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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

## THIRTIETH ANNUAL *Celestial Celebration*

Mount Prospect strives to be a thriving, proud, diverse and connected community – and we are fortunate to have the opportunity to honor those that help us achieve this vision through the Shining Stars Awards Gala. Join us at the 30th Annual Celestial Celebration, where we honor individuals and organizations who have been selected as a recipient of a Shining Star.

A Shining Star is an individual or organization that helps to make our community a great place in which to live and work. In this special year, we are excited to honor both the 2021 and 2022 Shining Star award winners with video tributes.

**2021 WINNERS** | Best Neighbor Award, Zeno Lenczuk; Invigorated Youth Award, Robyn McCluskey; Living Legend Award, Carol Tortorello; Open Arms Award, Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department; Rising Star Award, Kelly Robinson; Star Spangled Banner Award, Chuck Ohrn; There Ought to Be More People Like This Award, John Junius, Jr.; Unsung Hero Award, John Koziol.

**2022 WINNERS** | Best Neighbor Award, Ray & Ginny Wilke; Living Legend Award, Linda Hoefert; There Ought To Be More People Like This Award,



**Shining Stars Gala**  
A Mount Prospect Celebration

**SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 4**

**COTILLION BANQUETS**  
*360 South Creekside Drive | Palatine*

Carleton Smith; Star Spangle Banner Award, Ron Willer. Award category descriptions and previous years' winners are posted at [mountprospect.org/shiningstars](http://mountprospect.org/shiningstars).

Gather your family and friends for a wonderful night out – all are invited to join the celebration. The cost of the evening is \$85 per person, before January 20th and \$95 after. The price includes an open bar, dinner, dancing to the sounds of *Out of Control*, and more.

This annual event is possible due to the thoughtful nominations of our community members and the tireless effort of the Village's Special Events Commission.

Tickets are now available on the Village website, visit [mountprospect.org/shiningstars](http://mountprospect.org/shiningstars) For more information, call 847.392.6000.



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# Community Events

JANUARY  
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## Free Outdoor Ice Skating

January 1 – 31  
MT. PROSPECT GOLF CLUB  
600 S. See-Gwun Ave.

Enjoy free outdoor ice skating sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation. Bring your own skates – freezing temperatures required. Check mppd.org for updates and keep an eye out for a pop-up hot cocoa afternoon.



JANUARY  
**3**

## Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
11:30 am – 12:15 pm  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER  
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



Children ages 2 to 5 with an adult, are invited to join us for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning. Space is limited. Registration by phone is required at 847.506.4930.

JANUARY  
**4**

## Mt. Prospect Park District Job Fair

Wednesday | January 4  
3 – 6 pm  
RECPLEX  
420 Dempster St.

Drop in or arrange an interview with Director of Recreation, Nick Troy for part-time and seasonal positions that suit every schedule. Contact Nick at ntroy@mppd.org.



JANUARY  
**5**

## Senior Connections

Thursday | January 5  
9 – 11 am  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.

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.



JANUARY  
**5**

## Conversations in English

Thursdays | January 5 & 19 | 1 – 2 pm  
Thursdays | January 12 & 26 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER  
1711 West Algonquin Road



If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for these in-person groups to practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.

JANUARY  
**5**

## Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | January 5  
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.

JANUARY  
**8**

## Second Sundays at the Society

Sunday | January 8  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



Stop by the Dietrich Friedrichs House and meet the *Friedrichs*, the first owners of the home. Costumed interpreters portraying Dietrich, Lena, and daughter Bessie will guide you through the house and tell you what it was like in the early 1900s. Central School will also be open for fun seasonal make-and-takes and visits. This free event welcomes all ages.

JANUARY  
**10**

## Microclimates – Pushing the Zone Envelope

Tuesday | January 10  
9:30 am  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



Learn about the factors that influence microclimates in your landscape in this MP Garden Club presentation from Cindy Tyley. You'll learn how to choose better growing sites for plant material with a special emphasis on experimenting with plants not normally considered hardy in this region. Cindy is the owner of Carriage House Garden Design by Cindy Tyley and has a certificate in landscape design. Social time begins at 9:30,

monthly meeting at 10, presentation will begin at 11.

