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THE RETURN OF The Shining Star Awards Gala!

We are pleased to announce the return of The Shining Star Awards Gala in 2022. In preparation for the celebration, The Mount Prospect Special Events Commission is seeking nominations to recognize individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. From among those nominated, recipients will be chosen to be recognized as Shining Stars at the Gala on Saturday, February 5, 2022 at The Cotillion Banquets.

Nominations can come from community leaders, residents, anyone who works in Mount Prospect, and people who simply want to recognize those who make Mount Prospect a better place to live. The categories cover a wide range of interest areas and are designed specifically to seek out individuals whose contributions often go unnoticed by the public. Categories include: **Best Neighbor Award, Open Arms Award, Home Town Award, There Ought to Be More Like This Award, Invigorated Youth Award, Star Spangled Banner Award and Community Partner Award.**

A list of our categories can be found on the Village website at mountprospect.org. You may fill out and submit a nomination



SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 5
THE COTILLION BANQUETS



form online by following the Shining Stars Awards link on the homepage. Nomination forms are also available at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street. Nominations forms must be filled out fully and received by midnight, November 29, 2021. The winners are selected in early December and will be announced shortly thereafter. If you have questions or need more information, send an email to SpecialEvents@mountprospect.org.

"The Shining Stars Gala is always a great event and a wonderful way to celebrate those who give so much to our community."

HOWARD KLEINSTEIN
Director of Communications | Village of Mount Prospect

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Community Events

NOVEMBER
2

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5 – 6 pm (in-person)

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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.

NOVEMBER
4

**An Evening with Author
Cathy Park Hong**
Thursday | November 4
7 pm

During this virtual program hosted by the Mount Prospect Public Library, Cathy Park Hong discusses her New York Times best-selling book, *Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*, which is a collection of honest, emotionally charged, original essays that explore Asian-American consciousness. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.



NOVEMBER
9

**Houseplants:
Our Friends with
Ken Benson**

Tuesday | November 9
12 pm

**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL**
50 South Emerson Street



Brighten your home with tried-and-true houseplants.

Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club for an informative and interactive presentation that explores the needs of these houseplants, the best locations for them, potential diseases they may contract, insects they may attract, and cultures in your home. Learn how to move plants indoors for the fall, and understand how to grow healthy houseplants. The meeting will begin at 12 pm with the program starting at 1 pm.

NOVEMBER
9

**Holiday Baking and
Entertaining**

Tuesday | November 9
7 pm



Satisfy your sweet tooth during this virtual cooking class with chef Kristyn Slick. Join the Mount

Prospect Public Library to learn how to prepare cappuccino truffles, gingerbread cake trifle, and cranberry crumb bars, and get tips for planning delightful holiday get-togethers. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.

NOVEMBER
10

**Mount Prospect
Stories: Bits and
Pieces of History**

Wednesday | November 10
2 pm



Mount Prospect's landscape is full of change. This is reflected in many of the Village's structures

that have been dismantled, renovated, or moved over time. During this virtual program hosted by the Mount Prospect Public Library, Emily Dattilo, Executive Director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society, will discuss how businesses, government buildings, and schools have changed; you'll also see pieces of history from some of the structures. Visit mmdl.org to register and to learn more.

NOVEMBER
11

Veterans Day

Thursday | November 11
10 am



Veterans Day observances will be virtual this year and streamed live. Join VFW Post 1337 and the American Legion Post 525 as they commemorate all veterans, past and present. A guest speaker will talk about service and duty and school children will participate remotely. For more information about how to tune into the video stream go to mountprospect.org.

NOVEMBER
11

Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | November 11
2 – 8 pm



FIRE STATION 14

2000 East Kensington Rd

The Fire Department has partnered with Vitalant and their Everyday Heroes program. Donors generate points which are converted into a monetary award given to the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Scholarship Fund. For future drives, please register for an appointment at vitalant.org.

NOVEMBER
14

**Second Sunday at the
Society**

Sunday | November 14
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

101 and 103 S. Maple St.

Join us at the Society for our Second Sunday program for families. We're so glad to be welcoming people back on campus! This month's theme is turkeys. Stop by Central School (103 S. Maple) for a variety of hands-on activities and make-and-takes for all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House/Museum (101 S. Maple) will also be open for tours. This event is FREE. Please note: masks are required for everyone.

