



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

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How will you find out about Village-wide emergencies and disasters?

Make sure your information is in the Everbridge System.



If we can't reach you, we can't alert you

Photo by Hans Lim

Sign Up for Emergency Notification System

Floods. Road closures. Gas leaks. How will you find out about village-wide emergencies and disasters? Early warning helps save lives and property. The Village of Mount Prospect uses the Everbridge system as a way to get important messages about emergencies or disasters out to residents and businesses.

Should an emergency occur, the Everbridge system enables the Village to notify residents in a matter of minutes. The Everbridge system delivers messages across all communication platforms, including, cell and land line phone numbers, e-mail addresses, instant messaging, fax, personal data assistants (PDA's), and pagers listed within the system.

Residents have the ability to enter their "preferred" contact information, by adding cell phone, email, work and other numbers in order of preference so you can receive the message at any time, no matter where you are.

The Everbridge System is currently loaded with every listed land line phone number from existing 9-1-1 data. The information in the Everbridge System is never shared with telemarketing agencies and will only be used for village purposes.

If you receive a message from the Everbridge System please follow the prompts so you will receive the message in its entirety. The system also improves public awareness of non-emergencies such as village events, road closures, and special services.

To register your number with Everbridge, or to add information to your profile, go to www.mountprospect.org/everbridge. If you do not have internet access or need assistance call (847) 392-6000 and Village staff will help you register.

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News, Notes and Reminders



Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When changing your clocks, did you remember to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors? The Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends the following guidelines for installing and maintaining your smoke detectors.

- Install new batteries at least twice a year. Immediately install a new battery if the detector “chirps” warning of a low battery.
- Test your smoke detector monthly.
- Install detectors on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors should also be installed in every room where people sleep.
- Replace your smoke detectors when they are 10 years old. The fire department recommends writing the install date on the base of the device.

Working smoke alarms provide an early warning, especially when you are asleep. If a fire occurs, having a working smoke alarm reduces your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%. Test your smoke detectors and practice your home fire escape plan.

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

April 5 - Consolidated Election

Every election is important – please take the time to vote. Voter information including sample ballots and voting sites are on the Cook County Clerk’s website: www.cookcountyclerk.com. If you are unable to access the information on the web site or would like additional information regarding the local election please contact the Village Clerk’s office at (847) 818-5355.



Passport Services - By Appointment Only

The office of the Village Clerk is a Passport Acceptance Agency and is pleased to assist residents with the submittal of their passport application. As an authorized acceptance facility, staff is authorized to provide the necessary applications/forms and to accept completed applications and documentation for submittal to the U.S. Department of State for processing. ***This service is available by Appointment Only.*** Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For additional information or to schedule an appointment please contact the Village Clerk’s office at (847) 818.5355. Passport information and applications are also available from the National Passport Information Center at www.travel.state.gov.

Blood Drive

A regular monthly blood drive is held at the Village Hall (50 S. Emerson Street) in the Community Center on the first Thursday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Donors must be healthy, 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs. No appointment is needed and walk-ins are welcome.

Block Party Permits

Plan ahead - are you and your neighbors planning to hold a block party this summer? For emergency purposes it is highly recommended that Police, Fire and Public Works Departments have a record of block parties. And in order to get the street blocked, you must complete and turn in a Block Party Request Form. You can submit the form electronically on the web site, www.mountprospect.org or pick up a form at Village Hall.

Metropolitan Alliance of Police Annual Telephone Solicitation

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) is the labor union representing Patrol Officers and Sergeants employed by the Mount Prospect Police Department for collective bargaining and legal representation purposes. Typically, M.A.P. solicits Mount Prospect residents and businesses once a year. The Village reminds everyone that solicitations made on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police are, without exception, made by employees of professional fund raising enterprises or others and not Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants. No Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants are involved in the practice of soliciting money from residents or businesses over the telephone for any purpose, as this practice is expressly prohibited by department policy. Telephone solicitors working on behalf of M.A.P. who claim to be Mount Prospect police officers are simply misrepresenting themselves. Donations requested in the name of M.A.P. fund raising efforts go to support union activities and are not given directly to the Mount Prospect Police Department.

Battery Recycling

The Village, with the sponsorship of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is pleased to offer a new battery recycling program. The program provides a convenient method for recycling of household alkaline and rechargeable batteries and prevents their disposal in landfills. The program is provided at no cost to the resident, Village or SWANCC. Batteries can be brought to the Public Works department (1700 West Central Road) Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:00pm

What type of batteries will be accepted?

The program is only designed to accept household alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V and button cells) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, and lithium polymer). We will not accept Nickel Iron, Mercury, Silver Oxide, or Lead Acid batteries. These battery types would include car, marine, sump pump.

What type of preparation is needed?

For all rechargeable batteries (Lithium, NiMh, and NiCad), residents must cover the contact points of each rechargeable battery with masking tape or place each rechargeable battery in an individual self-locking plastic bag so that the contact points on batteries do not touch each other during collection or transportation, which can cause a fire hazard. Batteries that are not prepared properly will not be accepted. This is not necessary with household or alkaline batteries.

Document Destruction Events

SWANCC provides seasonal Document Destruction Events as a courtesy to residents who have sensitive documents to dispose of. Residents can bring up to five banker boxes of paper documents. Workers will remove the paper documents from your vehicle and put them into a toter cart that is fed directly into the truck for immediate shredding. The contractor will transport the shredded paper back to its facility to bale and market for recycling. See www.swancc.org for details.

Electronics Recycling

SWANCC provides environmentally-responsible recycling for end-of-life computers and electronics at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Road. It is open Saturdays, (non-holiday) from 9:00 - 11:30 am. Check the SWANCC web site, www.swancc.org for a list of acceptable materials.



Hybrids on the Road

If you haven't been to the Chicago Auto Show lately, you are missing many of the exciting advances in technology today. Visitors to McCormick Place this year were buzzing about concept cars with advanced technology such as a heads-up display that presents navigation and other information on the windshield, cameras instead of side mirrors that integrate with the heads-up display, built-in WiFi access, and vehicles that parallel park for you.

While these concept vehicles are the wave of the future, hybrid electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles are making inroads in the automobile industry today. Hybrids use a technology known as "regenerative braking" to convert energy created during coasting and braking into electricity which is then stored in a battery. This technology permits the vehicle to use two different sources of energy to power the vehicle: a battery and a gasoline combustion engine. While operating at lower speeds, the vehicle operates entirely from the battery. If it needs additional help to accelerate or operate at higher speeds, the vehicle employs its gasoline combustion engine. Plug-in hybrids use similar technology, however they utilize batteries with increased energy storage capacity to operate for longer periods of time. These vehicles are plugged-in to electrical outlets to support the vehicle's energy demands and reduce its gasoline consumption.