JANUARY  
**10**

## The Life of Sir Winston Churchill

Tuesday | January 10  
7 – 8:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Historian Jim Gibbons will discuss the life of Sir Winston Churchill, who as Prime Minister of Great Britain truly lived by his motto to *Never, never, never, give in!* This virtual program will be presented at the library and via Zoom. To register, visit mppd.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY  
**11**

## Needlecraft Night: Visible/Invisible Mending

Wednesday | January 11  
7 – 9 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



Participants can try different needlecraft techniques to embellish favorite clothing to extend their usability and elevate their style. You are also invited to bring your own knitting/crocheting/embroidery project. All experience levels are welcome. Advance registration is recommended and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information or to register, visit mtphist.org or call 847.392.9006.

JANUARY  
**12**

## Ageless Grace

Thursday | January 12, 19 & 26 | 11 am  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



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.

JANUARY  
**14**

## Book Sale

Saturday | January 14  
9 am – 4:30 pm  
Sunday | January 15  
11 am – 4 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

JANUARY  
**16**

## WITS Workout

Monday | January 16  
10 – 11:30 am  
MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



Seniors are invited to tease your brain in this challenging class. Registration is required. Must be a senior, a resident of Mount Prospect, and not have memory loss to attend. Class size is limited. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

JANUARY  
**23**

## Financial Forecast 2023

Monday | January 23  
7 – 8:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



High inflation, rising interest rates, and slow economic growth; in this special presentation, John Daly, CFP, of Daly Investment Management will analyze the events that took place in the market during 2022 and consider what it could mean for 2023. To register, visit mppd.org or call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY  
**28**

## Kids Sewing Circle Series

Saturday | January 28  
10 am – noon  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
101 S. Maple St.



Children ages nine and up are invited to gather in the parlor of the Dietrich Friedrichs home for the Society's Sewing Circle Series. All levels of experience are welcome. This month's session features knitting a scarf for your favorite stuffed animal or doll. All materials will be provided. Space is limited and registration is required. An individual session costs \$25. For more

information or to register, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call 847.392.9006.

FEBRUARY  
**1**

### Once Upon a Fairy Tale: A Winter Adventure

February 1 – 28

MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Enchantment and magic await kids 5 and under in this month-long fairy tale adventure. Pick up an activity log at the library and complete activities to earn prizes.

FEBRUARY  
**2**

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FEBRUARY  
**2**

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FEBRUARY  
**3**

### Mount Prospect Trivia Night

Friday | February 3  
6 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



To celebrate all things Mount Prospect, the Historical Society will be hosting a Trivia Night where all questions will be based on the history of Mount Prospect. Players (high school and older) will compete individually. Pizza and soft drinks will be served. Tickets are \$20 per person. Space is limited and reservations are required. Visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call 847.392.9006 to register or for more information.

FEBRUARY  
**4**

### The Shining Stars Gala 2023

Saturday | February 4  
6pm

THE COTILLION  
BANQUETS

360 S. Creekside Dr.



It's that time of year when the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission celebrates individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. Enjoy dinner and open bar while dancing the night away. Tickets are \$85 before January 20 and \$95 after January 20. Ticket sales end on January 30.

FEBRUARY  
**7**

### Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | February 7, 14, 21 & 28

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

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CONNECTIONS CENTER  
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FEBRUARY  
**7**

### Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most Out of Streaming Services

Tuesday | February 7  
6 – 8 pm

Learn how to cut the cord and lower your monthly cable TV bill. George Kontos



of Marshmallow Streaming will cover streaming services, devices, home Wi-Fi basics, and indoor antennas. To register for this virtual program, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY  
**8**

### Needlecraft Night: Tatting

Wednesday | February 8  
7 – 9 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



The spotlight project this month is tatting. Tatting is a type of vintage lacework using thread and tools to create intricate knotwork. You are also invited to bring your own knitting/crocheting/embroidery project. All experience levels are welcome. Advance registration is recommended and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information or to register, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call 847.392.9006.

