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## Supporting Restaurants and Businesses Safely During COVID-19

The Village actively works with our business owners to ensure they are operating within COVID-19 restrictions, guidelines and best practices provided by federal, state and local government organizations. Here is a summary of what our businesses are doing in an effort to keep the public safe and help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### MOUNT PROSPECT BUSINESSES ARE:

- Posting rules and requirements for public to adhere, and working with their customers to ensure that these requirements are followed.
- Screening employees for COVID-19 symptoms (such as temperature checks) and are masking throughout their shift. Employees interacting with the public, such as retail or hospitality workers, are required to wash/sanitize their hands many times throughout the day.
- Cleaning and disinfecting common areas, high touch point surfaces such as door handles, restrooms, tables, chairs, payment keypads and counters often, throughout the day. Most businesses have hand sanitizer or hand wash stations available for public use.

- Following CDC and IDPH protocols when addressing a COVID-19 exposures for employees. Businesses are being cooperative with County and Village efforts to contact trace, which ensures those that may be exposed can be tested and isolated to prevent further spread.
- ... And much more. Full safety guidelines as outlined by the state's Restore Illinois plan are available at [mountprospect.org/PhaseFour](http://mountprospect.org/PhaseFour)

The Village is emphasizing to all businesses the importance of following health and safety protocols and they are being responsive. As new guidance is released, we work hard to update our business community through the use of email contact lists and website postings. Our inspection services team is out in the community every day relaying this message, to provide the



- Maintaining 6' physical distancing between patrons through modified floorplan layouts. Businesses with reduced occupancy restrictions are monitoring patron counts. Restaurant owners have removed tables and chairs or blocked off areas to adhere to physical distancing restrictions.
- Providing curbside pickup, contactless transactions, restricted the use of self-serve areas, and installed Plexiglas shields between the employees and customers, where possible.

safest environment possible for the public. The Village will continue to work with businesses as we shift toward a need to shop and dine indoors, with the overall goal of helping the businesses succeed while keeping the health of our residents a top priority. When possible, please remember to support Mount Prospect restaurants and businesses.

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# Community Events

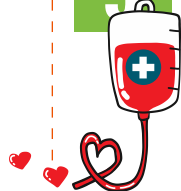
With the duration of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic still unknown, we advise you to check on the status of these events as each draws closer. We look forward to being able to celebrate as a community and hope each of these can take place as planned.

## NOVEMBER 5 Virtual Conversations in English



Thursdays | November 5 and 19 | 1:00 – 2:00pm  
 Thursday | November 12 | 5:00 – 6:00pm  
 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.

## NOVEMBER 5 Monthly Blood Drive



Thursday | November 5 | 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. For future drives, please register for an appointment at vitalant.org.

## NOVEMBER 5 Top 10 Home Modification Solutions for All Ages



Thursday | November 5 | 6:30 – 8:00pm | ZOOM  
 Hear from certified Aging in Place specialists about products, services and conveniences that can help create an accessible home environment for individuals wanting to maintain a safe and secure independent lifestyle. Presented in partnership with the Human Services Department of the Village of Mount Prospect. This program will be presented using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org), call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.

## NOVEMBER 7 Super Saturday: Miss Jamie's Big Book Show

Saturday | November 7 | 11 – 11:30am | ZOOM  
 Get ready to sing, laugh, learn and dance along with Miss Jamie and her farm puppet friends. With interactive songs and imaginative play opportunities, this show is sure to be a blast for the whole family. 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](http://mopl.org), call 847.253.5675 or stop by the library.



## NOVEMBER 12 Participating in Clinical Trials

Thursday | November 12 | 3 – 4pm | ZOOM  
 Clinical trials look at new ways to prevent, detect or treat disease. In this presentation given by Steve Satek, President and Founder of Great Lakes Clinical Trials, learn about clinical trial plans and protocols, eligibility guidance, and accounts of positive results and breakthroughs. This program will be co-hosted by Lutheran Home and Great Lakes Clinical Trials using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org), call 847.253.5675 or stop by the Mount Prospect Public Library.



