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MOUNT PROSPECT

VILLAGE news

OCTOBER 2022

OKTOBERFEST & FALLEFEST Centennial Green at Village Hall

50 SOUTH EMERSON STREET (EMERSON STREET & BUSSE AVENUE)

The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA) will hold its Annual Oktoberfest and Fall Festival the weekend of October 7 and 8!

FRIDAY | OCTOBER 7 | OKTOBERFEST | 4 PM TO 11 PM

Kicking off the weekend, this year's Oktoberfest will once again feature live musical entertainment from fan-favorite The Phenix Band and traditional German food and beverage.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 8 | FALL FEST | 1 PM TO 4 PM

Fall Fest is one of the largest FREE fall family events in the Northwest Suburbs. Also taking place on the Centennial Green at Village Hall, the family-friendly afternoon includes hay rides, pony rides, games, pumpkin decorating, crafts, a stilt walker, and a Trick or Treat Candy Line featuring local businesses and organizations. The Fall Fest will also offer a Special Needs Hour on Saturday from noon to 1:00 p.m. This hour is reserved for families with special needs to allow them to enjoy the Fest before it opens to the public. Registration is required at mpdowntown.com.

SATURDAY | OCTOBER 8 | OKTOBERFEST | 4 PM TO 11 PM

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

PARKING

Free parking will be available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck at 50 South Emerson Street and East Commuter Lot at Northwest Highway and Route 83. Centennial Green is just one block from the Mount Prospect Metra train station if you or your guests will be arriving by train.

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



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Community Events

OCTOBER
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FanFest
Saturday | October 1
All day



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street
“Geek out” at the library with a day dedicated

to your favorite fandoms. Whether you love a galaxy far, far away, super heroic battles to save the day, or a world of wizardry, you'll find something to enjoy at this family-friendly event. Enjoy games, activities, crafts, cosplay runway, virtual reality, a scavenger hunt, trivia, and more. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
1

River Trails Park District's 8th Annual Youth Obstacle Course Run

Saturday | October 1
8:30 am – 2 pm

WOODLAND TRAILS PARK

1500 E. Euclid Avenue



The Challenge Youth OCR is a 1.25 mile (2K) obstacle course race of 10 – 14 natural and man-made obstacles challenging determination and physical prowess. Participants receive a t-shirt, medal, goodie bag and bragging rights! \$25 through September 29 then \$28. Race times and registration can be found at www.mpls.org. If you have any issues registering, email occrreg@rtpd.org or call 847.463.3716.

Farmers Market

OCTOBER
2

Sundays Through
October 30
8 am – 1 pm



WEST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Hwy & Main
Stop by the Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers Market

every week rain or shine to support local producers and one-of-a-kind vendors. Stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers, and other goodies. Admission is free. For more information, visit mplions.org.

OCTOBER
4

Play and Learn Group

Tuesday | October 4, 11,
18 & 25
11:30 am – 12:15 pm



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Road

Children ages 2 to 5 with an adult, are invited to join us for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning.

OCTOBER
6

Ageless Grace

Thursday | October 6,
13, 20 & 27 | 11 am



FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

This class for seniors is a mind body workout that is performed

seated in a chair, incorporating music, creativity, balance, coordination, and cognition. Classes are open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration required.

OCTOBER
6

Conversations in English

October 6 & 20
1 – 2 pm



October 13 & 27
5:30 – 6:30 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Road

If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for these in-person 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.

OCTOBER
6

Monthly Blood Drive
Thursday | October 6
2 – 8 pm



FIRE STATION 14
2000 E. 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. Please register for an appointment at vitalant.org.

OCTOBER
7

Oktoberfest

Friday | October 7
Saturday | October 8
4 – 11 pm



CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson Street

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

OCTOBER
8

Fall Fest

Saturday | October 8
1 – 4 pm



CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

One of the best FREE fall family events in the suburbs! Pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treat candy line, hay rides & food and music in the downtown area. Sponsored by the MPDM.

