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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

New Headquarters for Fire & Police

The Mount Prospect Police Department and Downtown Fire Station 13 have moved from the shared Public Safety building at 112 E. Northwest Highway to new locations to better serve the public.

In June, the Police Department moved their headquarters to 911 E. Kensington Avenue (formerly 799 Biermann Court). The construction to modify the existing building began in April 2019, relocation planning began in 2016 with the hiring of FGM Architects to conduct a space needs study. The results of this study indicated that the existing public safety building locations had significant space limitations and the functionality did not meet modern police and public safety needs. The building at 911 E. Kensington Road was ideal for an adaptive reuse; its layout had the flexibility to design a building that meets modern police operation standards and has room to meet future challenges and growth. The reuse of an existing building saved the Village nearly \$10 million in construction costs compared to building new.

The new facility has incorporated significant improvements in addition to being a more appropriate size; better training facilities, conference space for public engagement, and room for process improvements related to technology, evidence collection/management, and general operations are a few of the features that have enabled the Village to provide leading-edge service delivery. *“The men and women of the Mount Prospect Police Department are grateful to all who played a part in bringing our new home to fruition. We are excited to have this facility to more efficiently serve the wonderful citizens of Mount Prospect. It’s not just a highly professional facility where a highly skilled group of Police Officers operate. It’s now the appropriate environment where the fearful seek shelter and victimized take their first step towards justice.”* Said Police Chief John Koziol. We know

Team Police and Mount Prospect community members are proud to have a modernized police headquarters in the Village.

Serving as both the Fire Department Headquarters and

Fire Station 13, relocating from the 112 E. Northwest Highway site could have been challenging. Fortunately, the Village was blessed with great timing, when 111 E. Rand Road came onto the market. A former bank building, the property shares two frontages: Rand Road and IL-83/Main Street.

There were several important reasons for relocation: an Illinois Fire Chiefs Association Station Location Study from 2018 indicated the 111 E. Rand Road location would reduce response times to significant target hazards such as Prospect High School, Randhurst Village, Kensington Business Center, the Boxwood Community, and multi-family residences at the northern border – a great benefit to the community.

Relocation of both the Police and Fire Departments from the 112 E. Northwest Highway location gives redevelopment potential to a key downtown parcel, while also improving downtown traffic flow impacted by emergency vehicles leaving the station on calls. This parcel is key to the Block 56 redevelopment initiative. Also an adaptive reuse, the new Fire Station Headquarters/Station 13 project saved the Village \$3.7 million when compared to new construction. *“The Mount Prospect Fire Department is thankful for the support from the Mayor, Village Board and Village Manager Michael Cassady which allowed us to work on a vision to significantly improve our response times to our community. We also want to thank the entire project team for their efforts in creating a working environment that promotes comfort, safety, and teamwork. This initiative was all about providing the best possible service to the community.”* Said Fire Chief Brian Lambel. Fire personnel were able to move into this beautiful new facility in May.



DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, GRAND OPENING CELEBRATIONS AND TOURS TO THE PUBLIC HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL ILLINOIS MOVES INTO STAGE 5. YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THESE PROJECTS ON THE VILLAGE’S TRANSPARENCY PORTAL: MOUNTPROSPECT.ORG/TRANSPARENCY

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Community Events

With the duration of the on-going COVID-19 pandemic still unknown, we advise you to check on the status of these events as each draws closer. We look forward to being able to celebrate as a community and hope each of these can take place as planned.



SEPTEMBER
1

Dutch Mill Bulb Sale
September 1 – December 1
The Mount Prospect Historical Society is selling flower bulbs through its website for planting this fall. The bulbs are guaranteed to bloom, or you'll get a free replacement. MPHS earns

a 50% profit on every sale, so if you have a friend in another state who is an avid gardener, suggest that he or she purchase their bulbs on behalf of the Mount Prospect Historical Society this year. Each order will be shipped directly to the purchaser, no matter where they are in the country. Choose from a selection of tulips, daffodils, crocuses, lilies, alliums and more. There are 18 fall planting/spring blooming selections, including *The Works*, which has everything you need for a traditional spring flower garden. For more information or to place your order, visit mthist.org to pay via PayPal or call 847.392.9006.