NOVEMBER
14/15

Santa Photo Shoot

Sunday | November 14
Monday | November 15
10 am – 4 pm



OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL

50 South Emerson Street

Take a family photo with Santa on his sleigh! Photographs are donation-based, and the minimum donation is \$15. Please bring a gift card to Target or Walmart for local kids in need. This event is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association and registration is required. Learn more at mpdowntown.com.

NOVEMBER
17

**Secretary of State's
Rules of the Road
Class**

Wednesday | November 17
1:30 pm



**FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL**
50 South Emerson Street

This free class is intended to be a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's license. Registration for this class is required as space is limited. Please call 847.870.5680 to register.

NOVEMBER
18

Wits Workout

Thursday | November 18
10 am – 11:30 am



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NOVEMBER
24

**Tree Lighting
Ceremony &
Christkindlmarket**

Wednesday | November 24
Tree Lighting | 5 pm



Christkindlmarket | 4-7 pm

VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street
Bring friends and family
to witness the lighting

of a tree donated by a Mount Prospect resident. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and carols. Stay and explore the Christkindlmarket in the Farley Community Room, which welcomes an array of local vendors with creative gifts just in time for the holidays. Face masks required. Tree Lighting is sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect, Christkindlmarket is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. Cookies and hot chocolate provided by the MP Lions Club.

NOVEMBER 26 Triple Turkey Burner Fitness Class

Friday | November 26
9 am – 10:45 am

RECPEX

420 West Dempster Street

Burn off that Thanksgiving meal with a fun mix of group exercise classes hosted by the Mt. Prospect Park District. This holiday special consists of three, 30-minute rotations – Spin, WERQ and Boot Camp. This fitness feast is \$12 per person and registration is required. Register at mppd.org.

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DECEMBER 3 Holiday Housewalk

Friday | December 3
3:30 – 9 pm



NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

The 33rd Annual Holiday Housewalk features five private homes in the area north and northwest of St. Raymond Church in

Mount Prospect. Homes will be open to masked members of the public for tours and decorated for the holidays by the homeowners with additional floral arrangements and décor provided by area florists. Tickets on sale November 1 – December 2 for \$28; \$30 on day of walk. Available at various locations in town or online at mthist.org. Historical Society members can purchase tickets at the museum for \$26.

DECEMBER 4 Mrs. Claus Ornament Workshop

Saturday | December 4
10 am – 2 pm



THE ART STUDIO

1326 West Central Road

Celebrate the magic of the season by creating five unique ornaments to adorn your tree. This event is hosted by the Mt. Prospect Park District and is \$28 for residents and \$33 for non-residents. Register for a one-hour time slot between 10 am and 2 pm at mppd.org.

DECEMBER 4 Library Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday | December 4
10 am



Visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus 1 – 1:30 pm

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library, for the annual Teddy Bear Walk, held virtually this year. Enjoy a variety of activities, including listening to fan favorites folk singer Mark Dvorak, juggler Chris Fascione, and Ted E. Bear. Visit mppl.org to learn more and to register for the Teddy Bear Walk. **New this year!** We are hosting a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus in front of Village Hall (who will arrive via fire truck!) from 1-1:30 pm. There will be a photo opportunity and special take-home craft, along with a free book for attendees (while supplies last). There is no registration necessary. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library.

DECEMBER 4 Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl

Saturday | December 4
3 – 7 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Details coming soon! For more information visit mpdowntown.com

DECEMBER 7 Play and Learn Group

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



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Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning. To reserve your spot, please call 847.506.4930.

DECEMBER 11 56 Yule Fix

Saturday | December 11
12 pm – 12 am



THE MOOSE LODGE

601 North Main Street

The folks behind Mount Prospect's 56 Music Fix present the 3rd Annual 56 Yule Fix at The Moose Lodge. From noon to midnight, local bands will rock the stage with festive carols and your favorite covers. Bring a gift or grooming item perfect for a teen to donate to Mooseheart Child City & School and enjoy a family-friendly day of music.