FEBRUARY  
**12**

### Second Sundays at the Society

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

MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



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

FEBRUARY  
**14**

### Houseplants: Our Friends

Tuesday | February 14  
9:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY  
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



Tried and true houseplants are an easy way to brighten our homes. Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club as we welcome guest speaker Ken Benson to explore their needs, best locations, disease, insects, and cultures in our homes in this informative and interactive presentation. Ken has his bachelors and masters of horticulture from the University of Illinois, Champaign. He is a landscape architect and was the host of TV's Landscaping with

Ken Benson for eight seasons. He was a board member of the Chicago Flower and Garden Show from 1998 to 2008, and is a founding board member of MELA - Midwest Ecological Landscapers Association. Social time begins at 9:30 with our monthly meeting at 10:00. Ken's presentation will begin at 11:00.

FEBRUARY  
**19**

### Comedy Cabaret featuring Vito Zatto

Sunday | February 19  
5 – 7:30 pm

FRIENDSHIP PARK  
CONSERVATORY  
395 Algonquin Rd.  
Des Plaines



Enjoy light appetizers, cash bar, and Mystery Wine Grab with all proceeds supporting the Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation Annual Scholarship Program. Vito Zatto delivers a high energy, quick-witted, and spontaneous Vegas Style show sure to have the room roaring with laughter. \$30 per person. Registration details at [mppd.org](http://mppd.org) or call 847.255.5380

FEBRUARY  
**20**

### WITS Workout

Monday | February 20  
10 am – 11:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT  
VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



Seniors are invited to tease your brain in this challenging class. Registration is required. Must be a senior, a resident of Mount Prospect, and not have memory loss to attend. Class size is limited. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

FEBRUARY  
**21**

### Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & The October Surprise

Tuesday | February 21  
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



As the Sensational Sixties loomed, the election of 1960 was the gateway to a decade of incredible transformation. Join historian Clarence Goodman to learn more about how the growing movement of sit-ins and stature of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. changed the course of one of the closest elections in American history. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## News from the Building Department

### Plan Ahead for Major Home Projects

If you are thinking about a bathroom or kitchen remodel, a new deck, a room addition, or building a new home in 2023, now is the time to start planning. You will need to get permits for any of those projects and in some cases the process requires a number of materials to be presented that may take you some time to gather. Among them are:

- A current and accurate plat of survey for all projects on the exterior of your home.
- Architectural drawings for any project that includes structural work such as decks, interior remodels with wall changes, additions, or for new construction.
- Electrical service panel diagrams and load calculations as not all existing services have capacity for new work.
- Water service diagrams and water service fixture unit calculations. Not all existing services are large enough to support additional plumbing fixtures.
- Illinois Energy Conservation Code compliance reports.
- Civil engineering drawings for any new home or significant home addition. This requirement is intended to prevent impacting neighboring properties with storm water runoff.
- Residential sprinkler drawings for any new home or significant home addition.
- A copy of a signed contract with a general contractor that identifies the full scope of work.

Our goal with these processes and requirements is to help each property owner understand the full scope and costs of any project up front and to avoid as many surprises that can arise once a project begins. In order to help with this, the Village offers free presubmittal meetings for any size project.



## News from the Finance Department

### Additional Awards for Excellence in Financial Reporting

In September 2022, the Village received notification we had received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Triple Crown recognition. This designation recognizes governments who have received the GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for a single fiscal year. The award was for fiscal year 2020 and Mount Prospect was just one of 317 governments who achieved this significant recognition.

To qualify, each entity must meet the high standards of all three separate awards programs. Each award program recognizes governments that produce reports which communicate their financial stories in a transparent manner and meet all applicable standards.

### Property Tax Relief Grant

Funds are available again in 2022 to provide Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than \$25,760 for 1 person or \$34,840 for 2 or more persons.

The rebate is equal to 50% of the Village's portion of the total 2021 Cook County real estate tax bill, up to a maximum of \$100.00. You may apply after you have paid the second installment of your 2021 tax bill.

Assistance in completing the application will be available in the Finance Department at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, on Thursday, January 19 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm, and Tuesday January 24 from 9:30 am to noon. Information will be mailed out in December to those who have participated in the program.

Visit [mountprospect.org/departments/finance-department/taxes-and-service-fees](https://mountprospect.org/departments/finance-department/taxes-and-service-fees) to obtain the 2022 Property Tax Relief Grant application. All applications are due by January 31, 2023. For more information, please contact Rumiana McCormick at 847.818.5368.