## NOVEMBER 18 Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class



Wednesday | November 18 | 1:30 pm  
**VILLAGE HALL**  
**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM**  
 50 South Emerson Street  
 If you'd like a refresher in advance of taking your written exam for your Illinois driver's license renewal, join the Human Services Department for this review. Registration is required and space is limited. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

## NOVEMBER 25 VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING

Wednesday | November 25  
 Due to ongoing COVID-19 precautions, the Village and Special Events Commission are postponing this year's Christkindlmarket. We will host this year's tree lighting and message from Mayor Juracek as a virtual ceremony, with initial broadcast on Wednesday, November 25. Keep an eye on the Village website and social media accounts to learn more on how to watch.





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### 40th Annual Teddy Bear Walk

December 1 – 31  
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for a monthlong celebration of the 40th Annual Teddy Bear Walk with a variety of activities to enjoy at home and around town.



Watch a special video of everyone's favorite performers, folk singer Mark Dvorak and juggler Chris Fascione, along with special guests Ted E. Bear and Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Decorate your own teddy bear to place in your window and be part of a village-wide DIY teddy bear scavenger hunt. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library. Visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org) for more details.

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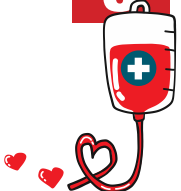
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### Walking Tours of Mount Prospect

The Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS) introduced five downloadable neighborhood walking tours this year for those who are increasingly walking and biking through town. Get

some exercise, learn more about Mount Prospect and wear a newly designed inspirational MPHS t-shirt to show your Mount Prospect pride. For more information, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org).

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### Pandemic Memories Project

Who will tell Mount Prospect's story of the pandemic? The Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS), in partnership with the Village of Mount Prospect Community



Engagement Committee and the Mount Prospect Public Library, have begun a project to collect residents' memories and stories of this time in history.

Residents and others associated with Mount Prospect are encouraged to submit essays, photos, videos, poems, an oral history or other items through the MPHS website ([www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org)). Much is being recorded by national news sources and others; however, the MPHS wants to create a legacy for future residents explaining how Mount Prospect residents specifically lived during this challenging time. Please consider contributing to this important archive.

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### 2020 Holiday Housewalk: Dollhouse Edition

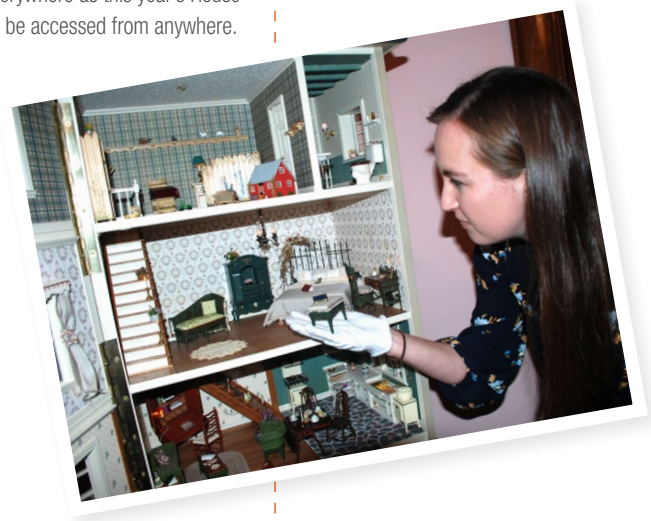
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mount Prospect Historical Society will replace its annual Housewalk with in-depth video tours of six furnished historic dollhouses—five from



its collection and one owned by a Mount Prospect resident. The video tour will be available via the Society's website ([mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org)) during December and January for \$10, payable through PayPal. Pass the word to dollhouse lovers everywhere as this year's Housewalk can be accessed from anywhere.



*Living in Mount Prospect, IL during the Pandemic of 2020*



## 2020 Shining Star Award Nominations are Open!

Each year the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission honors individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. We celebrate them as Shining Stars and recognize them each year. Even during these trying times the **28<sup>th</sup> Annual Shining Stars Gala** will be held Saturday, February 6, 2021, location to be announced at a later date.

The Shining Star Awards are presented on the basis of nomination by community leaders; by business people; by residents; by men and women who work here, people interested in the community, people like you. The categories cover a wide range of interest areas and are designed especially to seek out individuals who do things that often go unnoticed. If the person you are thinking of doesn't fit one of the categories, don't worry, the last category can be whatever you think it should be. Please refer to the Village web site, [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org) for a detailed list of categories. Simply click on the Shining Stars logo at the bottom of the homepage and you will be taken to the Shining Stars Award Page. You may fill out your nomination/s form on that page electronically, or you may print out a paper copy and mail it in to the address on the form.

