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MOUNT PROSPECT
VILLAGE NEWS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2022



It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year
The Holidays in Mount Prospect
THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



Mount Prospect has a multitude of activities to get you ready for the holidays. The season kicks off with the **Mount Prospect Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christkindlmarket** on Wednesday, November 23. Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season when the Mayor lights the official Village Tree, donated by a local family. Hear the Prospect High School Madrigals sing holiday tunes and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Then move inside and see the wide assortment of holiday gifts for sale in the Christkindlmarket. The Tree Lighting takes place at 5 pm and the Christkindlmarket is from 4 - 7 pm.

The season continues December 1 and every Thursday in December with the **56 Music Fix Thursday Night Caroling & Mooseheart Toy Drive!** The Music Fix wishes to thank our amazing Village and venues for supporting our summer event by hosting family-friendly caroling! Sing along to traditional songs and laugh at our mash-up carols! Check our social media and 56musicfix.org for venue schedules! Toys or teen items can be dropped off at each event.

Enjoy the beauty of the season at the Mount Prospect Historical Society's **34th Annual Holiday Housewalk**, featuring six private homes in the neighborhood surrounding Fairview School. On Friday, December 2, from 3 – 9 pm, homes decorated for the holidays will be open to the public for tours, with additional décor provided by area florists. Non-refundable tickets will be sold for \$28 each, beginning November 1 at local ticket outlets and mtphist.org. Day of the Walk tickets can be purchased beginning at 3 pm at the Walk's tent headquarters near the homes for \$30 per person. For more information, call 847.392.9006.



Do not miss this beary good time as the Mount Prospect Public Library celebrates the **42nd Annual Teddy Bear Walk** on December 3 at 10:30 am. Bring a favorite teddy bear to watch a performance by Chris Fascione and Mark Dvorak, then join Ted E. Bear as he leads a march to Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by the Mount Prospect Fire Department. To register, visit mppy.org or call 847.253.5675.

The Mt. Prospect Park District is opening the Friendship Park Conservatory for a **Seasonal Celebration** on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am – 2 pm. The Conservatory, located at 395 Algonquin Road in Des Plaines, will be decked out in its holiday finest. Come for games, entertainment and a visit from a special guest. Tickets are \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. Register by timeslot at mppd.org beginning November 7.

Be a part of the Mount Prospect Historical Society's annual **Gingerbread Open House** on December 11 at 11:30 am at the Central School House, 103 S. Maple Street. This popular event includes a variety of holiday make-and-takes for all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House and Museum will be beautifully decked out for the holidays and will be open for tours. Hot cocoa will be served. There is no charge for this event.

Join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for a family-friendly **New Year's Eve Eve** party during the day with music, dancing, food, entertainment and a mid-day balloon drop! This event will take place at Station 34 on Friday, December 30 with multiple seatings throughout the day. Ticket information is available at mpdowntown.com.



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Community Events

NOVEMBER 1 **Play and Learn Group**
Tuesdays | November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
11:30 am – 12:15 pm



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Road

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

NOVEMBER 3 **Ageless Grace**
Thursdays | November 3, 10 & 17, 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 open to MP residents only. No registration required.

NOVEMBER 3 **Conversations in English**
Thursdays | November 3 & 17 | 1 – 2 pm



Thursday | November 10
5:30 – 6:30 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Road

Learning English? Join the Human Services Dept. for in-person classes where you can practice your conversational skills and learn new skills. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.

NOVEMBER 3 **Monthly Blood Drive**
Thursday | November 3
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. Register for an appointment at vitalant.org.

NOVEMBER 5 **Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run**
Saturday | November 5
Time slots begin at 8 am



MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Road
Designed for kids age 5 – 12, includes a 1.5 mile run

and kid-friendly obstacles which require participants to run, crawl, jump, climb, push, and pull their way to the finish line. Register at mppd.org. Kids 5 – 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

NOVEMBER 6 **Over the Top Overtures**
Sunday | November 6
3:30 pm



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Road

Enjoy stunning, energetic concert overtures topped off with Robert Russell Bennett's arrangement of the great *Porgy and Bess* by George Gershwin. \$5 at the door.