DECEMBER 12 Second Sunday at the Society

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



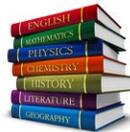
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DECEMBER 13 Exam Cram Study Lounge

December 13 – 16
3 – 9 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street

Students in grades 9 through 12 are invited to study and prep for finals at the Mount Prospect Public Library. The library will have study supplies and de-stressing activities from 3 to 9 pm. Monday through Thursday during finals week. Visit mppl.org to learn more.

DECEMBER 16 Wits Workout

Thursday | December 16
10 am – 11:30 am



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DECEMBER 30 New Year's Eve Celebration

Thursday | December 30
Multiple seatings throughout the day



STATION 34 PIZZA PUB

34 South Main Street

Join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for a family-friendly New Year's Eve party during the day with music, dancing, food, entertainment and a mid-day balloon drop! Ticket information is available at mpdowntown.com.

VILLAGE HALL
Holiday Closings

Friday, December 24

Monday, December 27
(Christmas Day observance)

Friday, December 31
(New Years Day observance).

News from the Building Department

Free Pre-Submittal Meetings

The Building Division of the Village offers free pre-submittal meetings for residents thinking about updating a room in their homes such as a bathroom or kitchen redesign. For larger projects like remodeling a home, putting on an addition, or new construction, a pre-submittal review is mandatory. These meetings are intended to ease you through the application process, explain Village requirements, and help make the permit process go as quickly and smoothly as possible. We are happy to meet with you for any size project. Pre-submittal meetings can be scheduled by calling the Permit Coordinator at 847.818.5396.

How Building Permits and Inspections Benefit You

While some people may consider getting a permit for construction work an inconvenience, the fact is, there are multiple benefits to you, including protecting your personal safety and the value of your home. While getting a permit for things such as water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, or generators may seem trivial, any time you are changing something that uses gas, electricity, and/or water it should be reviewed by the Village for your safety. Final inspections are performed to ensure that your contractor performed the work and/or installed your new mechanical equipment correctly and did not create any hazards in the process.

The improper installation of water heaters with insufficient ventilation can lead to the leaking of carbon monoxide in your home. This deadly situation is something that an inspector would have recognized during an inspection and ordered the contractor to remedy immediately.

Permits and inspections are also important to protecting the value of your home. As an example, if you install a gas fireplace without a mechanical permit and your house is damaged from a fire because of faulty installation, your insurance may not cover the damage.

Similarly, when you are ready to sell your home, appraisers will often ask for verification that improvements were done with proper permits. If you cannot substantiate that the work was done with permits, the appraiser might not give full value for the improvements. If the house doesn't appraise for the sale price, your sale could be in jeopardy.

The Building Division is here to protect the safety of citizens and all properties in the Village. If you have questions regarding work that requires permits, please call us at 847.870.5675 or drop us an email at building@mountprospect.org.

Current Plat of Survey Required for Building Permits

For many building permit requests, the Building Division will require an accurate Plat of Survey to ensure that work is occurring on the applicant's property and is in compliance with zoning requirements. 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. The Plat will confirm issues like land use, density, setbacks, and lot coverage. Lot coverage is important because a lot with a more impervious surface than allowed by code can cause flooding to the property and adjacent properties.

A Plat of Survey should be received by the buyer when they purchase a property. If you need a copy of the Plat, you may want to contact the financial institution that holds the mortgage. If you cannot secure a copy of the Plat, you may need to consider having a new one made. There are several local surveyors who can assist if needed.

If an application is made for a building permit and the applicant is seeking permission to replace an item already on the survey, a new Plat of Survey will not be required; the applicant will sign an affidavit that the survey being used accurately reflects existing conditions. For property alterations not built at the time the survey was taken, a Plat of Survey no older than 1 year is required; again, the applicant will sign an affidavit that the survey being used accurately reflects conditions.

Questions may be directed to the Permit Coordinator at 847.818.5396.

News from the Finance Department

Optional Electronic Bill Delivery for Water/Sewer/Refuse Now Available

You may now enroll to enjoy electronic billing for your water/sewer/refuse bills. Once you register at mountprospect.org you will receive automatic email notifications when a new bill is ready for viewing, be able to view the current bill and your billing history from the time you entered the program, use our optional online payment portal, and manage ebilling delivery and email address preferences.



