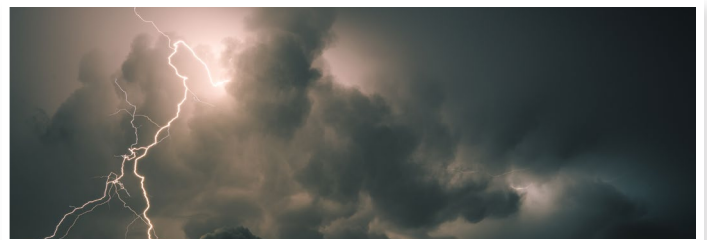
During

- When a storm approaches, take shelter in a sturdy building. Avoid sheds, shelters or other small structures in isolated areas.
- Stay in your home, avoiding windows and doors. Do not sit on your porch.
- If outdoors, stay away from tall isolated trees or metal objects.
- Do not lie on concrete floors or lean against concrete walls.
- Avoid contact with electrical equipment or cords.

- Avoid contact with plumbing devices as water will conduct electricity if your home is hit by lightning.
- Listen to local news or use a battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio for updates.
- If you are driving and cannot find a safe structure to go in to, safely exit the roadway and park. Stay in the vehicle and turn on emergency flashers until the heavy rain ends.

After

- Never attempt to drive through a flooded roadway.
- If you see a downed powerline, report it immediately and stay a safe distance away.
- Allow safety and repair crews through by staying away from damaged areas.
- Help others who may need assistance.



Candle with Care

Enjoying the aroma of burning candles is a popular experience for many of us. Unfortunately, improper usage can cause a fire in your home. More than one-third of all home candle fires are started in the bedroom, and approximately 60% of all candle fires start because candles are placed too close to flammable objects.

To keep your home and family safe, use sturdy candles, particularly those that can't easily be tipped over. Keep candles on sturdy, uncluttered surfaces. When you light a candle, be sure that hair and loose clothing are pulled away from the flame. Even with your favorite candles, you should not let a candle burn all the way down; extinguish it before the flame gets too close to the holder or container.

Don't ever use a candle if oxygen is being used in a home for medical purposes. If you have children at home, don't leave them unattended in a room with a lit candle and be sure to keep matches or lighters in a locked or child-proof cabinet or high enough that they are well out of reach.



Understanding What Your Carbon Monoxide Alerts Mean

Every home should be equipped with a functioning carbon monoxide (CO) alarm. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless and tasteless gas that is created from fuel burning appliances such as your furnace or generators. Symptoms of exposure include headache, dizziness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain and confusion. The alarms from your CO detector will provide a series of unique warnings for different situations. We encourage you to be familiar with what these various alarms mean.

4 Beeps and a Pause | This is an emergency in which the CO device has detected dangerous carbon monoxide in your home. Move immediately outdoors or to somewhere with fresh air and contact 911. Wait for the fire department to provide an all clear before returning inside.

1 Beep Every Minute | This is your low battery indicator. Replace the batteries immediately. You can stay ahead of this situation by always replacing batteries when you change your clocks ahead or forward each spring and fall.

5 Beeps Every Minute | This is your CO detector's way of letting you know it is no longer functioning properly. These devices do have a specific life span, generally 5 to 7 years. Even if the batteries in the unit are still good, the unit needs to be replaced because the sensor in the alarm is not detecting as it should.

If you are ever unsure of what the CO alarms indicate please call 911.

Police Department

Pass It On in 2020

Pass It On is an education campaign initiated by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that provides residents with a means to communicate about scams and how you, your friends and family can avoid becoming a victim. The Mount Prospect Police Department encourages you to share what you know to help protect others from fraudulent behavior.



Please review and share information on the *You've Won* scam that we are highlighting this month:

In this instance, you receive a card, call or e-mail telling you that you have won something such as a trip, a lottery, a sweepstake or specific prize. The enthusiastic message encourages you to act quickly to claim your prize.

However, in the next step, you are told there is a fee, tax or customs duty you need to pay to receive the prize. The message asks for you to provide a credit card number or bank account information, or to perhaps wire the amount needed.

Do not respond! Doing so will cost you money and of course, there is no prize for you to claim. Instead, follow these steps:

- 1. Keep your money and information to yourself.** Never share your financial information with someone who contacts you and claims they need it, or it is owed.
- 2. Never wire money to someone you don't know.**
- 3. While you have correctly ignored these messages, others may need a reminder to do the same, so be sure to pass this information on to a friend.**

Find out more information on imposter scams on the FTC website at ftc.gov/passiton.