NOVEMBER 8 **Winter Interest**
Tuesday | November 8
9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street



Join us as we welcome Carol Cichorski. Carol's garden is wonderful to look at all year long, as are the others in this presentation from the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. Learn how to make your winter garden interesting. 9:30 am social time, 10:00 business meeting and 11:00 Carol's presentation.

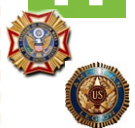
NOVEMBER 9 **Monthly Needle Craft Nights**
Wednesday | November 9
7 – 9 pm



HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Starting November 9 the Historical Society will be hosting Monthly Needle Craft Nights. Bring your own knitting, crocheting or embroidery project or try the spotlight project each month. November's project will be Dorset buttons. All experience levels are welcome. Advance registration is recommended and a \$5 donation is suggested. Visit mtphs.org to register.

NOVEMBER 11 **Veterans Day**
Friday | November 11
10 am



LIONS PARK
411 S. Maple Street
Join VFW Post 1337 and the American Legion Post

525 as they commemorate all veterans, past and present. For more info go to mountprospect.org.

NOVEMBER 12 **Super Saturday: Animals Around the World**
Saturday | November 12
11 am – noon



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street

Fly, slither, or crawl over to the library to meet animals from around the world, presented by Incredible Bats. See animals like fruit bats, a woolly possum, sugar gliders, a hedgehog, a skunk, a corn snake, a tarantula and reptiles. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER 12 **Santa Photo Shoot**
Saturday | November 12 & 19 | 10 am – 4 pm



VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association invites you to take a family photo with Santa Claus. Registration is required at mpdowntown.com. Gift card donations to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry are encouraged.

NOVEMBER 13 **Second Sundays at the Society: Turkeys**
Sunday | November 13
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple Street

Join us as we offer a variety of hands-on activities and make-and-takes related to turkeys. All ages are welcome for this free event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House and Museum will also be open for tours.

NOVEMBER 14 **Domestic Violence Awareness Event**
Monday | November 14,
6:30 – 9 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street

Hosted by the MP Police Department. Featuring Sgt. Angarola on prevalence and laws of domestic violence, Cook County Asst. State's Attorney Caroline Kennedy on prosecution of domestic violence, and Village Social Services on assistance for domestic violence survivors. In person and Zoom. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER 16 **Rules of the Road Class**
Wednesday | November 16
1:30 pm



FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

Intended as a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's licenses. Registration is required and space is limited. To register please call 847.870.5680.

NOVEMBER 16 **Illinois Libraries Present: A Conversation with Caitlin Doughty**



Wednesday | November 16
7 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street

Join us for a virtual conversation with Caitlin Doughty, mortician, advocate for death acceptance, and bestselling author of *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?*. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER 19 **Holiday Book Sale**
Saturday | November 19
10 am – 3 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street

Find the right gift for everyone on your holiday shopping list at the Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale. Browse a wide variety of quality, used books, music, movies, games, and more, all specially selected for this sale. For more information visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER 23 **Tree Lighting & Christkindlmarket**



Wednesday | November 23
Christkindlmarket
4 – 7 pm
Tree Lighting | 5 pm
VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

Bring friends and family to the tree lighting! Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and carols then stay and explore the Christkindlmarket. Tree Lighting sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect, Christkindlmarket sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission, hot chocolate and cookies sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

DECEMBER
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Senior Connections
Thursday | December 1
9 – 11 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM, VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

This program offers seniors the opportunity to socialize, learn something new, and meet their neighbors and Village staff. Light snacks and beverages will be served.



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34th Annual Holiday Housewalk
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3:30 pm

NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING FAIRVIEW SCHOOL

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Holiday Housewalk in the neighborhoods surrounding Fairview School. Non-refundable tickets will be sold for \$28 beginning November 1 at local ticket outlets and mphist.org. Day of tickets can be purchased beginning at 3 pm at the tent headquarters near the homes for \$30. For more information call 847.392.9006.