The Village of Mount Prospect has three SUV hybrid vehicles on the road today supporting municipal operations. True to their design, the hybrids get better gas mileage than their conventional counterparts, averaging close to 25 miles per gallon (one as high as 30 miles per gallon). This improvement in performance helps reduce pollution and fuel consumption. Other notable benefits include the significant noise reduction. Driving at lower speeds (generally under 40 mph), the vehicles operate entirely off the battery eliminating the noise associated with conventional vehicles.

Hybrid vehicles are still more expensive than their conventional counterparts. As demand increases for these types of vehicles, though, it's expected that they'll become more competitive among the auto industry. While federal tax credits have been phased out for most hybrids, there are still incentives available (up to \$7500) for plug-in and electric vehicles. If you are interested in learning more about hybrid vehicles and available tax incentives, go to www.fueleconomy.gov.

Mark Your Calendar for these Community Events/Programs



MPDMA Cruise Nights

April 14

Sister Cities Community Potluck Dinner

The Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center at Village Hall and will feature a presentation by District 214 Community Education travelers about their recent trip to Sévres, Paris, and Normandy in celebration of our Sister Cities friendship with Sévres, France. Reservations are required - call Maura at (847) 392-6000

May 2 - 5

Children's Fire Safety Festival

The festival will be held from 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. daily at Fire Station 14, located at 2000 E. Kensington Road. The goal of the festival is to provide children with an entertaining and educational experience about fire safety practices. If you have a home school group or you are a child care provider and would like to attend, please contact us at (847) 818-5253 to schedule a visit.

May 14

Public Works Open House

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Public Works Facility, 1700 W Central Rd. Featuring displays, equipment and literature highlighting the many functions of the Public Works Department. Fun for everyone - games, rides, trucks, food, balloons and more!

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays, May 14 - Sept. 24

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. Located in the Metra West Lot at Northwest Highway and Route 83, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See www.mpdma.com or "Like" us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/mpdma for the details.

May 20, 21 & 22

Village-Wide Garage Sale

This annual event has grown in popularity over the years drawing thousands of shoppers to Mount Prospect for the spring weekend sale. Last year 568 homes all held their garage sale on the same weekend. Benefits of participation include:

- Village permit - no need to visit Village Hall. As organizers, we handle the permit for you.
- Your house will appear on 10,000 printed maps the weekend of the sale. Available at numerous locations around town.
- Easy FREE online registration

Visit the event's website for complete information: www.MPGarageSale.com or visit the Facebook page and "Like" it to receive tips and updates: www.facebook.com/MountProspectGarageSale.

May 30

Memorial Day Parade

Parade begins at 9:35 a.m. at Emerson St. and Busse Ave. Parade proceeds south on Emerson to Lincoln to the Veterans' Memorial Band Shell at Lions Park where a ceremony will be held. Anyone can march in the Parade, Veterans are especially encouraged to join in. Call Parade Coordinator Bob Fey, 299-3510, for more information.

June 12

Farmers' Market Begins

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday, June 12 - Oct. 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Metra West Lot at Northwest Hwy. and Route 83. For a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies, stop by and check it out!

4th of July Parade

The Special Events Commission is looking for participants for this year's 4th of July Parade, to be held on Monday, July 4 at 1:00 p.m. The Parade begins at the corner of Prospect Ave. and Emerson Street and ends at Melas Park. To register your group, contact Jill Friedrichs at 590-8201.

June 30-July 4: Lions' Village Fair

Watch for the Summer issue of the Newsletter for more information. As the date gets closer, call the Lions' Village Fair hotline at 870-6622 for a complete schedule, or check the web site, www.mountprospect.org for updates.

The Mount Prospect Lions Club is accepting donations for this year's fireworks display. "The cost of fireworks continues to rise, but unfortunately some major sponsors are unable to continue their support," said Fred Steinmiller Lions Club Director. Donation cans will be at various locations throughout the community. Please consider making a contribution. Donations can also be sent to the Mount Prospect Lions Club, PO Box 332, Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056. For more information, visit their web site, www.mtprospectlions.com.

Mount Prospect Public Library www.mpppl.org

National Library Week: Create Your Own Story @ Your Library

Sunday, April 10 – Saturday, April 16

Libraries are places where stories are not only recounted but created. All week long we will be celebrating your stories and the ways we can help you craft them. Whether you used the Library to find a new job, turn a hobby into a career, plan the perfect vacation, or something else entirely, we want to know about it. Stop by the lobby and write a short note about how the Library has impacted you; then post it on our display. While you are there, you can enter our raffle to win one of several gift certificates from local businesses.

Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Illinois Libraries

Wednesday, April 13

If you support libraries, let your voice be heard. On April 13 the Library will participate in Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Illinois Libraries. We will be collecting information, comments, and photographs from events that represent a typical day in the Library. Stop by the Library today to help us record how important the Library is to Mount Prospect.

Money Smart Week

Saturday, April 2 – Saturday, April 9

Money Smart Week, sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, is aimed at building financial knowledge so consumers can manage their money more effectively and confidently. The week is filled with free area-wide workshops and activities designed to help people of all ages save, spend, and borrow wisely. The Library is offering four financial seminars as part of Money Smart Week: Ten Money Rules to Live By, Garage Sale Success, A Woman's Guide to Money Matters, and Research Your Portfolio.

Mount Prospect Historical Society

www.mtphist.org

Colony and Crown

A Revolutionary Experience

Sat. May 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sun. May 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$5/4-12 yr. \$10/13 yr-adult

Lions Memorial Park

Travel back to 1776 and experience life during the American Revolution! You'll get a feel for the culture, lifestyle and arts of this time period that set the course for our nation's future. Reenactors will take part in battles using the uniforms, weapons and battlefield tactics of this exciting era. You'll even get a close up view of life in their camp. Concessions available; free parking. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Historical Society, North West Territory Alliance and Mt. Prospect Park District.

River Trails Park District

www.rtpd.org

10th Hole Bar & Grill

505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.,
Prospect Hts., (847) 483-5099

Easter Champagne Brunch - Sunday,
April 24

Mother's Day Champagne Brunch -
Sunday, May 8

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Adults \$19.95
4-12 yr. olds \$ 9.95

Reservations preferred (847) 483-5099

Woodland Trails Driving Range

1500 E Euclid Ave- Mt. Prospect
(847) 255-1200

Start the golf season off with Golf Lessons! Lessons are available for all ages and ability and begin in May. Check our Spring Brochure for more information.