## Ribbon Cuttings



October 18, 2022  
**PHYSICIANS  
IMMEDIATE CARE**  
901 East Rand Road  
708.675.7966  
[physiciansimmediatecare.com](https://physiciansimmediatecare.com)



November 18, 2022  
**LADYBUG & FRIENDS  
DAYCARE AND PRESCHOOL**  
1738 East Kensington Road  
224.257.4106  
[ladybug-daycare.com](https://ladybug-daycare.com)

# Community/Economic Development

## Connections Field

On November 15, the Village Board approved funding to build an unlighted mini soccer pitch on the grounds of Euclid Elementary School. Connections Field will occupy 4,500 square feet (roughly the size of a basketball court) and will be available at no cost to the school's student body during school hours and to the neighborhood during non-school hours.



The project is the vision of Mount Prospect resident Daniel Martinez, in partnership with Euclid Elementary School staff. The Village Board approved up to \$149,061 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to build the mini-pitch. Mr. Martinez has secured additional private donations and private pledges from community members and local businesses to bring this new recreational amenity to the community. The target date for installation of the field is summer 2023.

## Prospect Senior Lofts

In September, the Village Board granted a zoning map amendment and conditional use approval for a planned unit development at 2040 West Algonquin Road. The property has been undeveloped since being annexed into the Village in 1974.

The new plan for the space is for a 4-story, 53-unit, affordable housing development for seniors age 55 and older. The new building will consist of 41 one-bedroom units, 12 two-bedroom units, and indoor amenities to accommodate residents, along with outdoor features such as a pedestrian path, exercise stations, and a gazebo. The development will provide 62 outdoor parking spaces and an area for stormwater detention at the rear.

One-bedroom units will range from \$382/month for residents at 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI) to \$881/month for residents at the 60% AMI. All two-bedroom units are designated for the 60% AMI range and will cost approximately \$1057/month. The project will also enter into a binding agreement with the Illinois Housing Development Authority to maintain affordable status.

The developer is Pivotal-HP (formerly MVAH Partners), a development and management company specializing in multi-family and senior rental communities in the Midwest and the Southeast regions of the United States. The Village of Mount Prospect expects to receive building permit applications in the coming months with issuance of permits anticipated for March 2023. Construction is expected to begin in April 2023.

## South Mount Prospect Developments

The Village continues to see investment and development in south Mount Prospect. In September 2022, the Village Board granted approval for a high-end automated car wash at 1791 Wall Street. The proposed car wash will consist of the principal building, 3 drive-through pay stations, and a parking lot with 33 parking spaces and 26 free vacuum stations. The proposed car wash will use significantly less water than a standard car wash and all soaps used within the tunnel system will be water-based, biodegradable, eco-friendly, and odorless.

Elsewhere in the south end of the Village, we expect to issue building permits for the long-awaited two-story mixed-use development located at 1798 South Elmhurst Road. The project will include a Dunkin' on the ground floor and five apartment units on the second floor. There is also ongoing demolition work at the former United Airlines World Headquarters site at 1200 East Algonquin Road and 1200 Dempster Street for the construction of three data center buildings and a substation for the new Cloud HQ planned unit development.



# Fire Department



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- 1ST PLACE WINNING POSTERS  
Kindergarten | Quinn Derfler  
1st Grade | John Henry Close  
2nd Grade | Daleyza Castillo  
3rd Grade | Hope Lee  
4th Grade | Lea Johnson  
5th Grade | Daniella Kopacz
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## Poster Contest Winners

During our recent Fire Prevention Week poster contest, children in grades K through 5 submitted posters depicting our theme “Fire won’t wait; Plan your escape.” A 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner was selected for each grade level and the winners were recognized at the Village Board meeting on November 15. **Thank you to all of the participants and congratulations to all of the winners!**

## Home Heating Safety Tips

Did you know that half of all home fires occur December through February? Please be extra cautious when heating your home this winter.

- Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from your furnace or space heater.
- When using a space heater keep it on a flat, level surface away from high-traffic areas.
- Contact an HVAC professional for an annual furnace inspection and tune-up. Change your furnace filter monthly and have ducts cleaned on a regular basis.
- Have your chimney inspected and cleaned annually.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.
- If you are using a portable space heater turn it off when you leave the room and never use it at night while you are sleeping.
- Do not use a space heater with a broken plug, frayed cord, or if it is worn or damaged.
- All fireplaces should have a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room.

## Citizen Emergency Preparedness Class

Fourteen local residents successfully completed our 2022 Citizen Emergency Preparedness Class last year. The 7-week course provided the opportunity to learn utility safety, first-aid skills, building safety, and gain first-hand experience with fire extinguishers. On the final day of classes, students participated in a practical skill set review in which they were divided into teams and given emergency scenarios to solve.

The Preparedness Class is required for anyone interested in being a part of the Mount Prospect Community Emergency Response Team, (CERT).

The CERT program consists of volunteers who help during planned and unplanned events. Planned events include Village community events, fire and police department events, community outreach programs, and other activities. The CERT team assists with unplanned events by providing support during fires, assisting with lost or missing persons situations, and helping with traffic control, severe weather events, and more. For more information regarding the Citizen Emergency Preparedness Class or the CERT Team, please contact Jim Miller at 847.818.5253.

The next Preparedness Class is scheduled for October of 2023.



## Pastor Russ Bechtold Honored

For the past twenty years, Pastor Russ Bechtold has served as Chaplain for the Police and Fire Departments, volunteering countless hours to our officers and firefighters. Pastor Bechtold was recognized at a Village Board meeting in November to acknowledge his retirement from service to our Village.

Pastor Bechtold served as mentor, confidante, and friend to our first responders and their families, helping guide, encourage, and inspire all he came in contact with. He was often seen sharing a meal at one of our firehouses or accompanying police officers on a ride-along. Pastor Bechtold would listen attentively and generously share his wisdom and advice to all of our police and fire staff. Pastor Russ never forgot a birthday

of any police or fire department member, sending cards each and every year to remind us that we were being thought of. To say that he was well-respected and highly-regarded for what he has meant to us would be an understatement.

***We wish Pastor Russ and his wife Ginger a happy retirement; you will be missed tremendously.***

## Don't Invite Car Break-ins

In the cold winter weather, we all try to stay indoors; unfortunately, criminals see the cold weather as an opportunity, not a hindrance. Be sure to keep your car doors locked when parked outside, even in your driveway. Leaving anything of value in an unlocked car is an easy target for thieves and an instance in which very little evidence is left behind to assist in solving the crime.

Remember,

- Always close windows and lock doors on any vehicle parked outside.
- Remove loose valuables and electronics from your car. Items that are visible, accessible, and can easily be carried away are a perfect scenario for a thief. If items must be left in a car, place them under a seat or in your trunk.
- If you see a person acting suspiciously in your neighborhood or in parking lots who appears to be looking into cars, call 911. Your call can be made anonymously.
- Park in well-lit areas to deter criminals. Vehicles parked in isolated spots are much easier for criminals to steal from as there is less attention on them.
- If your car is parked in the driveway be sure to keep outside lights on.
- Never leave your car running unattended in a driveway or the street to just "run in for a minute."

## Drive Safely this Winter

No matter how experienced you are behind the wheel, driving on wintery roads can be stressful and difficult. Reduce the chance of crashes by following these tips:

- Keep your vehicle properly maintained.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle that includes a first-aid kit, an ice-scraper, snow brush, warning triangles or flares, blanket, gloves, emergency HELP sign, and cell phone charger.
- Take extra caution when driving in winter conditions, particularly when ice may be present.
- A 5-second gap between you and the vehicle ahead of you is recommended.
- Use headlights on overcast and gloomy days, and whenever your wipers are on.
- In addition to clearing all windows before driving be sure to clear accumulated snow from your roof as it will cover your windows once you start driving.



- Keep your washer fluid reservoir full.

More than anything else, slow down as most crashes are caused by excessive speeds.



## Recycling Following the Holidays

### Holiday Light Recycling

Unwanted or inoperable holiday string lights can be dropped off at Public Works for recycling. Feel free to drop them off at any time at 1700 West Central Road, year-round. We do not accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other decorations. Let's all do our part to reduce landfill by recycling those lights.



