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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

MAY/JUNE 2021

Great Job!



Mount Prospect is an awesome place to live!

The results are in!

The Village recently received the results of its 2020 Community Survey. Utilizing the services of ETC Institute (*ETC*), a company specializing in market research and survey analysis, the Village conducted its first survey in 2016; this is our second Community Survey. One of the benefits of utilizing a specialized company such as ETC is they are able to compare the Village's responses to similar survey responses on a nationwide and Great Lakes regional level.

The survey includes questions related to resident's preferred forms of Village communications, downtown district, overall community, and quality of life. The survey ends with residents prioritizing various Village policies and providing basic demographic information. To have a baseline comparison, the majority of the 2020 survey questions match the 2016 survey. ETC randomly selected survey participants to ensure equal representation of all areas of Mount Prospect.

The target was to have 400 surveys completed; we received 450 completed surveys. Each individual's survey responses are confidential. The results for the random sample of 450 households have a 95% level of confidence with a precision of at least +/- 4.6%.

Responses Are In

A positive perception of the Village is evident, as 90% of respondents are satisfied with the overall quality of Village services and 87% are satisfied with the overall quality of life in Mount Prospect. Other categories that hold a 90% satisfaction rate or higher include:

- **PUBLIC SAFETY** | crime prevention; overall feeling of safety in your neighborhood and overall in the Village; friendliness and professionalism of the Fire Department; quality of both fire protection and emergency medical services



- **PUBLIC WORKS** | maintenance of Village buildings and facilities; snow removal on major Village streets; maintenance of street signs and traffic signals; residential garbage collection, curbside recycling, brush collection, and yard waste services

• OVERALL QUALITY OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Mount Prospect rated above the U.S. Average and the Great Lakes Regional Average in all comparable survey categories.

More great news: the Village is trending in the right direction. From 2016 to 2020, satisfaction ratings have increased or stayed the same in 91 of the 106 assessed areas. There have been significant increases (5% or more) in satisfaction in 70 of these areas. Three areas that saw the most improvement are: Quality of MPDC Programming, Value You Receive for Tax/Fees, and Travelling by Bicycle in the Village.

Community surveying allows staff and the Village Board hear resident opinions on service provided by various departments including public works, community development, human services and public safety. It also engages citizens in a meaningful way, as staff can utilize response data to help shape long-range strategic planning and investment decisions. You can view the complete survey results, associated maps for both the 2020 and 2016 surveys at mountprospect.org/community/2020-community-survey.

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Community Events

MAY

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pages from a children's book will be installed in the windows of local Mount Prospect businesses in sequential order so they can be read from the outside. As families move from page to page, various activities await. New books introduced every other week.



MAY 1

Dutch Mill Bulbs

Now through June 1

The Mount Prospect Historical Society is once again offering spring flower bulbs for sale. The Dutch Mill Bulbs, are guaranteed to bloom or you'll get a free replacement. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the Society. Bulbs range from gladiolas, irises, and amaryllis to hosta, lilies, and strawberries, and can be ordered online with PayPal or a credit card. Follow the link on the MPHS website and your purchase will be automatically credited to the Society. Orders can be shipped to anywhere in the country. To purchase bulbs, visit mtphist.org/support-us-with-dutch-mill-bulbs-2/. Call the Society with questions, Tuesday through Thursday at 847.392.9006 or email info@mtphistory.org.



MAY 1

Your City @ Home – Virtual Program Series

Saturday Afternoons in May Explore Chicagoland museums and institutions through virtual field trips.

Lead by docents, you'll get up-close views of exhibits and peeks behind the scenes. The Your City @ Home series is sponsored by multiple Illinois public libraries and the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation and presented using Zoom. Participants must register and provide an email address to receive login information. To register, visit mppi.org or call 847.253.5675.



CHICAGO CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Saturday | May 1 | 1 – 2 pm

ILLINOIS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Saturday | May 8 | 2 – 3 pm

THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

Saturday | May 15 | 1 – 2 pm

FIELD MUSEUM

Saturday | May 22 | 1 – 2 pm

ELMHURST HISTORY MUSEUM

Saturday | May 29 | 2 – 3 pm

MAY 4

Virtual Play and Learn Group

Tuesday | May 4, 11, 18, & 25

11:30 am – 12 pm
Parents of children ages 2 through 5 are invited to meet virtually with other parents and their children



for story time, music and learning activities. Register online at mppi.org or call 847.590.4090.

