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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021



THE RETURN OF Oktoberfest & Fall Fest

CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL | 50 SOUTH EMERSON STREET (EMERSON STREET & BUSSE AVENUE)

The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA) is once again bringing their long running Oktoberfest and Fall Festival to downtown Mount Prospect the weekend of October 8 and 9.

FRIDAY | October 8 | Oktoberfest | 4 to 11 pm

Oktoberfest will kick off the weekend at 4 pm on Friday, October 8 and run through 11 pm. Held on Centennial Green at Village Hall, this year's Oktoberfest will once again feature live musical entertainment featuring fan-favorite The Phenix Band (in a heated tent) and traditional German food and beverages.

SATURDAY | October 9 | Fall Fest | 1 to 4 pm

On Saturday, the day begins with the Fall Festival, one of the best FREE fall family events in the suburbs. The Fall Festival will also be held in Downtown Mount Prospect on Centennial Green at Village Hall from 1 – 4 pm. The fun will include hay rides, pony rides, bounce houses, pumpkin decorating, crafts, a stilt walker, and the famous never-ending trick or treat candy line, sponsored by the MPDMA. Building on the success of 2019, Special Needs Hour at Fall Festival returns on Saturday from 12-1 pm. This hour is reserved for families with special needs – reservations are required, sign up will be posted soon on the MPDMA's website.

SATURDAY | October 9 | Oktoberfest | 4 to 11 pm

Immediately following the Fall Festival, stick around for the party to kick into high gear with the second evening of Oktoberfest!

PARKING

FREE parking is available in the East Commuter Lot (Northwest Highway & Route 83) and in the Emerson Street Parking Deck (50 S. Emerson Street). Rather take the train in? Centennial Green is just one block from the Mount Prospect Metra Train Station.

For additional information on these events visit the **Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association** webpage at downtownmountprospect.com or go to the MPDMA's Oktoberfest Facebook Page (@oktoberfestmp).



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Community Events

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9/11 Educational Exhibition

September 1-30

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street

In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the library will host the exhibition September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed the World, created by the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. The series of educational posters on display inside the library present the history of 9/11, its origins, and its ongoing implications, and includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection.



SEPT
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Conversations in English

Thursdays | September 2 & 16 | 1 – 2 pm (virtual)

Thursday | September 9 & 23 | 5 – 6 pm (virtual)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER

1711 West Algonquin Road

Come practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy interesting discussions with the Human Services Department. Meetings will be held virtually in September and will move to a hybrid model in October. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.



SEPT
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Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | September 2 | 2 – 8 pm

FIRE STATION 14

2000 East Kensington Rd

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FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL

50 South Emerson Street

Seated senior exercise program for the mind and body. 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.



SEPT
4

Lions Club Cruise Nights

Saturdays Through September 25
3 pm – 9 pm

EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Highway and Emerson Street



Cruise on over to see some cool cars! **September 4 Orphan Night, September 11 Volkswagon Night, September 18 Truck Night and September 25 Emergency Vehicle Night.**

SEPT
5

Farmers Market

Sundays Through October 31 | 8 am – 1 pm

EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Highway and Emerson Street



Discover a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other one-of-a-kind food and non-food items. Parking is available at the West Commuter Lot, Emerson Street Parking Deck and on south side of the tracks. For more info, visit mplions.org.

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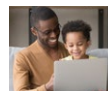
Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | September 7, 14, 21 & 28
11:30 am – 12:00 pm

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Parents of children ages 2 through 5 are invited to meet with other parents and their children for story time, music, and learning activities. The group meets virtually every Tuesday at 11:30 am and hopes to return to in-person meetings starting on October 5. Space is limited and registration is required. To reserve your spot, please call 847.506.4930.



SEPT
9

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price Virtual Program

Thursday | September 9 | 7 – 9 pm

For many families, college tuition is the largest expense they will ever face. This program, presented



by the Mount Prospect Public Library and Joe Orsolini, President of College Aid Planners Inc., introduces several opportunities to reduce the overall cost of a college education, including need-based aid, merit-based aid and scholarships, tax breaks, and student loans. Visit mppl.org to learn more.

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Saturday | September 11 | 9 am

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BANDSHELL AT LIONS PARK
411 South Maple Street



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SEPT
11

Randhurst Street Fest

Saturday | September 11 | 1 – 5 pm

RANDHURST VILLAGE

On the boulevard (from AMC to the Hampton Inn).