Mt. Prospect Park District

www.mpppd.org

Easter Egg Hunt

RecPlex Saturday, April 16

Ages 3-8

Fee: \$5 advance/\$7 door

E-Cycle

Friendship Park Conservatory

Friday, April 15 & Saturday, April 16

9am-12Noon

FREE

Earth Day Celebration

Friendship Park Conservatory

Saturday, April 16 1-3pm

FREE

Spring Plant Sale

Friendship Park Conservatory

Saturday May 7 9am-2pm

FREE Admission

Strive for 5 • 5K Run

Lions Memorial Park

Saturday, June 18

8am start time

Mt. Prospect Community Band

The Mt. Prospect Community Band provides free outdoor concerts on Monday evenings at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park. The concerts start June 13 and begin at 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy Mt. Prospect's own "Little Ravinia." For a complete list of concert dates and themes, visit the web site, www.mountprospect.org.



Spring: Home Improvement Season

Why do I need a Building Permit?

A Building Permit grants legal permission to begin construction of a project. While many homeowners view the Building Permit process as tedious and unnecessary, the permit process ensures that the job is completed in a workman-like manner and according to Building Code standards.

For you, this means that work done on your property is safe for you, your family, and the community while at the same time maintains the value of your property. A building permit also helps the Village protect the community. By signing a building permit, the property owner agrees to protect parkway trees, maintain the property during construction, and minimize disturbances to neighbors.

What types of projects require a permit?

A good rule of thumb is that if the electrical, plumbing, structural, or lot coverage will be effected in anyway by your project, you will need a permit AND the subsequent inspections. Some examples of common projects that require building permits are: water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, generators, sheds, fences, patios, roofs, swimming pools, driveways, and other flatwork. Of course, large projects such as demolition, new construction, remodeling, or additions also require permits. The Building Division offers a free-of-charge pre-submittal meeting, so when in doubt, give the Building Division a call at (847) 870-5675.

Current Plat of Survey Required for Building Permits.

The Building Division requires an accurate Plat of Survey to process nearly all permits. The purpose in requiring the Plat of Survey is to ensure the work is occurring on the applicant's property and to review zoning conformance; including the land use and density of the project, setbacks from the property line, and 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 high rain events.

Property owners should receive a Plat of Survey at the time they purchase a property. If you do not have a copy of your Plat, a good place to start may be the financial institution that holds your mortgage. If you are unable to locate a copy of your Plat, you will need to consider having a new Plat made. Your Plat is the legal document that shows exactly what land you own. It should also accurately reflect the structures and impervious surface on your lot. If you need to have a Plat made of your property, there are several local surveyors listed in the yellow pages. Questions may be directed to the Permit Coordinator at (847) 818-5396.

Inspection Deposit (Bond)

When you obtain a Building Permit, you are also agreeing to call for necessary inspections. The inspection process is where the Building Division is able to protect our community. Building Division Inspectors check work throughout the project to ensure safety and building code standards are being met. Most permits require an "Inspection Bond." An Inspection Bond is a deposit of money to cover the cost of any re-inspections after an inspection has failed the first time. If your project progresses and passes all necessary inspections, you will receive the entire bond amount back. However, if the initial inspection fails, the inspector must return for a re-inspection. Re-inspection fees are charged on an increasing scale, beginning at \$50 per trade for the first re-inspection and increasing an additional \$25 for each re-inspection.

How long is my Building Permit good for?

Most building permits are valid for one year from the date of issuance. When it appears a project will exceed the scope of that year, the property owner or project manager is allowed to ask for an extension of the permit. This extension request must be made in writing to the Village Manager's Office. If the building permit is allowed to expire, the bond money is forfeited to the Village and a new permit must be applied for and new fees will be assessed. This is why calling for your required inspections is so important. Aside from ensuring safe construction, it keeps the lines of communication open with the Building Division.



Building Division Utilizing Administrative Adjudication

The Building Division has started a more pro-active approach in notifying property owners if their building permits are approaching their one-year expiration date without passing a final inspection. An initial letter is sent out 30 days prior to permit expiration; this letter allows sufficient time for the owner to schedule an inspection or request a permit extension if the work cannot be finished in the allotted time. If the property owner fails to respond, a second letter, allowing an additional 14 days for compliance is sent; failure to respond to the 14-day courtesy letter results in a Notice of Violation being issued to the property owner for an expired permit. Fines for failure to comply with Building Permit regulations range from \$250 to \$1000 per issue of non-compliance.

Check out the Building Division on the Village Web Site!

The Building Division is constantly updating the web site with important information, urgent notices, and other seasonal home-safety information. Be sure to check us out!! Go to www.mountprospect.org/building.

Property Maintenance Dos and Don'ts

During the summer months the unsightly problems in your neighborhood can become more apparent. Maintained homes and property beautify the community, keep the community safe, and preserve property values. Mount Prospect routinely inspects for exterior code violations that may detract from the community's appearance and interfere with residents' safety and enjoyment of their home. An inspector walks neighborhoods and requests repairs and correction of any property maintenance problems. Inspectors also inventory vacant homes and rental properties that if neglected can have negative impact on a neighborhood. If there is a home in your neighborhood that needs attention please call Community Development at (847) 870-5668. The following is a summary of the regulations - for more detail, go to www.mountprospect.org.

Sanitation

- Garbage and yard material must be stored in approved Village containers in the garage or behind the front of the house. When the storage is on the street side of a corner lot it must be screened by a fence or dense evergreen hedge. Containers may be set out after 4:00 p.m. on the previous day of collection. After collection, the containers must be removed from the curb.

Building Surfaces

- Siding, roofs, gutters, windows and doors shall be free of holes, rotting material, and where necessary painted for protection from the elements.

Accessory Structures

- Garages, sheds, fences, decks, gazebos, pools, and fences shall be structurally sound, be free of holes, rotting material, and where necessary painted for protection from the elements.

Walkways and Driveways

- Driveways must be free of potholes, large cracks, loose gravel, and trip hazards.
- Sidewalks and patios must be maintained and not pose a hazard.

Vehicles

- All vehicles must be licensed and have a Village sticker. All recreational vehicles including campers, boats and trailers must be parked on the driveway or in the garage.
- Parking over sidewalks is prohibited.
- Inoperable vehicles and cars under repair or overhaul must be kept in the garage.

Grading and Drainage

- Standing or stagnant water is prohibited.
- The filling of drainage swales is prohibited.