Village Annual Budget

The Village presented its annual budget for the year 2022 in October 2021 at joint meetings with the Finance Commission and Village Board. The 2022 budget is the second year in a row where the Village is not increasing its property tax levy. The total 2021 property tax levy (payable in 2022) for the Village will be \$19.4 million, the same as the year assessment 2020 and 2019. The total expenditure budget for the year 2022 is \$155.2 million and it includes \$45.6 million in the community investment plan. The 2022 budget is posted on the Village's website at www.mountprospect.org/budget; refer to the complete budget document for additional details on proposed rates for water, sewer and refuse. The public hearing, as well as the final approval for the annual budget and the property tax levy will be held on November 16, 2021, at 7:00 pm, at the regular Village Board Meeting.



September 28, 2021
THE PET BODEGA
109 E. Prospect Ave
(847) 222-8005 | thepetbodega.com

Community/Economic Development

New Businesses Coming to Rand Road

We are excited to announce these new businesses that will fill some vacant properties along the Rand Road Commercial Corridor. We encourage you to welcome them to town.

SMOOTHIE KING | 106 West Rand Road

This recently opened venue offers creative and clean blends and smoothies using whole fruits and vegetables without food coloring, artificial flavor, or preservatives.

NICKI'S NAILS | 108 West Rand Road

Once they are ready to open, Nicki's Nails will complete the full tenancy at this small strip mall. Nicki's will offer nail services and other beautification techniques.

P.M. PEDIATRICS | 200 West Rand Road



A national urgent care chain specializing in pediatrics, P.M. Pediatrics will provide children and young adults with a legitimate alternative to hospital emergency rooms 365 days a year.

JOE'S DONUTS | 700 East Rand Road

Still in the concept phase, Joe's Donuts is a locally-owned, artisan donut shop that will focus on chef-made, small-batch, craft donuts. Available items will change on a seasonal basis. Expected to open in early 2022, Joe's Donuts will also serve fresh coffee, breakfast, sandwiches, and burgers.

HOMEGOODS | 1025 Center Drive



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open in late 2021 and will provide an ever-changing selection of high-quality merchandise at excellent value.

NORTHERN TOOL | 201 West Rand Road

Northern Tool has begun an interior remodel in Randhurst Commons, along with façade improvements, an outdoor storage area, and parking lot improvements.



Northern Tools is a family-owned business with over 100 locations across the United States. The company is known for providing high-quality tools to businesses, contractors, and DIYers. With an emphasis on customer satisfaction, Northern Tool offers product expertise on tools and equipment and private label tools.

WILD FORK FOODS | 2 East Rand Road

The intersection of Rand, Kensington, and Elmhurst Roads is the future home of Wild Fork



Foods. The store will feature high quality meat and seafood selections, available for retail purchase, same-day pickup, and same-day delivery. Wild Fork's mission is to transform how people buy and eat protein, connecting farm to freezer to home.

IMMEDIATE CARE FACILITY | 901 East Rand Road

A complete interior and exterior remodel will allow for the introduction of a new immediate care provider. Construction will begin later this year or early 2022 with more details about the services provided to follow.

Community Development Block Grant Home Improvement Programs

The Village of Mount Prospect currently provides two home improvement programs for low- and moderate-income residents: the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Home Weatherization Grant Program. Both programs are financed through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to the Village by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Single-Family Rehabilitation Program provides an interest-free loan up to a maximum amount of \$25,000 which is to be repaid upon sale or change of title of the property. Loans can be used to correct code violations including electrical, plumbing, and roof repairs, and to replace old equipment such as furnaces and water heaters, increase energy-efficiency, and make improvements for disabled persons.



The Home Weatherization Grant Program provides a \$1,500 matching grant to be used for energy-efficiency improvements. Grants can be used to install insulation, storm windows and doors, weather-stripping, energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters, and other items that can help save on the cost of home utilities.

In order to be eligible, applicants must live within the Village of Mount Prospect, have owned and occupied their home for at least one year before applying, and meet HUD's current low-income limits.