Get to Know Patrol Beat 3162

The Village of Mount Prospect is made up of 6 police patrol beats. In 2016, permanent beat assignments for officers were created to better serve the community. Each beat has a sergeant who serves as a beat coordinator and all officers are assigned a shift and beat for the calendar year. Beat 3162 is found in the southwest portion of the Village and is bordered by Golf Road, Linneman Road, Busse Road, I-90 and Briarwood Drive. The beat sergeant for 3162 is Sergeant Scott Filipek who can be contacted at beat3162@mountprospect.org.

Upcoming Beat Meetings

The Mount Prospect Police Department invites residents and business owners/operators to receive recent information on crime trends and prevention tips by attending upcoming beat meetings with the officers in their patrol beat. Connect with our department and your neighbors at the upcoming beat meetings.

3160 Wednesday, April 22 | 7:00 pm | RECPLEX, CONFERENCE ROOM | 420 West Dempster Street

3162 Tuesday, April 21 | 7:00 pm | JOHN JAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 1835 West Pheasant Trail

3164 Wednesday, May 13 | 7:00 pm | MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC WORKS | 1700 West Central Road

3166 & 3168 Monday, March 9 | 7:00 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM A | 10 South Emerson Street

3170 Wednesday, April 22 | 7:00 pm | WEISS COMMUNITY CENTER | 1500 East Euclid Avenue

Firearm Safety

The Police Department has a supply of firearm safety kits, which include a free gun lock, provided by Project Childsafe available to residents. Residents may request one by stopping at the front desk of the Police Department.



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:

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|------------------------------|--|
| March 2-8 Busse Road | March 30-April 5 Rand Road (Rt. 12) |
| March 9-15 Euclid Avenue | April 6-12 Central Road |
| March 16-22 Lincoln Street | April 13-19 Northwest Highway (Rt. 14) |
| March 23-29 Wolf Road | April 20-26 Lonquist Blvd. |



Unlimited Organics Collection Program Kicks-off April 6

The Village's 2020 Organics Collection Program will begin April 6 and will include food material such as fruits, vegetables and bread. Yard waste including grass clippings, small brush and flowers and many solid food items will be picked up in unlimited quantity, provided they are stored in a rigid container that is provided by the resident or obtained through our cart rental program. Kraft paper bags may be used for lawn refuse only. Food materials may not be placed in the paper bags.

More information on the organics program can be found on the Village website or by contacting Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Curbside Organics Collection Guidelines

YES! ACCEPTABLE

- GRASS CLIPPINGS
- BRUSH
- FLOWERS
- LEAVES
- FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
- PASTAS
- MEAT (NO BONE)
- BREADS
- CRACKERS
- CEREALS
- CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS)
- COFFEE GROUNDS

Is this OK for Organics collection?

NO! NON-ACCEPTABLE

- PLASTIC BAGS
- STYROFOAM
- BONES, SEAFOOD
- SHRINK WRAP
- CHIP AND CANDY WRAPPERS
- PLASTIC UTENSILS
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR WRAP FROM FOOD PACKAGING
- PLASTIC OF ANY KIND
- GLASS OF ANY KIND
- BEVERAGES

Electronics Recycling Provides Easy Path to Environmental Responsibility

To provide a greener planet and to safely recycle electronic devices, the Village has partnered with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to create an Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program.

Residents may drop off old electronics at the Public Works Facility, 1700 West Central Road the first Wednesday of the month, starting in April, from 10am to noon, or at the Glenview Transfer Station at 1151 North River Road on Saturdays from 9 – 11:30am. The Mount Prospect location will be closed on any national holidays.

A complete list of eligible devices can be found on the Village's website, or by contacting the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Sidewalk Repairs

Each year, the Village partners with residential and commercial property owners to repair damaged or shifting sections of sidewalk. The Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program is now accepting applications on a first-come, first-served basis online at mountprospect.org or in-person at the Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road.

Property owners will be responsible for \$75 per sidewalk square with the Village covering the remaining amount as established by the contractor's bid. To learn more about the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Help Prevent Water Pollution

Storm drains and roadside ditches throughout Mount Prospect lead to our inland lakes, streams, rivers and Lake Michigan, so any debris or waste that enters those areas can make its way into our water supply without being treated. Pollutants such as motor oil, household cleaners, pet waste, leaves and

grass clippings not only pose a threat to human health, they can also poison fish, birds and other wildlife. Please do your part to protect our water supply by following these basic steps:

- Sweep driveways and sidewalks rather than hosing them with water.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain or into a ditch.
- Fill in bare spots in your yard to prevent run-off.
- Compost yard waste.
- Use fertilizers sparingly and avoid the use of pesticides.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Take your car to a carwash rather than washing it in your driveway.
- Check your cars for leaks and always recycle motor oil.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Have your septic system checked and pumped regularly.