OCTOBER
9

Second Sundays at the Society: Halloween Pumpkins

Sunday | October 9
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple Street

Experience a variety of hands-on activities and make-and-takes with pumpkins. Enjoy this free event with the whole family. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

OCTOBER
11

The Holidays are Coming

Tuesday | October 11
9:30 am



FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

Join the Mount Prospect

Garden Club as we welcome Kathi Rose of Kaleidoscope of Floral Design. Kathi will present various floral design styles for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, along with tips, techniques, and direction. The styles are for use in a home, for entertaining, or to enter into a flower show. As owner of Kaleidoscope of Floral Design for 30 years, Kathi is gifted in floral technique and design. She has a degree in horticulture from the University of Illinois and is a Certified Landscape Architect. Everyone is welcome for social time at 9:30. Our monthly business meeting begins at 10:00 with the presentation following at 11:00.

OCTOBER
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Community Blood Drive

Wednesday | October 12
3 – 7 pm



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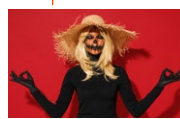
10 S. Emerson Street

Help save lives and make a difference by donating blood. The library is partnering with Versiti for a community blood drive for ages 17 or older. Please register at mppl.org or by calling 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
13

Go with the Flow Yoga

Thursday | October 13
6 – 9 pm



ROB ROY GOLF COURSE BANQUET HALL

505 E. Camp McDonald Road, Prospect Heights

Tap into the spirit of the season with this spooky Halloween-themed yoga flow class and social. Costumes are encouraged. Wine and appetizers immediately after the class which is open to those 21 and over. \$30/residents, \$36/non-residents. Pre-registration by October 10 at rtpd.org/event/go-with-the-flow-halloween-yoga.

OCTOBER
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Kids Sewing Circle Series: Make a Sewing Kit

Saturday | October 15
10 am – Noon

THE DIETRICH
FRIEDRICH'S HOME
101 S. Maple Street



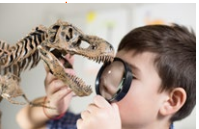
We begin a series of Sewing Circle classes for the school year for anyone 9 and up of all skill levels. In our first session, we will provide the materials for you to create a sewing kit. Space is limited so registration is required. Future dates will be January 28 (knitting a scarf for your favorite stuffed animal or doll) and April 22 (button design embroidery). Reserve your spot by registering at mthist.org/kids-sewing-circle-series. One session is \$25 but enjoy discounts for multiple sessions: \$40 for two sessions or \$50 for all three.

OCTOBER
15

Super Saturday: T-Rexplorers

Saturday | October 15
10 – 11 am

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street



Does your family dig dinosaurs? We do, too. Adventure awaits with the T-Rexplorers as they share real fossils and information about dinosaurs. Please register at mopl.org or by calling 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
15

Trick or Treat Trail

Saturday | October 15
4 timeslots between
8:45 am and 12:30 pm

REC PLEX
420 Dempster Street

Kids ages 3 to 9 are invited to enjoy Halloween games and treats. Pick up your bag



at check-in and continue gathering prizes, coupons, and candy at each station. Then step outside for more seasonal fun. \$10/resident, \$15/non-resident; adults are free. Register at mopl.org or in person at RecPlex/Central Community Center.

OCTOBER
21

Creature Feature Outdoor Movie Night featuring Madagascar

Friday | October 21
(rain date October 22)
6 pm arrival, 7 pm movie



VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
AT LIONS PARK

411 S. Maple Street

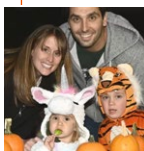
Be a part of this fundraiser for the ReGreen Our Parks Tree Campaign, hosted by the Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation. \$25 donation for a 6-person circle. Each circle receives a big bucket of treats to share and a never-ending supply of popcorn! Register at mopl.org and purchase tickets on site for the Zoo-Rific Raffle!

OCTOBER
21

Monster Bash

Friday | October 21
4 – 7 pm

WOODLAND
TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Euclid Avenue



Wear your favorite costume and join in the Halloween fun as we decorate pumpkins, trick or treat through our homemade town, and play games. Get pictures with family and friends in our photo booth. The event is free to all. In case of inclement weather, the fun will be moved inside the Weiss Community Center.