For more information about these programs, please visit the CDBG website at mountprospect.org/departments/community-development/housing-programs/community-development-block-grant-cdbg or contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 or alalagos@mountprospect.org.

Make it an Extra Thankful Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It's a special day of giving thanks and celebrating with loved ones, but it is one that can present significant fire risks. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), household fires are three times more likely to occur on Thanksgiving than any other day of the year. Cooking mishaps comprise 71 percent of those fires, most often between noon and 3:00 pm.

Here are some tips to follow while visiting with family and friends to prevent you from being distracted and allowing a tragedy to occur:

- Give your full attention to one dish at a time, always being aware of what is in the oven or on the stovetop.
- Set a timer so you don't lose track of time and allow any food to burn.
- Keep all flammable materials such as oven mitts, dish towels, and wooden utensils away from heat sources.
- During the busiest cooking times have activities and games ready for kids in another room to keep them away from the kitchen.



- When food is cooking, keep pot handles turned inward and all pots and pans away from the edge of the stove so they can't be knocked down by kids, pets, or busy adults.

If anything that is cooking catches on fire, never attempt to move it. If it is anything with grease or oil, do not try to put the fire out with water as the splashing action will spread the fire. Instead, put a lid on the pot to smother the fire, leave the pot where it is, and turn the heat off when the fire has been suppressed.

Christmas Tree Safety

As much joy as the family Christmas tree provides, it also comes with risk if not properly cared for. According to the NFPA, fire departments in this country respond to an average of 240 house fires caused by Christmas trees each year.

The first priority is to keep a fresh tree well-watered. A Fraser fir tree, for example, can light up in flames within 7 seconds of being ignited. If that same tree is properly watered, there is a better chance of the spark dying out before the tree is engulfed in flames.

The tree itself does not create all of the risk. As decorations come out of storage, they bring with them fire hazards including frayed or bare wires, cracked sockets, and loose connections on light strings.

When installing those lights, be careful to follow recommendations for use and do not overload circuits with too many strings connected together.

Be sure to keep all decorations at least 3 feet away from open flames, lamps, and other sources of heat. Be careful when placing your favorite candles and don't leave them unattended. Candles are responsible for an estimated 15,600 residential fires each year, often because they are placed too close to decorations.

Once the holidays end, dispose of a fresh tree quickly. Recycle the tree if possible but do not leave a dried tree in the garage or up against the side of your home.



No Bake Cookies

The holidays are coming and that means it's time for us to share a delicious firehouse favorite recipe. This year we are providing a cookie recipe that you can make with the kids without using the oven.



Ingredients

2 c. sugar 1 c. butter ½ c. peanut butter 1 tsp. vanilla
2 T. cocoa ½ c. milk 3 c. quick oats

Directions

1. In a small saucepan, combine sugar, cocoa, butter and milk and bring to a boil; boil for 2 minutes.
2. Remove from heat and add peanut butter, oats and vanilla.
3. Mix well and drop by teaspoonfuls on wax paper.
4. Let cool.

Enjoy!

Holiday Toy Drive

The Mount Prospect Fire Department will once again be hosting a Holiday Toy Drive to benefit area families who need a little extra cheer this year. We will be accepting new, unwrapped toys at each of our 3 fire stations between November 3 and December 3. Toys collected will be distributed to families who are facing financial hardship at this time. As an alternative to toys, especially for kids 9 and above, gift cards are a great gift item. Your generosity will make a big difference in the lives of kids in need this Holiday season.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

HEADQUARTERS/STATION 13 | 111 East Rand Road
FIRE STATION 12 | 1601 West Golf Road
FIRE STATION 14 | 2000 East Kensington Road



Package Theft Protection

As we are all relying more than ever on online shopping, it means that we need to be more aware of package theft prevention measures. Theft of packages left at doorsteps increases during the holidays, often during daylight hours. Thieves will target homes after a delivery, often following trucks on their routes. The thefts are frequently crimes of opportunity, as offenders walk or drive by a home and see packages on a porch that can be taken quickly without being noticed. Not only is an unattended package that is visible from the street vulnerable to theft, but it may also indicate that no one is at home, making the home a possible target for burglary. You can reduce the chances of having your packages stolen by adhering to these important steps:

- Choose a shipping option that requires a signature for delivery.
- Set up to receive email or text messages to track your delivery status.
- If you won't be home, ship your package to a location where someone you know will be available to receive it.
- If you are going on vacation, place deliveries on hold until you return.
- Some retailers and shipping companies offer delivery options that include shipping to secure locations including lockers or allow you to pick the package up elsewhere.
- Consider purchasing a locking parcel delivery box that can be bolted down or secured.
- Provide specific instructions on where packages should be left on your property. Choose a location that conceals the item so it can't be seen from the street.

