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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE new

MARCH/APRIL 2022

STAY IN THE KNOW

WITH TARGETED TEXT ALERTS AND EMAILS FROM THE VILLAGE

The Village of Mount Prospect has teamed up with Northwest Central Dispatch (NWCD) through their Everbridge emergency alert system to allow Mount Prospect residents and non-residents interested in what is happening in Mount Prospect, to receive local alerts via text messaging and email.

Residents are already receiving regional emergency alerts through the Everbridge system on their cell phone devices for things like Amber Alerts, emergency weather notifications and other high priority emergency events that may affect the entire region. Even if you do not sign up for further alerts, you will still receive these regional emergency alerts put out by NWCD.

Residents are encouraged to sign up for additional local alerts through the Village website, mountprospect.org/signup. Subscribers may choose to receive one or all alert categories and you may choose to receive alerts through text, email or both. The Everbridge link on the sign up page will take you to the Citizen Alert website of the NWCD. Once there you will need to create an account, fill in your contact information and sign up for the alerts you are interested in receiving.



EVERBRIDGE ALERTS

COMMUNITY ALERTS | Will notify subscribers about events, projects, or temporary emergencies that may impact their day-to-day routine but may not necessarily impact their health or safety.

Such events will include; Water outages, flooding, power outages, gas leaks, temporary road closures, winter operations, delays in

garbage pick-up and changes or closures due to a special event.

PUBLIC MEETINGS | Alerts are sent when meeting agendas and meeting packets are available with a link to access the agendas and packets. Meetings include Regular Village Board Meetings, Committee of the Whole Meetings, and Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings.

PRESS RELEASES | Notifications of Village press releases with a link to the full press release.

The Village hopes residents find this an easy and convenient way to keep up on important events going on in Mount Prospect.



Community Events

MARCH
1

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | March 1, 8, 15,
22 & 29
11:30 am – 12 pm
**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS
CENTER**
1711 West Algonquin Road



Children ages 2 through 5 with an adult are invited to 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.

MARCH
2

Financial Forecast 2022
Wednesday | March 2
7 – 8 pm
During this Mount Prospect Public Library event, John Daly, CFP of Daly Investment Management, will discuss



how the markets fared in 2021 and the expectations for 2022. This educational presentation takes a look back at last year's predictions by pundits along with an outlook for the coming year given the current economic environment. To register for this Zoom event, visit www.mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH
3

Virtual Conversations in English
Thursdays | March 3 & 17
1 – 2 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.

MARCH
3

Ageless Grace
Thursdays | March 3, 10,
17, 24 & 31
1:30 – 2 pm
**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL**
50 South Emerson Street



Ageless Grace is a seated senior exercise program for the mind and body. Registration is required for this free, 30-minute, socially distanced class, which is open to Mount Prospect residents only. Please wear a mask to class. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

MARCH
3

Monthly Blood Drive
Thursday | March 3
2 – 8 pm

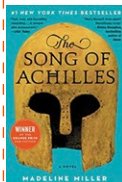


FIRE STATION 14
2000 East Kensington Rd
The Fire Department has partnered with Vitalant and their Everyday Heroes

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.

MARCH
3

An Evening with Author Madeline Miller
Thursday | March 3
7 – 8 pm



Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for an evening with Madeline Miller, New York Times bestselling author, to discuss her works, "Song of Achilles" and

"Circe." To register for this Zoom event, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH
8

Landscape Ideas for Small Spaces by Cindy Tyley
Tuesday | March 8 | 12 pm

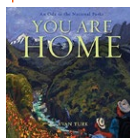


**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL**
50 South Emerson Street

Discover how to create a lovely landscape in a small space, whether it's the unused side yard, the area between garages, or a balcony, at an upcoming Garden Club of Mount Prospect meeting led by Cindy Tyley. Cindy is the owner of Carriage House Garden Design by Cindy Tyley. She has a certificate in landscape design and is a member of Landscape Design Association and the Western Springs Garden Club. The meeting will start at 12 pm and the program will begin at 1 pm. Depending on COVID restrictions, the meeting may move to a remote Zoom meeting. Please check the Garden Club website at gcmp.weebly.com for last minute changes.