Home Occupation

- Employees shall not report to work at the house.
- Business traffic and delivery shall not disrupt the neighborhood.
- Business storage is limited to 100 square feet inside the structure.

Signs

- Garage/yard sale signs on private property may be posted for no more than three days.
- Real Estate and Sale signs shall not exceed ten (10) square feet in area.
- Signs shall not be posted in the Village right of way.

Commercial Vehicles

- No more than one commercial vehicle may be parked at a residence.
- The signage on a commercial vehicle is limited to the front door panel.
- Commercial vehicles must be parked behind the front of the house or as close to the garage as possible.
- Commercial vehicles must not be taller or wider than seven feet, or longer than nineteen and a half feet.

Vegetation

- Grass and weeds must be maintained below eight inches in height.
- Privately owned bushes and trees must not obstruct the public sidewalk.
- Dead trees must be removed.

Home Occupation

- Employees shall not report to work at the house.
- Business traffic and delivery shall not disrupt the neighborhood.

Animals

- Animals are not permitted to stray onto others' property.
- Dogs must be leashed or enclosed by an adequate fence.
- Animals must not disturb the peace.
- When walking your dog you must have a device to remove defecation and remove the defecation.
- Your property must be kept clean of animal waste and sanitary.
- No more than a total of three dogs and cats are permitted.
- Dogs and cats must wear a collar with current proof of rabies vaccination.



Vehicle Stickers

Pay Village Utility Bills Online or through Direct Debit

The Village offers several different payment options for your Water/Sewer and Refuse utility bill. In addition to coming into Village Hall or mailing in your payment, you can opt to pay online through the Village's website or direct debit of your checking account.

The online payment option, or E-Pay, is an easy to use process that **allows for** payment of the utility bills using a credit or debit card. E-Pay is secure and available 24 hours a day for your convenience. A minimal convenience fee applies. If you prefer direct debit, funds for payment on your utility account will be withdrawn on the due date, thus avoiding late fees. Authorization forms are available on our website at www.mountprospect.org. Utility customers may elect to end participation in the direct debit program at any time. If you have any questions concerning either of these two programs, please contact Utility Billing at (847) 392-6000.

Submit your Water Meter Reading on the Web

Mount Prospect is pleased to provide several options for residents serviced by Village water to submit their water meter reads. In addition to submitting your reads on the bill payment stub, you can submit reads by phone, fax, email or electronically on the website www.mountprospect.org/watermeter. If you have any questions, please call (847) 392-6000.

2011-2012 Village of Mount Prospect vehicle stickers went on sale February 1. The new vehicle sticker must be displayed by May 1. Passenger vehicle stickers are \$36, motorcycle and motorbicycle stickers are \$24, and trucks with B plates, \$54. There is an additional price schedule for trucks based on their individual weights. There is no increase in fees this year.

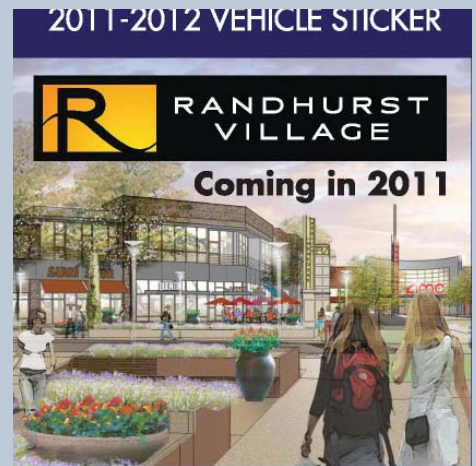
If you bought one or more stickers last year, you should have received a renewal application during the second week in February. If you received a renewal application, you'll be able to conveniently purchase your new stickers by mail. If you did not receive an application, please pick one up at Village Hall. If you had a vehicle sticker in 2010 and did not receive a renewal application in the mail, this does not absolve you of the responsibility for buying a new sticker.

If the vehicle(s) you have now isn't the same as the one you had when last year's sticker was purchased, the application form will contain information about the former vehicle. In that case, just cross out those details and print the current information on the application.

To purchase your new sticker(s) in person instead of by mail, you can do so at the Village Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For your convenience, the Village Hall will be open the following Saturdays in April: April 2, 9, 16 and 30 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Beginning May 1, escalating late purchase penalties will be added to the cost of your sticker. If you receive a Police Department citation for not having an up-to-date sticker, you may have to (1) pay a fine, (2) pay the basic cost of the new sticker, AND (3) pay the late purchase penalty. You can avoid all that by buying your sticker on time.

The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who purchase replacement vehicles on or after May 1. In either case, you'll have 30 days in which to purchase your sticker. During the grace period, proof of purchase or move-in date will be required to assure that a surcharge penalty is not imposed.



Purchase Locations

All types of vehicle stickers

Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street

Passenger stickers only

Passenger Stickers ONLY can also be purchased February 1 - April 30 at:

Algonquin-Busse Currency Exchange,
1725 W. Algonquin Rd.

(\$2 Service Fee applies)

If you change vehicles during the year after having bought a current sticker, a replacement sticker may be obtained within 30 days (with original receipt) in order to qualify for the \$5 transfer fee. If you are purchasing new license plates, you should purchase the sticker within the 30-day limit and write "applied for" in the space on the application for license plate information. When you receive the plates, call the Finance Department and provide the plate numbers.

Senior citizen rates are available for residents 65 and over (with proof of age). However, just one reduced rate (\$12) sticker per household is allowed and the vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a non-commercial purpose. Senior rate stickers can only be purchased at Village Hall. Certain individuals with disabilities may be eligible to receive a sticker at no charge. Please contact the Finance Department for more information.

For more information about vehicle stickers, utility bills or anything having to do with Village licenses and services, call the Finance Department at 392-6000.

Economic Development Update

Randhurst Village – The new AMC theater is scheduled to open in late April and will bring state of the art digital format movies and two I-MAX screens to Mount Prospect. Pei Wei Restaurant (a PF Chang's fast casual concept) opened in late February joining Jersey Mike's, Five Guys Burgers and Chipotle offering new dining options on the property. The Billy Goat Tavern and Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza will be opening in early summer directly across from the new AMC Theater. The developer is currently in discussions to add two more restaurants across from the theater that would create an exciting entertainment district. Recently signed retailers include Carter's, Old Navy and Charming Charlie's. The Hampton Inn and Suites is scheduled to open around Labor Day and the remaining stores along the Main Street will be opening throughout 2011.