MAY 6

Virtual Conversations in English

Thursday | May 6 & 20

1 – 2 pm

Thursday | May 13 & 27

5 – 6 pm



If you are learning English, practice your conversation 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.

MAY 6

Ageless Grace

Thursdays | May 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 1:30 pm

BUSSE POCKET PARK Across from Village Hall



Ageless Grace is a seated senior exercise program for the mind and body. The program takes place across the street from Village Hall in the pocket park while Illinois is in Phase 4 or above. Registration is required for this free 30-minute, socially distanced class, which is open to MP residents only. Please wear a mask to class. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

MAY 6

Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | May 6

2 – 8 pm

FIRE STATION 14

2000 East Kensington Rd

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.

MAY 6

Preserving, Protecting and Promoting the Monarch Butterfly: A Virtual Program

Thursday | May 6

7 – 8 pm

Mount Prospect is a monarch-friendly village.



Learn why monarchs are important, how to raise them, and how to create spaces for butterflies and other pollinators. This program is ideal for gardeners, nature enthusiasts, and those interested in preserving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators. This program is presented by people and organizations engaged in monarch conservation, including Sherry Grobe, Ron Willer, and Nancy Reese of the Garden Club of Mount Prospect in support of Monarch Watch and Journey North. Program will be hosted by the MPPL using Zoom. Participants must register and provide an email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mppi.org or call 847.253.5675.

MAY 9

Second Sundays at the Society: Flower Take and Make

Sunday | May 9 | 11:30 am

Second Sundays have gone virtual. Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for some fun take and

make activities. Celebrate Mom with a cute flower project you can do with or for her. Pick up your bag of supplies at the Society the week before the event (May 3 – 7.) Bags can be found in the breezeway between the Dolores Haugh Education Center and the Meyn Blacksmith Exhibit. Then join us on Zoom (connection details will be in your supply kit) to complete the crafts together. All ages are welcome at this free event. No sign up necessary, but online attendees are limited to 15. Supply kits are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.



MAY 15

Come 'Meet' Edith Rockefeller McCormick

Saturday | May 15 | 1 pm

The reviews are in for *Edith: The Rogue Rockefeller McCormick*, by Andrea Friederici Ross, and all agree it is fascinating. Enjoy a unique experience as



Edith, portrayed by Ellie Carlson of Ellie Presents, walks off the page and onto your screen, and the author enlightens you about the odyssey of Edith's life. Get ready to hear about King Tut's child bride, James Joyce, Brookfield Zoo and wealth unimaginable. This virtual event is hosted by the MPHist. Space is limited/ reservations required. Tickets are \$10. Refreshment goodie bags and the Zoom invitation will be available for non-contact pick up at the Society the week before the event. For more info or to register, visit mtphist.org or call the Society at 847.392.9006.

MAY 20

Wits Workout

Thursday | May 20

10 – 11:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM VILLAGE HALL

50 South Emerson Street

This class is a brain-teasing workout for seniors who enjoy keeping sharp and socializing with others. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Please wear a mask to this socially distanced class. Call 847.870.5680 to register.



MAY 21-23

28th Annual Village-Wide Garage Sale Weekend

May 21 - 23

For information call 847.259.8600 or visit



MountProspectGarageSale.com.

MAY 22

Lions Club Cruise Nights

Saturdays | May 22 – Sept. 25 | 3 pm – 9 pm

EAST COMMUTER LOT Northwest Highway and Emerson Street

Mount Prospect Lions Bluesmobile Cruise Nights are back by popular demand. The event will be held every Saturday (weather permitting) in the Metra East commuter lot. For more information, visit mplions.org.



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.

MAY 31 Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday | May 31 | 10 am

VETERANS MEMORIAL BAND SHELL

Lions Park

The VFW 1337 and American Legion Post 525 present a Memorial Day Ceremony honoring those who served our country. Veterans who have passed away during the year will be acknowledged and a keynote speaker will speak words of inspiration. For more info, visit vfw1337.us.



JUNE 1 Summer Reading Challenge: Reading Colors Your World

June 1-August 15

Read, explore, and create with the library this summer and discover a world of fun! Join us for the

all-ages summer reading challenge from June 1-August 15. For more information, visit mopl.org, stop by the library, or call 847.253.5675.