OCTOBER
22

Friends Book Sale

Saturday | October 22
10 am – 5:30 pm
Sunday | October 23
Noon – 5 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services. For more information, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER
25

One Book One Village Author Q&A

Tuesday | October 25
7 – 8 pm

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Readers of the One Book

One Village title are invited join a live virtual Q&A session with author Laila Lalami as she discusses her book *The Other Americans*. Participants may email questions in advance or ask during the live session. For more info and to register for this virtual program, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675. This virtual program will be presented both in-person inside the library and virtually via Zoom.

OCTOBER
26

Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Wednesday | October 26
4 – 6 pm



DOWNTOWN
MOUNT PROSPECT

Dress up in your costume and trick-or-

treat at Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. Participating businesses will have an orange pumpkin on their door or window. Businesses with teal pumpkins will offer non-food treats. Visit mopldowntown.com for more information.

OCTOBER
27

One Book One Village Author Presentation

Thursday | October 27
7 – 8 pm

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us as Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award finalist Laila Lalami discusses her life and work, including the One Book One Community featured title, *The Other Americans*. Lalami will be in conversation with author and educator Sahar Mustafa. For more information and to register for this virtual program, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675. This virtual program will be presented both in-person inside the library and virtually via Zoom.

OCTOBER
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Lighthouse Low Vision Product Road Show

Thursday | October 27
9 am – 3:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson Street



The Chicago Lighthouse

social service organization will demonstrate, explain, and help attendees explore a variety of products available to overcome the challenges of vision loss and help with school, work, and daily life. Presented in partnership with the Mount Prospect Human Services Department. No registration necessary.

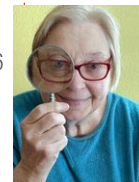
OCTOBER
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Solve the Mystery of Nancy Drew

Saturday | October 29
1 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL

103 S. Maple Street



Be a part of this fascinating program about Nancy Drew

– America's favorite fictional teen sleuth. Expert Susan Becker will share the story behind this classic character. Tickets are \$12 per person and can be reserved at mthist.org or by calling 847.392.9006. Light refreshments will be served.

News from the Building Department Fall House Health Check-up



Fall is the right time to get your house ready for the winter weather that we all know is on its way. Here's a fall checklist for your home:

- Check the weather stripping around windows and doors to make sure the cold stays outside.
- Get your furnace tuned up before you need it. Its safer, easier, and less expensive to maintain rather than repair.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts to prevent water backing up and freezing. Use a professional service if needed.
- Do you need a fresh coat of paint in any rooms? Cool fall air is low in humidity so you can keep windows open to reduce the paint odor.
- Winterize your pool. Think safety first with a locking cover on pools and hot tubs. Check the locks on your fences and gates as well.
- Take steps to keep your plumbing from freezing. Before the temperatures get too low, shut off water to any exterior spouts and drain remaining water from the pipes.
- In preparation for getting holiday decorations up check your GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) receptacles inside and out using a test device with a trip button.
- Test and replace batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Starting in 2023 all new battery operated smoke detectors are required to have a 10 year lithium ion integrated battery per State of Illinois requirements so it may be a good time to replace outdated units.

News from the Finance Department Track Water Usage with EyeOnWater

Mount Prospect offers direct and secure access to your water usage data. The EyeOnWater suite includes a secure online website to review and analyze your usage patterns. For customers who prefer a smartphone app, visit your app store to get started.



EyeOnWater

With this tool, you are able to view your hourly usage activity, and gain greater understanding and control of the amount of water you use. The Village of Mount Prospect EyeOnWater online portal provides easy-to-understand graphs and the ability to establish alerts, including identifying potential leaks. To access your personalized online portal visit: mountprospect.org/departments/finance-department/utility-bills-water-sewer-refuse

You will need the following information to register for an account: zip code, account number (enter only the digits before the dash), and email address.

Vehicle Sticker

The deadline for purchasing 2022-2023 Mount Prospect vehicle stickers was April 30. Stickers purchased after April 30 include a late fee unless you are new to the Village or if you are a resident who purchased a new vehicle after May 1. In those instances, you have 30 days to purchase a sticker with proof of purchase or a document reflecting a move-in date such as transfer stamp documentation, a rental lease, or moving company bill. Residents who change vehicles after having purchased a 2022-2023 vehicle sticker should contact the Finance Department at 847.392.6000 with updated vehicle information to determine eligibility for transference of the sticker from one vehicle to another for no additional fee.

