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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

The Shining Star Awards Gala!

From businesses to organizations to ordinary people, there are plenty of wonderful gems in Mount Prospect that make it a great community in which to live and work. The 27th Annual Celestial Celebration, celebrating the 2021 group of Shining Stars, will be held on Saturday, February 5 at Cotillion Banquets, 360 South Creekside Drive in Palatine.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost of the evening is \$75 per person, before January 20th and \$85 after. The price includes an open bar, dinner, dancing to the sounds of Orchestra 33, and more. It is truly a heartwarming evening with videos paying tribute to the award winners.

This tradition started when the Village celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Following that event, a group of citizens approached the Village leadership encouraging them to continue the event on an annual basis. Thus, under the leadership of Mayor Gerald Skip Farley, the Special Events Commission was formed, charged with coordinating social events that would bring Village residents together in enjoyable settings. It has been going strong ever since.

Shining Stars Gala

A Mount Prospect Celebration

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 5
THE COTILLION BANQUETS

A Shining Star is an individual or organization that helps to make our community a great place in which to live and work.



ANNOUNCING THE 2022 Shining Stars Winners!

- Best Neighbor** | Zeno Lenczuk
- Invigorated Youth** | Robyn McCluskey
- Living Legend** | Carol Tortorello
- Open Arms** | Village of Mount Prospect Human Services
- Rising Star** | Kelly Robinson
- Star Spangled Banner** | Chuck Ohrn
- There Ought to be More People Like This** | John Junius
- Unsung Hero** | John Koziol

Join the celebration! Online reservations are now available on the Village website, go to mountprospect.org and click on the Shining Stars logo in the lower left hand corner. For more information, call 847.392.6000.

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Community Events



JANUARY 1 **Winter Reading Program**
January 1 – February 28
You're invited to take part in the Mount Prospect Public Library's annual all-ages winter reading program. Visit mpl.org to sign up, track your progress and earn prizes.

JANUARY 4 **Play and Learn Group**
Tuesdays | January 4, 11, 18 & 25
11:30 am – 12:00 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 West Algonquin Road
Children ages 2 through 5 with an adult are invited to virtually join the Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning. To reserve your spot, please call 847.506.4930.




JANUARY 6 **Conversations in English**
Thursdays | January 6 & 20
1 – 2 pm
hola!
Thursdays | January 13 & 27, 5 – 6 pm
If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for virtual classes where you can practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.



JANUARY 6 **Ageless Grace**
Thursdays | January 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 1:30 pm
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.



JANUARY 6 **Monthly Blood Drive**
Thursday | January 6
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.

JANUARY 9 **Second Sunday at the Society: Meet the Friedrichs**
Sunday | January 9
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY FRIEDRICHS HOUSE
101 & 103 South Maple Street

Stop by the Dietrich Friedrichs House and meet the Friedrichs, the first owners of the home. Costumed interpreters portraying Dietrich, Lena, and daughter Bessie will guide you through the house and tell you what life was like in the early 1900s. Central School will also be open for fun seasonal make-and-takes and visits. All ages are welcome at this free event and masks are required.

JANUARY 11 **Poppies, Peacocks and Parterres – Gardens of Scotland**
Tuesday | January 11
12 pm Meeting
1 pm Program
FARLEY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street



Join us for this fun meeting to learn about 17th century Renaissance parterres, a garden cosmic speculation, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's holiday home and garden where Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes acquired his extensive knowledge of poisonous plants. In addition, we'll visit an artist's garden, an author's garden and learn what the size of your walled garden says about your social status. For more information visit gcmp.weebly.com.



JANUARY 13 **Plant-Based Nutrition and Holistic Health**
Thursday | January 13
7 – 8:30 pm
Why are plant-based diets so popular and how can it support your health goals?
Join Emma Mulvany, a certified holistic nutritionist from EM Holistic Wellness, to explore the benefits and basics of a plant-based diet. Attendees will receive handouts, recipes, and worksheets about how to deliciously transition to a plant-centered lifestyle. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mpl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY 17 **Job Search Like a Pro: Career Change Resumes**
Monday | January 17
6 – 7 pm
Considering a change in your career? Erica Reck-amp will discuss how to structure your resume to appeal to hiring authorities and stand out as the right fit. Attendees qualify for a complimentary resume review. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mpl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JANUARY 20 **Wits Workout**
Thursday | January 20
10 am – 11:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street
Developed by the University of Illinois Extension, this 90-minute class is a brain-teasing workout for seniors who enjoy keeping sharp and socializing with others. The class meets the third Thursday of every month. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Call 847.870.5680 to register.