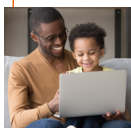


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JUNE 5 Lions Club Cruise Nights

Saturdays | Through September 25 | 3 pm – 9 pm

EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Highway and Emerson Street



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JUNE 6 Farmers Market

Sundays Through October 31 | 8 am – 1 pm

EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Highway and Emerson Street



Stop by the Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers Market every week rain or shine to support local producers and one-of-a-kind vendors. Stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, and other goodies. Admission is free and we ask that everyone practice the three Ws at the market: wear a face covering, watch your distance, wash your hands. For more information, visit mplions.org.

JUNE 13 Blacksmith Demonstration by Justin Stech

Sunday | June 13 | 11 am – 3 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 South Maple Street



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society on campus for a free event at the Meyn Family Blacksmith Shop. Crowd-favorite Justin Stech will once again provide a live blacksmith demonstration. Don't miss this chance to join the fun.

JUNE 17 Prairie Kids I

Thursday | June 17 | 9:30 – 11:30 am

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 South Maple Street



The Mount Prospect Historical Society has added a new twist to their popular Prairie Girl programs. Renamed Prairie

Kids, boys and girls age seven and up are welcome to participate in some fun step-back-in-time, hands-on experiences. Try your hand at chores of yesteryear, discover what it was like to travel on the prairie, learn the importance of farming, and much more. Space is limited and registration is required. Tickets at \$25. For more information or to register, visit mtphist.org or call 847.392.9006.

JUNE 17 Wits Workout

Thursday | June 17 | 10 – 11:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street



Developed by the University of Illinois Extension, this class is a brain-teasing workout for seniors who enjoy keeping sharp and socializing with others. The class meets the third Thursday of every month in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Please wear a mask to this socially distanced class. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

JUNE 23 Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class

Wednesday | June 23 | 1:30 pm

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street



This course is intended to give drivers the information and confidence they need to pass their license renewal examination. The class will be held via WebEx and you must have email access to participate. Registration is required by calling 847.870.5680.

JUNE 30 4th of July Festival

June 30 – July 4

MELAS PARK
1500 West Central Road



Join the Mount Prospect Lions Club for their 83rd annual 4th of July Festival. The event will span five days and include food, entertainment and family fun. For more information, visit mplions.org.

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 (mtphist.org/contributing-to-pandemic-moments/). 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.

Walking Tours of Mount Prospect

The Mount Prospect Historical Society introduced five downloadable neighborhood walking tours last 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 t-shirt to show your Mount Prospect pride. For more information, visit mtphist.org.

News from the Building Department

Pre-Submittal Meetings for Home Projects

Does the arrival of spring have you thinking about some home improvement projects? Most projects like finishing a basement, adding a deck, or doing some remodeling require Village permits.

To make the process easier, the Mount Prospect Building Division offers free pre-submittal meetings. These meetings are meant to guide you through the application process, explain the code requirements, and make your permit review process go smoothly and quickly. We will provide checklists and code details to help you and your contractor in planning. While all large projects such as remodels, additions, or new construction require a pre-submittal meeting, we are happy to conduct them for any size project.

To schedule your pre-submittal meeting, contact the Building Division at 847.818.5290 or email building@mountprospect.org.

News from the Finance Department

Bill Payment

Paying your Village water/sewer/refuse bill just got easier! Our new technology offers two options for paying for water, sewer, and refuse bills by cash, check, and credit or debit cards.

24-Hour Utility Bill Payment Kiosk | Now you may safely and conveniently pay your utility bills in person on a 24/7, self-service payment kiosk located outside Village Hall at 50 S. Emerson Street. The kiosk takes all payment types, including cash, with an average transaction time of under one minute. You may access your account by entering your account number or simply scanning the new QR code that appears on your bill. Partial or entire balance payments are accepted. Options include a printed, texted, or emailed receipt.

Recurring Credit/Debit Card or Bank Account Payments | If you prefer to pay online, you have the option to establish recurring payments with a credit or debit card, or with a checking or savings bank account. The new option is available on the Mount Prospect website where you normally pay your bill. You may securely store a preferred payment method, and select to schedule future or recurring payments. At any time, you may log back in to change your payment method or turn off auto-payments.