MARCH
8

Woven Together Author Visit
Tuesday | March 8
7 – 7:30 pm



Get a chance to meet author/illustrator Evan Turk and hear him read from his book "You Are Home: An Ode to

the National Parks." The Mount Prospect Public Library Woven Together Community Read initiative is designed to bring together children and educators within our community to celebrate great works of literature. To register for this Zoom event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH
13

Second Sunday at the Society: A Peek in Mount Prospect's Attic
Sunday | March 13
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
101/103 South Maple St.



Come explore relics from Mount Prospect's past at this month's edition of Second Sunday at the Society. Items from the Society's artifact collection will be on display and used during this interactive event for all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours. Masks are required at this free event.

MARCH
14/18

Teen Volunteering
Monday | March 14
5 – 6:30 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY SOUTH
BRANCH**
1711 West Algonquin Road
Friday | March 18
5 – 6:30 pm
**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY**
10 South Emerson Street



Sixth through 12th graders can give back to the community while earning volunteer hours. Bring your friends and be prepared to work for a good cause as you help with community service projects for the Mount Prospect Public Library and other organizations. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH
17

Wits Workout
Thursday | March 17
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 in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

MARCH
22

Recall Rendezvous
Tuesday | March 22
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.

MARCH
23

Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class
Wednesday | March 23
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.

MARCH
30

An Evening with Author Jenny Lawson
Wednesday | March 30
7 – 8 pm



Join author Jenny Lawson, an award-winning humorist, as she discusses her most recent bestseller, "Broken (in the best possible way)," and her brilliantly funny body of work. To register for this Zoom event presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
5

Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | April 5, 12,
19 & 26

11:30 am – 12 pm

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APRIL
7

Dynamic Year Breakfast

Thursday | April 7
7:30 – 9 am

OLD ORCHARD
COUNTRY CLUB

700 West Rand Road



Join the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce and Mount Prospect Mayor Hoefert for a State of the Village address and annual Dynamic Year Breakfast. This event is open to the public, so come network with fellow business and community leaders. Tickets are \$25 per person. Please RSVP by April 1. Visit mountprospectchamber.org/events for more information.

APRIL
7

Senior Connections*

Thursday | April 7
9:30 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.

APRIL
7

Virtual Conversations in English

Thursday | April 7 & 21
1 – 2 pm



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APRIL
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APRIL
9

Mt. Melas Adventure Run

Saturday | April 9 | 8 am

MELAS PARK

1500 West Central Road



Test your limits with this fun and challenging 5K adventure run hosted by the Mt.

Prospect Park District. Climb, jump, crawl, pull, and push your way to the finish line and earn a medal. This is not a chip-timed event and obstacles are not mandatory. Registration is \$30 per person between now and March 13, \$35 between March 13 and April 8, and \$40 day-of. Team registration is available for up to 10 people for \$200. Registration includes your entry to the race and a neck gaiter. Visit mppd.org for details.

APRIL
10

Second Sunday at the Society: Trees and Bird Feeders

Sunday | April 10

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



101/103 South Maple St.

Did you know Mount Prospect is a Tree City USA community? Join us for a cute make-and-take tree craft. Or make an easy cranberry and birdseed feeder to hang in a tree at home. All ages are welcome at this free event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours. Masks are required.

APRIL
11/15

Teen Volunteering

Monday | April 11

5 – 6:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY SOUTH
BRANCH

1711 West Algonquin Road



Friday | April 15

5 – 6:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 South Emerson Street

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APRIL
12

Vegetables Anywhere: How to Fit Farming into Your Life

Tuesday | April 12 | 12 pm

FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 South Emerson Street



Join the Garden Club of

Mount Prospect as they explore how to grow abundant vegetables in small urban spots, townhouse courtyards, balconies, and other unlikely places. Event is hosted by Beth Botts (thegardenbeat.com), a longtime garden writer for the Chicago Tribune, Organic Life, Country Gardens & Chicagoland Gardening. She is also the author of *Illinois, Indiana & Ohio Month-by-Month Gardening*. Meeting will start at 12 pm and program at 1 pm. Due to COVID

restrictions, the meeting may become a remote Zoom meeting. Please check the Garden Club website at gcmp.weebly.com for last-minute changes.