STREET FEST is back at Randhurst! Join us for the 5th Annual Street Fest this year. FREE for everyone to attend. Visit randhurstvillage.com for more information.

SEPT
12

Second Sunday at the Society

Sunday | September 12 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

103 South Maple Street



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society in Central School for a highly awaited in-person Second Sunday program. This month's theme is apples. Stop by for a variety of hands-on activities and make-and-takes. All ages are welcome at this free event. **Masks are required.**

SEPT
18

Mt. Prospect Park District Fishing Derby

Saturday | September 18 | 7:30 – 9:30 am or 10 am – Noon

ROBERT T. JACKSON CLEARWATER PARK

1717 W. Lonquist Blvd



Grab your gear for a morning of family fishing! Test your skills and maybe even land a *big one*. Worms provided – bring your rod, reel and tackle. Register your child (ages 4-14) for either time slot at mppd.org. \$12 resident/\$17 non-resident.

SEPT
18

Summer Slide Pub Crawl

Saturday | September 18 | 2 – 7 pm

DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Summer Slide Social!

Enjoy a great time out with neighbors and friends visiting some of your favorite downtown Mount Prospect eating and drinking establishments. Visit mpdowntown.com for all the details!



SEPT
19

Mt. Prospect Park District 7th Heaven Concert

Sunday | September 19 | 4-5:30 pm

VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL AT LIONS PARK
411 South Maple Street



Make it a September to Remember! Our hometown favorite band returns for a free concert featuring its trademark 30 covers in 30 minutes.

SEPT
22

Secretary of State Rules of the Road Class

Wednesday | September 22 | 1:30 pm

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT 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. Registration for this class is required. Please call 847.870.5680 to register.



SEPT
23

Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

Thursday | September 23 | 10 am Registration
11 am Tee Off

MT. PROSPECT GOLF CLUB

600 S See-Gwun Ave

Join members of the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce for their annual Golf Outing. Your registration (\$150/single, \$550/foursome) includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, a box lunch, beverages on the course and a Happy Hour/Taste of Mount Prospect after the round. Details can be found at mountprospectchamber.org.



SEPT
23

Climate Change, Adaptations and Solutions for the Chicagoland Area Virtual Program

Thursday | September 23
7 – 8 pm

Climate change is an issue that affects everyone, reaching across all borders and boundaries. Learn about recent climate change data, both internationally and locally, from Natalie Lynn Lichtenbert, a representative of The Climate Reality Project, a non-profit organization founded by former Vice President Al Gore. In addition to learning the ins and outs of climate change, Lichtenbert will also offer solutions for how we can enact meaningful change in the Chicagoland area and beyond. This virtual program is hosted by the Mount Prospect Public Library. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.

SEPT
25

FIVE-0 5K A Run with the Police

Saturday | September 25
8 am



POLICE DEPARTMENT
911 East Kensington Road

Come run with the police department during the return of the Five-0 5K run/walk. Registration is required. \$25 for anyone 11 and over and \$15 for anyone 10 and under. More information about the race and where to register can be found at bit.ly/fiveo5k.

SEPT
29

Portraits of Two Authors: Flannery O'Connor and Gwendolyn Brooks Virtual Program

Wednesday | September 29
7 – 8 pm



Explore the lives of Flannery O'Connor and Gwendolyn Brooks through the works of two award-winning children's authors, Cozbi A. Cabrera and Amy Alznauer. View the rare images from the O'Connor and Brooks library archives

that helped Cabrera and Alznauer tell the fascinating stories of these two historical figures. The presenters will reflect on the process of telling the stories of the two authors who lived parallel but vastly different lives. A Q&A session will follow this virtual presentation hosted by the Mount Prospect Public Library. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.

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OCT
5

Ode to Beethoven: The Man Behind the Music Virtual Program



Tuesday | October 5
5 – 9 pm

The Mount Prospect Public Library invites all music lovers to virtually celebrate the legendary composer's 250th birthday. To this day, Ludwig van Beethoven is the most listened-to creator of classical music. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life and times of this tragic genius who was as famous for his fiery personality as for his divine ability to turn his personal struggles into supreme and powerful melodies. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.

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Oktoberfest
Friday | October 8
Saturday | October 9
4 – 11 pm



CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street

Oktoberfest returns to Downtown Mount Prospect with music, food, and of course, beer! Sponsored by the MPDM.