SEPTEMBER
3

Conversations in English
Thursdays | September 3, 10, 17 and 24
1 – 2pm



If you are learning English, practice your conversational skills virtually. Enjoy interesting discussions while learning new conversational skills from the comfort of your own home. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.

SEPTEMBER
6

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers Market
Sundays | 8am – 1pm
East commuter lot at Northwest Highway and Emerson Street



Stop by the Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers Market every week rain or shine to support local producers. Stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, and other goodies. Admission is free and new COVID-19 restrictions will be in place. For more information, visit mplions.org.

SEPTEMBER
8

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price | Zoom Edition



Tuesday | September 8
7 – 9pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
This virtual program,

presented by Joe Orsolini, president of College Aid Planners Inc., introduces several key areas of opportunity to reduce the overall cost of a college education, including need-based aid, merit aid and scholarships, and tax breaks and student loans. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.

SEPTEMBER
12

Tea with Martina Mathisen | Chicago, True Stories



Saturday | September 12
1pm
The 1920s was a delirious decade. What made this time so remarkable? Was the film *Chicago*

really inspired by a true story? Join us to find out! Sip tea and enjoy light refreshments while hearing historical interpreter Martina Mathisen talk about Chicago's True Stories. Reservations are required. To reserve your spot, visit mthist.org or call 847.392.9006.

SEPTEMBER
13

Historical Society Bake Sale



Sunday | September 13
8am – 1pm
FARMER'S MARKET
East commuter lot at Northwest Highway and Emerson Street

Stop by to buy yummy homemade baked goods made by Board and Society members, and purchase museum store items. For more information call 847.392.9006.

SEPTEMBER
13

Blacksmith Demonstration by Justin Stech



Sunday | September 13
11am – 1pm.
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 and 103 South Maple Street

Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society on campus at the Meyn Family Blacksmith Shop, where crowd-favorite Justin Stech will once again provide a live blacksmith demonstration. Don't miss your chance to join in on the fun. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours during this free event.

SEPTEMBER
13

Second Sunday at the Society | Make-and-Take Apple Prints



Sunday | September 13
11:30am – 1:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 and 103 South Maple Street

Come by the Mount Prospect Historical Society for bushels of fun! Do a make-and-take activity in Central School or take a tour of the Dietrich Friedrichs House. All ages are welcome.

SEPTEMBER
17

Making the Most of Social Security | Zoom Edition



Thursday | September 17
7 – 8:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Mike Heatwole, Certified Financial Planner™ and

Founder of The Dala Group, will provide Social Security benefits filing strategies available to single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals and widows. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.

SEPTEMBER
24

The Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce Annual Fall Classic Golf Outing

Thursday | September 24
10am Registration
11am Shotgun Start

MT. PROSPECT GOLF CLUB

600 S. See-Gwun Avenue
Enjoy a fun day filled with contests, raffle prizes, lunch, socially distant happy hour, courtesy beverage cart, and more! \$150 per person or \$550 for foursome. Contact meghan@mountprospectchamber.org. Open to the public!

SEPTEMBER
24

Turning 65: Understanding Medicare | Zoom Edition

Thursday | September 24
6 – 7:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Signing up for Medicare can be a challenging prospect. Enza Haas, social worker at Kenneth Young Center will detail information about Medicare eligibility, enrollment, and costs and will outline the pros and cons of Medicare Supplemental and Medicare Advantage plans. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.

OCTOBER
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OCTOBER
1

Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | October 1
2 – 8pm
FIRE STATION 14
2000 East Kensington Road
Monthly blood drives will take place the first Thursday of every month.



The Fire Department has partnered with Vitalant and their Everyday Heroes program. Through the program every donor generates a certain number of points which are then converted into a monetary award given by Vitalant to the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Scholarship Fund. More information is available on page 6 of this newsletter. For future drives, please register for an appointment at vitalant.org.