APRIL
21

Wits Workout

Thursday | April 21
10 am – 11:30 am

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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 in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

APRIL
26

Recall Rendezvous

Tuesday | April 26
10 – 11:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL

50 South Emerson Street



Join the Human Services Department for Recall Ren-

dezvous, 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.

APRIL
28

Staying Safe On and Offline

Thursday | April 28
2 – 3 pm



Computers and electronic devices can simplify your life and help you stay

connected. But it is important to stay safe in today's digital world. At this Mount Prospect Public Library event, Officer Greg Sill from the Mount Prospect Police Department will provide tips on how to avoid scams and ensure your safety both on and offline. To register, mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

*Formerly the 50's Plus Breakfast Hour



News from the Building Department

Online Permits and Licenses Available

Since debuting the acceptance of permit and license application, license renewals, and payments online in 2020, more than half of all requests have been completed in that manner. The online portal on the Village website and the online permitting software hosted by Citizenserve help reduce the use of paper and shortens approval timelines.

Click on Permits and Licenses on the left-hand sidebar at mountprospect.org to access the portal. Once there, you can submit permit applications, resubmittals, and payments, as well as renewals for contractor, business, liquor, residential rental, residential burglar, and elevator licenses. Code enforcement complaints may also be registered there.



For any questions on building permits and licenses please call 847.870.5675 or email building@mountprospect.org.

News from the Village Clerk

Coffee with the Council

Join your elected officials for informal discussions on Village topics during Coffee with the Council on the second Saturday of each month. The gatherings take place in the Farley Community Room on the first floor of Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street at 9 am. It's a great opportunity to ask questions, share your concerns, or get acquainted if you are new in town.

To learn more call 847.818.5333 or email kagoranos@mountprospect.org.

News from the Finance Department

2022-23 Vehicle Stickers

Renewal applications for vehicle stickers were mailed in early February and are due April 30. The pre-printed applications include a vehicle ID for convenience. Stickers may also be purchased online at www.mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. Current COVID restrictions prevent in-person transactions at this time but 24-hour payment boxes are located outside the front door of Village Hall and in the parking garage, next to the library book return.

Full-price car stickers only may be purchased at the Elmhurst Road Currency Exchange at 1698 South Elmhurst Road, #106. There is an additional \$2.00 service fee per sticker at the currency exchange.

One reduced rate sticker of \$15 is available for residents 65 years of age and older. The vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a noncommercial purpose. Seniors who turn 65 prior to May 1, 2022 are eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at the reduced rate; first-time seniors must submit a copy of a current driver's license along with payment and the application via the mail or payment box.

Standard Rates for 2022-23

Passenger Vehicles	\$45
Motorcycles & Motorbikes	\$30
Class B Trucks	\$68
Full-size Trucks	Charged by Class/ Body Weight


Residents who did not receive a renewal application in the mail are still responsible for purchasing a 2022-2023 sticker. A late penalty will be added to the cost of a vehicle sticker purchased after April 30.

If purchasing new license plates, do not wait for receipt of the plates to purchase the vehicle sticker. Simply indicate "applied for" in the license plate information field. When the plates are received, contact the Finance Department and provide the new plate number.

Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a sticker should remove the sticker from the vehicle at the time of sale or donation and contact the Finance Department with updated vehicle information, as they may qualify to transfer the sticker to the replacement vehicle for no additional fee.

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

DYNAMIC YEAR BREAKFAST




Mount Prospect
Chamber of Commerce

STATE OF THE VILLAGE
MAYOR HOEFERT

THURSDAY, APRIL 7 - 7:30AM
REGISTRATION
STATE OF THE VILLAGE
CHAMBER ANNUAL MEETING

OLD ORCHARD COUNTRY CLUB
700 WEST RAND ROAD - MOUNT PROSPECT

\$25 PER PERSON (RSVP BY APRIL 1)
PURCHASE TICKETS
WWW.MOUNTPROSPECTCHAMBER.ORG





Since 2020, River Trails Park District has enjoyed a partnership with Wheeling Park District in the operations and management of Rob Roy Golf Course but the pandemic took its toll. As we embark on a new year, we are excited to announce that the River Trails Park District will be taking back course operations, including the golf pro shop, driving range, mini golf, and administration beginning April 2022.