JANUARY 25 **Recall Rendezvous**
Tuesday | January 25
10 – 11:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street
Join the Human Services Department for Recall Rendezvous, a class for those with memory loss and their caregivers. Class will include music, uplifting stories, reminiscing, and a creative activity in which all can participate.



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FEBRUARY 3 **50s Plus Breakfast Hour**
Thursday | February 3
9 – 10 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street
Residents 50 years of age and older are invited to attend the 50's Plus Breakfast Hour. Come join the Village team to learn and have fun. For more information, please call 847.870.5680.



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Special Events Commission celebrates individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. Enjoy dinner and open bar while dancing the night away to the Orchestra 33 Band! Tickets are \$75 before January 20 and \$85 after January 20. To purchase tickets visit mountprospect.org/shining-stars.



FEBRUARY
8

Cooking with Dave

Tuesday | February 8
12 pm Meeting

1 pm Program
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street

Dave Esau has been in the gourmet restaurant business for 40 years and will share his passion for cooking during a demo of a garden-themed meal. You are guaranteed to leave with the confidence to re-create the recipes and share that experience with your friends and family! For more information visit gcmp.weebly.com.



FEBRUARY
9

Bitcoin and Cryptocurrency

Wednesday | February 9
6 – 7 pm



Learn about the underlying blockchain technology behind Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies as well as online currency exchanges, digital wallets, and the various challenges and opportunities facing these currencies. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
10

Toddlers, Tantrums and Toilet Training

Thursday | February 10
7 – 8:30 pm



Join pediatrician Carissa Lee Holmes, MD, of Pediatric Solutions in Arlington Heights as she discusses methods to deal with the common but frustrating parenting issues of potty training, fussy eaters, and more. Dr. Lee Holmes brings sensitivity and insights that will help you keep your cool and learn effective parenting tips. This program will be presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library using Zoom. Participants must register and provide a working email address to receive the login information. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY
11

Jazz Night

Friday | February 11
7 – 9:30 pm

FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 West Algonquin Road,
Des Plaines



Grab your valentine and dance over for an evening of jazz music and merriment. The quintet, Multiplicity, will perform creative interpretations of songs that celebrate relationships, romance, and love. Admission is \$35 for those who register in advance and \$40 at the door, and it includes appetizers and dessert. A cash bar will also be available. For details, visit mppd.org.

FEBRUARY
12

Hot Cocoa Stroll

Saturday | February 12
3 – 7 pm



DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA) is hosting a family-friendly bar crawl. There will be wintery beverage and food specials for both adults and kids at each location along with Valentine's Day-themed crafts. Registration for the event is \$20 per person for adults over 21. Children under 21 are free. Registration includes a scarf, event ticket, one raffle ticket, and a goody bag with treats from local Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. To register, visit mpdowntown.com.

FEBRUARY
13

Second Sunday at the Society: Valentines

Sunday | February 13
1:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

101 & 103 South Maple Street



This month's theme is Valentines. Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society at Central School to make a Valentine for someone special, indulge your craftiness with a make-and-take, and learn the history of this beloved holiday. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours. All ages are welcome at this free event. Masks are required.

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Join the Human Services Department for Recall

Rendezvous, a class for those with memory loss and their caregivers. Class will include music, uplifting stories, reminiscing, and a creative activity in which all can participate.

News from the Building Department

A Healthier Home Means a Healthier You

Here are some tips to keep your home healthy and comfortable during the always-changing weather conditions we experience each winter.

- Make sure that any exhaust fans that vent through the ceiling route through duct work to the exterior of your house. Simply venting moisture into the attic can cause significant roof damage.
- Run your bathroom fan for up to 15 minutes after a shower to completely remove moisture from the room and always keep your kitchen exhaust fan running while cooking.
- A humidity gauge, or hygrometer, will measure the humidity level in your home. During our cold winters a maximum humidity level is 30 – 40%.
- Safely check your roof for ice dams or other moisture issues after heavy snows or several consecutive days of freezing temperatures. Ice dams can occur when freezing temperatures follow a heavy snowfall as warm, dry air leaks out through your attic and melts snow on the roof. That melting snow can then freeze as it crosses a cold overhang. As that ice accumulates water can leak back into the home.
- Do not try to remove snow from the roof yourself. Contact a licensed roofer to remove the snow and check roof vents if necessary.