Vehicle Sticker Reminder

April 30 was the deadline for displaying 2021-22 vehicle stickers. If you still need to purchase a sticker you can do so online at mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. If you change vehicles during the year, remove the existing sticker and contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 with updated vehicle information. You may be eligible to transfer the sticker for no additional fee.

More Village News

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Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution Program

The Village has partnered with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to participate in a community solar program. The Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution Program (CS2 Program) for Residential and Small Commercial accounts allows subscribers to receive net metering credits on their electricity bill and support the development of new renewable energy resources without needing to install equipment on their property. The program is voluntary and more details will be available as we roll out the CS2 program this summer. For more information visit: mountprospect.org/communitysolar.

Ribbon Cuttings



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Third Full Size Ice Rink
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March 31, 2021
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10 North Main
847.254.1223 | 10northmainapartments.com



April 6, 2021
VILLAGE HALL PAYMENT KIOSK
50 South Emerson Street



Community/Economic Development

Community Development Block Grant Program

The Village of Mount Prospect received a special allocation of Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds through the CARES Act. The funds are to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to, the Coronavirus. The Village has committed approximately \$250,000 of these funds to a CDBG Small Business Assistance Program. The purpose of the program is to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by COVID-19 mandated closures and social distancing requirements. Businesses receiving assistance must be able to create or retain at least one low- or moderate-income job, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The program is expected to launch in late spring 2021. For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.

New Residential Developments Begin Leasing

Several of the key new residential developments in Mount Prospect have begun leasing available units, including 10 North Main, The Maple Street Lofts, and Mount Prospect Senior Living. Each provides exciting new rental options.

In March, the 97-unit development at **10 North Main** began leasing, offering studio to 3-bedroom layouts. Residents will enjoy a covered parking, a rooftop deck, party room, a bike storage area, and much more. Information is available at 847.254.1223.

The eastern block of units in the **Maple Street Lofts** are now available for leasing. Located at Prospect Avenue and Maple Street, the Maple Street Lofts currently have studio to 2-bedroom apartments available. A 15,000 sq. ft. Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market grocery store is expected to open on the ground floor later this year. The development includes underground heated parking, a rooftop pool and deck, outdoor grilling stations, a business center and work from home spaces, multiple party rooms, a workout facility, and storage space including bike storage.

Amenities in the units include quartz countertops, stainless steel appliances, in-unit washer and dryer, 42" upper cabinets, and more. For information on leasing, call 847.220.5231.

For seniors, **Mount Prospect Senior Living** provides 32 units of memory care and 56 assisted living units at 1111 Linneman Road. With construction complete, applications for these spacious apartments are now being taken. Common area amenities include several recreation areas and courtyards, a beauty salon, a dog park, a movie theater, and sedan service, along with restaurant style dining and 24/7 care. For more information on leasing, contact Matthew Dunn at 847.250.6029 or via email, mountprospectdsm@isllc.com.



Prospect Place Receives Village Approval

The Village Board recently approved a proposal from Prospect Place Development Partners for their \$26.8 million Prospect Place mixed-use development. The current property bordered by Prospect Avenue, Wille Street, Evergreen Avenue, and Main Street will be demolished to make way for a five-story development which will introduce 80 apartments and approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of first-floor restaurant and retail space. Construction should begin during the summer with leasing expected to begin in 2023.



Virtual After School Training Program

Kids of all ages are invited to take part in the Mount Prospect Fire Department virtual after school fire education programs. The program will feature valuable tips on identifying potential causes of fire or injury in the kitchen and around the house, planning safe exit routes in case of fire, establishing a meeting place if forced to exit the house, and a look at firefighter gear. To learn more, contact Public Education Officer Monika Epp at mepp@mountprospect.org or call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

StormReady

The National Weather Service has listed Mount Prospect as a StormReady community. While no community is stormproof, we have been recognized for our advanced planning, education, and awareness in providing critical weather information to those who live, work, or go to school in our community.

Among the requirements to qualify as StormReady are local weather and water monitoring, disseminating local warnings, having appropriate reception equipment, and overall community preparedness.

All major community events in Mount Prospect include an action plan for tracking and sharing weather information. All public buildings are equipped with weather radios and we maintain a list of trained weather spotters.