OCT
9

Fall Fest
Saturday | October 9
Noon – 4 pm



CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street

One of the best FREE fall family events in the suburbs! See page 1 for all the details! Sponsored by the MPDM.

OCT
10

Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | October 10
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 South Maple Street

Stop by Central School for hands-on activities and make-and-takes. This month's theme is pumpkins. Do you know which city in Illinois is the Pumpkin Capital of the World? All ages are welcome at this free event. Masks required.

OCT
16

Blacksmith Demonstration by Justin Stech

Saturday | October 16
11 am – 3 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 South Maple Street

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

OCT
19

The Path to Your Family Story: Beyond Ancestry Library Edition® Virtual Program



Tuesday | October 19
2 – 3 pm

The genealogy subscription databases Heritage Quest,

MyHeritage, Fold3, and Heritage Hub may not be as well-known as Ancestry Library Edition, but they offer information to help family historians add rich narratives to their family stories. Using Census records, vital records, obituaries, family trees, military records, and more, librarians Steven Browne and Anne Shaughnessy will help users make the most of these resources. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.

OCT
23

Mt. Prospect Park District Trick-or-Treat Trail

Saturday, October 23
9 am – 4 pm



RECPLEX
420 W. Dempster Street

Pick up your bag at check-in and walk the trail playing games and gathering prizes. Reserve a 45 minute time slot between 9 am – 4 pm at mmdl.org. \$10 per child, adults free.

OCT
27

Downtown Trick-or-Treat
Wednesday | October 27
4 – 6 pm



DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Dress up in your costume and trick-or-treat at Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. Participating businesses will have an orange pumpkin on their door or window. Businesses with teal pumpkins will offer non-food treats. Visit mpdowntown.com for more information.

News from the Building Department

Building Permit Portal Online

You can now apply for all permits online at mountprospect.org/business/licenses-and-permits/building-permit-application-and-inspections. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this convenient way to apply for permits. If you have any questions about the portal, you can contact us at permit@mountprospect.org.

For questions regarding Village code or technical issues related to building reach out to building@mountprospect.org.

Choose Your Contractor Carefully

Before hiring a contractor to work on your home, do as much research as possible. Resources are available via the Illinois Attorney General's office and the Better Business Bureau.

While you are encouraged to get several estimates for your project, it is not always recommended that you select the lowest bidder; in fact, you should avoid working with anyone whose estimate is significantly out of line from others. During the evaluation process, ask the contractor if they will be using sub-contractors; if so, ask to meet them and confirm that they have current insurance coverage and licenses. Don't ever pay for an entire project upfront.

During this time of year, it is not uncommon for untrustworthy contractors to appear shortly after storms have occurred. You should never do business with a contractor who shows up at your home without an invitation or appointment, pressures you into a quick decision, offers to take you to a bank to get money to pay them, can only be reached by answering machine, or drives a vehicle with out-of-state plates.

Ribbon Cuttings



June 18, 2021
EPIC PERIODONTICS AND IMPLANT CENTER
421 West Prospect Avenue
224.252.5450
epicperiodontics.com



July 8, 2021
SMOOTHIE KING
106 West Rand Road
224.735.2525
smoothieking.com



July 21, 2021
MOUNT PROSPECT SENIOR LIVING
1111 South Linneman Road
847.250.6029
mountprospectseniorliving.com

News from the Finance Department

Did You Purchase Your Vehicle Sticker?

The deadline for purchasing 2021-2022 Mount Prospect vehicle stickers was April 30. Stickers purchased after April 30 include a late fee unless you are new to the Village or if you are a resident who purchased a new vehicle after May 1. In those instances, you have 30 days to purchase a sticker with proof of purchase or a document showing move-in date such as transfer stamp documentation, rental lease, or moving company bill. Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a 2021-2022 vehicle sticker should contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 with updated vehicle information to determine eligibility for transference of the sticker from one vehicle to another for no additional fee.



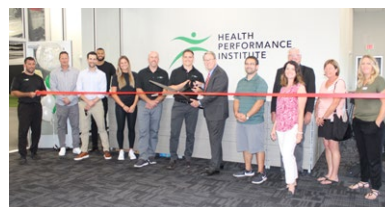
Budget Process Recognized with Award

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has presented the Village with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the current fiscal year. This award is the highest given for governmental budgeting and is presented to government units whose budgets are judged to adhere to program standards. Those standards include publishing a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as a financial plan, as an operations guide, and as a communications device.