For further questions, email us at building@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5289.

News from the Finance Department

Flexibility and Convenience

The Finance Department offers optional electronic billing and payment options for water/sewer/refuse bills. Enrolling in electronic billing will allow you to:

- Receive automatic email notification when your bill is ready for viewing.
- View current bill and billing history from date of enrollment forward.
- Navigate to the optional online payment portal.
- Manage your ebilling delivery and email address preferences.

Enrollment information is available at mountprospect.org/BillPay.

Our self-service payment kiosk at Village Hall allows you to safely and conveniently pay utility bills at any time. The kiosk is just outside the building and takes payments via debit and credit cards, cash, or check with an average transaction time of less than 1 minute. Simply enter your account number or scan the QR code on your bill to activate the kiosk to make full or partial payments.

If you prefer to pay online, you can make a one-time payment or securely store your preferred payment method to establish automatic recurring payments with a credit or debit card, or with a bank account by visiting mountprospect.org/BillPay. You may change your payment method or turn off auto-payments at any time.

EyeOnWater is a service that gives you direct access to your water usage details and provides tools to help you use water more efficiently. Visit helpyeonwater.com/creating-an-account/ to download the EyeOnWater app from your Android or iPhone. When entering your account number, enter only the digits before the dash.

Service Rates for 2022

Listed below are the water and sewer rates for in-village water customers and refuse rates for single family refuse customers, effective for billings after January 1, 2022:

Fixed Fees:

- Water base fee | Increases from \$6.00/month to \$7.00/month (for service lines up to 1" meter)
- Sewer base fee | No change; rate remains \$5.00/month (for service lines up to 1" meter)
- Refuse cart service | Increases from \$21.15/month to \$21.89/month
- Optional organic cart rental | Increases from \$3.82/month to \$3.91/month

Volumetric (Usage) Fees:

- Water | Increases from \$11.85 to \$12.71 per thousand gallons
- Sewer | Increases from \$2.54 to \$2.79 per thousand gallons

For a listing of all water, sewer, and refuse rates please visit mountprospect.org/utilityrates.

2022-23 Vehicle Stickers

Renewal notices for vehicle stickers will be sent in early February. The deadline for displaying the new stickers is April 30. Stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late payment penalty. If you purchase a vehicle after May 1, there is a 30-day grace period to purchase a new sticker. Stickers may be purchased online at mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. Please check mountprospect.org/vehicle for current information about purchasing vehicle stickers at Village Hall.

For more information, please call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.



Program for Entrepreneurs

The Village and the Mount Prospect Library will be relaunching the award-winning Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI). The program is designed to promote positive business environments while providing resources, events, workshops, and support to anyone looking to start or expand a business. One success story from MPEI is Mia's Cantina restaurant in downtown for which members of MPEI provided assistance for a successful launch several years ago.

While MPEI has been limited for the past few years due to COVID, the group is now targeting a return. The initiative will continue to showcase and market applicable webinars and online resources for interested entrepreneurs. Other features will include programs and events including podcasts, one-on-one meetings



with support staff, a mentor program, quarterly workshops, and partnering with other organizations and event groups promoting small business. For more information, please visit mountprospect.org/MPEI, or contact Connor Harmon in the Community Development Department at 847.818.5312.

Ribbon Cuttings



October 21, 2021
THE KENZIE SENIOR RESIDENCE
401 E. Kensington Rd
(224) 282-8186 | kenziesenior.com



October 26, 2021
BURNING BUSH TRAILS PARK
1313 Burning Bush Lane
(847) 255-1200 | rtpd.org



October 28, 2021
ENLIGHTENED
2015 Euclid Ave
(224) 801-2015
enlighteneddispensary.com



November 4, 2021
SCHOOL DISTRICT 57
Lions Park School Expansion
300 E. Council Trail Road



November 9, 2021
COLONIAL DENTAL
1660 Feehanville Drive, Suite 250
(847) 253-7000
colonialdentalassociates.com



November 11, 2021
NORTHERN TOOL AND EQUIPMENT
201 W. Rand Road
(224) 347-4225 | northerntool.com



November 16, 2021
INFINITY VASCULAR INSTITUTE
1660 Feehanville Drive, Suite 190
(847) 916-0606 | infinityvascular.com

Village Adopts Budget with 0% Levy Increase

The Village of Mount Prospect relies on property tax revenue for its day-to-day operations. The property tax revenue accounts for approximately 25 percent of the total General Fund revenues and are used to pay part of the public safety operation (Police and Fire) and pension costs. The 2021 property tax levy totals \$19.4 million; this amount reflects a zero percent increase over the 2020 extended taxes. The Village also had a zero percent levy increase for the 2020 levy. This marks the third year with a zero percent levy in the last four years.