Staying informed during severe weather is critical to keeping your family safe. We recommend using one of these weather apps to stay informed:

- NOAA Weather Radar Live
- WeatherBug
- The Weather Channel App
- AccuWeather
- Weather Underground



Training is a Critical Tool

On-going training for our fire department personnel provides continuous growth in knowledge while instilling confidence for job performance in critical moments. Realistic training exercises allow for improved operations through teamwork, allowing mistakes to be made and learned from in non-emergency situations. Practicing scenarios that are as close to real as possible, while maintaining low-risk conditions, allows our firefighters to gain valuable experience and improve their skills. These drills also help foster confidence and a high sense of morale.

One way our department trains is by conducting field drills on existing homes just prior to planned demolition. These coordinated exercises allow us to replicate a fire scene in which a team needs to know how to react with minimal discussion, efficiently following an action plan that preserves precious life-saving minutes.

Some training scenarios we use in the field include:

- Studying building construction as related to fire behavior, collapse potential, and egress.
- Fire hose length calculations and deployment around obstacles.
- Creating low visibility conditions inside the house using non-toxic theater smoke.
- Search and rescue techniques with the use of training mannequins.
- Providing a supply of breathing air and rescuing of a downed firefighter.
- Operating a power saw on a roof to facilitate ventilation.

While these training techniques may be used at a property near you, our practices never include activities that could damage or impinge on neighboring structures, trees or plants. Our training exercises will not include explosions or uncontrolled fires that put residents or firefighters at risk, or that could ignite any portion of a structure.

We appreciate your support in allowing us to conduct these training exercises in the community as they may someday provide safety or survival for residents and our firefighters.

If you are interested in our training activities or have questions for us, please stop by and meet your firefighters, or contact Battalion Chief Tim Cassidy at 847.818.5257.

MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT
VIRTUAL AFTER SCHOOL
FIRE EDUCATION
PROGRAMS



CUSTOM LESSONS AVAILABLE UPON
REQUEST

For more info, visit our website at www.mountprospect.org
You may also call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253
Email at mepp@mountprospect.org



Travel Safely with Little Ones

In past newsletters we have shared information on the proper selection and installation of child safety seats in your vehicle. Ensuring that your child is placed and correctly secured is equally important.

Begin by properly positioning the harness on your child. For rear-facing seats, straps should lie flat and be placed through the slot that is at or below the child's shoulders. Make sure the straps are not twisted. For forward-facing seats, follow the same guidelines for the straps but in this case, they will be placed through the slot that is at or above the shoulders.



Buckle the harness and chest clip and tighten. To ensure that the harness is snug make sure you cannot pinch extra material at the shoulder. The chest clip should be at armpit level.

Scam Protection

Each summer we like to remind everyone, particularly our senior citizens, to be cautious about home improvement scams. We encourage you to be aware of these common scams:

- Someone who is *just passing through the neighborhood* and has material left over from another job.
- Anyone who demands money up front.
- Workers who don't provide a written contract. Without one, they may stop work unless you agree to pay a higher rate than what was agreed upon.
- Using low-quality materials for sealing driveways, chimney repairs, of sealing roofs. Always deal with reputable companies.
- Someone who distracts you by knocking on your door and saying they previously did work on your home. While they keep you occupied with a discussion, someone else enters the rear of the home to quickly find and steal valuables.

Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Do not let anyone you do not know, or that you did not first contact, inside your home. If you are ever in doubt of someone at your door, or you do fall victim to a scam, please call 911 to assist us in catching these criminals and protecting others.

Keep Your Dog on a Leash – It's the Law

Summer is a great time to enjoy the outdoors with your dog but keep in mind that Village Code requires that all dogs must be on a leash or tether. This applies to public or unsecured portions of private property. In addition, beyond courtesy, it is also part of the Village Code that owners must clean up dog waste. Violations of either item can result in a ticket and a fine. Let's make it a good summer for our pets and our neighbors.



Sharing the Roadway

When driving in the Village, please be mindful of your obligation under the law regarding pedestrians in both marked and unmarked crosswalks.



- Drivers must stop to allow pedestrians in any crosswalk to walk across the roadway safely when the pedestrian is on their half of the roadway or so close from the opposite half to be a danger.
- A driver approaching from the rear may not pass another vehicle stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- Whenever stop signs or red flashing lights are in place at an intersection or at a crosswalk in between intersections, drivers will give the right of way to pedestrians.
- When signs are posted warning of pedestrians, bicyclists, or school crossings, drivers must exercise greater caution and be aware of the presence of people crossing the roadway.