Holiday Inn – the completely renovated Holiday Inn will be opening for business in early April. The 130-room hotel will also offer full banquet services as well as an indoor pool to complement the already open Bar Louie restaurant. The new ownership has invested over \$4 million in this property to create a first class hotel along Rand Road.

Black Cow Restaurant – A new eatery will be opening its doors at the former Artemis Restaurant location at the northwest corner of Golf and Busse Roads. The Black Cow Restaurant will offer a full rotisserie and barbeque menu with a new outdoor dining area.

Northwest Community Hospital – Northwest Community Hospital is currently building out their medical facility on Rand Road (former Twin Links property) and anticipate opening their doors late this summer. NWCH will provide a full range of medical care at the 20,000 square foot medical office building serving the entire community.



Aerial view of construction at Randhurst Village



Northwest Community Hospital Facility - Salam Salahi, Architect



Randhurst Village "Main Street"

Solid Waste News & Notes



Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 4

All containerized yard waste, bags and/or rigid containers must have the Village imprinted yard waste sticker affixed for collection. Stickers are \$2.25 and are available at Village Hall, Public Works and other locations (see web site, www.mountprospect.org)

Acceptable yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush and twigs ONLY. Yard waste should be placed out for collection in either a 32 gallon maximum capacity rigid container or in a biodegradable compost bags. If you use a rigid container, you must affix a "Yard Waste" decal (in addition to the Village imprinted sticker) to the container. "Yard Waste" decals are available, at no cost, at all locations selling the Village yard waste sticker. Each rigid container and/or compost bag placed at the curb cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

**When you and your
neighbors recycle,
we will make a difference.**

If you are not buying recycled,
you are not recycling.

- Buy only products that use less packaging.
- Buy concentrates and larger sizes.
- Buy products that are reusable.

Unlimited Brush Collection Starts April 4

Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush. Properly prepared brush bundles will be collected at no cost; no sticker is required. Tree limbs/branches are not to exceed 3.5" in diameter, 5' in length or 50 pounds in weight and must be secured with a biodegradable material.

Solid Waste Service Guide

All residents should have a copy of the Solid Waste Services Guide distributed by the Village. The guide details specific guidelines and restrictions that apply both to basic and user fee services. A copy can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department or by visiting the Village website, www.mountprospect.org.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) generally host a number of one - (1) day Household Hazardous Waste Collections throughout the state. The collections are provided at no cost to participants. State budget constraints may prevent the scheduling of events in 2011. Please check the IEPA Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection schedule for a potential list of locations and dates.

Illinois EPA
www.epa.state.il.us
217.785.8604

In addition there are two permanent collection facilities in the Chicago Metro area.

Chicago's Permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility

*Operated by the City of Chicago and the
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency*
Goose Island
(312)744-7606
1150 N Branch Street

Naperville Fire Station #4

1979 Brookdale Road
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday
NO LATEX PAINT
Call for details at
(630) 420-6095

Summer Intern Position Available at Public Works

The Public Works Department has an opening for a GIS intern. Work involves updating GIS databases, shapefiles, and applications utilizing ESRI ArcGIS 9.3. Trimble GPS equipment is also utilized. The successful applicant will be pursuing a course of study leading to a BS or BA in Geography, GIS, Computer Science, Engineering, or related field. Applicant must be in school; we are not accepting applications from recent graduates. For more information, see the web site, www.mountprospect.org. Send completed applications to the Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Phone: 847.870.5640, Fax: 847.253.9377, e-mail: pwssummerjobs@mountprospect.org

Cross Connection Control

The Illinois Plumbing Code requires that devices such as lawn irrigation sprinklers, residential or commercial fire protection, boilers, chemical feeders, carbonated beverage dispensers and outdoor water fountains protect the public water supply through the use of properly installed cross-connection control devices. These cross-connection control devices, commonly referred to as backflow preventors or RPZ's and must be tested each year by a licensed plumber certified by the State as a cross-connection control device inspector. The Village Code requires that a copy of the annual certification test results along with a \$10 annual administrative fee per device be sent to Public Works. For more information, please contact Public Works at (847) 870-5640 or visit the web site, www.mountprospect.org.



Inside Water Meter Checks

Each year, Public Works staff physically inspect about 3,000 of the residential water meters installed in the Village's water system to ensure that the meters are reading and functioning properly. The Public Works staff member arrives in uniform with Village ID and usually is going door-to-door between the hours of 2:00 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with an occasional Saturday, performing these readings. If no one is home or the timing is inconvenient, a door tag will be left to allow the resident to call Public Works to schedule an appointment to have this inspection completed. If for any reason, you are unsure of the person at your door, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works at (847) 870-5640 M-F between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or the Police non-emergency (847) 870-5656 at all other times.

Landscaping or Digging? Remember to call 811

If you are planning to dig for an outdoor project, Illinois law requires that you contact the local one-call service or JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) to locate underground utilities. You can call 811 to ask for underground utility locates. Whenever possible pre-mark the proposed excavation area with white paint or white flags. Please remember to call at least 48 hours before the start of any excavation, not including Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. For more information, visit www.illinois1call.com.



Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants throughout the Village-owned water distribution system will be flushed April 19 - April 29. This annual task is necessary to ensure that every fire hydrant works properly and to clear the water distribution system of unwanted debris and sediment.

After the hydrants in your neighborhood have been flushed, please check your tap water before using it for cooking, drinking or laundry as some rust or other stain producing particles may remain. These stain-producing particles remain only briefly in the water, giving your water a slightly rusty tinge. Though the rusty-looking water may be upsetting, the water is safe to drink. The rusty tinge should disappear within a few minutes if you leave the tap on. Be careful as these particles may stain your laundry.

For information about hydrant flushing in the Illinois American Water Company system, please call 630-739-8800. For more information about the hydrant flushing in the Village-owned system, call (847) 870-5640. Notice signs will be placed in neighborhoods as flushing occurs.



Keep Pet Waste Out of Our Waterways!

Cleaning up after your pet is a helpful way to help protect the waterways that run through the Village. Pet waste that enters a creek in Mount Prospect can have a long journey and impact a variety of plants, animals, ecosystems, and even people!

Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, or yards contains numerous pollutants such as nutrients and bacteria. These pollutants can easily be washed into nearby storm sewers. Please discard your pet's waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage.