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Teddy Bear Walk
Saturday | December 3
10:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Seasonal Celebration
Saturday | December 10
9 am – 2 pm

FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 Algonquin Road
\$10 (\$12 non-resident)
Register at mppd.

org beginning November 7. Winter wonderland decor, games, craft, visit with Santa and a treat bag for each paid attendee. Poinsettias and Art Studio holiday crafts available for purchase.



DECEMBER
10

Super Saturday: Jim Gill Concert

Saturday | December 10
11 am – noon

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson Street



Join the library for a special family concert with a story time favorite! His fun and catchy songs will get the whole family to dance and sing along. To register, visit mpppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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DECEMBER
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Winter Wingding Holiday Party

Tuesday | December 13
9:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street

Join the Garden Club as we celebrate being together after several years of pandemic challenges. Check out the Garden Club website at gcmp.weebly.com for more information.



DECEMBER
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Illinois Libraries Present: A Conversation with Shauna Sever

Tuesday | December 13
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street



Join us for a virtual conversation with Shauna Sever, author of several baking-centric cookbooks, including *Midwest Made*, named one of the Best Baking Cookbooks of 2019 by The New York Times. Visit mpppl.org or call 847.253.5675 to register.

DECEMBER
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Monthly Needle Craft Nights

Wednesday | December 14
7 – 9 pm

HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



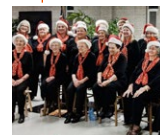
Bring your own knitting, crocheting or embroidery project or try the spotlight project each month. December's project is plastic canvas ornaments. All experience levels welcome. Advance registration recommended and a \$5 donation is suggested. Visit mphist.org to register.

DECEMBER
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Holiday Concert with The Harmonaires

Tuesday | December 20
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson Street



Get in the holiday spirit with the Des Plaines Harmonaires, a local women's choral group that has been performing for over 60 years. They will showcase their 3- and 4-part harmony as they sing holiday favorites. Reserve your spot by visiting mpppl.org or calling 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
30

New Year's Eve Celebration

Friday | December 30
Multiple seatings throughout the day

STATION 34 PIZZA PUB
34 South Main Street



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

News from the Building Department

Take Care of Your Home This Winter



Just like you, your home is subject to many temperature swings, moisture, snow, and ice during the winter. You can help get your home through a Chicagoland winter by following these helpful tips:

- If your house is equipped with exhaust fans that vent

through the ceiling, ensure that the exhaust fan duct work is routed to the exterior of the home and not just into the attic. This will keep moisture out of your attic and reduce chances of ice dams and moisture related damage.

- Run the exhaust fan during and for 15 minutes after the shower to reduce moisture in the bathroom. Do the same in the kitchen when cooking.
- Purchase a hygrometer (humidity gauge) to measure the humidity level in your house. According to North Dakota State University, the recommended maximum levels of humidity in the winter is 30-40% in cold climates. Any humidity level above that can lead to moisture issues in your home.
- After heavy snows and especially after several days of freezing, check your roof for ice dams or moisture issues. Ice dams typically occur after a significant snowfall which is followed by several days of freezing temperatures, as warm and dry air leaking from inside a home moves into the attic space or roof overhangs. The warm air melts the snow on the roof which then drains along the roof and freezes when it crosses a cold roof overhang. Dams can damage a roof surface or cause water leaks into the home.
- If you are concerned about heavy snow on your roof, contact a licensed roofer to remove the snow; do not attempt to do this yourself.

For more information contact us at building@mountprospect.org.

Online Permits

Permits and licenses are available for application and renewal online at www.mountprospect.org/permits at any time. If you need assistance with any online services, please call 847.870.5675.

News Around Town

Veterans Introduce Adopt a Sailor Program

This Thanksgiving, Mount Prospect's VFW Post 1337 and American Legion Post 525 will host 50 U.S. Navy recruits from the Great Lakes Naval Training Facility, many of whom are away from home for the first time, for a traditional Thanksgiving Day meal. We will also provide entertainment, the use of telephones and computers to contact their families, and an opportunity to be honored by, and interact with, Mount Prospect veterans and residents.