Pedestrians and bicyclists share in the responsibility as well.

- Bicyclists on the roadway must follow the rules of the road like any motor vehicle including stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, and using the right-hand side of the roadway.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists using marked or unmarked crosswalks at intersections controlled by traffic signals must follow the Walk and Don't Walk signals.
- Pedestrians and cyclists using marked or unmarked crosswalks at locations not controlled by traffic signals or stop signs may not walk, ride, or run off a curb or place of safety into the path of a moving vehicle which is so close as to present an immediate danger.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded to look for traffic in every direction as they cross any roadway.
- Pedestrians crossing a roadway at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles upon the roadway.

Street Resurfacing Plans for 2021

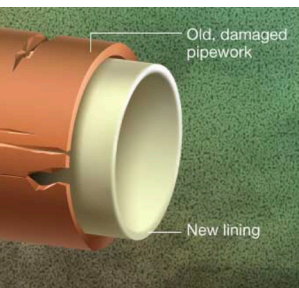
The Village of Mount Prospect follows a comprehensive annual street resurfacing program to efficiently and cost-effectively maintain 136 miles of Village-owned streets and alleys. This year, over 7 miles of Village streets will be resurfaced. The program also repairs damaged sidewalks, curbs, and utility structures in the public right-of-way.

If work is planned for your street this year a Resident Information Bulletin will be placed on your door prior to work beginning. A project location map, a list of streets to be resurfaced, and weekly progress reports can be found at mountprospect.org/resurfacing. Updates will also be provided via the Public Works Facebook and Twitter feeds.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworks@mountprospect.org.



Sewer Lining Project Continues



Our Sewer Rehabilitation Program to repair sanitary sewer mains will continue throughout the year. Placing a new lining in the mains addresses cracks, separated joints, and root issues that impact the Village collection system. Information on where crews will be working can be found at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/village-infrastructure-projects/combined-sewer-improvements.

Locate Before You Dig

Summertime brings plenty of outdoor projects but please remember that Illinois law requires that you locate utilities before you do any digging. The process only requires a call to JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) at 800/892-0123 or by just dialing 811. You can pre-mark the area in which you plan to dig with white paint or white flags to direct the locate crew to the correct area. Please call at least 48 hours (not including weekends or holidays) prior to beginning work. For further information visit www.illinois1call.com.

Sprinkler System Requirements

To protect the supply of public drinking water from back-siphon and cross-connections, the State of Illinois requires that all lawn irrigation systems include cross-connection and backflow protection. All backflow devices must be certified by a State Licensed Cross-Connection Control Device Inspector (CCCDI). If a system has been removed, please be sure to notify Public Works.

The State of Illinois mandates that a copy of the annual certification be sent to Public Works. If you have any questions, call 847.870.5640.

Tree Care

To boost nutrients and strengthen trees for a healthy growing season, we suggest that you follow these useful tips:

- Inspect trees for signs of winter damage or disease before leaves start to grow.
- Prune dead, diseased, or unsafe branches before spring growth begins. Waiting too long may lead to pests and spread of disease.
- Clear your lawn of fallen leaves, branches, and waste.
- A slow-release fertilizer provides needed nutrients and defends against pests and disease.
- Adding 2 to 4 inches of mulch around trees (but not directly against the base) will improve soil moisture and control weeds.

The Village website provides additional information on cultivating healthy trees.

It's Construction Season

Public Works crews and contractors will be out resurfacing streets, cleaning and repairing inlets, crack-sealing streets, and addressing other infrastructure needs throughout the summer. Information on projects for this summer can be found at mountprospect.org/construction.

Only Rain Down the Drain

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency reminds everyone that cleaning up after your pet is essential to protecting our local waterways. Pet waste that enters the system through a creek or other waterway in Mount Prospect can travel a long distance and impact a variety of plants, animals, ecosystems, and people.

Pet waste left on streets, walkways, or yards includes pollutants including harmful bacteria that can easily be washed into nearby storm sewers. Please wrap pet waste in plastic bags and place in garbage bins.



Flood Preparedness and Protection

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD | Five waterways carry storm water into, through and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. Flood hazard areas are associated with each waterway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Engineering staff will help locate your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens. The most recent flooding event occurred in May 2020 when almost every neighborhood of the Village experienced flooding.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS | Floods always occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning. But there are many things that you can do to prepare for a flood.