OCTOBER
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OCTOBER
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Second Sunday at the Society | Mini Paper Pumpkins

Sunday | October 11
11:30am – 1:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 and 103 South Maple Street



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OCTOBER
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Submarine Express Fundraiser

Thursday | October 22
10:30am – 7pm
SUBMARINE EXPRESS
2 West Northwest Hwy
Enjoy your lunch and/or dinner at Submarine Express and support the



Mount Prospect Historical Society! A portion of your meal will be donated from each order back to the Society. Just tell the order taker that you support the Mount Prospect Historical Society. All proceeds go towards MPHS educational programs.

OCTOBER
28

Early Trick-or-Treating Downtown

Wednesday | October 28
4 – 6pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT



Dress up in your favorite Halloween costume and trick-or-treat (socially distant style!) at the downtown Mount Prospect businesses. Participating businesses will have an orange pumpkin on their door or window. Businesses with teal pumpkins will offer non-food treats. For more information visit mpdowntown.com.

OCTOBER
31

Five Dollar Fives: Heather Francek-Galloucis

Saturday | October 31
10am
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 South Maple Street



Historic Writer Heather Francek-Galloucis will take you on a journey with the , one of Mount Prospect's founding families. Discover her findings as well as her deep roots. Space is limited. The program fee is \$5. To register, visit mtphist.org to pay via PayPal or call 847.392.9006.

News from the Finance Department

Access Your Utility Account Online

Use our online service for your water/sewer/refuse bills anytime at mountprospect.org. The site allows you to view your account summary including your current bill and consumption analysis. You can also review your account history and make a payment with no service fee.

Planning to Move?

If you are moving out of a residence in Mount Prospect, please call 847.818.5266 to close your utility account and address any outstanding balance.

Did You Purchase a Vehicle Sticker?

The deadline for purchasing 2020-2021 vehicle stickers was July 31. The Police Department may issue citations to owners of locally registered vehicles on which the current sticker is not displayed. If a citation is issued for not having the current sticker, the recipient may have to pay a fine, the basic cost of the new sticker, and the late purchase penalty. The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who have purchased new vehicles after August 1. In these limited cases, residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker with proof of purchase or move-in date to assure that a penalty is not imposed. Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a 2020-2021 vehicle sticker should contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 with updated vehicle information to determine eligibility for transference of the sticker from one vehicle to another for no additional fee. For more information about vehicle stickers, visit mountprospect.org or contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.

Things to know from the Building and Inspection Department

Is Your Home Feeling OK?

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

- Clean your windows and doors and check weather stripping to prevent cold air from getting in and your heated air from getting out.
- It's always safer, easier and less expensive to get your heating system checked before it exhibits any problems.
- Clean gutters and downspouts, using a professional service if necessary. Don't take unnecessary risks on your own.
- On the inside take care of that room that needs a fresh coat of paint. Doing it now allows you to keep windows open to minimize paint odor.
- Be pool safe by cleaning your pool and hot tub and then securing them with a locking cover. Be sure that all fence gates leading to them are locked as well.
- Prevent water pipes from bursting by shutting off water to hose spigots and draining the pipes.
- Prepare for those holiday decorations by adding or checking GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) receptacles both inside and on the outside of your home. Use a GFCI test device with a trip-button available at most home centers.
- Test and replace batteries as necessary on your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. A great time to do it is when you change your clocks in the fall. If you have any questions call the Fire Prevention Bureau for assistance at 847.818.5253.

Keeping your home healthy this winter can help keep you healthy, too.

Ribbon Cuttings



Tuesday | July 7, 2020
THE JOINT CHIROPRACTIC
104 West Rand Road (next to Potbelly's)
847.499.2360 | thejoint.com



Tuesday | August 4, 2020
STATE FARM INSURANCE | Agent Jordan Barajas Sanchez
1734 East Kensington Road
847.635.6600 | statefarm.com



Early Voting

Village Hall is an early voting site for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election. Voting and Grace Period Registration will take place at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, in the 1st Floor Farley Community Room.

The schedule for early voting will be:

October 19 – 23	8:30 am to 7:00 pm
October 24	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
October 25 – October 30	8:30 am to 7:00 pm
October 31 and November 1	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
November 2	8:30 am to 7:00 pm

If you prefer to vote by mail you can request a mail ballot at cookcountyclerk.com or call the Clerk's office at 847.818.5333 for assistance. The last day to request a mail ballot is Thursday, October 29.