The winners are selected in early December and will be announced shortly thereafter. Nominations must be in writing (electronic form or paper copy) and received no later than midnight, November 30, 2020.

We ask for your help and cooperation in this worthy civic endeavor, hope to see you on this special night in February.



## Ribbon Cuttings



Tuesday | September 10  
E SUSHI  
1750 West Golf Road  
224.875.7133 | [esushi.us](http://esushi.us)



THE KENSINGTON AT RANDHURST  
Groundbreaking Ceremony  
401 East Kensington Road  
224.282.8186 | [kensingtonsenior.com](http://kensingtonsenior.com)

## VILLAGE TREE LIGHTING GOES VIRTUAL

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## Mount Prospect Public Library

**Library Hours**  
Monday-Friday : 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Saturday-Sunday : 12-5 p.m.

[mppl.org/reopening](http://mppl.org/reopening)



**Wear Face Mask**



**Stay 6 Feet Apart**



**Wash Hands**



**Choose Items Keep Moving**



**Get some exercise and increase your knowledge of Mount Prospect**

**Free, Downloadable "Historic Walking Tour" maps of five different Mount Prospect neighborhoods are now available online!**



**Go to [www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org).**

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# Community/Economic Development

## Caputo's Fresh Market

The Maple Street Lofts development at Prospect Avenue and Maple Street will soon be home to Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market bringing the first grocery store to the downtown area in a number of years. Wingspan Development Group, the real estate development company which is building the new addition to our downtown announced that the store will open in Spring of 2021 along with the residential portion of the development.

Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market is a family-owned grocer that has served the Chicago area for generations. The store will occupy the entire ground level retail space along Prospect Avenue in the newly constructed Maple Street Lofts luxury apartment building.



The development is a \$125 million project that includes 257 luxury rental apartments, 15,000 square feet of retail space, 56 rowhomes, and a new municipal parking deck.

For more information, please visit [wingspandev.com](http://wingspandev.com) or [mountprospect.org/MapleStreetLofts](http://mountprospect.org/MapleStreetLofts).

## New Senior Living Options Coming to Mount Prospect

As many of our residents reach retirement age, they have a strong desire to remain in Mount Prospect but without the cost, upkeep or excess space of their current home. We are pleased to announce that two new housing options will bring much-needed, high-quality senior housing to the community.

**Mount Prospect Senior Living** will bring 88 rental units with memory care and assisted living options to 1111 South Linneman Road. The community will feature studio, one- and two-bedroom floorplans for adults age 62 and above. The development will feature many amenities including a wellness center, multiple dining areas, a grand event parlor, outdoor gardens and walking paths. Scheduled to open in early 2021 Mount Prospect Senior Living is now accepting reservations. For more information, please call 847.250.6029 or visit [mountprospectseniorliving.com](http://mountprospectseniorliving.com).

Residents 55 and above are invited to learn more about **The Kensington at Randhurst**, a new 74-unit affordable development for independent adults. Located at 401 East Kensington Road, the development will include one- and two-bedroom plans. Conveniently located across from Randhurst Village,



the building will offer numerous indoor and outdoor community spaces for socializing as well as easy access to shopping and entertainment. The development recently broke ground and is scheduled to open in the summer of 2021. For more information, please call 224.282.8186 or visit [kensingtonsenior.com](http://kensingtonsenior.com).

## South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan Update

Originally kicking off in 2018, the South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan is a long-range planning update to the original 2009 version. A sub-area plan sets long-term goals, policies and strategies for addressing and guiding future development for the next 10 years and beyond, within a smaller geographic area in the Village. After considerable community engagement, analysis, and staff input, we anticipate that the update will be voted on for Village Board adoption by the end of 2020.

Within the document are goals, objectives, and an implementation strategy, clearly projecting and defining the outlook of the



area for the next decade. Topics pertain to housing, land use and zoning, open space and recreation, community services, transportation, and future growth and annexation. The Key Sites section of the document will showcase underutilized or vacant sites which are conducive for reuse or redevelopment. The goal of these recommendations is to provide support for any future development within the south side of the Village. Please visit our website or call the Community Development Department at 847/818-5328 for future public hearing information on the proposed plan adoption.