The Adopt-a Sailor program was introduced in the Northwest suburbs over 20 years ago by Korea veteran Casey Bachara who was then a member of the Arlington Heights American Legion. After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, Bachara, a Mount Prospect resident and now a member of both local Posts, has organized his fellow vets to bring Adopt-a-Sailor to our village. The event will be held at the Moose Lodge building, 601 North Main Street. Much of the food and equipment will be donated but our local Posts will sincerely appreciate donations from the public. Donations can be made by checks payable to:

VFW Post 1337
PO Box 24
Mount Prospect | IL 60056

or
American Legion Post 525
PO Box 173
Mount Prospect | IL 60056



Ribbon Cuttings



September 29, 2022
SURF'S UP
220 Randhurst Village Drive
surfsupmountprospect.com



October 13, 2022
GAM
801 E. Business
Center Drive
gamweb.com

Community/Economic Development

Message from Mayor Paul Hoefert



As your Mayor, I am very happy to tell you all that we have recently had many, many new business ribbon cuttings, new business license issuances, and ground-breakings in our Village. From the Take 5 Oil Change on Rand Road to the Home Goods at Randhurst Village to the Cloud HQ Data Center in south Mount Prospect, a number of extremely positive things are happening all over town.

What do ribbon cuttings, license issuances and ground-breakings mean to you and me?

- Mount Prospect is a great place to do business.
- Mount Prospect is experiencing economic prosperity.
- New consumers will be coming to Mount Prospect to spend.
- Employees and customers will spend on other products and services.
- Overall sales tax revenues will continue to increase.

Bottom line, it all adds up to mean that there will be less reliance by your Village Board on the residential property tax as a revenue source to fund Village services. It means our longstanding goal of creating a diversified, consistent, and reliable tax base with which to run our Village is working.

This type of success is a Win-Win for Mount Prospect citizens and businesses.

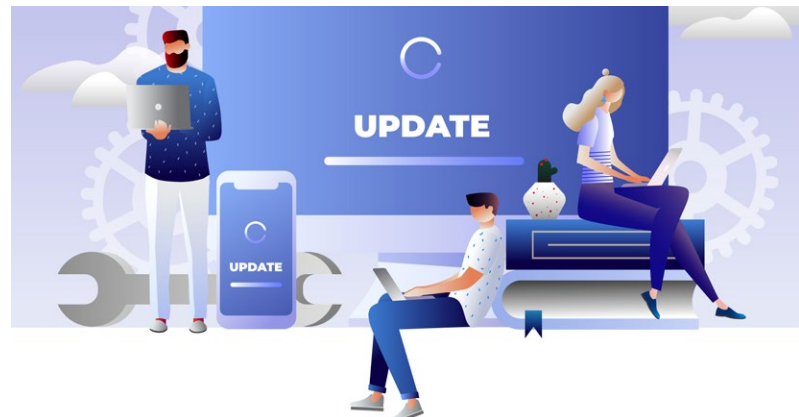
American Rescue Plan Economic Development Grant Programs are Here

Mailings have been sent to commercial and industrial property owners related to the recently published Green Buildings and Website Improvement Grant Programs. The Village encourages those qualifying businesses and property owners to apply to the aforementioned programs which utilize allocated Federal American Rescue funds to State, County, and local entities.

The Green Buildings Grant provides a 50% match or \$10,000 (whichever is less) to qualifying businesses and/or commercial property owners looking to further sustainable initiatives and implement 'green' infrastructure. Examples can include rooftop solar panels, electric vehicle charging stations, green roofs, micro wind turbines, and any other measure which promotes sustainability or decreases total energy consumption on a specific property. Funding has been allocated for the 2022 and 2023 calendar years, with a fund total of \$150,000.