Time is Running Out to Complete the 2020 Census

The Village encourages all residents to fill out the 2020 Census form if you haven't already done so. An accurate census count is critical for the allocation of funding to our State and Village for things like emergency services, healthcare, infrastructure, and hundreds of social service programs. To date, the Village is at 77.2%, ahead of our 2010's response percentage of 76.5%. Let's make this number even higher!



The self-response portal officially closes on September 30. From August 11 through September 30, Census takers will go door to door to interview residents that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted. If a Census taker comes to your door, make sure they show the proper identification, including a valid ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo.

If you need help to fill out the form in a different language, please call 847.506.4930 or visit the Community Connections Center located at 1711 West Algonquin Road. Staff members there are equipped to help with any Census related questions.

Represent your community with pride by filling out your Census form!

For additional FAQ's and information, please visit mountprospect.org/2020Census.

The Census questionnaire is completely confidential and does not release your information to any other federal agency or other entity.

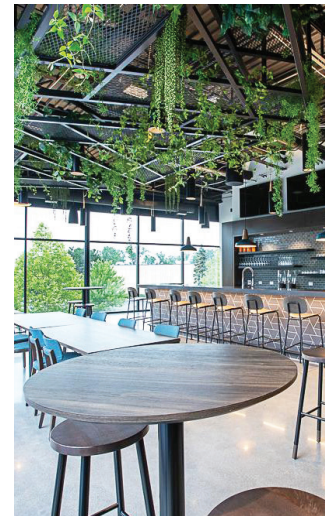
New Nicholas & Associates Headquarters Completed

One of the largest contributors to the growth and stability of our business community, Nicholas & Associates recently completed the remodel and expansion of their headquarters in the Kensington Business Center.

Since 1978, Nicholas & Associates has successfully completed over 500 projects including churches, schools, park district and recreational facilities, municipal buildings, industrial manufacturing plants and warehouses, retail stores, restaurant and banquet facilities, and corporate and financial offices. Here in Mount Prospect projects recently completed or underway include Nicholas Fields, 20 West apartments, a downtown leasing office, EGGJAM Café, Station 13, and others.

We are grateful that company ownership chose to operate out of a temporary location nearby for more than a year as the remodel took shape rather than relocate into a move-in ready building out of town. The company built its brand on completing quality projects, building long-lasting relationships, and providing complete client satisfaction, demonstrating a whatever-it-takes philosophy to getting the job done.

The Kensington Business Center is home to more than 30 company headquarters, has less than a 2% vacancy rate, and is one of the premier business parks in Chicagoland.



Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week Begins October 4

Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen is the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2020 which runs October 4 through 10.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and injuries caused by fires. Our focus on kitchen safety this year includes these important tips:



- Establish a kid-free zone of at least 3 feet from stoves and other hot appliances in the kitchen.
- Keep your cooking area clutter-free by moving items at least 3 feet away from the stove or cooking surface.
- Always have a pot lid nearby when cooking; they can be used to quickly extinguish small grease fires.
- Unattended cooking is the leading cause of kitchen fires so never leave cooking or baking items unattended. Set an alarm and stay awake and alert when cooking.
- Don't wear loose or dangling clothes or jewelry when cooking.
- Turn pot handles inward so they don't hang over the stove where they can be bumped or touched by children.
- Always have working smoke alarms and develop an escape plan.

Cooking and entertaining are fun for many of us, and the kitchen is the center of most homes, so exercise good safety practice to keep your home, family and friends safe.

And here's something to enjoy in your kitchen – one of the favorite recipes used by Mount Prospect firefighters. Enjoy – safely!

More delicious recipes made by our firefighters can be found on our webpage at mountprospect.org/departments/fire-department.

Something Special from the Great Chicago Fire

The Great Chicago Fire is believed to be the second largest fire in history. The fire burned from October 8 to October 10 in 1871. Thousands of buildings in Chicago were destroyed, an estimated 300 people lost their lives and the total damage was approximately \$200 million. An area almost four miles long and a mile wide was left in ruins.