## Home Fire Safety During the Winter

Nothing creates a warm Holiday ambience like having family gathered around the fireplace on a cold day or night. In order to best enjoy those moments, and to keep your family safe, we encourage you to follow these important fireplace and chimney safety tips:

- Make sure the flue or damper are open before starting a fire; you can easily check by looking up through the chimney with a flashlight.
- An open flue safely draws smoke out of the house so be sure to keep it open until all embers have stopped burning.
- Have a professional check your chimney on an annual basis, preferably before the first use of the year. A poorly maintained chimney can lead to a chimney fire or carbon monoxide poisoning. Neglecting chimney care can be dangerous and can also lead to very costly repairs.

Carbon monoxide poisoning claims approximately 4,000 lives each year. Carbon monoxide is an odorless gas that is the by-product of combustion. The less complete the burning, the more carbon monoxide is released into the air. In most cases, problems occur because of improper exhausting of these fumes. These problems are almost entirely avoidable through regular professional fireplace and chimney inspections.

As smoke from your fireplace rises up the chimney it comes in contact with the cooler air in the flue and causes condensation. This creates a black or brown

gummy substance called creosote. As this material builds up it can catch fire. The first chimney fire may even go unnoticed. Over time, however, these small fires can cause cracks and loosen the mortar in the chimney providing the next fire with an avenue to reach roof timbers and other combustible materials of the home. This high heat fire spreads fast and is especially dangerous to homes with bedrooms on the second floor.

Keeping the fireplace clean and having a seasonal chimney sweep will bring you peace of mind and prevent creosote build-up.



## Celebrate Around the Christmas Tree Safely

Many families still enjoy selecting a fresh-cut Christmas tree for their home. To ensure a safe Holiday celebration, follow these important safety tips:

- When selecting a tree, choose one with fresh, green needles.
- Test a tree by bending a branch; if the tree is fresh the needles should not fall off.
- Before putting the tree in a stand, cut 2 inches off the base of the trunk.
- Keep the tree at least 3 feet away from sources of heat including fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents and lights.
- Never place a tree where it will block an exit.
- Be sure to water your tree daily to keep it from drying out.
- When placing lights on a tree, use only strings of lights that have a label from a recognized testing laboratory.
- Check packaging to use appropriate lights for indoor or outdoor settings.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords, or loose bulb connections. Follow the manufacturer's instructions regarding the number of light strands that can be strung together.
- Never place lit candles on, under or near a tree.

- Always turn lights off before leaving home or going to bed.
- Once the season is over, remove the tree from your home. Dried-out trees present a fire hazard. Do not leave a dried-out tree in your garage or leaning against the outside of your home.
- The Village offers a Christmas tree recycling program after the Holidays. Visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org) for pick up dates and other information.



## Deep Frying Your Thanksgiving Turkey?

### FOLLOW THESE 5 SAFETY TIPS

If you choose to deep fry a turkey this Thanksgiving, do so with the highest degree of care. There is a high risk of burn injuries and fires associated with deep fryers. Prepare for the worst by investing in a grease-rated all-purpose fire extinguisher and keeping it close by while frying your turkey. You may also want to purchase a burn kit. Use a few general safety tips to help prevent a calamity.

1. **WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR.** Before you fry your turkey, suit up with flame-retardant clothing that fits closely to your body, with no loose or hanging pieces. Wear long sleeves and grilling mitts. Use safety goggles to prevent injuries from oil splatter.
2. **CHOOSE THE RIGHT LOCATION.** Only deep fry a turkey outside. Situate your deep fryer at least 10 feet away from your siding and any wooden decks. Do not put it under any eaves or low-hanging branches. Place it on a level, flat surface away from anything flammable.
3. **COMPLETELY DEFROST YOUR TURKEY BEFORE PLACING IT INTO THE FRYER.** THIS IS IMPORTANT! Failing to completely defrost a frozen turkey has led to numerous deep-fryer disasters. A partially frozen turkey could lead to oil splashes and fires.
4. **DO NOT OVERFILL THE OIL.** Read and follow your deep fryer's cooking directions exactly. Never overfill a fryer, as this could lead to overflow and splashing of hot oil onto the appliance's heating element.
5. **SUPERVISE DEEP FRYING.** Stay with your deep fryer at all times and never allow children or pets near the appliance unattended. Check the thermostat regularly for signs of overheating. Turn the fryer off immediately if the oil is getting too hot.

If a fire starts, use a fire extinguisher to try to put the flames out. Use the technique of stop, drop and roll if your sleeves or clothing catch on fire. If you cannot douse the flames, evacuate everyone from the yard immediately and call 911.