Forestry Update

Options for Parkway Tree Planting

Due to budget constraints, the Village's popular Cost-Share tree planting program will not be available in 2011. However, where suitable tree planting sites exist, property owners can order a 2 1/2" diameter parkway tree by bearing the full cost of planting. These trees will still be hand-selected by Village staff at an Illinois nursery, and planted/guaranteed for one year by a landscape contractor. Seven or eight species will be offered, ranging in cost from about \$130.00 to \$250.00 per tree. All orders and payment for Spring planting must be received at Public Works no later than **March 23, 2011**. Participants should note that there will be no refunds on these trees if the Cost-Share program is reinstated in the future.

Property owners can also beautify Village parkways by planting a tree on their own, with an approved Village permit. Planting permits are available through Public Works at no cost. All Village code requirements must be met, including having a suitable planting site and choosing an approved species.

Finally, the Forestry/Grounds Division notes that they have received inquiries from tree lovers who would like to help the Village's reforestation efforts. The Village will happily accept donations to the Village's tree trust account at any time. For details about all these programs, call Public Works at (847) 870-5640.

Movement of Firewood Spreads Invasive Pests

For residents who use firewood, the Village encourages you to burn all of the wood before April. Gypsy Moth, EAB and other invasive pests are easily spread by firewood movement.

Emerald Ash Borer is Here

With Emerald Ash Borer found in Mount Prospect last September, residents are asked to report to Public Works any ash trees showing EAB symptoms. The most common of these are branch dieback, bark splits, suckering and D-shaped emergence holes. Also, in late Winter/early Spring before infested ashes leaf out, woodpecker damage often becomes fairly evident.



Over the past winter, more than 20 infested parkway ashes, as well as 144 in poor condition, were removed. Fortunately, Public Works will receive a \$30,000 grant this year to replace the removed trees with a diversified mix of new tree species.

The Village's arborists continue to monitor all parkway ash trees and perform inspections on private ash trees by request. Infested parkway trees will be removed by the Village, while private tree owners will be required to promptly remove their infested ashes at their own expense.

Now that EAB is firmly entrenched in our area, Village arborists recommend that private ash owners either budget for removing/replacing their trees within the next ten years, or begin insecticide treatments this spring. Private ash owners should weigh the cost of treatment over a number of years versus removing the tree and planting a suitable replacement.

Go to www.mountprospect.org for additional EAB information.

Gypsy Moth Levels Decreasing?

Gypsy Moths were first found on Mount Prospect's trees in 2008, and "finds" increased substantially in 2009 and 2010. As caterpillars, these insects consume massive volumes of leaves. Though oak leaves are their preferred food, they will feed on more than 500 types of trees and shrubs. Fortunately, most healthy deciduous plants are not killed from losing all their leaves one time, though evergreen plants do not recover from complete defoliation.

As of this writing in February 2011, it appears that our Gypsy Moth population may be declining somewhat. Public Works arborists are hopeful that this is the result of the Village's control efforts thus far. They note also that natural causes such as weather and insect diseases tend to eventually limit Gypsy Moth populations after they've built up to damaging levels.

The Village's control strategy includes scouting for/removing egg masses in winter, then spraying to kill any caterpillars that are found in Spring/Summer. The Village Board appropriated funds to treat both public and private finds in 2009 and 2010. The Board is expected to decide on 2011 treatment plans at a March 8 meeting. Updates will be posted at www.mountprospect.org.



Residents can assist by looking for Gypsy Moth egg masses before hatching begins in April. These are tan, hairy and generally 1-2" long by 1" wide. They can be found not only on trees but on any stationary outdoor object. Egg masses should be destroyed by removing and soaking them in soapy water for a minimum of two days.

The Village will send a free Gypsy Moth homeowner's guide to residents (call Public Works at (847) 870-5640).

Public Works Summer Projects to Begin

Three street maintenance programs will be starting in the month of April or May. They will include pavement marking/line striping, catch basin cleaning and catch basin repairs. These projects will be done in various locations throughout the Village.

The line-striping program will be on the south end of the Village. Typically, pavement-marking life expectancy is about two years in this region of the country due to wear and tear caused by salting and plowing operations. The catch basin repair program will involve various locations throughout the Village.

Crack Sealing

Crack sealing is done to prevent moisture from getting under our new pavement and ruining the base, thereby increasing the rate of road deterioration.

Streets are usually crack sealed four years after resurfacing or reconstruction to minimize additional cracking and prevent further cracking. Many of the older streets with severe cracking are beyond the stage for an effective crack-sealing program.

Crack sealing is a messy job. Before applying the sealant, workers must make certain that any loose dirt or debris is removed from the crack. This is usually accomplished by blowing the debris out of the crack with an air compressor. Once the cracks are filled, it only takes an hour for the filler to set so it can be driven on. We like to give the sealer an additional 24 hours to bond before sweeping it to avoid pulling the newly applied material out of the crack. This process can sometime leave streets looking messy for two to three days. Please be patient! The street sweeper will return to clean your street. If you have any questions about crack sealing, please call Public Works at 870-5640.



Pothole Repairs Underway

As soon as the asphalt plants open, crews will be making permanent repairs to potholes. Our first priority will be street openings from utility repairs during the winter months. Other potholes are caused by freezing-thaw cycles. In the daytime, water seeps into cracks and crevices in pavement and freezes when the temperature drops at night. Potholes are created when water expands upon freezing and weakens the pavement. It takes crews about 2-3 weeks during the first pass to do all Village Streets, so please be patient. It's also possible that we may service your street, and then a pothole pops up the next day. If you have a bad pothole that needs immediate attention please contact Public Works at 870-5640, as it is important to us. We will inspect you street and try to schedule service as soon as possible.

Need to Fix or Replace your Mailbox?

Mailboxes are allowed to have only two types of support systems: a 4 X 4-inch wood post, or a 2-1/2 inch O.D. metal post. The wood or metal posts can be set into the ground or anchored by a concrete slab set at grade level. However, the slab may not exceed 24 inches square nor be more than 18 inches deep. This is also a good time to check the condition of the wooden post, as rotting posts are another reason mailboxes get knocked down by snow. The Post Office and the Village request that if you have not changed your mailbox or plan on installing a new mailbox, please install per these regulations. When installed, the front face of the mailbox must be set back 12 inches from the back of the curb, or if there is no curb, 24 inches back from the hard surface of the pavement edge. The bottom of the mailbox must be 48 inches above grade level. At this height and distance from the curb the snow and snow plow blade should go under the mailbox and it will be at the proper distance to allow the mail to be delivered from the mail truck. See the web site, www.mountprospect.org for an illustration.



Flood Preparedness and Protection



Local Flood Hazard

Five waterways carry stormwater 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. Copies of available Elevation Certificates will be provided upon request. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens. The most recent flooding event occurred in September 2008 when the Des Plaines River overtopped its banks in the northeast section of the Village.