Some good came from the tragedy as Chicago was built better and stronger than ever spurring significant economic growth. As new buildings were designed and constructed, far greater thought was given to making them more fire resistant and improvements helped prevent future fires from spreading from one building to another as happened in 1871.

The Chicago Fire significantly altered the way firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety. The International Fire Marshals Association decided that the anniversary of the fire should be observed in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation, and since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period during which Oct 9th falls. This is longest running public health and safety observance on record.

FIREHOUSE PIZZA

INGREDIENTS

- Dough
- 1 ¼ cups warm water (105-110°F)
 - ½ tsp active dry yeast
 - 1 tsp honey
 - ½ Tbsp fine sea salt
 - 3 ⅓ cups all-purpose flour
 - Semolina flour to dust baking sheet
- Sauce
- Dell'Alpe tomato sauce (about ¾ can per full baking sheet sized pizza)
- Cheese
- Whole milk mozzarella – a lot.
- Toppings
- As desired

DIRECTIONS

In a small bowl, mix water, honey, and salt then sprinkle the top with yeast. Let sit 5 minutes then stir.

Measure flour in a large mixing bowl and make a well in the center. Pour yeast mixture into the center then stir with a firm spatula until the dough comes together.

Knead by hand for 2 minutes then cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let rise at room temperature for 4-5 hours or until doubled in size.

Transfer dough to a floured surface, turn to coat lightly so it isn't sticky, divide in half.

Using a rolling pin (or throw it up in the air!), roll the dough out being careful not to tear. A 3 ⅓ cup portion will cover one full baking sheet. Have 1-3 people on hand to continually clean the inevitable mess!

Lightly coat baking sheet with cooking spray and semolina flour and place rolled dough onto the sheet. Fold over and pinch edges to make a slight crust. Preheat the oven to 450° and bake the dough until the crust begins to bubble and is slightly golden brown. Remove from the oven and let cool.

Spread a thin layer of sauce onto the dough. Season the sauce with parmesan, garlic powder, Italian seasoning, and red pepper flakes.

Sprinkle on a layer of cheese and finish with toppings – don't overdo it. Continue to bake until cheese melts.

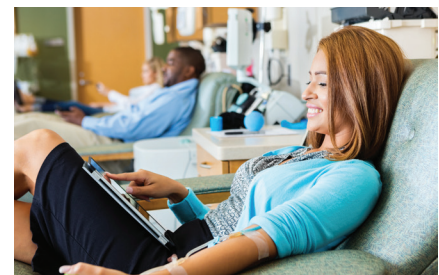
Favorite firehouse pizzas include bacon and giardiniera, crumbled sausage, roasted red pepper and ricotta cheese, pepperoni and pepperoncini peppers, and a margherita pizza.

Giving Blood Helps in Many Ways

The monthly Mount Prospect Blood Drive returns in October at our new Fire Station 14 at 2000 East Kensington Road. The first date is October 1 from 2:00 – 8:00 pm. Subsequent drives will take place the first Thursday of every month at the same time and location. Since 2000, the Village has had 185 blood drives which have resulted in 6,200 units of blood. What an amazing effort by our community!

We have partnered with Vitalant and their Everyday Heroes program. Through the program every donor generates a certain number of points which are then converted into a monetary award given by Vitalant to the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Scholarship Fund. The fund provides firefighters with an opportunity to further their vocational experience as well as continue their education and training through scholarships.

For future drives, please register for an appointment at vitalant.org.



Pass It On in 2020

Pass It On is an education campaign originated by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which provides new ways for friends and neighbors to keep each other informed about scams and how to prevent becoming a victim. The Mount Prospect Police Department encourages everyone to share what you know to help protect one another. In each of Mount Prospect's 2020 Village Newsletters, we will explain one type of scam along with helpful information on how to identify and avoid it. Please read the information and Pass It On.

This month we are focusing on charity fraud. In this instance, a caller will ask you to donate to a charity, often making it sound like one with which you are familiar. If the caller pressures you to donate right away, be suspicious. Scammers will ask you for cash, offer to send a courier or have you wire money, none of which you should do. They might also make it sound as if you have donated to them in the past.