## 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.

In this edition, we'll cover Money Mule scams. In this plan, someone may offer you a job, tell you that you're a sweepstakes winner or perhaps start a personal relationship with you. In any instance, the outcome is that they will send you money and then ask that you forward some of it to another party via a wire transfer or by purchasing gift cards. They will, in fact, send you a check that your bank will likely cash. However, there are no funds to cover that check and when it fails to clear you are responsible for any amount you may have forwarded on to the 3rd party. You become what is known as a *money mule* as you help move money that is likely stolen from someone else. And whether you

knew that or not, you have legal responsibility.

To avoid becoming a victim, never agree to accept and move money for someone else. Whatever they are offering in terms of employment, finances or relationships is not real and can land you in hot water.

As with all of our Pass It On topics, please share this information with others to help spread the word and extend protection against these types of scams.

For more information visit [ftc.gov/passiton](http://ftc.gov/passiton).

## As Deliveries Rise, So Do Package Thefts

With so many people staying in and shopping online, the number of packages being delivered to homes has gone up dramatically this year. With the Holiday season just around the corner, that number will increase even more. With that increase also comes greater opportunity for thieves to steal those packages from your doorway.

Many of these crimes occur during the day. Thieves can target a home right after a delivery is made, watching or even following delivery trucks. In most cases, specific homes are not targeted, but are simply ones at which the thief sees an immediate opportunity. A package sitting on a porch is not only an invitation to theft, it may also indicate that no one is home, which can lead to a home break-in as well. We encourage you to follow these tips to reduce the risk of being victimized:

- Use a shipping option that requires a signature.
- Track deliveries online and use text or email notifications when available.
- Ship your package to an alternate location where you know someone will be available to receive it.
- If you are going to be on vacation place a hold on deliveries.
- Consider using other delivery options to secure locations including lockers or one that allows you to pick up at the retail store or package carrier.
- If you frequently receive packages at home, consider installing a locking parcel delivery box that can be secured or bolted down.

- You can also provide specific directions for placing packages in certain places on your property that are less visible from the street or walkway.

We can minimize package theft in our community by looking out for our neighbors and reporting suspicious activity by calling 911.

## Winter Parking Restrictions

Please remember that parking is not permitted on any Village street for at least 24 hours after a 2-inch snowfall. This applies to everyone, including those who may have previously received overnight parking permission. Cars left on a street will be towed to allow snowplows access to the street. Please adhere to your responsibility to monitor weather conditions, including during the overnight hours, in order to keep streets clear for plowing operations.



## Get to Know Patrol Beat 3170

To better serve the community, the Village of Mount Prospect is made up of six 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 serves as a Beat Coordinator.

Beat 3170 is found in the northeast portion of the Village and is bordered by Kensington Road, East Drive of Randhurst Village, Wolf Road, Seminole Lane and Des Plaines River Road. The Beat Sergeant for 3170 is Sergeant Lee Schaps and he can be contacted via email at [beat3170@mountprospect.org](mailto:beat3170@mountprospect.org).

## Virtual Beat Meetings

In an effort to engage with our community and to provide an opportunity for residents to connect with the officers in their patrol beat, the Police Department will be hosting beat meetings during the last two months of the year. These meetings will be held virtually to ensure the safety of everyone during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit [mountprospect.org/police](http://mountprospect.org/police) for more information on what patrol beat you live in and when your virtual beat meeting is scheduled. We look forward to sharing information with you and working together to improve safety and the quality of life in Mount Prospect.



## Fall Leaf Collection Continues through December 4

Each fall the Village offers residents a free and convenient method of disposing of fallen leaves. The program allows residents to rake loose (not bagged) leaves to the curb for weekly pick-up. The collection schedule runs from October 19 through December 4 this year. The program is for loose leaves only; leaf piles that include grass clippings or other yard material such as tree branches will not be collected.

To participate, simply rake leaves onto the pavement approximately one foot from the curb. Leaves may be placed in the pavement the day before your scheduled weekly collection day.

If the truck has passed your home, do not place leaves at the curb. Trucks will only pass each side of the street once on their route.

You may want to keep those leaves and put them to use. Leaves make terrific mulch so rather than raking them this year, pack them around your perennials and flowerbeds where they can act as insulation against the cold.

For gardeners, you can spread dried leaves on top of your growing space and then rototill them in to enrich the soil. Leaves are also a valuable addition to your composting efforts.