This is an exciting time for the district as our team diligently prepare the course to reopen and bring Rob Roy Golf Course back 'home' under the RTPD management team. We will keep the community updated with news and opportunities through our district newsletter, social media platforms, and our website rtpd.org. Please continue to check back on the details we will be sharing in the months to come.

Community/Economic Development

Major Projects Coming to Mount Prospect

2021 ended with a flurry of activity that will positively impact growth, investment, and job creation in Mount Prospect.

The first of the newly approved projects is an 80,000 sq. ft. warehouse planned for 2240 South Busse Road. The spec development located near O'Hare and Interstate 90 will be built to suit and the developer, SeeFried Industrial Properties, anticipates quickly finding a lessee. With a very low overall vacancy rate of 3% in the Village, this prime opportunity should fill quickly.

CloudHQ, LLC will bring the largest private investment ever for the Village with the construction of 3 data centers and accompanying ComEd operated substation at 1200 East Algonquin Road. The former site of the United Airlines headquarters will provide ample space for 1.5 million square feet of gross floor space across the three buildings. CloudHQ will invest over \$2.5 billion in the project which should bring hundreds of permanent jobs to our community. The development is expected to generate up to \$2 million in utility taxes for the Village annually, increase the Village's total EAV (equalized assessed value) by \$100 million, and create thousands of construction jobs beginning in the first quarter of 2022. Overall construction is expected to be completed in six years.

Downtown Mount Prospect will also see change as the parcel which formerly housed the police and fire headquarters will be developed by T2 Investments, LLC. Current plans call for an additional 88 units of luxury rental housing stock along with a 3,200 square foot retail space. Construction of the development will begin in the second quarter of 2022.



CDBG – What That Means for You

Low- and moderate-income households may be eligible for home improvement loans through either the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program or 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 Loan Program provides an interest-free loan up to \$25,000 which is paid back when the property is sold or the title changes. Loans can be used to address code violations including electrical, plumbing, and roof repairs, replace old equipment such as furnaces and water heaters, increase energy-efficiency in the home, 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.

To be eligible, you must live in Mount Prospect, have owned and occupied the home for at least one year prior to applying, and meet the current HUD income thresholds. For more information about these programs, please visit mountprospect.org/departments/community-development/housing-programs/community-development-block-grant-cdbg/residential-rehabilitation-programs or contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 or alalagos@mountprospect.org.

Time to Spring Forward!

Spring is fast approaching and as we get ready to change our clocks on March 13, we also need to check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms to ensure they are working properly. Working smoke alarms are a key component of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads really fast. Working smoke alarms provide you with an early warning to make sure you have enough time to get out and stay out.

Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms. The Public Act 200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect the advances in technology. By the end of 2022, single and multi-family homes that are still using smoke alarms with removable batteries (non-hardwired alarms) are required to install new alarms that feature 10-year non-removable, non-replaceable sealed batteries.

Here are some home safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Install smoke alarms in the basement.

American Red Cross Month

In 1943, March was first recognized as American Red Cross month to honor all of the selfless American Red Cross volunteers who step up and lend a hand whenever and wherever people are in need.

Comprised of citizen volunteers from across the country, the Red Cross is focused on protecting and saving human lives during times of crisis. These noble volunteers mobilize quickly to provide disaster relief to individuals and communities.

In addition to responding to thousands of disasters across the country, the Red Cross also hosts blood drives, conducts first aid training, CPR classes, and water-safety training.

It is estimated that the Red Cross responds to a home fire every eight minutes, at any time of day or night, providing meals, shelter, clothing, communications, and helping individuals build recovery plans.

In 2014 the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign was established between the Red Cross and fire departments nationwide. This partnership increases awareness of home fire-safety through canvassing high-risk areas, installing free smoke alarms, replacing batteries in existing alarms, and helping families create escape plans.

If you would like to learn more about Red Cross volunteering or are considering donating blood or disaster relief essentials, please visit www.redcross.org.



- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Install smoke alarms at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard of hearing or deaf can use special alarms like strobe lights and bed shakers.

If you would like more information regarding smoke alarms, check out our YouTube channel at Mount Prospect Fire Department or call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

Keep the Car Home in Heavy Rains

When heavy rains hit, do your best to avoid driving until the storm has cleared and any residual flooding has subsided. In flooding conditions, it takes only 6 inches of water to knock a person down and just a foot of water can sweep a car away.