Be wary of anyone requesting a donation who cannot send you information on the organization, give you details or explain how donations are used.

Before making any donation, take your time. Tell the caller to send you information in the mail. Even if you receive a solicitation in the mail, do some research before donating. Make sure the group is legitimate and find out what percentage of their donations go to the charity. Make sure the donation will be tax-deductible.

For more information visit ftc.gov/passiton and be sure to share this information with friends, neighbors and family members.

Get to Know Patrol Beat 3168

To better serve the community the Village of Mount Prospect is made up of six permanent police patrol beats, each with permanent beat assignments for officers. All officers are assigned a shift and beat for the entire calendar year. Each beat has a sergeant who is responsible for the entire beat as a Beat Coordinator.

Beat 3168 is found in the northwest portion of the Village and is bordered by Gregory Street, Dale Avenue, Rand Road, Camp McDonald Road and Wolf Road. The beat sergeant for 3168 is Sergeant Jonathon Juhl who can be contacted at beat3168@mountprospect.org.

Who's Knocking at the Door?

While many of us assume that burglars will enter a home through a side or back window or door, in recent years they have knocked on front doors to see if anyone is home, even during daylight hours. If no one responds they assume the home is unoccupied and often force their way in through the front door.

Traditionally parents have taught children who were home alone to not answer the door, sometimes instructing them to hide out of sight. Adults often do the same thing not wanting to be bothered with a solicitor of some type. It is important that we change that mindset and adapt to the techniques now being used by home invaders.

Best practices suggest that you see who is at the door by looking through a window, out a peep-hole or by using a security camera. Acknowledge the person through the door without opening it, keeping it locked if possible. You are under no obligation to engage them and you have the right to ask them to leave your property. If the person does not leave or is acting suspicious, call 911 immediately to report it and an officer will be sent to assist you.



Exercise Caution Around Rail Crossings

Because there are a number of rail crossings in the Village, it is easy to consider crossing them routine and lose sight of how dangerous they can be. We encourage you to remember – Look, Listen & Live.

Please adhere to these important guidelines regarding railroad tracks and crossings:

- Walking on the railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side of them is illegal.
- It is not safe to walk or stand in between the railroad tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions.
- The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with either a railroad crossing sign (crossbuck), flashing red lights or a gate.
- Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. The ability to see a second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the gates are fully raised and the red lights stop flashing, look in both directions, and then cross.



License Required to Rent Your Property

It is unlawful for any person to operate, maintain or offer to rent for residential purposes a rental unit or rental structure in Mount Prospect without first obtaining a Residential Operator's License from the Village.

Landlords, or designated agents, must attend a Crime Free Housing Seminar, conducted by the Police Department. Crime Free Housing Seminars are held every few months at the police station, 911 East Kensington Road, for the purpose of sharing information with landlords regarding current fair housing laws, landlord and tenant law, as well as sharing proactive management techniques. The program works towards improving living conditions for all residents in the Village.

Our next Crime Free Housing Seminar will take place November 7 from 8 am to noon. Registration is required and is available online on the Crime Free Housing page in the Police Department section of the Village website or by contacting the Crime Free Housing Coordinator at 847.818.5251.



Public Works

Here Come the Holidays!

Be a special part of the holiday season in Mount Prospect this year by donating your tree for our holiday display. We are looking for a fir or spruce tree at least 30 feet tall with uniform and full growth. If you have a tree that fits that description that you are thinking of removing, the Village will remove it and transport it at no cost if we select it as the centerpiece for our Village display. Contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org and we'll take a look.



Keep Your Trees Healthy This Fall

As leaves on your trees change from green to yellow, red, orange or brown it is a great reminder that the fall is an important time to look after the health of your trees. As the growing season comes to an end, you can help prepare your trees for a healthy dormant period with some basic steps.

- Keep trees well-watered in the fall. Do additional watering if your yard receives less than an inch or rain in a week. Simply running a sprinkler under the canopy of the tree will suffice but remember that roots can extend out as far as the tree is tall so make sure you get ample coverage.
- Add a layer of mulch to help retain moisture and keep the ground from freezing. Wood chips are a great and natural material to use. Applying a layer of mulch 2" – 3" thick helps prevent weeds from growing and protects the base of the tree from your trimmer. Don't pile the mulch directly against the base of the tree, however. Keep it at ground level right next to the trunk
- If you are applying fall fertilizer to your lawn, don't forget to do the same to your trees. The best time is in September but if you miss that opportunity, wait until the tree has gone into dormancy in late November.