The Website Improvement Grant aims to improve or create a digital footprint for qualifying businesses in the Village. The grant offers a similar 50% match, or up to \$5,000 (whichever is less). Businesses will hire a third party consultant which specializes in web design to perform the upgrades or create a website, and the Village would reimburse the costs associated with the improvements up to the maximum amount allowed. Similarly, funding has been allocated for the 2022 and 2023 calendar years, with a fund total of \$75,000.

Rules, applications, and additional detailed information on the grants programs can be found at: <https://www.mountprospect.org/economicdevelopment>. Questions can be directed to the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.



Fire Department

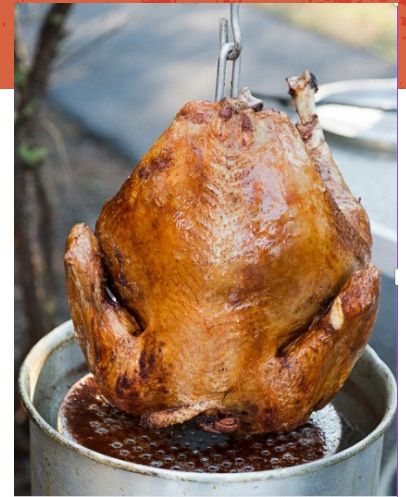
Deep Fry Your Thanksgiving Turkey Safely

If you are planning on deep-frying your turkey this Thanksgiving, please take appropriate caution to do so safely. Using a deep-fryer introduces a high risk of burn injuries or fire so take appropriate precautions, equip yourself with proper safety tools, and follow our 5 important safety tips.

Begin by investing in a grease-rated, all-purpose fire extinguisher and keep it close by while frying the turkey. You should also purchase a burn kit to treat any accidental injuries that arise. When you are ready to cook, follow these steps for a safe and enjoyable holiday experience.

- Wear protective gear including flame-retardant clothing that fits close to your body and has long sleeves, with no loose or hanging pieces. Always use grilling mitts and wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from oil splatter.
- Only use a deep-fryer outside, setting it up on a flat level surface at least 10 feet away from your siding or any wooden decks. Do not put it under eaves or low-hanging branches or near any flammable material.
- It is very important that your turkey be fully thawed before you place it in the fryer! Failing to do this has led to numerous serious situations as unthawed turkeys can lead to oil splashes and fires.

- Do not overfill the oil. Read and follow exactly the instructions for your deep-fryer. Over-filling a fryer can lead to an overflow and splashing of hot oil onto the fryer's heating element.
- Stay with your fryer at all times and never allow children or pets near the appliance. Check the thermostat frequently for signs of overheating. If the oil is getting too hot, turn the fryer off immediately. If a fire starts, use a fire extinguisher to try to put the flames out. If you cannot douse the flames, evacuate everyone from the yard and call 911. Use the technique of stop, drop, and roll if your sleeves or clothes catch on fire.



Holiday Candles

If candles are a part of your holiday decorations, please take time to read the tips below to keep everyone in your home safe and prevent a potential fire.

Before lighting

- Before lighting a candle always trim the wick to 1/4". You can use a wick trimmer, nail clippers, or scissors. Long or crooked wicks can cause uneven burning, dripping, or flaring.
- Keep the wax pool clear of wick trimmings, matches, and debris.
- Always use a candleholder designed specifically for candle use. It should be heat-resistant, sturdy, and large enough to collect drippings or melted wax.

While burning

- Never leave a candle burning unattended.
- Never use a candle on or near anything that can catch fire, including furniture, drapes, bedding, carpets, books, paper, and flammable decorations.
- Place candles out of reach of children and away from pets. This can prevent them from being knocked over while in use.

- Never touch or move a candle while it is burning or while the wax is liquefied.
- Don't burn a candle all the way down. For a margin of safety, discontinue burning a candle when 1/2" remains in the container or 2" if using a pillar candle.
- Place burning candles at least 3" apart from one another. This is to make sure they don't melt one another, or create their own drafts that will cause the candles to burn improperly.
- Extinguish a candle if the flame becomes too high or flickers repeatedly. Let the candle cool, trim the wick, and check for unwanted drafts before re-lighting.
- Be very careful if using candles during a power outage. Flashlights and other battery-powered lights are safer sources of light during a power failure.