We are pleased to receive this significant recognition from the GFOA.



August 3, 2021
AL'S SHOE REPAIR
Mount Prospect Train Station
847.670.7463
thecobblercros.com



August 5, 2021
HEALTH PERFORMANCE INSTITUTE (IL Bone & Joint)
431 Lakeview Court
847.512.3091 | hpi-ibji.com



August 11, 2021
PRAIRIE TRAILS EARLY LEARNING CENTER
805 N. Burning Bush Lane
rtsd26.org

Community/Economic Development

Prospect Place

Construction is about to begin on the new Prospect Place development on Prospect Avenue abutting Wille Street and Evergreen Avenue. This 5-story, mixed-use development will add 80 luxury apartments and over 10,000 sq. ft. of retail space to our downtown.

Three of the existing merchants in that parcel will be moving to new locations:

- Al's Shoe Repair will be located in the Metra station.
- Purple Rose Florist will be moving to Mount Prospect Station Center on Northwest Highway.
- The Kensington Business Center will be the new home for Colonial Dental.

Prospect Place will be a beautiful addition to the downtown with ample masonry, large windows, and a variety of architectural accents. The development will also include upgrades to stormwater and drainage for the area, an improved streetscape, and two large patio spaces. We anticipate project completion by the end of 2022.



For additional information on the project, or other developments in the downtown or Village-wide, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.

Gateway Signs

Last December, the Village adopted the Connect South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan. The Sub-Area Plan sets forth long-term goals, policies, and strategies for addressing and guiding future development for the next ten years and beyond, for the south side of the Village. One of the objectives outlined in the Sub-Area Plan is to create a clear identity for the south side of the community. To achieve this goal, the Community Development Department was given the task of looking at potential sites for a new Village of Mount Prospect gateway sign that will introduce and welcome visitors and would offer a first impression of the community.

Six intersections were identified as potential sites in the Sub-Area Plan;

- Elmhurst Road and Golf Road
- Elmhurst Road and Dempster Street
- Elmhurst Road and Algonquin Road
- Elmhurst Road and Enterprise Drive
- Busse Road just north of I-90
- Algonquin Road and Dempster Street

The Village plans to pursue applicable local, state, and federal grants to fund the new Village gateway sign. To learn more about the South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan, please visit mountprospect.org/departments/community-development/long-range-plans-studies/south-mount-prospect-sub-area-plan-2018-update or call the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.



Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is one of the Mount Prospect Fire Department's favorite events of the year. This year, we recognize Fire Prevention Week from October 4 to 8. That last date coincides with the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire that began on October 8, 1871 and lasted several days. As Illinois residents, we remember the 300 people that lost their lives in a fire that also destroyed 3.3 square miles of the city.

Time during this week is also spent with our residents to focus on an important fire prevention topic. This year's theme is, *Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!* We would like our residents to stay safe with working smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and being able to distinguish between the different sounds.

When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirping sound – you must take action. If you or someone in your home is deaf or hard of hearing, there are smoke alarms and alert devices that are made to have a different alert system. Some use strobe lights to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds and there are pillow and bed shakers that work with smoke alarms to alert the resident of a potential problem. You can also install a bedside alert device that

uses a low frequency alarm, which can wake up a person with mild to severe hearing loss.

Sleeping with glasses, keeping a mobility device, cell phone, and hearing aids close by will keep you safe no matter the time of day. The Mount Prospect Fire Department is happy to replace smoke alarms for adults over 65 and will also install carbon monoxide detectors that were previously purchased by the occupant and replace batteries.

For more information about fire prevention or questions regarding your smoke alarm, please call Fire Prevention at 847.818.5260.



9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Please join the Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments as we gather at the Lions Park Veterans Memorial Band Shell to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. We would like to pay tribute as a Village to all of the lives lost and those that were forever changed by the events of that day. Never to be forgotten are the families, volunteers, service men and women, and first responders who acted so heroically that day. They will forever remain heroes in our hearts.

Veterans Memorial Band Shell

411 South Maple

Saturday | September 11 | 9:00 am

Please bring your own chair for lawn seating



Watch or Warning?

Living in this area, we are all familiar with the National Weather Service issuing Watches and Warnings. Are you aware of the differences between the two?

A Watch will indicate a timeframe in which severe weather may occur, usually covering a duration of 4 to 8 hours, and allows for time to prepare.