- Use your time in the yard this fall to check for insects in your trees. While most insect damage occurs in spring, the fall is the right time to take preventative measures. Insects affect different tree species in different ways, so it is recommended to rely on a professional tree service to evaluate and treat your trees.
- Finally, removing dead and broken branches now can improve the health of a tree as well as limit damage from insects and fungi. Removing fallen leaves, fruit, and other tree debris from the landscape can help reduce foliar diseases the following season.



Annual Fall Leaf Collection Program Begins October 19

Our Fall Loose Leaf Collection Program provides residents with a convenient method to dispose of leaves at no cost. The program allows residents to rake loose leaves to the curb once a week for pick-up. Bagged leaves are not accepted as a part of this program.

Collection days will begin October 19 and run through December 4. The collection schedule and map can be found on the Village's website. Public Works crews will pick up piles of loose leaves placed at the curb on scheduled dates. Other yard waste including grass clippings, twigs and branches will not

be picked up. Those materials must be disposed of according to the Village's yard waste collection guidelines.

The program guidelines are:

- Leaves may be raked into piles one foot from the curb line the day before the scheduled pick-up.
- Trucks make only one pass on each side of the street so please do not move leaves to the curb line if trucks have already been past your home.
- Per Village Ordinance 24.115, burning leaves is prohibited.



Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Needed

With winter not too far away, we are creating our annual list of supplemental snowplow drivers. If you are looking for a way to earn some extra income and can be available as needed, we would like to hear from you. We are looking for drivers with experience driving large trucks who have a valid Class A or B commercial driver's license with an air brake endorsement. First-year drivers must attend an orientation class hosted by the Public Works Department. Please contact the Public Works Department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5640 for details.



Recycling Program for Thermometers

The Village and the Solid Waste Agency Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offer a recycling program for thermometers, thermostats and wall switches that contain mercury. Mercury poses health and environmental risks and should be properly disposed of through a recycling program. Old thermometers of this type can contain up to 700 milligrams of mercury, a level 140 times higher than a CFL.

Mount Prospect residents can bring these items to the Public Works Department between 7:30 am and 5 pm on weekdays, except holidays. The Public Works Department is located at 1700 West Central Road. For more information call 847.870.5640.

Unlimited Organics Collection Service Through Mid-December

The Village has rebranded the yard waste program as the Organics Program. In addition to the collection of yard waste, the Village will accept organic material including fruits, vegetables, etc. All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge, but residents must provide their own rigid container or obtain one through the cart rental program for collection. Organics service are provided from April through mid-December. Please visit mountprospect.org/organics or contact Public Works for more information.

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

Home Hot Spots for Water Quality

Around every yard are spots where your activities affect water quality. Take a look around your own home and yard with an eye toward water quality.

Good Water Quality Practices

- Composting converts leaves and grass clippings into a nutrient-rich mulch for your planting beds and gardens.
- Natural areas and planting beds lend variety to a residential lawn, attract wildlife and mean you have less lawn to mow and fertilize.
- Directing downspouts to unpaved areas lets rainwater soak into the ground which controls the flow of runoff into the lakes.
- Safe chemical storage protects lakes and waterways, and your family. Make sure your lawn chemicals, car care products and household cleaners are properly sealed in their containers. Safely store these containers away from people, pets and runoff water.
- Limit fertilizer and pesticide use and sweep these off paved areas to keep them out of storm sewers.

- A small oil drip or gas leak may not seem like a big deal, but after a good rain these toxic chemicals become runoff that washes into the lakes. Keeping your car tuned will help prevent these problems.
- Cover bare soil by planting the area with grass or other vegetation, and then immediately covering with mulch or hay until vegetation takes root.