KEEP THE WREATH RED

As the holiday season begins, the Mount Prospect Fire Department will once again participate in a Fire Prevention program called, *Keep the Wreath Red*. During the month of December, a wreath will be hung at the Fire Station and will be illuminated by a string of red lights. Whenever a fire occurs that is a result of holiday decorations, a white bulb will replace a red bulb on the wreath.

Keep the Wreath Red serves as a visual reminder to all residents of Mount Prospect to take additional safety precautions during the holiday season.

The most important thing that residents can do is to have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector and test them regularly.





Don't Miss Out on that Important Delivery

How often do you order something online? Every package left outside your door is an invitation for a thief to take whatever it is you've been looking forward to receiving. And with the holidays arriving, that can also jeopardize the opportunity to give someone that special gift.

Many of these thefts occur during the day when you are away. It is very easy for thieves to watch or follow delivery trucks, presenting a crime of opportunity. By simply driving or walking down the street it can be easy for a criminal to spot packages on a porch. Not only does this make for an easy target, it can also be an indication that you are not home, making your home vulnerable to a break-in and more serious theft.

Here are some easy ways for you to reduce the risk of packages being stolen from your home:

- Choose a shipping option that requires a signature.
- Track delivery status online and set up email or text notifications.
- Ship packages to work, or a friend, relative, or neighbor that you know will be home to receive it and keep it safe.

- If you are going on vacation, put a hold on all deliveries.
- Retailers and shipping companies may offer the option to deliver to a secure location that include lockers or may allow you to pick up at the store or carrier service office.
- If you regularly receive packages, consider purchasing a locking parcel box that can be bolted down or secured.
- Request that the delivery service leave the package in a specific area of your property that conceals it from passersby.

We all can work together to prevent package thefts in our neighborhoods by being vigilant and reporting suspicious activity immediately by calling 911.

Prevent Car Theft

No matter how uncomfortable it might be to jump into a cold car during the winter, do not leave your car running unattended to warm up at any time. In recent years we have seen several cars stolen or taken for a joyride when left running unattended in a driveway or parking lot. Please note that you can also be held responsible for damages or injuries incurred if you leave your car running unattended and it is stolen and involved in a crash. For your sake, and for the safety of others, never leave your vehicle running with the keys in it if it is unattended.

Community Training on Surviving Active Threats

Members of the police department recently hosted live and virtual training focused on being prepared to survive an active threat event. The training equipped residents with information and knowledge regarding active shooter events. This community training was recorded and anyone who was not able to attend can watch in on the Mount Prospect Public Library's YouTube channel which can be found at youtube.com/user/MPPLTV.



Domestic Violence Awareness

On November 14, the police department will host a domestic violence awareness event in Meeting Room A at the Mount Prospect Public Library. Attendees will hear information on the prevalence of domestic violence and laws related to prevention. Attendees will also hear from a member of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office on how domestic violence is prosecuted. Members of the Village's Human Services Department will also be in attendance to provide resources for survivors of domestic violence. The event will take place from 6:30 – 9:00 pm. Anyone who is unable to attend in-person can watch virtually by registering at mopl.org/calendar or by scanning the QR code.





Curbside Leaf Pick-up Program Winding Down

December 2 (weather permitting) will be the final day for the Village's curbside leaf pick-up program. The program provides a convenient, no-cost means for residents to dispose of leaves from their yard. Crews began picking up leaves on October 17, visiting each street once per week.

Simply rake your leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line the day before your scheduled pick-up. Only leaves will be picked up; grass clippings, branches, and other yard waste must be placed in yard waste containers consistent with the Village's lawn waste recycling program (mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/organics-yard-waste).

Please do not rake your leaves to the curb if the vacuum truck has already

passed your home. The machines travel each side of the street just once each week. There will be no pick-up on Thanksgiving or the following day.