## Your Vehicle and the Environment



Properly maintaining your car can help protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways so we ask that you help prevent them from entering the water system. Anything dumped into storm drains or onto pavement will wind up in local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

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

Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works at 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations.

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



## Looking for Snowplow Drivers

To prepare for possible winter storms, the Village is looking for drivers with experience operating large trucks to assist in our snowplowing efforts. Candidates must have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with an air brake endorsement and a schedule that allows you to be available when needed. This is a great way to earn some extra income. First-year drivers are required to attend an orientation class. To learn more, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).



## Recycle Your Pumpkin

As you put away your Halloween decorations this year, don't throw your pumpkin away – recycle it instead. The Village will be collecting pumpkins for composting on Saturday, November 7, from 9:00 am to noon at the Public Works Facility, 1700 West Central Road.

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

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



## Organics/Yard Waste Pick-up Ends December 18

The week of December 14 will be the last week to place prepared yard waste and brush at the curb. Please have materials out on your regularly scheduled collection day as anything placed at the curb after December 18 will not be picked up. As Spring approaches be sure to visit the Village website for the start date to our 2021 Organics/Yard Waste program.

**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?**

**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

## Steps to Safely Winterize Your Water Service

Each year, Public Works receives numerous calls about winterizing water service in homes, particularly from people who will be away for the winter, are selling their home, or anticipate it to be vacant while renovations take place. In order to comply with Village Code and local ordinances, please follow these steps when preparing your water system for the winter:

- Call Public Works at 847.870.5640 to schedule water service shut-off at the b-box. We require at least 48 hours notification. If we find any problems with the operation of the b-box, you will be notified. It is not uncommon for drainage or age to make the b-box inoperable.
- Once the water is shut off, you will need to drain interior plumbing by shutting off the water heater and opening the drain port or by draining the lowest faucet or spigot in the system. This process will likely produce several gallons of water so have one or more buckets handy. A licensed plumber can assist with draining piping, toilets and traps to prevent damage from freezing.
- Do not turn off the heat to the property. Frozen pipes can burst, causing flooding throughout your home. You can lower the thermostat to maintain a lower temperature that will prevent pipes from freezing. Contact an HVAC contractor to install a programmable thermostat if needed.

Mount Prospect Village Code does not allow removal of the water meter when winterizing your home. B-boxes, round-ways or road boxes should be operated

only by Public Works personnel. Improper use of these devices by untrained persons can result in damage, including main breaks or service leaks, causing service disruption to your property and others. Violations can lead to fines and fees being imposed.

Do not use an air compressor to blow out the private service piping. Using an air compressor allows grit, oils and other contaminants to enter the private and public water supply posing a potential health risk to you and others who drink the water. Adding chemicals or antifreeze to your system may contaminate the piping and require expensive cleanup. This practice is unsafe and is prohibited under Village Code.

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



# Human Services

## Thank You for Your Generosity

For a number of years, the Mount Prospect Human Services Department has run a food pantry and emergency assistance program. During the Holiday season, your donations support our Holiday Meal Basket program. Donors were so generous during the 2019 holidays that the pantry was well-stocked heading into 2020.

Our inventory was strong enough to meet the initial surge in demand this March as needs in the community dramatically increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As many of our fellow community members suddenly found themselves without work and income, the Human Services Department has worked to meet the unprecedented need for food pantry and emergency assistance in recent months. The ability to meet basic needs reached critical levels as families were forced to choose between buying food and paying essential bills.

Our community rallied further in response to the Human Services Department's grocery store gift card and donation campaign. Due to an overwhelming response, the program has thus far received donated gift cards to local grocery stores totaling \$13,155.

Without the support of the community, our program would not be able to provide the level of assistance that we do. We have seen firsthand, the impact that this assistance has had on families in need. The Human Services Department team extends a HUGE thank you to all who have helped support our efforts to take care of our neighbors during these difficult times.

Donations for our 2020 Holiday Food Drive can be dropped off at the Human Services Department in Village Hall. For additional information please call 847.870.5680.



## Teens Needed to Assist Senior Residents with Snow Shoveling

As we do each year, the Human Services Department is looking for residents ages 13 through 18 to assist with snow shoveling for our senior residents. To participate, call 847.870.5680.

Human Services will match homeowners with volunteers but we will not screen participants or establish any parameters for payment.