If you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood call 911 immediately.

Snow Parking

Parking is not permitted on any Village street after a 2-inch snowfall for at least 24 hours. This ordinance supersedes any overnight parking permission that may have previously been granted. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed by the Village to allow snow removal crews to plow the streets. Please be sure to monitor the weather conditions for a 2-inch or greater snowfall and be prepared to move your car from the street at any time of day.

Don't Be an Easy Target for Car Thieves

Winter weather can make it tempting to start your car and leave it running unattended in the driveway or parking lot to get warmed up. Last year several cars were stolen in the Village under these circumstances. Not only is leaving an unattended car running dangerous, it is illegal regardless of whether the car is locked or not. If your car is stolen and involved in an accident you can be held responsible for damages in civil court.

Winter Driving Tips

No matter how many years' experience you have driving in our winter weather, there are always challenges when cold, ice, and snow return. Here's a quick reminder of some winter driving tips:

- Keep up with vehicle maintenance; a properly functioning vehicle is key to safe winter driving.
 - Remove all snow and ice from your windows before beginning your drive.
 - Be sure that your windshield washer reservoir is full.
 - Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes a first-aid kit, an ice scraper, a snow brush, a flashlight, warning triangles or flares, a bag of sand, a blanket, gloves, emergency HELP sign, and cell phone charger.
 - Take extra care when driving on icy roads, being extra careful for hard-to-see black ice which can occur in shady spots and over bridges.
 - Keep a distance of approximately 5 seconds between you and the vehicle ahead of you.
 - Keep your headlights on during overcast days.
- Finally, slow down. Most car accidents are caused by excessive speed.



Compost Your Halloween Pumpkin

Once Halloween ends, drop your pumpkin off at Public Works for use in our composting efforts. Plain, clean pumpkins will be accepted on Saturday, November 6 from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

Pumpkins of any size, including those with acrylic paint, can be dropped off. Any decorations such as candles, yarn, or stickers should be removed prior to drop-off. The drop-off service is available to Mount Prospect and SWANCC member community residents.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or visit mountprospect.org.



Curbside Leaf Pick-up Season Concludes December 3



The Village's leaf pick-up program will continue providing a no-cost, convenient way to dispose of leaves through December 3. The program is for leaves which have been raked onto the pavement, placed a foot from the curb the day before your scheduled pick up. No bags are needed for the leaves but should be used for other materials. Piles with grass-clippings, branches or debris other than leaves will not be picked up. There will be no collection on Thanksgiving or the following day.

The machines pass each side of the street once each week. Do not rake your leaves onto the street if the vacuum truck has already passed.

Organics/Yard Waste Collections Continue Until December 17

The Village's yard waste collection for bagged yard waste and brush will continue on your regularly scheduled date through the week of December 13. Any waste placed at the curb after December 17 will not be collected. The dates for the start of the 2022 organics/yard waste program will appear on the Village website soon.

Make Use of Your Leaves

If you would like to reduce the amount of raking you do this year, consider using your leaves for mulch. Leaves make a terrific mulch for packing around perennials and in flower beds. If you have a vegetable garden, spread leaves across the soil after the season ends and then rototill them into the soil to prepare it for next year. Leaves are also a valuable addition to a well-maintained compost pile.

Care for Your Car, Care for the Environment

There are many advantages to properly maintaining your car including taking care of the environment. For those of you who like to work on your own cars to keep them running well for longer, properly disposing of used oil and fluids is important to keeping the environment healthy as well. When those items are dumped into sewers or leak onto the pavement, they will work their way into local creeks, waterways, and eventually, the Des Plaines River.