A Warning is similar to the warning lights at a train crossing; it should be taken very seriously as there is immediate concern. When a Warning is issued, you should take shelter immediately and be prepared for the conditions to last for up to 30 minutes.

A weather radio or weather app on your phone are two great ways to stay informed regarding severe weather. It is always beneficial to keep an eye on the skies, and if conditions look ominous, move indoors.



Emergency Preparedness Training

Are you and your family prepared should a weather emergency or natural disaster occur? The Mount Prospect Fire Department wants to help and is now taking applications for a Citizens Emergency Preparedness Training class.

Covering 7 weeks, this class will help prepare you, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a local emergency. The course is free and provides a basic overview on topics like how to use a fire extinguisher, basic first-aid, light search and rescue, and how to compile an emergency preparedness kit for your home.

Classes will meet Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm between October 6 and November 17. For information contact Jim Miller at jmiller@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5254.



Back to School Time

Students are back in school now and that brings traffic congestion to our neighborhoods. School buses are driving their routes, kids are walking and biking to school, and parents are dropping kids off before beginning their own day. It is critical that drivers slow down and pay attention, especially during hours leading up to the start of school or as it lets out later in the day.

If you are a parent driving kids to and from school, be safe and courteous. Don't block driveways waiting to drop-off or pick-up, don't park in crosswalks or fire lanes, and do not double- or triple-park as this creates a dangerous situation for kids who dart between parked cars to get to their parents.

Please respect the volunteers who are on hand to enforce safety procedures and rules. If you are scheduling events or appointments after school, give yourself

enough time to safely pick-up and depart from school without having to rush.

If we all obey the traffic and parking laws and follow the school's pickup and drop-off procedures, we can prevent the injury or death of a child.

And remember, use of cell phones by drivers in school zones is strictly prohibited when in the vehicle unless the vehicle is parked.

Bike Safely

Even as summer turns to fall, many Mount Prospect residents will be out enjoying the opportunity to bike throughout our community. Biking is a great way to get exercise and to reduce your carbon footprint. However, because cyclists share many roadways with vehicles, they face many hazards. Here are some tips to keep you safe when out biking:

- Always inspect your bike before riding.
- Inflate tires to proper levels.
- Check that the seat is locked in place at the appropriate height.
- Make sure that all parts of the bike are secure and working properly.
- Bikes should have reflectors on the front, rear, spokes, and pedals.
- A horn or bell, rear-view mirror, and bright headlight are recommended.
- When biking, wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright clothing so you can be seen by drivers.
- Riding during the day is recommended, but if you ride at night, wear reflective clothing and use flashing lights.

A helmet should always be worn by adults and children when taking a bike ride of any duration. Helmets should be certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The National Highway Safety Administration recommends these guidelines for a properly fitting helmet:

- Adjust sizing pads or fit-ring until the helmet is snug.
- The helmet should be level on your head, covering your forehead. There

should be about 2 fingers of space between your eyebrows and the helmet.

- Adjust the straps so they form a V shape under, and slightly in front, of your ears.
- Fasten the buckle of the chinstrap and position it centered under your chin. The strap should be snug enough that no more than one or two fingers fit between your chin and the strap.
- If properly fitted, the helmet should not rock more than 1 inch from side to side or front to back on your head.



Finally, be sure to always follow the rules of the road for biking safety:

- Bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists.
- Ride single-file in the direction of traffic.
- Remain alert, keeping your head up to look around you; watch for hazards such as car doors opening ahead of you.
- Use hand signals when turning.
- Exercise extra caution at intersections.
- Never hitch onto a moving car.
- Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again, and over your shoulder.

Make It a Safe Halloween

Is there anything scarier than knowing it's almost time for Halloween already? A safe Halloween is a fun Halloween, so please follow these important tips:

- Make sure that your children are only trick-or-treating between 3 and 8 pm.
- Dark costumes are much harder to see at night so avoid using them if possible. If a dark costume is worn, have your children carry a flashlight, glow stick, or wear a reflective belt or vest.
- Face paint is a better option than masks that could restrict vision.
- Have kids trick-or-treat in groups and have at least one adult tag along for extra safety.
- If a trick-or-treater need to cross a street, always do so in a crosswalk; never run out between parked cars.

- And because not every kid will remember every tip we offer, drivers need to take caution and watch for little ones in costumes crossing streets and cutting between parked cars.
- Always have an adult check all the candy that was collected before anyone eats it.



Happy Halloween!