Human Services

COVID-19 Assistance

If you or someone you know is struggling financially due to COVID-19, please contact the Human Services Department. A department social worker will work with you and connect you to available resources. Due to the pandemic, residents impacted by COVID-19 may be eligible for emergency assistance through programs designated for COVID-19.

If you are in a position to donate to help those in need, please go to our webpage where you will find a link to donate to our emergency fund via PayPal.

Medicare D Prescription Open Enrollment Period

Open enrollment for Medicare D begins October 15 and runs through December 7 of this year. Every year brings changes in premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and drugs covered for all drug plans, so we encourage you to set time aside to review and enroll. Human Services Department Social Workers and Senior Health Insurance volunteers use a tool available on the Medicare website and can help you determine which plan is best for you for the upcoming year. In addition, they will assess whether you are eligible for assistance with your plan premiums and co-pays. If you would like assistance with enrolling or reviewing your current plan, call 847.818.5318. There are a limited number of appointments available so don't delay



Teens Needed to Assist Senior Residents with Shoveling

We are looking to help senior residents with snow shoveling this winter by matching them with teens (ages 13 – 18) who are willing to assist. While we will not do any screening or establish pay rates, we will match teens with local seniors who need the assistance. For information please contact the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



Senior Programming

Please check the Human Services Department webpage or call 847.870.5680 for updates on Senior Programming and Senior Health Month due to COVID-19.



Community Connections Center

September is National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month and October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook Page for information and resources about each topic 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



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

50 South Emerson Street
Mount Prospect | Illinois 60056
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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 847.818.5355
Television Services 847.870.5685
Community Development
Building Division 847.870.5675
Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
Fire Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5666
Human Services 847.870.5680
Police Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5656
Public Works 847.870.5640
Water Billing 847.392.6000

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2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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September 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Dutch Mill Bulb Sale through December 1 mphis.org to order	2	3 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual	4	5
6 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St	7	8 Don't Pay the College Sticker Price - Zoom Edition, 7-9pm, MPPL	9	10 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual	11	12 Tea with Martina Mathisen Chicago, True Stories 1pm, MPHIST
13 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St Historical Society Bake Sale 8am-1pm, Farmers Market Blacksmith Demonstration 11am-1pm, MPHIST Second Sundays at the Society, Apple Prints 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHIST	14	15	16	17 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual Making the Most of Social Security - Zoom Edition 7-8:30pm, MPPL	18	19
20 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St	21	22	23	24 Chamber Golf Outing 11am Shotgun Start to register go to mountprospectchamber.org Conversations in English 1-2pm Turning 65: Understanding Medicare - Zoom Edition, 6-7:30pm, MPPL	25	26
27 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St	28	29	30			

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Early Voting

Village Hall is an early voting site for the November 3, 2020 Presidential General Election. Voting and Grace Period Registration will take place at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, in the 1st Floor Farley Community Room.

EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

October 19 – 23 8:30 am to 7 pm
 October 24 9:00 am to 5 pm
 October 25 – October 30 8:30 am to 7 pm
 October 31 & November 1 9:00 am to 5 pm
 November 2 8:30 am to 7 pm

If you prefer to vote by mail you can request a mail ballot at cookcountyclerk.com or call the Clerk's office at 847.818.5333 for assistance. The last day to request a mail ballot is Thursday, October 29.



www.experiencemountprospect.org

October 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT www.experiencemountprospect.org			1 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual Monthly Blood Drive, 2-8pm Fire Station 14	2	3
4 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St	5	6	7	8 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual	9	10 Blacksmith Demonstration by Justin Stech, 11am-1pm MPHist
11 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St Second Sundays at the Society: Make and Take Pumpkins 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist	12	13	14	15 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual	16	17
18 MP Lions Farmers Market 8am-1pm East Commuter Lot, Hwy14 & Emerson St	19 Early Voting Begins Farley Community Room, VH	20	21	22 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual Submarine Express Fundraiser, 10:30am-7pm SUBMARINE EXPRESS 2 West Northwest Hwy	23	24
25	26	27	28 Downtown Merchant's Trick or Treat, 4-6pm Downtown MP	29 Conversations in English 1-2pm, Virtual	30	31 Five Dollar Fives: Heather Francek-Galloucis 10am, MPHist

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