The total debt service payments for the upcoming year are \$7.1 million. Of this amount, \$2.8 million will be levied and paid from the property taxes; the remaining \$4.3 million is paid from the alternative revenue sources. Additionally, the Police and Fire pension levy is abated by \$625,334 to achieve a zero percent levy increase. The abated amount will be paid from the alternative revenue sources and General Fund reserves.

You can view complete information on the Village budget by visiting mountprospect.org/budget

Stay Warm – Safely

Half of all home fires occur during the months of December, January & February. These fires are frequently caused by heating equipment malfunctioning or being used improperly. Heating equipment issues is the source of one in every seven home fires. One in every five home fire deaths can also be contributed to heating equipment.

To stay warm, and safe, this winter, please follow these important home-heating tips.

- Plug only 1 home heating device into an outlet at a time.
- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heaters or other heat sources.
- Space heaters should be placed on a solid, flat surface.



- Purchase only space heaters that have an automatic shut-off in case it is tipped over.
- Have a qualified professional inspect and clean your fireplace, chimney, and vents annually. The same is true for your furnace.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors each month.

Help Your Fire Department by Keeping Hydrants Accessible

You can contribute to Mount Prospect firefighting efforts by clearing snow away from fire hydrants on your property. As the winter months bring higher levels of fires, having quick access to hydrants can be critical during a fire. If there is a hydrant on or near your property (residential or commercial) please remove snow and ice 3' in all directions around the hydrant and clear a path between the hydrant and street if possible.



POC Firefighters

The Mount Prospect Fire Department offers paid Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighter positions to provide assistance during emergency events. POC firefighters members are very involved with the community and Public Education events and are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing extra support for structure fires, storm damage, power outages, flooding, and other community incidents.

This program has allowed individuals to use the opportunity as a stepping-stone towards a career as a full-time firefighter.

For more information, visit mountprospect.org/departments/fire-department/career-opportunities or email Paid on Call Deputy Chief Mark Fedor at mfedor@mountprospect.org.

Winter Driving Safety Checklist

How many of these essential items do you have in your car for winter driving? The full list is recommended.

- Sturdy ice scraper and snow brush
- Shovel
- Gloves and other winter clothing
- Blanket
- Emergency flares or reflectors
- Rock salt, sand or kitty litter
- First aid kit
- Extra windshield washer fluid
- Flashlight
- Rope or chain
- Jumper cables
- Small tool kit
- Sunglasses
- Cell phone charger
- Water and non-perishable snacks





Scams at Your Door Increase Burglary Risk

Mount Prospect and surrounding communities are seeing an uptick in a crime known as ruse burglaries. A ruse burglary occurs when criminals work together to distract a homeowner while others quickly burglarize the home. The victims are often those over 65 years old and live in a single family home.

A common aspect of the crime is someone coming to the door posing as a contractor, perhaps sharing plans for work they are claiming to do at a neighbor's home which may require access to your property. Claiming to be plumbers, tree trimmers, fence installers, or utility workers, they share bogus plans with you as they will lead you outside, away from your unlocked door. At that point, another person will enter your home and quickly search for valuables.

The thieves are often very convincing, often wearing tool belts, hard hats, or other items that make them look like legitimate contractors. They will often be on their phone while talking to you and will be alerted by those in the home when they are done and will then quickly end the conversation.

Similar scams involve asking the homeowner to check something in the house (run water, flush toilets, flip light switches, check circuit breakers or the stove) or ask for a bucket of water. During the distraction, their partner will enter the home and look for valuables to steal.

You can help prevent falling victim to this type of scam by following these tips:

- Do not open your door to speak with strangers; only speak with those you don't know through a locked door.
- Be suspicious of anyone who asks you to step outside of your home. If you ever feel compelled to, always lock your door behind you.
- Do not allow anyone you were not expecting into your home to check your utilities.