Get Ready for Fall

Before long, the leaves on your trees will be turning colors and begin falling. When they do, the Village's fall loose-leaf collection program provides residents with a convenient option that doesn't require bagging.

Beginning Monday, October 18 and running through Friday, December 3, residents can set leaves out at the curb once a week for scheduled collection by the Village. This program is for leaves only. Other material such as grass clippings, twigs, and branches must be bagged according to the Village's yard waste collection guidelines.

Please rake leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line one day prior to your scheduled collection day. You can refer to the Village's website for a map identifying the weekly schedule.

If the truck has already passed your home, please wait for the following week. The trucks will only travel along each side of the street once.

Burning leaves is strictly prohibited in Mount Prospect.



Keep Your Trees Healthy Year-round

Once those leaves have fallen, your trees still need care to keep them healthy for the winter and next growing season.

The first step is to make sure trees remain well-watered during the fall. Generally, an inch of rainfall will be sufficient, but during dry periods watering should be done. Simply running a sprinkler under the canopy of a tree, with the spray extending out as far as the tree is tall, will take care of your trees.

Fall is a great time to add or refresh mulch around the tree. Wood chips are a great, natural option. The mulch will help retain moisture in the soil and prevent freezing which allows roots to continue growing as they should. A 2" – 3" layer also prevents weed growth and provides a protective barrier for the trunk of the tree, keeping lawnmowers and weed whips away. However, piling mulch directly up against the trunk can cause rotting, so keep a small barrier around the trunk.

Trees will benefit from fertilization if completed in September. After that time,

it is better to wait until the tree has gone dormant, usually in late November, before providing a dose of nutrients.

While out in the yard during the fall, check trees for insect damage. Most insect damage occurs earlier in the season but some control measures require treating before the growing season to get the best results. The life-cycle of most insects differs, so a tree care professional should be consulted if significant damage is noted.

Finally, removing dead branches and broken limbs in fall can help improve the health of your trees. It is also recommended that you pick up fallen fruit and other debris from the landscape around a tree to reduce potential diseases next growing season.



Mercury Disposal

In conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), Mount Prospect Public Works offers residents the on-going opportunity to recycle thermometers, thermostats, and wall switches which contain mercury.

Mercury poses a significant health and environmental risk and items containing mercury should be disposed of properly. Any of these items can be dropped off at the Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road any non-holiday weekday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Please call 847.870.5640 for more information.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Public Works will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 25. Registration is required and will be available beginning September 8 for Mount Prospect residents only at mountprospect.org/hhw. No commercial waste will be accepted.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and avoid the dangerous practice of disposing materials in the trash, pouring them down the sewer, or flushing them in the toilet.

A list of acceptable items can be found at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste-collection or by calling 847.870.5640.



Water Quality in Your Home

Did you know that certain spots around your home can impact the quality of the water you use inside? Here are some tips to consider:

Best practices

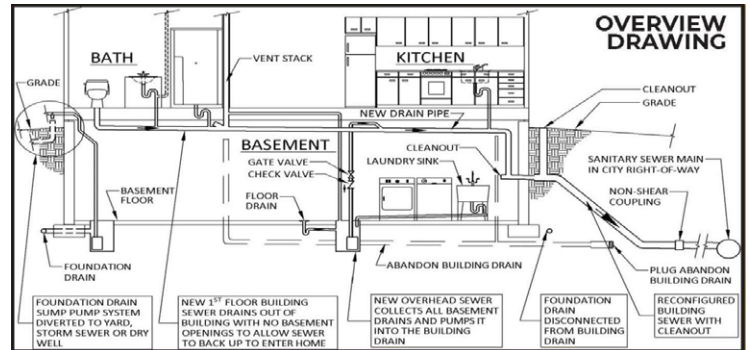
- Compost leaves and grass clippings to use in your planting beds and gardens.
- Create planting beds and leave natural areas to create variety in your yard, attract wildlife, and minimize the amount you need to mow and fertilize.
- Direct downspouts to unpaved areas to reduce run-off and minimize your need to water the lawn.
- Safely seal and store chemical products like fertilizer, car care products, and household cleaners to keep them away from people and pets and to prevent harmful run-off.
- When using fertilizers and pesticides, be sure to sweep up any excess from paved areas to prevent them from entering the water system.
- Keep your car properly tuned and watch for oil or fluid leaks that can sit on your driveway, parking lot, or the street, and eventually enter the water system.
- Plant grass or other vegetation on any bare spots in your lawn and cover with mulch or hay until it begins to grow.