Mount Prospect's Largest Book Group

The Mount Prospect Public Library announces the launch of One Book One Village, a community-wide read featuring the book *The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami. A community read is a way for people to come together through reading and discussing the same book title.

In *The Other Americans*, the repercussions of a suspicious death bring together a diverse cast of characters whose invisible connections are slowly revealed even while they remain deeply divided by race, religion, or class.

It is at once a family saga, a murder mystery, and a love story, infused with questions about America's complex and complicated cultural legacy.

Throughout October and into early November, readers have the option to join book discussions offered at different times both in person and virtually via Zoom. The highlight of **One Book One Village** features **two programs with the author Laila Lalami, a Q&A session on Tuesday, October 25 and a presentation of her life and work on Thursday, October 27.** Both virtual author programs have options for attendees to be present in-person for a viewing party at the library or join from home via Zoom. One Book One Village is funded with generous support from the Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library. Visit mmdl.org/OneBookOneVillage for more information.



Ribbon Cuttings



August 23, 2022
**CLOUD HQ
GROUNDBREAKING**
1401 Dempster Street



August 31, 2022
**ASPEN TRAILS PARK
STORMWATER
MANAGEMENT PROJECT**
1814 East Maya Lane
rtpd.org

Community/Economic Development

Community Development Block Grant Home Improvement Programs

The Village 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 interest-free loans up to \$25,000 which can be used to correct code violations including electrical, plumbing, and roof repairs, and to replace old equipment such as furnaces or water heaters. Funds can also be used to increase energy-efficiency in the home or make accessibility improvements for disabled persons. Loans are to be repaid upon sale of the home or change of title for the property.

A \$1,500 matching grant to be used for energy-efficiency is available through the Home Weatherization Grant Program. Grants can be used to install insulation, storm windows and doors, weather-stripping, energy-efficient furnaces and water heaters, and other items that can reduce the cost of home utilities.

Applicants may choose one of the two programs. To be eligible, applicants must live within the corporate limits of Mount Prospect, have owned and occupied their home for at least one year prior to applying, and meet HUD's current low-income limits. For more information about these programs, please visit the CDBG Village webpage or contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 or alalagos@mountprospect.org.



Business Licenses

All businesses operating within the Village must maintain a current business license. Information about our business license program is available at mountprospect.org/business/licenses-and-permits or by calling the Planning and Zoning Division at 847.818.5328.

Each November, we will mail a license renewal notice to each registered business. Renewals must be submitted and paid by December 31 to avoid late penalties. You can renew online at citizenserve.com/mpportal by entering the username and password provided in the renewal notice.

If your business moved to a new location in Mount Prospect, changed suites within the building, or has changed ownership, a new license application must be submitted and new inspections must be completed.

Please contact the Planning and Zoning Division at 847.818.5328 to obtain an application.

If your business has permanently closed, or has moved out of Mount Prospect, please send written notice to alalagos@mountprospect.org with your business name, address, and last date of operation in the Village. Upon receipt, the Village will close the business license record.

You can get more information about available incentives and assistance on the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative website at mountprospect.org/business/mpei.



Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

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Fire Prevention Week Celebrates 100 Years of Safety

October 9 through 15 we will mark the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week. The 2022 theme is *Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.*

If there is a fire in your home, every minute is critical for keeping you and your family safe. Best practices begin with having working smoke detectors in your home but are enhanced with a known escape plan for every member of the family. Today's homes burn faster than ever due to factors such as more open layouts and modern construction materials which burn quickly. As these materials ignite, it leaves you less time to escape and firefighters less time to stop the flames. Whereas 30 years ago, you would have had approximately 17 minutes to exit your home, under today's conditions you have 3.

Be sure to follow key steps in devising your escape plan:

- **DRAW** a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- **KNOW** at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading to the outside open easily.
- **DECIDE** on an outside meeting place that is a safe distance from the home where everyone should gather.
- **PRACTICE** your home fire drill twice a year including once during evening hours.

- **TEACH** children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- **FEEL** the door before opening. If it is hot, use another way out.
- **CLOSE** doors behind you as you leave.

If you reside in a multi-level condominium or apartment building meet with your landlord or building manager about fire-safety features and escape plans for your building. Be familiar with the loud tones the fire system makes when set off by smoke or when one of the manual fire alarm boxes is pulled.