Tree Replacement Program Continues in 2020

The Village's program to replace parkway trees continues this year with a goal of replacing all parkway trees that were removed in 2019. One of the goals of the program is to increase the diversity of our urban forest by utilizing a variety of species. The Village currently uses a minimum of 8 to 10 varieties, matching the tree to the site for optimal performance.

The Village plants trees in both spring and fall. Specific requests for spring tree planting should be made to Public Works no later than March 31. If your parkway tree is not replaced in the spring it may still be planted in the fall. Village crews will mark the location of a new planting site with a brown mark on the curb, and leave a letter explaining the planting process.

If you are interested in our planting programs or have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

What You Need to Know About Flooding

There are five waterways that carry stormwater into, through and away from Mount Prospect. The list consists of the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. Each waterway has flood hazard areas associated with it. The most recent flooding event took place in April 2013 when almost every neighborhood in the Village experienced flooding.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Village's Engineering staff can help locate your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information, which is especially useful for house hunters, real estate agents, lenders, insurance agents, and interested citizens.

While flood prevention is a high priority for all of us, floods do occur, always at the most inconvenient time and often with little or no warning. As part of your severe weather plan at home, you can prepare for an unlikely flood by taking these basic precautions.

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood event. Keep backup records at other location such as at work or at a friend's house.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs of valuable items such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills and important telephone numbers in a location away from your home such as a safe deposit box.
- Talk to your insurance agent about protection against floods and sewer backups.
- Keep cleaning supplies on hand and accessible to help you recover from a flood if necessary.

For properties that are susceptible to flooding, there are preventative steps you can take to reduce the chance of damage occurring. Always check with the Mount Prospect Building Division before you build on, fill, alter or regrade your property or make building alterations. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with our Village Code and do not create drainage problems on any other property.

- Regrading your lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help to keep water away from your building.
- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering during a flood event. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.
- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering your building during a flood event.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can prevent

this from happening if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves

Chapter 22 of the Village Code includes floodplain regulations to help to minimize the potential losses due to periodic flooding. You must get a Floodplain Development Permit for all construction activity within a floodplain.

Most homeowners' insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. Because Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), homeowners and renters in Mount Prospect do have access to flood insurance. The insurance can be obtained for the building as well as the contents within. Through our participation in the CRS Program, residents may be eligible for up to a 20% discount on flood insurance. Contact your insurance agent for information on flood insurance as well as details on coverage for sewer backup and sump pump failures.

If you see any loose debris like lawn clippings, branches or refuse material blocking sewer covers or waterways please contact the Public Works Department immediately as this can have a serious impact on flooding.

Should your basement flood exercise caution before addressing the situation.

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and the close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Check for gas leaks but do so only with a flashlight; do not use candles or lanterns as a source of light.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Be careful after a flood because the floors are often covered with debris and mud which can lead to slipping or stepping on uneven or sharp objects.
- Flood water is often contaminated and can cause severe health threats, so thoroughly clean everything that came in contact with the water.

For more information regarding flooding call Public Works at 847.870.5640 (TDD 847.392.1235) and ask for the Engineering Department. You can also visit fema.gov.



Human Services

State of Illinois Programs

Transportation assistance is available to seniors and individuals with disabilities through various State of Illinois programs. The state offers discounts on license plates to seniors, and free rides on transportation systems to seniors and individuals with disabilities. Once approved, benefits are good for a 2-year period. If you are applying for the license plate benefit, apply at least ninety days before your license sticker is due to expire but not before. There are income guidelines associated with this program. For more information, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



Wits Workout

Wits Workout is a new monthly 90-minute small group program for older adults looking to engage intellectually and connect socially. The program is free to Mount Prospect residents, but registration is required. Gatherings take place in the Community Room of Village Hall at 10:00 am on the third Thursday of every month. For information or to register please call 847.870.5680.



Stay Informed with Our Senior Newsletter

The Human Services Department publishes a monthly newsletter for seniors which includes news and information on topics such as upcoming community events, local groups for socialization and a variety of activities and resources. The newsletter can be picked up in the Farley Community Room or the Human Services Department at Village Hall, or you may view it on the Village website at mountprospect.org/humanservices/seniorsentinelnewsletter.