Home Preparedness Kit

We have all seen stories of extreme weather events wreaking havoc on a community. One way to protect yourself in case of an emergency of any sort, is to have a plan for your family and a kit of items to get you safely through almost any scenario. Prepare and store in a safe place, a readiness kit that includes:

- Water
- Food
- NOAA weather radio
- Flashlight (with batteries if needed)
- First-aid kit
- Whistle
- Masks
- Small tools
- Local maps
- Cell phone with chargers
- Extra house and vehicle keys





April is Distracted Driving Month

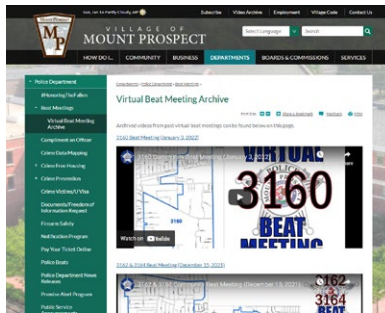
Anything that takes your attention away from driving while you are at the wheel can lead to distracted driving, one of the fastest-growing safety threats on the roads. This can include talking on your phone, texting, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, focusing on the stereo, entertainment or navigation system, and more. Distracted driving isn't just a threat to the driver, it also puts passengers and other drivers on the road at risk.

Texting has become a serious issue. Reading a text can take your attention away for 5 seconds, which at 55 mph, is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed. Any non-driving activity you engage in is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing. To keep our roadways safe follow these guidelines:

- If you are expecting a text message or need to send one, pull over and park your car in a safe location. Once you are safely off the road and parked, it is safe to text.
- Ask your passenger to be your *designated texter*. Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Avoid scrolling through social media platforms while driving.
- If you find it difficult to ignore the phone while driving turn on your Do Not Disturb feature, or put the phone in the glove box, back seat, or even trunk until you arrive at your destination.

If You Missed Your 2021 Beat Meeting

You can view a recording of the meeting online. Last year we hosted Beat Meetings for virtually every patrol beat in the Village and recorded each discussion for your convenience. In the meetings, officers who are assigned to that area get acquainted with residents, share information and updates, and discuss topics like were burglary prevention, catalytic converter theft prevention, ruse burglary prevention, and more. View past meetings at mountprospect.org/departments/police-department/beat-meetings/virtual-beat-meeting-archive.



Exercise Caution When Exchanging Goods Bought on Line

Buying and selling things via online market places has become very commonplace in recent years. If you are completing a transaction online, do so in a safe public space. One recommended site is the front parking lot and front lobby of the Police Headquarters at 911 East Kensington Road. No permission or check-in is required to do so. These areas are under video surveillance at all times and police staff or officers will not be involved in the transaction. If someone is not willing to come to the police department to do a transaction, it is probably not a legitimate transaction.

If you are meeting elsewhere, follow these safety tips:

- Only conduct transactions with others from the area.
- Never go alone and only meet during daylight.
- Insist on using a public meeting place.
- Be sure a friend or family member knows the details of your meeting.
- Do not conduct any transactions in a home – yours or the other persons.
- Take extra precautions if valuables like jewelry are part of the transaction.
- Trust your instincts; be cautious of scams.

Look, Listen, Live

There are a number of rail crossings in the Village and with so many, it can be easy to forget how dangerous they can be. To stay safe:

- Never walk on railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side. It's not only dangerous, it's illegal.
- Don't walk or stand between tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by 3 feet on either side.
- The only safe place to cross tracks is at a designated public crossing with a railroad crossing sign, flashing red lights, or a gate.
- Immediately after a train passes can be a dangerous time to cross as another may be coming in the opposite direction on an adjacent track. Wait until red lights stop flashing and gates are raised before attempting to cross. Be sure to look in both directions first.



Lawncare Season is Almost Here

The Village's program for the collection of yard waste and organic material including fruits and vegetables begins April 4. All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge (no sticker required), but residents must provide their own rigid container or obtain one through the cart rental program. Kraft paper bags may be used if you are disposing of yard waste only. Food material cannot go in a kraft paper bag.