- **LOCATE** all manual fire alarm boxes. Most are found within five feet of an exit door.
- **KNOW** the locations of all exit stairs from your floor. Always use stairs rather than the elevator in an escape situation. If the nearest staircase is blocked by fire or smoke, make sure you have a second option.
- If fire or smoke is blocking all exits, return to your unit. **STUFF** wet towels in the cracks around the doors. **CALL** the fire department. **WAIT AT THE WINDOW** and signal with a flashlight or a light-colored cloth.

Home Safety Tips for Halloween

The fire department and the National Fire Protection Agency want you to be aware of these safety steps to keep your home safe this Halloween.

- Common decorations like cornstalks, crepe paper, and hay bales are very flammable. Keep them away from heat sources like candles, heaters, and light bulbs.

- Keep candles in a well-attended area out of the path of potential trick-or-treaters.
- Glow sticks or electric candles are the safest choice when it comes to lighting your jack-o-lantern.

Here's to a safe and happy Halloween.





Meet Our Community Relations Officer

The Police Department is happy to announce the appointment of Officer Mark Bechtold to the newly created position of Community Relations Officer. This position was created to further the department's community policing strategy and implement innovative community engagement initiatives. Community Relations Officer Bechtold will work to expand the department's community outreach and work alongside Crime Prevention Officer Greg Sill.

Officer Bechtold was raised in Mount Prospect and attended Lions Park Elementary, Lincoln Middle School, Prospect High School, and graduated from Christian Life College. He has served the Village for 25 years and has held various specialties within the department, including Juvenile, Elder Service, and Field Training Officer, and is a longtime member of the department's Honor Guard.

"I love my hometown and it has been an honor to serve Mount Prospect all these years. I look forward to this next chapter in my police career, which allows me to partner with the amazing residents, businesses, and community groups in an expanded way," said Officer Bechtold.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Bechtold on his role and be sure to look for him in the community.

Rail Crossings

The Village of Mount Prospect includes multiple rail crossings throughout town. Because they are so common, we may tend to forget to follow safe practices around them. It begins with "Look, listen, live".

- Walking on railroad tracks or in the right-of-way on either side is not only dangerous, it is illegal.
- Walking or standing between sets of tracks is extremely dangerous. Trains overhang tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions.
- The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with either a railroad crossing sign (crossbuck), flashing red lights, or a gate.
- Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. A second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the gates are fully raised and the red lights stop flashing, look in both directions, and then cross.

Always be alert around any railroad crossing.



Let's Make it a Safe Halloween

Let's make Mount Prospect a safe place for our little vampires and princesses this Halloween. Trick or Treating hours will be from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. The police department would like to share these tips for kids.

- Avoid dark costumes.
- It's a great idea for kids to carry a flashlight, glow stick, or wear a reflective belt or vest when out.
- Use face paint rather than masks as masks can block the child's vision creating a safety concern.
- Kids should trick or treat in groups, preferably with an adult tagging along for extra safety.

- Remind the kids that when crossing a street, they should only use crosswalks and never go between parked cars.
- Adults should drive with extra caution and at reduced speeds during trick or treating hours.
- And remember, when the kids get home, an adult should check all the candy before any of it is consumed.

Licenses Required for Rental Properties

If you are interested in renting any property you own in the Village, you must first obtain a Residential Operator's license. Landlords or designated agents are required to attend a Crime Free Housing Seminar at the police headquarters located at 911 East Kensington Road. The seminars are held several times throughout the year. The seminars provide instruction on current fair housing laws, landlord and tenant law, and proactive

management techniques with the goal of improving living conditions for all residents in the Village.

The next seminar will be held on Saturday, December 3, from 8:00 am to noon. Information and registration details can be found at mountprospect.org/crimefreehousing or by calling the Crime Free Housing Coordinator at 847.818.5251.



Help Us Light Up the Holiday Season

Do you have a large fir or spruce tree in your yard that you no longer want? Consider donating it to the Village to serve as the centerpiece of our 2022 holiday decorations. We are looking for a tree that is at least 30 feet tall, has uniform growth, and has not been trimmed at the bottom. If you have a tree for us to consider, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. We will remove and transport the tree at no cost to you.