For more information, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

MOUNT PROSPECT SENIOR SENTINEL NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2020

TAX AIDE PROGRAM
AARP will offer free Tax Aide for low and moderate income seniors at the Village of Mount Prospect. Tax Aide Volunteer Coordinators will assist you in preparing your Federal and State tax returns. Appointments are required. Call the Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847-870-5680 to reserve a time.

Be sure to bring the following information with you when you meet with the Tax Coordinator:

- Proof of Financial Power of Attorney for someone to assist in preparing tax returns
- 2 forms of ID including one Photo ID plus Social Security card or SSA-1099 for all taxpayers and dependents and Social Security number for an applicant if receiving or paying alimony
- Copy of 2019 State and Federal income tax returns filed in 2019
- Copies of all W-2, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-FA, and 1099-RA forms you received for the year 2019
- Social Security SSA-1099 for 2019
- Railroad retirement forms for 2019, RRB-1099 and RRB-1099R
- Real estate tax bills for 2019 and 2018
- Information for itemized deductions: medical, dental, home mortgage or home loan interest, payments, contributions and donations made in 2019, and actual 2018 Illinois income taxes. Please provide bills for medical, dental and charitable donations deductions.
- Closing statements for any real estate sold in 2019, including original cost of the property, and cost of any improvements.
- Savings deposit slips or cancelled checks to confirm your bank account number for direct deposit of any refund from the IRS.
- Any Affordable Care Act Forms (i.e., 1095)

Any other income or expense information that could affect your tax return should be brought in, too.

Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®

The Human Services Department will offer the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent®* six week training course beginning April 7 in English and April 8 in Spanish. The curriculum was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., in Golden, Colorado. For more information or to register, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930.

ENGLISH

Tuesdays beginning April 7 | 6 – 7:30pm
Village Hall Human Services Department | Second Floor
50 South Emerson Street
\$10 per person or couple

SPANISH

Wednesdays beginning April 8 | 11:30am – 1pm
Community Connections Center
1711 West Algonquin Road
\$10 per person or couple

Community Connections Center

There is always a lot happening at the Community Connections Center. March is National Women's History Month and April is National Fair Housing Awareness Month. The Community Connections Center will be offering Fair Housing Presentations open to the community in April. Dates and times will be found on our Facebook Page, by visiting the Human Services Programs and Events Calendar on the Village Website or by contacting the Center at 847.506.4930.

Follow the Community Connections Facebook page for information and resources about these and other topics by Liking us at: facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter.



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connections
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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





Early Voting

Early voting and grace period registration for the upcoming March primary will begin Monday, March 2 and continue through Monday, March 16. Early voting will take place at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, in the Farley Community Room.

SCHEDULE

Monday thru Saturday | March 2 – 7

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday | March 8 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday thru Friday | March 9 – March 13

9:00 am – 7:00 pm

Saturday | March 14 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sunday | March 15 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

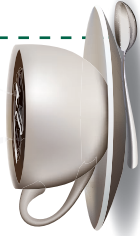
Monday | March 16 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Contact Village Clerk Karen Agoranos at kagoranos@mountprospect.org or 847.818.5333 with questions.

Coffee with Council

Meet informally with the Village Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9 to 11 am at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

For more information, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847.392.6000 or visit mountprospect.org.



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March 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Mt. Prospect Park District Early Bird Pool Passes on Sale thru May 1	2 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH Early Voting & Grace Period Registration Begins. See details in left column.	3 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	4 Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH	5 Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center	6 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH Mother & Son Luau Night Lions Rec Center, 7pm MPPD	7 Mini Golf at the Library 10am-3pm MPPL
8 Second Sunday at the Society: A Peek in Mount Prospect's Altic 11:30am-1:30pm 103 S. Maple Street, MPHist	9 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH Police Beat 3166 & 3168 Meeting, Library Meeting Room A, 7pm	10 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	11 Garden Club of MP Spring Into Vegetable Gardening, 11:30am, Friendship Park Conservatory	12 Conversations in English 5:30-7pm Community Connections Center	13 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	14 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Farley Community Room, VH Afternoon Tea with Lynn Rymarz as Julia Chitt: Her Life in France Central School, 2pm MPHIST
15 Mt. Prospect Community Band Spring Concert Ideas or March, Trinity United Methodist Church 3:30pm, MPPD	16 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH Last day for Early Voting & Grace Period Registration. See details in left column.	17 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	18	19 Wits Workout, 10-11:30am VH Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center	20 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	21
22	23 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH	24 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center	25 Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm, VH	26 Conversations in English 5:30-7pm Community Connections Center	27	28
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LEARN MORE AT



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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 847.818.5555
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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Colleen E. Saccotelli, Michael A. Zadel
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2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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April 2020



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