- Do not get buckets of water or other things for alleged contractors who come to your door.
- Utilize safe deposit boxes at your bank for valuables. Minimize the amount of cash you keep at home.
- If you must keep jewelry and other valuables at home, keep them in atypical places. Don't leave jewelry in/on your master bedroom dresser or nightstand, or in the master bedroom closet. Be creative; burglars check common hiding places first.
- A good security camera can be a strong deterrent.
- If you see any suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood, write down license plate numbers.
- Turn the tables on any suspicious individuals at your door by distracting them. Keep them outside, with your door locked, by telling them you need to take medication, put on your shoes, finish a phone call. Assure them you'll be right out. Meanwhile, call 9-1-1 to dispatch police officers to your home.

It is always better to have police officers come to your home, even if the situation ends up being legitimate.

Ruse burglaries are an especially cruel crime in that people often lose irreplaceable family heirlooms. People feel victimized twice because they often blame themselves for falling for the ruse. Please share this information with older parents, loved ones, and neighbors who may be particularly susceptible to this type of crime.

Keeping Roadways Safe for Everyone

Our roadways are shared by not only all types of vehicles, but pedestrians and cyclists as well. To keep everyone safe, please adhere to these guidelines:

- Drivers must stop and give the right-of-way to pedestrians in any crosswalk – marked or unmarked - when the pedestrian is on their half of the roadway or so close from the opposite half to be a danger.
- Drivers may not pass other vehicles who have stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- Whenever stop signs or red flashing lights are in place at an intersection or at a crosswalk in between intersections, drivers will give the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- When signs are posted warning of the presence of pedestrians, bicyclists, or school zone crossings, drivers are expected to exercise greater caution when approaching crosswalks.
- Bicyclists must follow the rules of the road as any vehicle would, by remaining on the right side of the roadway and adhering to stop signs, traffic lights, and right-of-way for pedestrians.

- All pedestrians and bicyclists must follow Walk and Do Not Walk signs at intersections.
- Pedestrians and cyclists using any crosswalks not controlled by traffic signals or stop signs may not walk, ride, or run off a curb or place of safety into the path of a moving vehicle which is so close as to present an immediate danger.
- Before crossing any roadway, pedestrians and bicyclists should always look for traffic in all directions before crossing.

Public Safety Portal Serves Multiple Purposes

The Mount Prospect Police Department is utilizing Frontline Public Safety Solutions online portal to provide residents with the opportunity to request overnight parking permission, a home watch while on vacation, or register their pet or bicycle. The online portal, can be found at <https://www.mountprospect.org/departments/police-department> or by visiting frontlinepss.com/mountprospect and is available to all residents. Requesting overnight parking permission or a vacation home watch can be done through the online portal or by calling the front desk of the police department.

Holiday Light Recycling

If you have holiday lights that no longer work, are damaged, or that you no longer need, please consider recycling them rather than putting them in the garbage.

Residents can drop off unwanted holiday string lights at the Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road. The program is available year-round. Call 847.870.5640 for more information.



Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no solid waste collection on the following holidays:

- Memorial Day (May 30)**
- Independence Day (July 4)**
- Labor Day (September 5)**
- Thanksgiving Day (November 24)**

If a holiday falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday.

Compost Your Christmas Tree

If you enjoyed a live Christmas tree in your home this year, we invite you to make use of our composting program. Simply place your whole tree (don't cut or trim it into sections please) at the curb on your regularly scheduled pick-up day between January 3 and 14. There is no charge to participate. Be sure to remove all decorations prior to placing the tree at the curb. Trees placed on the curb before or after the program dates will be picked up but will not be composted.

Live wreathes generally have a metal ring which prevent them from being composted. They can be placed in your green refuse cart. Artificial wreathes can also be placed in the green cart as they are not recyclable.



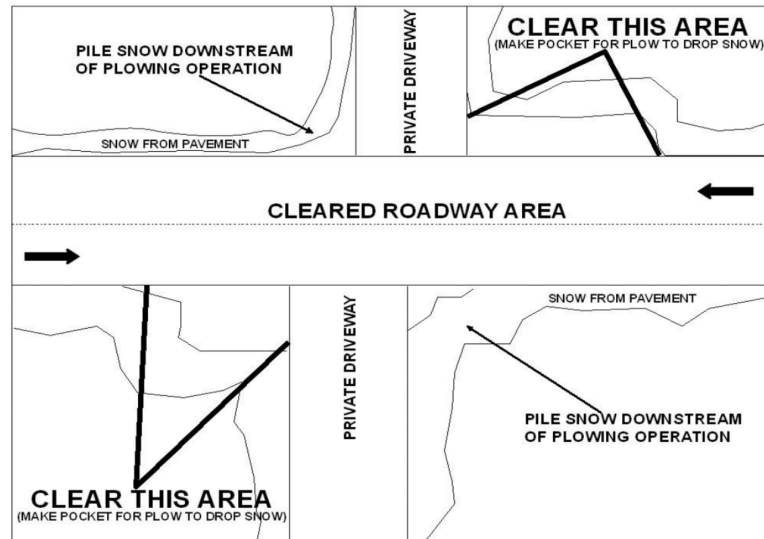
Why Make Snow Shoveling Harder?