Fall Leaf Collection

It is time for the Village's convenient fall loose-leaf collection program to begin. The no-cost program runs from October 17 through December 2. You simply need to rake your leaves onto the pavement, one foot from the curb line one day prior to your weekly collection day. The collection schedule will be available on the Village website at mountprospect.org.

The free service applies only to loose leaves; tree limbs, branches, grass clippings, and other yard waste will not be collected. Those items can be disposed of through the normal yard waste recycling program.

The collection trucks pass each side of the street once per week. If you miss the collection, please do not place leaves out until the following week.

Remember, burning leaves is prohibited in Mount Prospect.



Where Does Water from Your Storm Drain Go?

No matter how far your home may be from a river or stream, you may be having an adverse effect on the ecosystem of those waterways by improperly disposing of many household materials. Before putting materials into the gutter or down the drain keep in mind that they may end up in channels, creeks, streams, and rivers.

Unlike the sanitary sewer system, which carries water from your indoor drains to wastewater treatment plants, the storm drain system releases untreated water into channels, streams, and rivers. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of our environment, everyone's help is needed to keep the storm drain system free from harmful pollutants.

Some of the pollutants to be cautious of are:

- Detergents, cleaners, and solvents
- Oil and latex paint
- Swimming pool chemicals
- Pet and animal waste
- Pesticides, insecticides, and herbicides
- Lawn and garden fertilizer
- Oil and grease
- Radiator fluids and antifreeze
- Cleaning chemicals
- ...and more.

You can help protect our environment by following some of these tips:

- Buy household products labeled as non-toxic whenever possible.
- Clean up spills of adverse material with kitty litter.

- After using water-based paints, clean up brushes, trays, and rollers in sinks that go into the sanitary sewer system.
- Use paint thinner to remove oil-based paint from brushes and rollers, then take used thinner and leftover paint to a household hazardous waste collection center.
- Keep your vehicles tuned up. Should there be a leak, use an absorbent material like kitty litter to clean it up and dispose it according to guidelines of the local hazardous water center. Take any old oil or fluids to an appropriate disposal location.
- Water containing chlorine is harmful to aquatic life. Whenever possible, drain water from pools or spas into the sewer system. There are established guidelines on the amount of residual chlorine, acceptable pH range, coloration, filter media, and acid cleaning wastes allowed when draining into the storm drain system, and some areas may require a permit. Check with the Village for a copy of the guidelines.
- Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn; don't over-water or use before a rain.
- Pick up pet waste as soon as possible and put it in the trash.



Earn Extra Income as a Supplemental Snowplow Driver

You can pick up some extra income this year by serving as a supplemental snowplow driver for the Village. We are looking for drivers who have experience driving large trucks, currently have a valid Class A or B commercial driver's license with air brake endorsement, and who can be available as needed when snow falls. If you are new to the team you will need to attend an orientation class. For details, contact us at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Human Services

Medicare D Prescription Drug Open Enrollment



Open enrollment for Medicare D begins October 15 and runs through December 7 this year. Each year brings changes in premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and drugs covered for all drug plans. Human Services Department Social Workers and Senior Health Insurance volunteers use a tool available on the Medicare website to help you determine which plan is best for you for the coming year. In addition, we will assess whether you are eligible for extra help

with your plan premiums and co-pays. Anyone that would like assistance with enrolling or reviewing current plans should call 847.870.5680 for more information. There is limited availability for appointments.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence, also referred to as intimate partner violence (IPV), dating abuse, or relationship abuse, is a pattern of behaviors in an intimate relationship used by one partner to maintain power and control over another partner.

People of any race, age, gender, sexuality, religion, education level, or economic status can be a victim — or perpetrator — of domestic violence. Domestic violence includes behaviors such as physical violence, threats, emotional abuse, or financial control that physically harm, intimidate, manipulate, or control a partner, often forcing them to behave in ways they do not want to.

Every relationship is different and domestic violence does not always look the same. One feature shared by most abusive relationships is that the abusive partner tries to establish or gain power and control through many different methods, at different moments.