You may want to keep your leaves to use as mulch, packing them around your perennials and flower beds to insulate against the winter cold. You can also consider spreading leaves on top of your garden bed to rototill them into the soil providing enrichment for next year's growing season. If you compost, leaves are a valuable addition there as well.

December 16 Last Day for Organics/Yard Waste and Brush Collection

Don't miss your chance to dispose of yard waste before the seasonal collection ends. Place all properly prepared yard waste at the curb on your regularly scheduled day during the week of December 13. The Village website will provide updates regarding the start of the 2023 program.

Recycle Your Halloween Pumpkins

Assist in area composting efforts by contributing your Halloween pumpkin. Public Works will host a drop-off opportunity on November 5 from 8:00 – 11:00 am at the Public Works facility located at 1700 West Central Road.

Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted along with any featuring acrylic paint. Other decorations such as candles, yarn, or stickers should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins will only be accepted from Mount Prospect residents or those from SWANCC member communities. No business participants please. Republic Services will provide roll-off containers for the event and will transport them to the composting site at Organix Recycling in Chicago.

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



Winterize Your Water Service

If you are taking an extended vacation this winter, moving out for a home renovation, or have put your home on the market and already moved to your new home, you may want to winterize your water service. Doing so requires following several specific steps to remain aligned with Village code.

- Begin by calling Public Works at 847.870.5640 to schedule a water service shut-off at the b-box. A minimum 48 hour advance is required. If debris or other factors have introduced problems with the b-box operation, the property owner will be notified.
- Once the water is off, you will need to drain the interior plumbing by shutting off the water heater and opening the drain port or by draining the lowest faucet or spigot in the system. This process will likely cause several gallons of water to drain so have a bucket handy before you begin. A licensed plumber is recommended to properly drain piping, toilets, and traps to prevent freezing.
- Do not turn off the heat to the property; instead, adjust the thermostat to maintain a minimum temperature to prevent freezing in your pipes. Frozen pipes can burst and cause flooding. A qualified HVAC contractor can install a programmable thermostat to assist.



Winterizing the water system by removing the water meter is not allowed under Village code. B-boxes, round-ways, or road boxes should only be operated by Public Works staff. Improper use of these devices by untrained individuals can result in damage, some serious, including water main breaks or service leaks causing severe disruption to your property and others. Doing so can lead to fees and fines being imposed by the Village.

Furthermore, do not use an air compressor to blow-out private service piping. This can cause grit, oils, and other contaminants to enter the private and public water supply posing a potential health risk to anyone who drinks the water. Village code also prohibits adding antifreeze or chemicals to your system as they may contaminate the piping and require expensive clean-up.

Winterizing your property does not relieve you from paying sewer, cross-connection device, and refuse flat fees even if you are not using water. Be smart and safe when winterizing your water system.

Check the Condition of Your Mail Box

Have you checked to be sure your mail box is structurally sound? The United States Postal Service (USPS) has very specific criteria about the placement of mail boxes and can provide good guidance should you choose to replace or upgrade your current one.

Following the USPS guidance, the Village has developed a section of the Village Code to address placing approved mail boxes within a public right of way.

- The front of the mailbox, once mounted, shall be 12" from the back of the curb, or if no curb is present, 24" from the road pavement.
- The distance from grade to the bottom of the mailbox should be 48".
- The mailbox may be mounted on a mounting structure only of the following sizes and materials:
 - A wood post of which the area of an average cross section may not be more than 16 square inches.
 - A metal post not more than 2 1/2" in outside diameter.

Please remember that before digging to repair, replace, or install a mounting post, you are required to call JULIE to come and mark underground utilities. Call 800.892.0123 or simply dial 811.

Decorative mailboxes may be used if approved by the Village, assuming that spacing requirements conform to Village code. Contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 for assistance.

Caring for your Vehicle and the Environment

Proper car care and maintenance is a very important part of efforts to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways. Whatever is dumped into storm drains or onto pavement will wind up in local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, it is very important that it be disposed of properly. Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations.