When changing your oil and fluids, place used materials in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. A list of oil recycling stations is available by calling Public Works at 847.870.5640.

Anti-freeze contains ingredients that are harmful to people, fish, and wildlife and should be treated in the same manner as waste oil. In the case of a spill involving any of these materials, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil-absorbent material to clean the spill. After several hours, the material can be swept up and disposed of. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit the Village website.

New Bike Repair Stations

The Village has installed two bike repair stations, one under the bike shelter at the corner of Prospect Avenue and Emerson Street, and the other at the Feehanville Drive bike path crossing near Maple Trails Park in the Kensington Business Park. The stations allow riders to do quick repairs by using a manual air pump, hex key set, tire levers, wrenches, and screwdrivers which are provided at each location.



Winterizing Your Water Service

If you are considering being away from home this winter for an extended vacation, during a renovation, or sale of your home, you may want to winterize the water service. If you plan to winterize the water system, be sure to comply with Village Code and ordinances.

- To request a water service shut-off at the b-box, call Public Works at 847.870.5640 at least 48 hours in advance. If any problems are found, the owner will be notified.
- After the water is shut off by Public Works, you will need to drain the interior plumbing by turning the water heater off and opening the water heater's drain port or by draining the lowest faucet or spigot in the system. A bucket will be needed as several gallons of water will need to be drained from the heater. To prevent damage to piping, water heaters, toilets, and traps caused by freezing, contact a licensed plumber for assistance.
- If you will be away, lower your thermostat but maintain a minimum temperature to keep pipes from freezing. Turning the heat off is not advisable as it can cause pipes to freeze or burst and cause flooding. A programmable thermostat can be useful.



Removing the water meter is considered to be tampering with the Village water system and is not allowed as a means of winterizing your property. B-boxes, round-ways, or road boxes should only be operated by Public Works. Improper use of these devices by untrained persons can result in damage, including main breaks or service leaks causing service disruption to the property and others, and can lead to fines and fees per the Village Code.

An air compressor should not be used to blow-out private service piping as it allows grit, oils, and other contaminants to enter the private and public water supply. This can present a public health risk to you and others who drink the water. Adding chemicals or anti-freeze to your system is not allowed by Village Code as it can contaminate the piping and eventually require expensive clean-up.

Winterizing your property does not relieve your obligation to pay sewer, cross-connection device, and refuse flat fees. These are applicable whether there is water usage or not. Be safe and smart when winterizing your water system.

Is It Time for a New Mailbox?

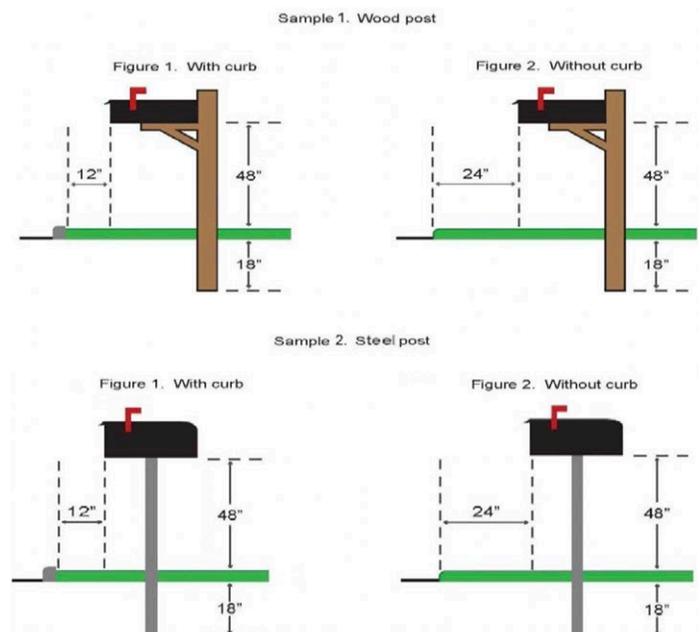
This is a good time to look at the condition of your mailbox to confirm that it is structurally sound.

The USPS has very specific criteria for the placement of mail boxes and the examples below provide a good reference should you decide to replace or upgrade your mail box. Remember that if you do any digging, you are required to first call JULIE at 800.892.0123 to mark any underground utilities.