It is common for those outside a domestic violence situation to question why someone does not just leave the abusive relationship. In addition to the many barriers a survivor faces while trying to leave, the risk of extreme violence or death vastly increases once they do leave their abuser. This is why it is imperative to help survivors access the right support, resources,

and protections during that critical period. Achieving safety requires the right tools and options to be available at the point the survivor needs them. If you or someone you care about is in need of support, please direct them to the following:

- Illinois Domestic Hotline 877.863.6338
- National Domestic Hotline 800.799.SAFE.7233
- Text START to 88788

Great Opportunity for Teen Involvement

If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, the Human Services Department has a great opportunity for you to contribute to your community. We are looking for teens to aid seniors and residents with disabilities in the Village's Snow Shovel program. If you are willing to assist with snow shoveling for someone in your neighborhood, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 and we will match you with a resident who needs assistance. The Village does not conduct any screening and any rate of pay is negotiated between the participants.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

A national 3-digit number has been established to provide immediate support to those who are considering suicide or know someone who may be at risk. According to 988lifeline.org "When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary."

Strong Like a Girl

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



Community Connections Center

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please follow the Community Connections Facebook page (facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter) for information and resources about this topic.

The Community Connections Center is located at 1711 West Algonquin Road, and can be reached by calling 847.506.4930. Like us at facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter.



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1711 West Algonquin Road
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Hours

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



VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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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MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District

RTPD River Trails Park District

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.

MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

VH Village Hall

October 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 LEARN MORE AT EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT www.experiencemountprospect.org					
2 Farmers Market, 8am-1pm West Commuter Lot, MPLC	3 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	4 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	5 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Monthly Blood Drive 2-8 pm FIRE STATION 14	6 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Monthly Blood Drive 2-8 pm FIRE STATION 14	7 Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Centennial Green at Village Hall, MPDMA	8 Coffee with Council, 9am, VH Fall Fest, 1-4pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall, MPDMA Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Centennial Green at Village Hall, MPDMA
9 Farmers Market, 8am-1pm West Commuter Lot, MPLC Second Sundays at the Society: Halloween Pumpkins 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist	10 Mount Prospect Garden Club Meeting, The Holidays are Coming, 9:30am VH Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	11 Mount Prospect Garden Club Meeting, The Holidays are Coming, 9:30am VH Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	12 Community Blood Drive 3-7pm, MPPL	13 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC Go with the Flow Yoga 6-9pm, Rob Roy Golf Course Banquet Hall RTPD	14	15 Trick or Treat Trail, 8-45am-12:30pm RecPlex, MPPL Kids Sewing Circle Series: Make a Sewing Kit, 10am-Noon The Dietrich Friedrichs Home MPHist Super Saturday: T-Explorers 10-11am, MPPL
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Halloween Festivities in Mount Prospect!

Second Sundays at the Society: Halloween Pumpkins

Sunday | October 9 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL | 103 S. Maple Street

Hands-on activities and make-and-takes with pumpkins. Enjoy this free event with the whole family.



Go With the Flow Halloween Yoga

Thursday | October 13 | 6 – 9 pm

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE BANQUET HALL | 505 E. Camp McDonald Road

Tap into the spirit of the season with this spooky Halloween-themed yoga class and social. Costumes are encouraged. Open to those 21 and over. Pre-registration by October 10 at rtpd.org/event/go-with-the-flow-halloween-yoga.



Trick or Treat Trail

Saturday | October 15 | 8:45 am to 12:30 pm | REC PLEX | 420 Dempster Street

Kids ages 3 to 9 are invited to enjoy Halloween games and treats. Pick up your bag at check-in and continue gathering prizes, coupons, and candy at each station. Register at mppd.org or in person at RecPlex/Central Community Center.

Monster Bash

Friday | October 21 | 4 – 7 pm | WOODLAND TRAILS PARK | 1500 E. Euclid Avenue

Wear your favorite costume and join in the Halloween fun as we decorate pumpkins, trick or treat through our homemade town, and play games. The event is free to all.



Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Wednesday | October 26 | 4 – 6 pm

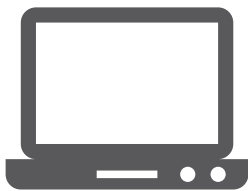
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Dress up in your costume and trick-or-treat at Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. Visit mpdowntown.com for more information.

Village of Mount Prospect Trick-or-Treating

Monday | October 31 | 3 – 8 pm

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