Antifreeze is also dangerous to the environment. It contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife and should be treated in the same manner as waste oil.

In the case of a spill involving any of these types of materials, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill. Sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit mountprospect.org/hhw.

Human Services

Meet Hoover

The Human Services Department is excited to introduce the newest edition to our team, Hoover, a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever. He has been working hard for the last two years to become a certified therapy dog, a goal he recently accomplished. Hoover will assist in crisis situations, conduct visits with homebound residents, and participate in community engagement efforts. He also visits employees in various Village departments and will have regular hours at the police department from time to time. Hoover already loves his Mount Prospect work family and looks forward to making new friends all throughout the community.



Holiday Donations

The Human Services Department and Mount Prospect Fire Department are collaborating to help make the holidays special for families experiencing financial hardship. Residents who would like contribute can do so by dropping off donations at the Village Hall in the Human Services Department. Residents can make a monetary donation via PayPal. Residents that would like to donate toys can do so by dropping of a new toy to any of the fire department locations in Mount Prospect. For additional information, please call 847.870.5680.

Senior Activities

Come join Village staff on Thursday, December 1 for the Senior Connections program. This program offers seniors the opportunity to learn something new and meet their neighbors and Village staff. Based on the success of the 50s Plus Breakfast Hour, Village staff wanted to expand the program to include an opportunity to gather and socialize. Do not miss the chance to make some new friends and get to know your community. Light snacks and beverages will be served.



Teen Volunteers Needed for Snow Shoveling Program

Teens ages 13 to 18 are needed for the Mount Prospect Human Services Department Snow Shoveling program. The program will connect teens with residents who need assistance with snow removal at their home. Any rate of pay will be negotiated by the participants. The department will not screen the volunteers. For more information, please call 847.870.5680.



Rules of the Road Class

The next Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class will be held November 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Farley Community Room. This free class is intended as a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's licenses. Registration is required and space is limited. To register please call 847.870.5680.



Community Connections Center

November is Family Caregiver 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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Hours

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



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(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
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- Chamber** Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce
- VH** Village Hall

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>LEARN MORE AT</p>  <p>EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT</p> <p>www.experiencemountprospect.org</p>		<p>1 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Monthly Blood Drive 2-8 pm, FIRE STATION 14</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run, 8am, Melas Park MPPD</p>
<p>6 Over the Top Overtures, 3:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church, 605 W. Golf Road</p>		<p>8 Garden Club Winter Interest 9:30am, VH Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC</p>	<p>9 Monthly Needle Craft Nights 7-9 pm, Central School MPHist</p>	<p>10 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, CCC</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day, 10am Lions Park</p>	<p>12 Coffee with Council, 9-11am VH Santa Photo Shoot, 10am-4pm VH, MPDMA Super Saturday: Animals Around the World, 11am-noon MPPL</p>
<p>13 Second Sundays at the Society: Turkeys, 11:30am-1:30pm Central School, MPHist</p>	<p>14 Domestic Violence Awareness Event 6:30-9pm, MPPL</p>	<p>15 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC</p>	<p>16 Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm, VH Illinois Libraries Present: A Conversation with Caitlin Dougherty, 7-8pm, MPPL</p>	<p>17 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Santa Photo Shoot, 10am-4pm VH, MPDMA Holiday Book Sale, 10am-3pm MPPL</p>
	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC</p>	<p>23 Christkindlemarket, 4-7pm Tree Lighting, 5pm VH</p>	<p>24 Village Hall Closed </p>	<p>25 Village Hall Closed</p>	<p>26</p>
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<p>11</p> <p>Second Sundays at the Society: Gingerbread Open House, 9:30am-1:30pm Central School, MPHist</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Winter Wingding Holiday Party, 9:30am, VH Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC Illinois Libraries Present: A Conversation with Shauna Sever, 7-8pm, MPPL</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Monthly Needle Craft Nights 7-9pm, Central School MPHist</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC 56 Music Fix Thursday Night Caroling & Mooseheart Toy Drive! 56MusicFix.org</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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