We've all had the experience of finally finishing the process of clearing our driveway of snow only to have a snowplow come down the street shortly and cover the driveway apron again.

When shoveling or using your snowblower, move all snow to the side, in the direction of traffic, and clear a pocket of snow on the opposite side of your driveway. That should minimize any accumulation on your driveway when the plows come through.



Keep in mind that it is hazardous to shovel, plow, or blow snow out onto the street. All snow should be moved to your lawn or the parkway.



A Gentle Reminder for Winter Driving

Even for those of us who have encountered Midwestern winter for many years, it's always good to get a refresher on some safe winter driving tips. Start with these basics:

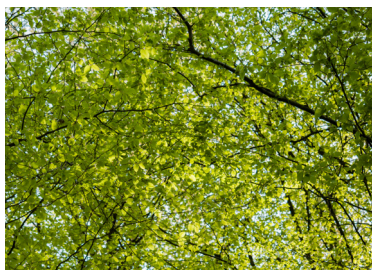
- Keep your gas tank full.
- Completely clear snow and ice from all windows on your vehicle before driving.
- You can reduce glare and reflection during a snowstorm by not using high beam headlights.
- Reduce skidding by applying brakes slowly and gently.
- Reduce your chances of an accident by allowing more space between you and the vehicle in front of you when snow and ice are present.
- Allow for more travel time.
- Bridges and roads that host less traffic will freeze more rapidly than main roadways.
- When Village trucks are plowing or salting, do not follow closely and do not attempt to pass.
- If you are involved in a minor accident, attempt to move your vehicle to a less busy spot before exiting the vehicle.



Beautiful Trees in Summer Begin with a Healthy Winter

Winter is a great time to start rejuvenating trees for next summer with some routine care.

The first step is to complete a thorough fall clean-up. Removing fallen leaves reduces the risk of infecting trees and can improve the aesthetic of the tree in summer.



Winter can be a good time to prune trees by removing dead or diseased branches, or those with poor attachments. This will promote the overall health of the tree come next summer. Don't over-do it, though. Avoid removing live limbs or more than 25% of the crown. You may want to hire a certified arborist to ensure trimming is properly done.

You can help maintain soil temperature and reduce water loss by laying a 2"- 4" layer of mulch around the base of the tree. Do not, however, pile the mulch up against the tree as that can actually be harmful to the tree.

Surprisingly, this can also be a good time to water trees, at least up until the point at which the ground has frozen. A periodic watering around the root zone will make for a healthier tree in spring.

Some Weather Facts and Figures

Whether you love Chicago area winters or can't wait for spring, the one thing we can say is that our winters provide some varied and interesting statistics. Did you know

- Seasonal snowfall has ranged from 9.9 to 89.7 inches.
- The average winter accumulation of snow is 36 inches.
- While the eastern shore of Lake Michigan often receives the brunt of lake-effect snow, wind direction can bring heavier accumulations to us as well. Every few years we experience a snowfall of 10 or more inches over several days.
- As measured at O'Hare Airport, January average temperatures range from a high of 31° to a low of 16.5°.
- We generally experience almost 9 days a year during which temperatures drop below 0°.



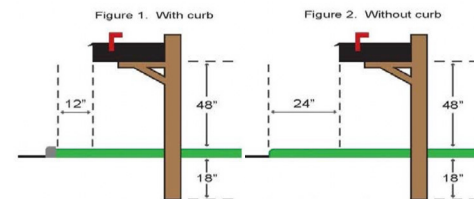
Let's hope for a safe and pleasant winter this year.