More information on the organics program can be found at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/organics-yard-waste or by contacting Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Going Green

Public Works continues to pursue our goal of replacing all parkway trees that have been removed, generally in the following season. In spring we will look to replace those removed in 2021. Up to 10 different varieties of trees will be planted to increase our urban forest diversity while matching the surrounding space.

Specific requests for spring tree planting should be made to Public Works no later than March 31. Village crews will mark the location of a new planting site with a brown mark on the curb, and leave a letter explaining the planting process which could continue into fall.

If you are interested in our planting programs or have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org



Information on Flooding

There are flood hazard areas associated with each of the five waterways that carry stormwater into, through, and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) for each. The Village Engineering staff can assist in locating your property on the map and provide additional Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for all parties involved in buying or selling a home. The last flooding event that impacted a large portion of the Village was in April 2013.

Any debris that is deposited in any part of the system can contribute to significant flooding. Dumping materials such as lawn refuse, garbage, or other materials into Village waterways is a violation of the Village Code. If you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.

Being Prepared for Flooding

Most floods occur with very little warning but being prepared can provide some advantages:

- Maintain a list of emergency numbers that you can always access. Keep a copy with a friend, family member, or neighbor as a back-up.
- Create an inventory of personal property that can be used to identify what was damaged or lost. Use photos or videos, if possible, perhaps organized by each room of the house.
- Items such as insurance policies, titles to vehicles, deeds, financial information, wills, and contact information should be stored in a safe deposit box away from your home.

- Talk to your insurance agent about protection against floods and sewer backups.
- Keep a good supply of cleaning materials on hand; they may be in short supply if the area floods.

Keeping Your Home Dry

You can take several key steps to flood-proof your home, inside and out. On the exterior, options include:

- Raising the elevation of your house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Regrading your lot or constructing a small earthen berm to help to keep water away from your building.
- Build floodwalls to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry flood-proofing to make the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet flood-proofing modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

Most large actions like these require a permit from the Community Development Department, including regrading or filling in a floodplain.

While those are very large-scale actions, there are many simpler steps you can take to reduce damage if your home is susceptible to flooding:

- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering the main floor during a flood event. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.

Electronics Recycling Drop-off Begins April 13

Do your part for the environment by participating in our electronics recycling program. The Village, in association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has developed the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to collect and ensure environmentally safe recycling of electronics on an ongoing basis. Visit mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/recycling-programs for details.



Drop-off locations are at 1700 West Central Road (open Wednesdays from 10 am to noon except holidays) and 1151 North River Road (open Saturdays from 9 am to 11:30 am except for Saturdays following a holiday).

Sidewalk Partnership

The Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program provides a partnership between the Village and property owners to maintain a critical component of our infrastructure. The resident's share is \$81.25 per sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount established by the contractor's bid.

The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. Applications are available online at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/engineering/sidewalk-replacement or at the Public Works Department located at 1700 West Central Road.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.



- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters, and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.
- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering your building during a flood event.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe purchased at a hardware store can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. The investment is only about \$25.
- For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called floodproofing and retrofitting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

A permit from the Mount Prospect Building Division is needed before you build on, fill, alter, or regrade your property or make building alterations. Any changes must comply with our Village Code and cannot create drainage problems on any other property. The Village of Mount Prospect has adopted Floodplain Regulations which requires a Floodplain Development Permit for all construction activity within a floodplain. The regulations help to minimize the potential losses due to periodic flooding.

Staying Safe in a Flood

If your basement should flood take these important precautions:

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

- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Be careful after a flood because the floors are often covered with debris and mud which can lead to slipping.
- Flood water is often contaminated so clean everything that got wet.

Talk to your agent

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village, and can be obtained on the building as well as the contents. Through our participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.

The Village's Engineering Division can assist with any flooding or drainage concerns, including visiting your site, to identify possible ways to reduce the risk of flooding your property.

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

Human Services

State of Illinois Programs

The State of Illinois offers a license plate discount, free RTA rides for seniors, and free RTA rides for persons with disabilities. There are income guidelines for these programs. If applying before May 18, 2022, income from 2020 must be used. If you don't qualify under the income guidelines, you may wait until May 18 or after when your 2021 income can be used.