- 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 record 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 on hand cleaning supplies that will be needed to recover from a flood.

FLOOD-PROOFING | There are many methods that have been successful to protect a building from flood damage. You could consider any of these measures, called retrofitting, to alter your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages including:

- Elevation – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
- Floodwalls – They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry Flood-proofing – Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet Flood-proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

Important note: You must get a permit from the Community Development Department before proceeding with any alteration to your building or land. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

FLOOD PROTECTION | If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are some things you can do to reduce damages.

- 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 through the doorways 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 stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for

approximately \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called flood-proofing and retrofitting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Important note: 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 does not create drainage problems on any other property.

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT | The Village of Mount Prospect has adopted Floodplain Regulations (Chapter 22 of the Village Code). The regulations help to minimize the potential losses due to periodic flooding. You must get a Floodplain Development Permit for all construction activity within a floodplain.

FLOOD INSURANCE | Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Contact your insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance. And because of the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect. Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE | Any debris that is deposited into any part of our drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and it is against our Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage and other unwanted material into any of the Village's waterways, the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek or any drainage ditches can decrease the ability of our drainage system to carry water away from our properties. Contact the Public Works Department if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

FLOOD SAFETY | If your basement or building has flooded, remember these precautionary steps:

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or lanterns.
- 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 clean everything that got wet.

MORE INFORMATION | If you have flooding or drainage concerns or would like any additional information, just stop by or call the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 (TDD: 847.392.1235) and ask for the Engineering Division. Engineering Staff will freely assist you, including visiting your site, to identify possible ways to reduce the risk of flooding your property.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a website that can also provide additional information: fema.gov.

Human Services

Mental Health Matters

The Human Services Department will host the 3rd Annual Mental Health Matters. Follow us on social media and check out the Village website for more information on this virtual event.



Wits Workout

Developed by the University of Illinois Extension, this 90-minute class is a brain-teasing workout for seniors who enjoy keeping sharp and socializing with others. The class meets the third Thursday of every month at 10 am in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Please wear a mask to this socially distanced class. Call 847.70.5680 to register.



Rules of the Road

The next Rules of the Road Class will be held on Wednesday, June 23 at 1:30 pm, via Zoom. This free class is intended as a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's licenses.

The class will be held via WebEx and you must have email access to participate. Registration is required by calling 847.870.5680.



Community Connections Center

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and June is National Hunger Awareness Month. For information and resources about each topic follow the Community Connections Facebook page by liking us at facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter.

You can find the Community Connections Center at 1711 West Algonquin Road and we can be reached at 847.506.4930.



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Mount Prospect | IL 60056
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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am - 7:30pm

Friday prior to the 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm

2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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

VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Village Hall	847.392.6000
<i>(includes Finance & Village Administration)</i>	
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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2021 May



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	LEARN MORE AT www.experiencemountprospect.org					
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	Memorial Day Ceremony 10 am, Veterans Memorial Band Shell					

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Reading Colors Your World

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE
JUNE 1-AUGUST 15

Read, explore, and create with the library this summer and discover a world of fun! Join us for the all-ages summer reading challenge from June 1-August 15. For more information, visit mppi.org, stop by the library, or call 847.253.5675.



Lions Club Cruise Nights
 Saturdays | May 22 –
 Sept. 25 | 3 pm – 9 pm
EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Highway & Emerson Street

Mount Prospect Lions Bluesmobile Cruise Nights are back by popular demand. The event will be held every Saturday (weather permitting) in the Metra East commuter lot. For more information, visit mplions.org.



Lions Club Farmers Market
 June 6 through October 31
 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Highway & Emerson Street

Stop by the Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers Market every week rain or shine to support local producers and one-of-a-kind vendors. Stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, and other goodies. Admission is free and we ask that everyone practice the three Ws at the market: wear a face covering, watch your distance, wash your hands.

For more information, visit mplions.org.

June 2021



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6 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, East commuter lot	7	8 Virtual Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm, MPPL	9	10 Virtual Conversations in English, 5-6pm Ageless Grace, 1:30pm Busse Pocket Park	11	12 Lions Club Cruise Nights 3pm-9pm East Commuter Lot
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