### Christmas Tree Recycling

Residents are invited to be a part of the Village's Christmas tree composting program. Simply place your whole tree (don't cut or trim them) at the curb on your regularly-scheduled refuse collection day between January 9 and 20 for free pick-up. Trees must be free of all decorations including lights, tinsel, ornaments, bulbs, strings, and wire. Trees placed at the curb before or after these dates will be picked up but will not be composted. Fresh wreaths should be placed in your green refuse cart as the metal ring prevents composting.

## Snow Shoveling 101

For our winters, it's usually not a question of whether we will get snow, but when and how much. While it doesn't always come at a convenient time, we ask that you take care when shoveling or blowing snow to keep it off public streets. Snow should be moved to your yard or parkway.

When clearing the end of your driveway, shovel snow to the side, in the direction of traffic while clearing a pocket on the opposite side of your driveway. Doing so will create space so that when Village snowplows move down your street, snow will end up in that pocket, not your driveway.



## Keep the Mail Coming

Sometimes during Village snow or ice removal procedures, residential mailboxes may be inadvertently damaged. In those cases, you may be eligible for repair or replacement under a Village program.

Simply notify the Village of the damage and our crews will verify eligibility and provide a temporary barricade-mounted replacement until weather conditions allow for repair or a permanent replacement. If repair is not possible, residents have two options for replacement.

1. The Village will provide a wood post with anchor stake and a standard black or white steel mailbox which complies with Village code.
2. You may choose, instead, to purchase your own mailbox and have it installed per Village code, and receive reimbursement up to \$125.

For more information contact Public Works at [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) or 847.870.5640.



## Staying Safe on Winter Roads

Each winter we like to share updated tips for safe driving on Village roadways or wherever your travels take you.

- Keep your gas tank full.
- Clear all ice and snow from your windows – front, sides and back – before driving.
- Always plan for more travel time.
- Do not use high-beam lights during a snowstorm. High-beams can actually cause glare and reflection and reduce visibility.
- When driving during winter precipitation, leave more space between you and the car in front of you. When stopping, tap brakes slowly and gently to prevent skidding.
- Keep in mind that bridges and less-utilized roads will freeze more quickly than main roads.
- If you are involved in a minor accident, try to safely relocate your vehicle of the main roadway before exiting.
- Do not follow closely behind snowplows. Do not attempt to pass when they are actively plowing or salting.
- Buckle up and make sure your headlights are on whenever your windshield wipers are active.

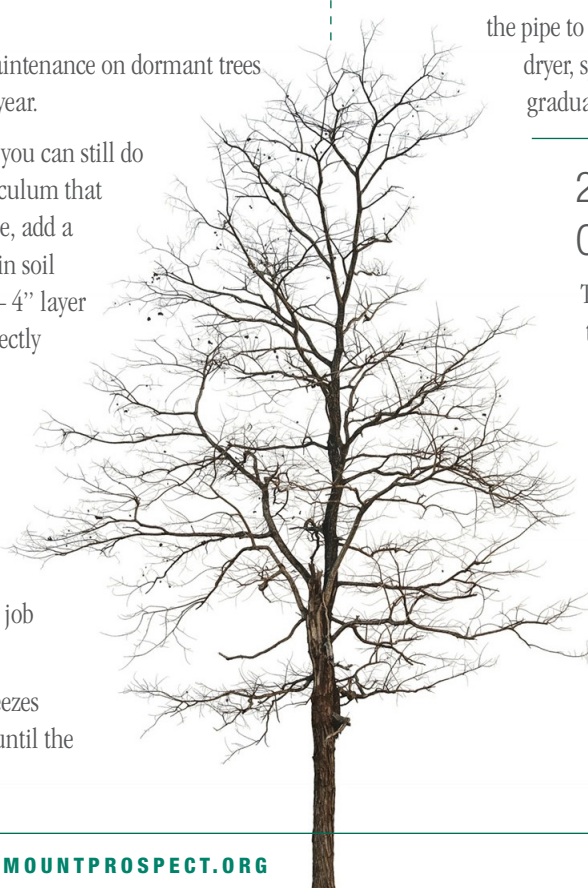
## Winter Tree Care

Winter is a great time to perform some maintenance on dormant trees to prepare a healthy growing season next year.