Overhead Sewer Rebate Program

The Village has established an overhead sewer rebate program to provide financial assistance to residents who want to convert their existing gravity-fed sanitary system to an overhead system. The program is open to Village wastewater utility customers.

The program offers homeowners of single-family structures a rebate of up to 50% of actual costs incurred up to \$7,500. For more details contact Public Works at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or 847.870.5640.



Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Needed

With winter approaching we are seeking supplemental snowplow drivers. If you have experience driving large trucks and a valid approved Class A or B commercial driver's license with air-brake endorsement, contact us at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or 847.870.5640. If you can be available



at any time, this can be a great way to earn some extra money. First-year drivers must attend an orientation class before beginning.

Holiday Tree Search

As we do each year, the Village is seeking a fir or spruce tree that is at least 30 feet tall to serve as our holiday tree. If you have a tree in your yard that has uniform growth and has not been trimmed at the bottom, contact Public Works at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or 847.870.5640 to donate it. We will remove and transport the tree at no cost to you.



Human Services

Medicare D Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare D will begin October 15 and run through December 7. Because every year brings changes in premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and drugs covered, the Human Services Department will have social workers and senior health insurance volunteers available to help determine which plan is best for you. They will use a tool on the Medicare website to help guide your decision. As part of the process, they will help determine if you are eligible for financial assistance with your plan premiums and co-pays this year.

If you would like assistance with enrolling or reviewing your plan you can schedule an appointment by calling 847.870.5680.

Health and Social Services Survey

The Human Services Department invites residents to participate in a short survey to help us better understand health and social service needs of the community. If you would like to participate, please refer to the survey included in this newsletter or contact us at 847.870.5680.

Opportunity for Teens to Assist Seniors

If you are a teen, aged 13 through 18, you are invited to sign up for the Teen Snow Shovel program. This annual program connects teens with seniors who need assistance shoveling snow during the winter. Human Services Department does not interview or screen either party. Participants can jointly determine any rate of pay. For more information, please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

Parenting Classes

The Human Services Department will offer the Becoming a Love and Logic Parent® training course in September, in both English and Spanish. The Becoming a Love and Logic Parent® curriculum was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., in Golden, Colorado. Call the Human Services at 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 for more information or to register. Space is limited.

Strong Like a Girl

Strong Like a Girl is a 6-session group for teen girls in grades 6 through 8 that empowers and helps build resiliency. The group begins October 26 and will be held in-person. If you would like to register your teen for the group, please contact Esther Salutillo at 847.506.4930.



Community Connections Center

September is Suicide Prevention Month and October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook Page for information and resources about each topic at www.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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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am - 7:30pm
Friday prior to the 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm
2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm



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(includes Finance & Village Administration)
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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
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<p>19 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, East commuter lot Mt. Prospect Park District 7th Heaven Concert 4-5:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell, MPPD</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Virtual Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm CCC</p>	<p>22 Secretary of State Rules of the Road Class 1:30 pm, Farley Community Room, VH</p>	<p>23 Chamber Golf Outing 8am Reg, 11am Tee Off Mt. Prospect Golf Club Virtual Conversations in English, 5-6pm Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH Climate Change, Adaptations and Solutions for the ChicagoLand Area, Virtual 7-8 pm, MPPL</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 FIVE-O 5K A Run with the Police, 8am, POLICE DEPARTMENT Lions Club Cruise Nights 3pm-9pm, East commuter lot, EMERGENCY VEHICLES NIGHT</p>
<p>26 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, East commuter lot</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Virtual Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm CCC</p>	<p>29 Portraits of Two Authors: Flannery O'Connor and Gwendolyn Brooks Virtual Program, 7-8pm, MPPL</p>	<p>30</p>		

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OKTOBERFEST IS BACK! October 8 & 9 | 4 – 11 pm CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL 50 South Emerson Street

This year's Oktoberfest will once again include live musical entertainment featuring fan-favorite, The Phenix Band (in a heated tent) and traditional German food and beverages.



FALL FEST IS BACK! Saturday | October 9 | 1 – 4 pm CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL 50 South Emerson Street

This fun, family event will include hay rides, pony rides, bounce houses, pumpkin decorating, crafts, a stilt walker, and the famous never-ending trick-or-treat candy line, sponsored by the MPDMA.