## Community Connections Center

November is Family Caregivers Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook Page for information and resources about this topic. You can find the Community Connections Center at 1711 West Algonquin Road and we can be reached at 847.506.4930.



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





## News from the Finance Department

### Vehicle Stickers

The deadline for purchasing 2020-2021 vehicle stickers was July 31. The Police Department may issue citations to owners of locally registered vehicles in which the current sticker is not displayed. If a citation



is issued for not having the current sticker, the recipient may have to pay a fine, the basic cost of the new sticker, and the late purchase penalty. The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who have purchased new vehicles

after August 1. In these limited cases, residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker in person at Village Hall, as proof of purchase or move-in date is required to assure that a penalty is not imposed. Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a 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/vehiclestickers](http://mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers) or call 847.392.6000.

### Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2020 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than \$24,980 for 1 person or \$33,820 for 2 or more persons. The rebate is equal to 50% of the Village's portion of the total 2019 Cook County real estate tax bill, up to a maximum of \$100.00. Please apply after you have paid the 2nd installment of your 2019 tax bill.

Information was mailed out in September to those who have participated in the program. To obtain the 2020 Property Tax Relief Grant application visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org). All applications are due by October 31, 2020. For more information, please contact Rumiana Nihtianova at 847.818.5368.

## Things to know from the Building and Inspection Department

### Get a Pre-Submittal Review on Building Proposals

If you are updating a room, planning an addition or building a new home, the Building Division will do a free review of your plans before you submit them.

You can avoid certain issues by learning about requirements and our Village Code in advance.

We will meet with you for any size project, but for larger projects like remodels, additions or new construction, a pre-review is required. To schedule a pre-submittal meeting, contact the Permit Coordinator at 847.818.5396.

### The Importance of Building Permits and Inspections

When people ask why building permits are required for construction work, the answers are easy – safety and investment. A building permit, and the associated review, eliminate safety hazards, and can add value to your property.

As an example, water heaters and other mechanical appliances that are improperly installed without a permit can cause potentially life-threatening carbon monoxide leaks. The improper installation of these appliances prevents sufficient ventilation, something that an inspector would have recognized and ordered the contractor to remedy immediately.

Safety and your investment are closely tied together. If you install a gas fireplace without a mechanical permit and faulty work causes a fire, your insurance company may not cover the claim.

Similarly, when it comes time to sell your home, having permits and records of inspection can validate the value of your home. If the sellers cannot substantiate that the work was done with permits, the appraiser might not give full value for the improvements. If the house doesn't appraise for the sale price, your sale could be in jeopardy.

The Building Division is here to protect the citizens and ensure the safety of the properties in the Village. If you have questions regarding permits, please do not hesitate to call us at 847.870.5675 or email us at [building@mountprospect.org](mailto:building@mountprospect.org).

### Current Plat of Survey Required for Building Permits

If you plan on requesting a building permit from the Building Division, many permits require an accurate Plat of Survey. The Plat of Survey ensures that the proposed work will be done on the applicant's property and will allow for a complete zoning review.

Items to be reviewed include:

- land use of the property
- density
- setbacks from property lines
- lot coverage

Calculating lot coverage is important because the more impervious the surface, more water is displaced into the stormwater maintenance system, contributing to flooding in heavy rain events.

Your plat is the legal document that shows exactly what land you own, and accurately reflects the structures and impervious surface on your lot.

You should have received a Plat of Survey when you purchased your property. If you do not have one, you can request one from the financial institution that holds your mortgage. If one cannot be located, a new one can be made by a local surveyor.

If you plan on replacing an item already on the survey, a new Plat of Survey will not be required; you can simply sign an affidavit that the survey accurately reflects existing conditions. For property alterations not built at the time the survey was taken, a Plat of Survey no older than 1 year is required. You will need to sign an affidavit in this case as well.

If you have questions, please contact the Permit Coordinator at 847.818.5396.

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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 ..... 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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**MPPD** Mt. Prospect Park District

**RTPD** River Trails Park District

**MPDMA** Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.

**MPHist** Mount Prospect Historical Society

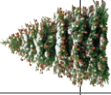

**MPLC** Mount Prospect Lions Club

**Chamber** Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

**VH** Village Hall

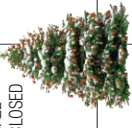
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<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Virtual Conversations in English 5-6pm Participating in Clinical Trials, 3-4pm ZOOM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm VILLAGE HALL	<b>19</b> Virtual Conversations in English 1-2pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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