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, 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 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.

Flood-proofing

There are many methods that have been successful to protect a building from flood damage. These measures to alter your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages, called retrofitting, include:

- 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: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Community Development Department. Even regrading 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 floodproofing 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.

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 creeks and

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 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 15% 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.

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. All construction activity within a floodplain requires a Floodplain Development Permit.

More Information

For more information concerning flooding preparedness, stop by or call the Public Works Department at 870-5640 and ask for the Engineering Division.



See the
Federal Emergency
Management
Agency (FEMA)
website,
www.fema.gov,
for additional
information.

Village Warning Sirens

Remember: 1 - 2 - 3 - Safety

1. Tornado Watch

When a tornado watch is issued you need to stay alert and be prepared to seek shelter in case a tornado warning is issued. Tune to local radio and television stations, as well as your NOAA weather radio, for the most up to date information. Warn your family and friends of the potential threat for a tornado in the area. Be aware that a tornado watch can turn into a tornado warning at any time!

2. Tornado Warning

When a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service seek shelter immediately. Monitor local radio and television stations for the most up to date information. The time to act is now!

3. Warning Siren Activation

When you hear the warning sirens activated the threat to Mount Prospect is imminent. Seek shelter immediately if you have not already and tune into local radio and television stations for further information. You have no time to waste!

Safety

Remember to take the necessary precautions as early as possible. Don't wait for the sirens to activate or it may be too late! Remain alert and pay attention to weather conditions that may indicate a possible tornado. Here are some of the things to look and listen for: rotating clouds, whirling dust or debris, hail or heavy rain followed by calm conditions or a quick shift in winds, loud continuous rumble that does not fade in a few seconds like thunder or a train



NOAA Weather Radio

Weather radios can be purchased at Weather radios broadcast local emergency and severe weather information from the National Weather Service and can be purchased at local retailers such as Wal-Mart, Home Depot, and Menards

The Village of Mount Prospect maintains six (6) warning sirens located throughout the community to notify residents who are outdoors of a "Tornado Warning." These sirens are a proven method to warn people at ball games, in their yard, or elsewhere outdoors who are not in contact with a radio or television. It is important to understand when Mount Prospect's warning sirens will be activated as surrounding communities will have slightly different policies. It is also important to understand what to do when a siren activates as immediate action must be taken.

Q: WHO is responsible for activating the warning sirens?

A: The Village's 9-1-1 Dispatch Center is responsible for activating the Village owned warning sirens.

Q: WHAT should I do when I hear the warning sirens activate?

A: If indoors at the time of activation: (1) Seek shelter immediately in the lowest level of your house, preferably in an interior room away from doors and windows. (2) Tune into radio or television stations for the latest information. (3) Remain in your place of shelter until the threat has passed.

If outdoors at the time of activation: (1) Seek shelter indoors, but not in a car or mobile home. (2) If there are no safe options indoors and a tornado is imminent, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

**** Do not call 9-1-1 when the warning sirens are activated unless you have an actual emergency.****

Q: WHEN are warning sirens activated?

A: Warning sirens are only activated for tornado warnings that indicate a potential DIRECT THREAT TO MOUNT PROSPECT. Not all tornado warnings issued for Cook County will be a threat to Mount Prospect.

Warning sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 AM. All public warning devices throughout the State of Illinois are tested at this same time.



Q: WHERE can warning sirens be heard?

A: Warning sirens are designed to notify those individuals who are outdoors at the time of a threat of a probable or imminent tornado. Warning sirens are not designed to penetrate the walls of homes and businesses, which means you may not always hear them inside your home. For this reason, it is important to have a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) weather radio as part of your emergency preparedness plan.

Q: WHY don't the warning sirens always activate when a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service?

A: The National Weather Service is responsible for issuing tornado watches and warnings. Since they monitor the weather for the entire country, these watches and warnings are issued by county or portions of a county. In an effort to provide more accurate information our 9-1-1 Dispatch Center subscribes to a private weather service that monitors the conditions specific to our community.

Q: HOW do I know the threat of a tornado has passed and an "all clear" has been issued?

A: Neither the National Weather Service nor the Village of Mount Prospect issues an "all clear." We recommend you tune into local radio and television stations for the most up to date information on the status of severe weather. A good rule of thumb is to wait 30 minutes past the last time you hear the warning sirens activate - and once conditions improve.

To View a Map of Siren
Locations, See the Web Site,
www.mountprospect.org/emergency.

Bicycle Safety

Here are some tips to make bike rides enjoyable and safe.

Bike Inspection

First, check to make sure your bicycle fits you well. Look at the tires for proper air pressure and make sure they are free from defects and debris. Next, check the brakes and finally, check the chain. A clean, properly lubricated, and adjusted chain is essential.



Wear a Helmet

A properly fitted helmet should sit level on your head, should not easily shift from front to back or side-to-side, and the chin strap should be tight and unable to come off.

Register Your Bicycle with the Police Department

Registering your family's bicycles with the Police Department greatly raises the chances of getting the bike back if it's lost or stolen. Bicycles can be registered at the Police Department or online at www.mountprospect.org.

Other tips:

- Follow the Rules of the Road - Just like cars, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic, stop at red lights and stop signs, use signals, and yield to pedestrians.
- Ride single file - When cycling with your friends, ride in a line, not side by side.
- Be bright at night - Use a bike light and wear light colored or reflective clothing.

Department Honors 2010 Officer of the Year



At the February 15th Village Board Meeting, the Village honored the 2010 Officer of the Year, Jonathan Juhl, as well as four runner-up candidates.

*(Left to Right: Officer Scott Filipek, Officer Steve Burrell, Chief John Dahlberg, Investigator Jonathan Juhl, Officer Daniel Kidd. *Not Pictured: Investigator Alison Teevan)*

Investigator Jonathan Juhl was awarded the Officer of the Year for his tireless efforts as an undercover tactical officer. Throughout 2010, Investigator Juhl made thirteen felony arrests, twenty two misdemeanor arrests, and participated in a successful fraud sting with the Motion Picture Association of America resulting in the seizure of more than ten thousand pirated DVDs. Throughout the year, Investigator Juhl and the Tactical Unit seized large quantities of narcotics; including Cannabis and Ecstasy.

Rail Crossing Danger

Railroad tracks cross through our Village. Trains are part of everyday life, and because of that we sometimes quickly forget how dangerous train tracks and crossings really are. Remember, "Look, Listen, Live!"