The Postal Service allows for approved mailboxes to be placed in the public right-of-way under the following conditions:

- The front face of the mailbox, once mounted, shall be twelve inches from the back of the curb, or if no curb is present, shall be twenty-four inches from the road pavement.
- The distance from grade to the bottom surface of the mailbox shall be forty-eight inches.
- The mailbox may be mounted on a mounting structure of the following sizes and materials, and no others:
 - A wood post of which the area of an average cross-section may not be more than 16 square inches.
 - A metal post not more than 2 ½ inches in outside diameter.
- Residents should take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to any existing utilities located in the parkway.

See the below images for examples of approved Village Code mailbox specifications. It should be noted that other decorative mailbox designs may be approved for use, if the spacing requirements (as represented below) conform to Village Code. Residents should contact the Public Works Department for any clarification.



Human Services

Aging in Community Initiative

Aging in our community was identified as a high priority in the Village's 2019 Strategic Plan. Here are some of the initial steps we have already taken:

- Conducted focus groups with residents age 55 and over.
- Been accepted into the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities.
- Convened a task force and launched a survey for residents 55 and over.

If you have not participated in our survey yet, we encourage you to do so. Paper copies are available at the Human Services Department and an electronic version can be found at [surveymonkey.com/r/AginginCommunity](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AginginCommunity).

Our task force will formulate a 3-year action plan based on input from our residents, community partners, and stakeholders. An Aging in Community kick-off event will take place November 4, from 10:00 am to noon in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. We invite you to join us to learn more about this important initiative for a valuable segment of our community. Space is limited so reserve your spot by calling 847.870.5680.



Holiday Donations

The Human Services Department is collecting food donations to help make the holidays special for families experiencing financial hardship. Residents who would like to donate can do so by dropping off donations at Village Hall in the Human Services Department or make a monetary donation via PayPal. For information, please call 847.870.5680.

Service Opportunity for Teens

As we do each winter, the Human Services Department is inviting teens in Mount Prospect to assist seniors in our community with snow shoveling. Whether you are a senior in need of shoveling assistance or a teen looking to help, call 847.870.5680 for information. Human Services will not screen participants and any rate of pay is to be negotiated between resident and teen.



Community Connections Center

November is Hunger and Homelessness 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.



1711 West Algonquin Road
Mount Prospect | IL 60056
847.506.4930

Hours

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



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

VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911
Village Hall 847.392.6000
(includes Finance & Village Administration)
Village Clerk 847.818.5355
Television Services 847.870.5685
Community Development
Building Division 847.870.5675
Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
Fire Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5666
Human Services 847.870.5680
Police Department (non-emergency) .. 847.870.5656
Public Works 847.870.5640
Water Billing 847.392.6000

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A MONTH OF Holiday Fun

Holiday Housewalk

Friday | December 3 | 3:30 – 9 pm
N/W/OF ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

The 33rd Annual Holiday Housewalk features five private homes decorated for the holidays and open to masked members of the public for tours. mitphist.org.

Mrs. Claus Ornament Workshop

Saturday | December 4 | 10 am – 2 pm

THE ART STUDIO | 1326 West Central Road

Celebrate the season by creating five unique ornaments to adorn your tree. mppd.org.

Virtual Library Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday | December 4 | 10 am

Enjoy a variety of activities, including folk singer Mark Dvorak, juggler Chris Fascione, and Ted E. Bear.

Visit from Santa & Mrs. Claus

1 – 1:30 pm

VILLAGE HILL

Take a photo and leave with a special take-home craft and book (while supplies last). mppl.org

Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl

Saturday | December 4 | 3 – 7 pm

DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

mpdowntown.com

Yule Fix

Saturday | December 11 | 12 pm – 12 am

THE MOOSE LODGE | 601 North Main Street

Local bands will rock the stage with festive carols and favorite covers. 56musicfix.org

New Year's Eve Celebration

Thursday | December 30 | Seatings All Day

STATION 34 PIZZA PUB | 34 South Main St.

Family-friendly New Year's Eve party during the day with music, dancing, food, entertainment and a mid-day balloon drop! mpdowntown.com

More information on all these holiday events can be found on pages 2 & 3!

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