Options for Mailbox Replacement

Occasionally, residential mail boxes may get damaged during snow removal operations on Village streets. If this occurs you may be eligible for assistance with repair or replacement. If your mailbox is damaged, contact the Village so that we can verify the damage and determine eligibility. We will also provide a temporary, barricade-mounted mail box until weather allows for a permanent solution.

If the damage requires replacement rather than repair, the homeowner has two options from which to choose:

- Option 1 – Replacement by the Village. The Village will provide a wood post with anchor and standard black or white mail box that complies with Village Code.
- Option 2 – Replacement by homeowner. Residents may replace their own mail box and receive up to \$125 in reimbursement. To be eligible, the new box must be installed according to Village Code specifications.



For more information contact the Public Works department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or by calling 847.870.5640.

Human Services

Thank You for Caring and Sharing

We appreciate your generous donations throughout 2021 to assist the Human Services Food Pantry including the Holiday Meal basket program. The Food Pantry provides assistance to eligible families year-round and support from Village residents, employees, local businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations help to sustain this program. You can learn more at mountprospect.org/foodpantry.



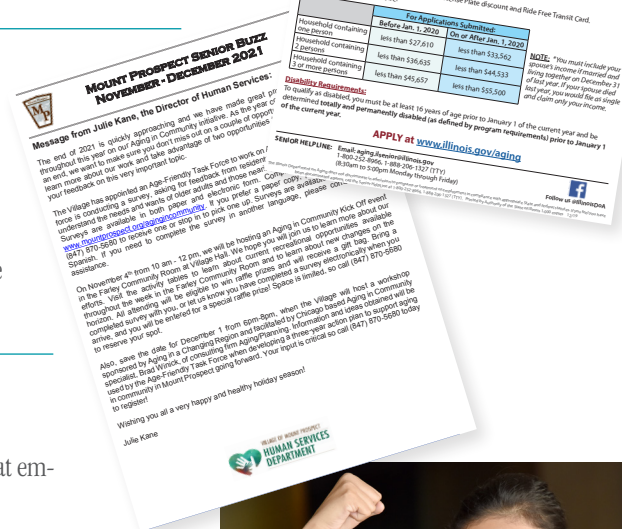
Benefit Access Program

The State of Illinois offers a license plate discount, free RTA rides for seniors, and free RTA rides for persons with disabilities. To apply for these benefits, you must submit a Benefit Access Application at <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/BenefitsAccess/Pages/default.aspx>. If you are applying for the first time, please allow ninety days for processing.



Senior Citizen Newsletter

Learn about upcoming community events, local groups for socialization, and a variety of activities and resources with our monthly senior newsletter. The newsletter can be picked up at the Village Hall in the Farley Community Room on the 1st floor; in the Human Services Department on the 2nd floor; or you may view it on the Village website at mountprospect.org/seniorbuzznewsletter.



Strong Like a Girl

Pre-teen and teenage girls are invited to be a part of our Strong Like a Girl group that empowers young women and helps build resiliency. The next 6-session group begins March 8. For registration information, parents should call Esther Salutillo at 847.506.4930.



Community Connections Center

January is National Stalking Awareness Month and February is Heart Health Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook Page for information and resources about each topic at facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter.

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



community connections center

1711 West Algonquin Road
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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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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

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Emergency 911
Village Hall 847.392.6000
(includes Finance & Village Administration)
Village Clerk 847.818.5355
Television Services..... 847.870.5665
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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- MPHist** Mount Prospect Historical Society
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- Chamber** Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce
- VH** Village Hall

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	LEARN MORE AT EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT www.experiencemountprospect.org					
2	3	4 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm, CCC	5	6 Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Ageless Grace, 1:30pm VH Monthly Blood Drive, 2-8 pm, FIRE STATION 14	7	8 Coffee with Council, 9-11am VH
9 Second Sundays at the Society: Meet the Frieichs 11:30am - 1:30pm 101 South Maple Street MPHist	10	11 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm, CCC Garden Club-Gardens of Scotland, 12 pm Meeting 1 pm Program, VH	12	13 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH Conversations in English 5-6pm, CCC Plant-Based Nutrition and Holistic Health 7-8:30pm, MPPL	14	15
16	17 Job Search Like a Pro: Career Change Resumes 6-7pm, MPPL	18 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm, CCC	19	20 Wis Workout, 10-11:30am VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Ageless Grace, 1:30pm VH	21	22
23	24	25 Recall Rendezvous 10-11:30am, VH Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm, CCC	26	27 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm VH Conversations in English 5-6pm, CCC	28	29
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