To apply for these benefits, you must submit a Benefit Access Application at www2.illinois.gov/aging/BenefitsAccess/Pages/default.aspx. If you are applying for the first time, please apply at least ninety days before your license sticker is due to expire and not before. When approved, your application is good for two years.

If you need assistance with the application process, please contact the Human Services Department for an appointment.

Utility Bill Clinic

Join us as we team up with the Citizens Utility Board for a free Utility Bill Clinic on March 10 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Topics will include tips on reducing your bills for electric, gas, home and mobile phone services. We'll also cover tips on spotting unnecessary charges on these bills, energy-efficiency programs and rebates to lower your bills, reading your bills, spotting errors, and identifying potential scams associated with utility bills.

Space will be limited, so please call 847.506.4930 to reserve your spot.

Stay Informed with Our Quarterly eNewsletter

The Human Services Department offers a quarterly eNewsletter with updates and information on new services, programs, and events. To receive this newsletter, please provide your email address to humanservicesdept@mountprospect.org.

Community Connections Center

March is Nutrition Awareness Month and April is Autism Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook page for information and resources about each topic. Like us at [facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter](https://www.facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter).

Beginning in March, the Human Services Department at the Community Connections Center will make a change to office hours. The Human Services staff will extend their hours on the Friday before the 2nd Saturday of the month, changing from 11 am to 3 pm to 11am to 7:30 pm and will no longer have office hours on the 2nd Saturday of the month. With this change, we hope to increase the ability for residents to obtain services from our department during the evening hours, 5 days a week. The South Branch Library will also open 11am-7:30 pm on that Friday and will continue to remain open the 2nd Saturday of the month, 11am-3 pm.

The Community Connections Center is located at 1711 West Algonquin Road, and can be reached by calling 847.506.4930.



community connections center

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Mount Prospect | IL 60056
847.506.4930

Hours

Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm
2nd Saturday of each month 11am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM
APPLY at www.illinois.gov/aging

The Benefit Access Program offers two benefits for seniors and persons with disabilities:

- A LICENSE PLATE FREE DISCOUNT
- FREE RIDES ON FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SYSTEMS

Eligibility is determined by income, residency, age and/or disability utilizing an online application.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Age Requirements:

- 65 years of age or older before January 1 of the current year; or
- You must become 65 years of age this year; or
- You must be 16 years of age or older before January 1 of the current year and qualify as disabled.

Residency Requirements:

- You must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.

Income Requirements:

Income limits are new for January 1, 2020 for License Plate discount and Ride Free Transit Card.

*Total income last year must be:

	For Applications Submitted:	
	Before Jan. 1, 2020	On or After Jan. 1, 2020
Household containing one person	less than \$27,610	less than \$33,562
Household containing 2 persons	less than \$36,635	less than \$44,533
Household containing 3 or more persons	less than \$45,657	less than \$55,500

NOTE: *You must include your spouse's income if married and living together on December 31 of that year. If your spouse died last year you would file as single and claim only your income.

Disability Requirements:

To qualify as disabled, you must be at least 16 years of age prior to January 1 of the current year and be determined totally and permanently disabled (as defined by program requirements) prior to January 1 of the current year.

APPLY at www.illinois.gov/aging

SENIOR HELPLINE: Email: aging@illinois.gov
1-800-212-8966, 1-888-266-1327 (TTY)
@Illinois 9:00am Monday through Friday

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IN-PERSON UTILITY BILL CLINIC

Utility Bill Clinic

Join the Citizen's Utility Board and Human Services for a free event focused on helping you reduce utility costs, spotting unnecessary charges, identifying programs that help lower your bills and avoiding scams.

To reserve your spot, call 847-506-4930. Spaces are limited.

December 7th
4:30PM - 6:30PM

PLAY AND LEARN

Play and Learn will return to in-person meetings on January 4th! Meetings take place every Tuesday from 11:30am - 12:00pm Children ages 2-5 with an adult, join us for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music and play-based learning. Spaces will be limited. Please call 847-506-4930 to register. Masks will be required for all participants.

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HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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50 South Emerson Street
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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 847.870.5688
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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Richard F. Rogers, Colleen E. Saccotelli
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<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Recall Rendezvous 10-11:30am, VH Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12pm, CCC</p>	<p>23 Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm, VH</p>	<p>24 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm VH</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
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