- 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. If you are in the right-of-way next to the tracks, you can be hit.
- The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with either a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate.
- Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. 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.



Sidewalk Obstruction

The weather is becoming nice and more people will be taking walks throughout their neighborhoods. We need to remember to keep sidewalks free and clear to not obstruct a pedestrian's pathway. It can be dangerous for a small child or an elderly person to have to leave the sidewalk to get around an obstruction. Please keep all lawn equipment, bicycles, toys, and vehicles clear of the sidewalk. Anyone found to be in violation of obstructing the sidewalk can be issued a citation for each offense.



Senior News

Community Connections Center
1711 W Algonquin Road, (847) 506-4930

Parenting Classes

The Center is sponsoring classes on the topic of "Parenting". They will be held at John Jay School on Monday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on March 14th, March 28th and April 4th, 2011.

The purpose of the classes is to inform and assist parents in their indispensable and challenging role. The classes will be in Spanish. There will be no charge for them if people register before the beginning of the classes. \$5.00 will be charged per class for everyone who registers on the night of the class. Please register ahead by calling the Center at (847) 506 4930.

Celebration of Mothers

On Saturday, May 14th, the Center will sponsor a celebration of mothers with special recognition to all mothers. Cookies and other treats will be provided for all who come. It will take place between 1:00 and 3:00 PM. No registration necessary.

Health Day

On Saturday, June 11th, the Center will sponsor a health fair with opportunities to have blood pressure checked and a series of short presentations on issues pertaining to good health.

It will be held between Noon and 3:00 PM. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.

For more information about these programs, please call the Center at (847) 506-4930.



Senior Celebration Day

The twenty-second annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Arlington Park Racecourse on Wednesday, May 11 from 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be many free health screenings and senior services information booths. The Secretary of State Photo ID and License Unit, "Ask the Doctor" Panel, Entertainment Galore, Information and Give-Aways from Local Businesses, and Door Prizes will abound. You may even want to take in a few races so take advantage of the free admission for Senior Day.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the Secretary of State services and are over the age of sixty-five should arrive before 2:00 to make sure you receive their services. These services include: State ID Renewal, Driver License Renewal, Corrected License, Duplicate License, Vision Screening, Written Examination, and License Plate Renewal Stickers (Previous, Present and Next Month Only).



Two forms of identification are required, that proves date of birth, identity and Social Security number.

For additional information about the day's activities, call the Human Services Department at (847) 870-5680.

Driver Refresher Class

The Secretary of State sponsors Rules of the Road driver refresher classes for senior citizens who need to renew their driver's license. It is designed to reinforce knowledge of rules of the road and cover any changes in the driving laws. Classes are held every other month, with the next class being May 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the Village Hall first floor Community Center, 50 S. Emerson Street. You do not need to wait until your license expiration date; you may take the test ahead of time. Call (847) 870-5680 to register.

Financial Planning Classes

A new series of classes will be held on Tuesday evenings, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, for pre-retirees and retirees. The topics include Retirement Planning, Fixed Income (CD's, Bonds, etc..) Annuities and Insurance, Stocks, and Mutual Funds. Classes will be held at the Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson Street, 1st floor Community Room, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge; however, advanced registration is requested. Please call (847) 870-5680 to reserve a space.

Community Outreach Nursing

The Public Health Nurse provides nursing care, under the order of a physician, to homebound residents, regardless of age. This care is provided at no charge, to residents who do not have the services paid for by Medicare or private insurance. The nurse can offer the same services offered to residents who visit her at the Human Services Department, plus additional medical care that is necessary in order for the patient to remain in the home.

Business Page



New Business/Change of Ownership

APC Financial Group
Accounting
1150 W Northwest Hw A
(847) 255-7212

August J. Durso, Jr. DDS, Ltd.
Dental Office
1661 Feehanville Dr 420
(847) 635-0117

Beena Hair Salon Inc.
Hair Salon
930 Mt Prospect Pz
(773) 742-1458

Beder Care Home Health Inc
1699 Wall St 104a
(847) 758-1773

Chicago Classic Coach, Llc
401 E Prospect Av 114
(847) 222-6133

Core Home Health
1100 W Northw Est Hw 205
(847) 222-0070

Dev Links, Ltd.
Manufacturing
501 W Algonquin Rd A
(847) 717-7634

Discoteca Los Paisanos
Music Store
1737 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 364-9780

Dolce Vita Bakery Corp
Food Service
1835 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 258-4127

Eirich's Enterprises Inc.
Retail
1732 E Kensington Rd
(847) 299-1259

El Tosch America, Inc.
Manufacturing
1890 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 472-2626

Exclusive Motors
Retail
1774 W Algonquin Rd
(773) 750-7788

Healing At Hand
Massage Therapy
2430 E Rand Rd
(773) 290-9900

Inter-Continental Trading
Manufacturing
1615 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 640-1777

Jack Alexander Salon & Spa
Beauty Shop
416 W Northwest Hw
(847) 259-1199

Jan J Acquafredda
Accounting
401 E Prospect Av 202
(847) 670-0227

John Ratliff & Company, Ltd
Accounting
350 W Kensington Rd 104
(847) 590-9820

Laguna Spa & Massage
Health Club
1728 E Kensington Rd
(773) 865-4204

Los Compaadres
Restaurant
1801 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 437-4601

Marianne De Paul &
Service
325 W Prospect Av 4
(847) 394-8670

Mi Restaurant Inc.
Restaurant
1742 E Kensington Rd
(773) 697-1661

Mind & Soul Spa, Inc.
Massage Therapy
1701 W Golf Rd
(847) 293-5468

Moose Manor Products Llc
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Mayor Iroana Wilks and Trustees Steve Polit and John Korn join representatives of Casto Lifestyle Properties and Pei Wei Asian Diner to celebrate the opening of Mount Prospect's newest Restaurant.



Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening

Pei Wei Asian Diner

1021 N. Elmhurst Rd.

847/704-4095 www.peiwei.com

The latest of several exciting new dining establishments to open at the new Randhurst Village, Pei Wei Asian Diner is a fast-casual concept from PF Chang's.

Offering a fresh-to-order menu, Pei Wei uses a Mandarin-style wok-cooking process and features cuisine from five Asian countries: China, Japan, Vietnam, Korea and Thailand. All of Pei Wei's menu items are priced under \$10. The new location features Asian-inspired dishes such as Korean BBQ, Mandarin Kung Pao, Pad Thai and Gluten Free Vietnamese Rolls. The menu also offers a variety of small plates including Crab Wontons, Hot and Sour Soup and Pork Egg Rolls.

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