If you did not do a thorough fall clean up you can still do so by removing fallen leaves to reduce inoculum that can infect trees in spring. Once that is done, add a layer of mulch around the base to maintain soil temperatures and reduce water loss. A 2” – 4” layer is sufficient but be careful not to pile it directly against the tree.

A clear winter day can be a good time for some simple pruning. Remove broken, dead, diseased, or poorly attached limbs. Be sure to not remove healthy, growing limbs, or reduce the overall crown by 25% or more. A certified arborist will do a good job and ensure healthy conditions for spring.

Finally, watering trees until the ground freezes can be beneficial to keep the tree healthy until the spring rains arrive.



## Prevent Frozen Pipes in Your Home

Water in your pipes can freeze and expand causing the pipe to burst leading to indoor flooding and water damage. While it is important to prevent pipes from freezing be sure you know where your water shut-off is and how to operate it in case a pipe does burst.



Here are some tips for maintaining water pipes in your home during the cold winter months.

- Insulate indoor water lines in unheated areas, along exterior walls, in crawl spaces, and in garages.
- Disconnect all outside houses from the bibb (spigot). Make sure the bibbs is drained and covered for extra protection.
- If extreme cold weather is expected leave a slow drip of cold water running at a faucet located in a lower part of the home to decrease the chances of the water line freezing.
- Frozen lines usually occur where the water line enters the basement or crawlspace. When thawing a frozen water line, do not use a torch. Too much heat too fast can cause the ice inside the pipe to fracture causing the pipe to burst. It is recommended that you use a hair dryer, space heater, or rags soaked in warm water to gradually warm the frozen pipes.

## 2023 Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no solid waste collection on these days in 2023.

**MEMORIAL DAY** (May 29)

**INDEPENDENCE DAY** (July 4)

**LABOR DAY** (September 4)

**THANKSGIVING DAY** (November 23)

**CHRISTMAS DAY** (December 25)

**NEW YEAR'S DAY** (January 1, 2024)

## Thank You Mount Prospect

The Human Services Department team would like to extend a huge thank you to the Mount Prospect community for their continued support and generosity in 2022.

The Emergency Assistance Program provides food pantry, emergency financial assistance, and seasonal holiday services for residents experiencing a financial crisis or hardship. The program operates solely on donations from residents, civic organizations, businesses, churches, kids' clubs, and schools. The Mount Prospect Fire and Police Departments also lend support with food drives and donations from fundraising events.

In addition to the various donors, we want to recognize and thank our food pantry volunteers. It is because of them that the pantry runs smoothly week after week. You keep the operation going by helping to sort donations, check for expiration dates, stock the shelves, and pack bags of food for those that are unable to come to Village Hall to shop. We have volunteers designated as pantry monitors who assist clients during our client shop hours as well.

Social workers assess those applying for assistance to determine eligibility and a reassessment is required every six months. In 2022, the food pantry served an average of 58 households per month with an increase in the latter half of the year, most likely due to the increase in the cost of food. The Human Services Department team knows firsthand what these programs mean to those that receive assistance and we are grateful to have such an incredible community backing the work we do.

Donations, both food and monetary, are welcome year-round. Donations are accepted at the Human Services Department on the second floor of Village Hall during business hours and online at [mountprospect.org/departments/human-services/online-donations](http://mountprospect.org/departments/human-services/online-donations).

## Senior Services

If you're an older adult in Mount Prospect be sure to stay current on services and information by reading the Senior Buzz newsletter. Published six times per year, Senior Buzz contains great community information and a calendar of activities. The Senior Buzz is available online at [mountprospect.org/departments/human-services/senior-sentinel-newsletter](http://mountprospect.org/departments/human-services/senior-sentinel-newsletter) and in print at Village Hall in the Human Services Department. To receive the Senior Buzz via email or would like a hard copy mailed to you, please contact the Human Services Department and request to be placed on our mailing list.

In addition to the Senior Buzz, our Senior Services Social Worker, Ginny Thomas, is available to consult and assist older adults and their family members and can be reached in the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

## Strong Like a Girl

Preteen and teen girls in grades 6-8 are invited to this 6-session in-person group that empowers and helps build resiliency. Our next group begins March 7 and space is limited. If you would like to register your teen for the group, please contact Esther Salutillo at 847.506.4930.



## Community Connections Center

**January is National Human Trafficking Awareness Month and February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.**

Please follow the Community Connections Facebook page ([facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter](https://facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter)) for info 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](https://facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter).



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center**

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### Hours

Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm

Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm  
(South Branch Library only)




# 2023

# January

# February



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Free Outdoor Ice Skating January 1-31 Mt. Prospect Golf Club	<b>2</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	<b>3</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	<b>4</b> Job Fair, 3-6pm RecPlex, MPPL	<b>5</b> Senior Connections 9-11am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC Blood Drive 2-8pm, Fire Station 14	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am-1:30 pm, MPHist	<b>9</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am - 12:15pm, CCC Microclimates - Pushing the Zone Envelope, 9:30am, VH The Life of Sir Winston Churchill 7-8:30pm, MPPL	<b>10</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am - 12:15pm, CCC	<b>11</b> Needlecraft Night: Visible/Invisible Mending 7-9 pm, MPHist	<b>12</b> Ageless Grace 11am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Book Sale 9am-4:30pm MPPL Coffee with the Council, 9am, VH
<b>15</b> Book Sale 11am-4pm MPPL	<b>16</b> WITS Workout 10-11:30am, VH	<b>17</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am - 12:15pm, CCC	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ageless Grace 11am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Financial Forecast 2023, 7-8:30pm MPPL	<b>24</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am - 12:15pm, CCC	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ageless Grace 11am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Kids Sewing Circle Series, 10am-noon MPHist
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am - 12:15pm, CCC	 <a href="http://www.experiencemountprospect.org">www.experiencemountprospect.org</a>			
<b>1</b> Once Upon a Fairy Tale- A Winter Adventure February 1-28 MPPL						
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most Out of Streaming Services, 6-8pm MPPL	<b>8</b> Needlecraft Night: Tatting, 7-9pm MPHist	<b>9</b> Ageless Grace 11am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Coffee with the Council, 9am, VH
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<b>19</b> Comedy Cabaret featuring Vito Zatto, 5-7:30pm Friendship Park Conservatory	<b>20</b> WITS Workout 10-11:30am, VH	<b>21</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & The October Surprise 7-8pm, MPPL	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ageless Grace 11am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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- 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
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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



*Message from  
the Mayor*

As I begin, if this past month or more was the time of the  
year when you observe your holidays, I hope you had a very  
happy and healthy holiday season!

This Mayor's Message speaks to the Village's 2023 budget  
and our healthy fiscal position. I want all of our citizens to  
know that your Village finished 2022 very strong from an  
operational and financial perspective. As you all may know, your Village Board recently approved  
the 2023 budget for the Village. Coming out of the budget process, I wanted to share *4 key  
takeaways* with everyone.

- The 2023 Budget has a *reduction* of total expenses of more than \$13.0 million (8.2% down)  
from 2022 actual expenses as a result of the completion of a critical flood control project at  
Aspen Trails Park in the Des Plaines River watershed.
- For the third year in a row, we were able to hold the property tax levy flat (no increase) due to  
our strong fund balances that supported the abatement of property taxes totaling \$2.1 million.
- Additionally, in 2023 we are suspending the vehicle sticker program given that our revenues  
from sales and income taxes have far out-performed our projections and appear to be on  
a continuing positive incline. No vehicle stickers in 2023. Throughout 2023, we will keep a  
watchful eye on our revenue performance to determine whether the vehicle stickers can be  
permanently ended. That is my goal!
- Finally, *Public Safety* is a primary concern of your Village Board. As a result, we will be hiring  
three additional Police Officers as well as a Community Relations Officer in 2023.

Bottom line, the financial position of your Village is extremely strong and responsibly poised for the  
future. You should know that you have a Village Board that is fiscally responsible and watches over  
your tax dollars closely. In addition, we have an excellent finance team that is highly skilled and are  
effective stewards of our Village resources. That is a winning combination!

In closing, *My Ask for 2023 and Beyond*...whenever you can, please spend your dollars within the  
Village of Mount Prospect to support your community. It makes a difference.

**Paul Wm. Hoefert**  
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT