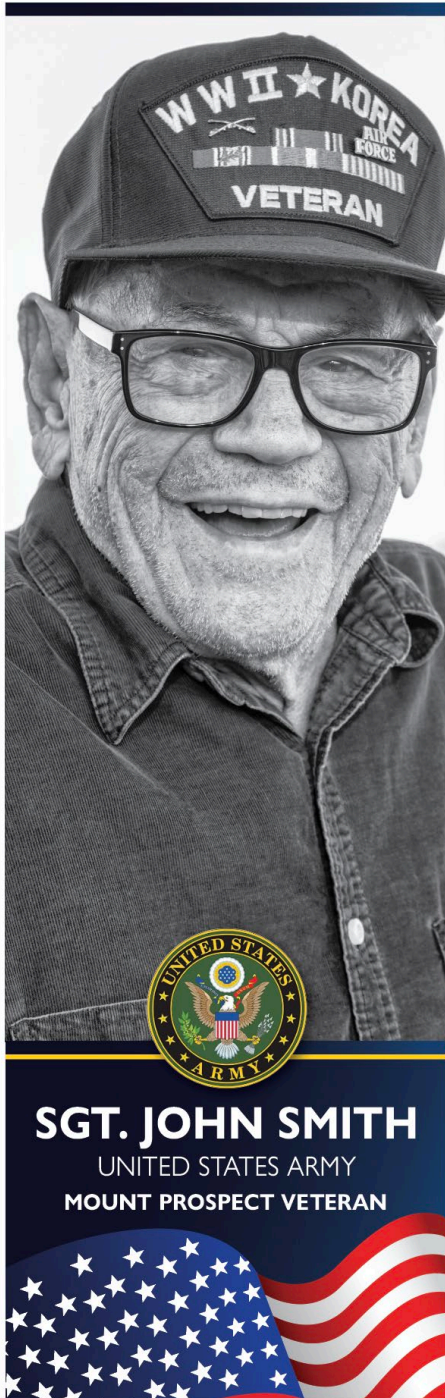




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MARCH/APRIL 2023



Village to Recognize Local Veterans

As a means of recognizing the contribution of Mount Prospect residents to our armed services, the Village is introducing a new street banner program. Banners will be flown along Northwest Highway in the downtown corridor for periods of two weeks before and after Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. A total of 30 veterans will be honored each year.

Residents may nominate someone who has had strong ties to Mount Prospect during their lives and who served in any branch of the United States military. Names may be submitted to be honored posthumously. Application forms can be found at:

mountprospect.org/community/veterans-banner-program

and should be submitted along with a high-resolution photo of the individual in uniform. Materials can be submitted to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. The deadline is April 3, 2023.



Nominees will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis with those not honored in the current year being kept on a list for subsequent years. After banners have flown, they will be made available to the veteran or their family.

We strongly encourage residents to participate in this unique program and pay tribute to the men and women from Mount Prospect who served our country. For further information, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

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Community Events

MARCH 2

Senior Connections
Thursday | March 2 | 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



This program is a great way for seniors to learn something new and meet their neighbors and Village staff. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy meeting and getting to know your community. No registration is required.

MARCH 2

Ageless Grace
Thursday | March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 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 MP residents only. No registration required.

MARCH 2

Conversations in English
Thursday | March 2 & 16 | 1 – 2 pm
Thursday | March 9 & 23 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department to practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy interesting discussions. For more info or to register, call 847.506.4930

MARCH 2

Monthly Blood Drive
Thursday | March 2 | 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 at vitalant.org.

MARCH 7

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | March 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 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.

MARCH 7

Strong Like a Girl
Tuesday | March 7 | 5 – 6 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



Strong Like a Girl is a group for girls in grades 6 through 8 that empowers them and helps build resiliency. This six-session group meets in-person. Space is limited, contact Esther Salutillo at 847.506.4930 to register.

MARCH 8

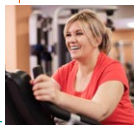
Needlecraft Night
Wednesday | March 8 | 7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Join the Historical Society for a night of sashiko, a traditional Japanese embroidery style. Or bring your own knitting, crocheting, or embroidery project. All experience levels are welcome. Registration is recommended, \$5 donation is suggested. For more info or to register, visit mtphist.org or call 847.392.9006.

MARCH 11

Spring Forward Fitness Social
Saturday | March 11 | 9 – 11:30 am
WEISS COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Jump-start your spring fitness journey with this one-day special fitness program. Event will end with light refreshments and breakfast items. \$17 for residents and \$19 for non-residents. For more info, visit rtpd.org or call 847.255.1200.

MARCH 11

Mini Golf at the Library
Saturday | March 11 | 10 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join us for an 18-hole miniature golf course fundraiser and day of family fun! This adventure will have golfers putting throughout the library and between the stacks. \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. Fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

MARCH 12

Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | March 12 | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.



Join the Historical Society when they open their extensive storage area (normally closed to the public) so you can see how they store and archive historic items from Mount Prospect's past. Free event, and no registration is necessary. The Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

MARCH 14

Famous First Ladies: Mary Todd Lincoln, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Jackie Kennedy
Tuesday | March 14 | 7 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join Jenny Riddle as she dramatizes, in character, the personal lives of three remarkable First Ladies. Get an insider's view through personal stories during this engaging and entertaining presentation. To register, visit mpppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH 15

Traditional Chinese Tea Demonstration
Wednesday | March 15 | 7 – 8:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



According to Confucianism, the art of tea is as transformative on an introspective level as it is on a ceremonial level. Engage in the ritual of tea handling, teaware function and identification, proper tea steeping, and a tea tasting. To register, visit mpppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH 17

Leapin' Leprechauns: Mother Son Date Night
Friday | March 17 | 5:30 – 8:30 pm
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 W. Algonquin Rd
Des Plaines



Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for a St. Patrick's Day date night. Wear your green and gold, and enjoy dinner and dancing with a magical twist. This event is open to boys ages 4 to 12 and their mothers. \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Register at mppd.org.

MARCH 18

Afternoon Tea: The Unsinkable Molly Brown with Lynn Rymarz
Saturday | March 18 | 1 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



After the sinking of the Titanic in April of 1912, Margaret Brown was interviewed and asked how she survived the sinking. She responded, "Typical Brown luck. We're unsinkable." Discover her fighting spirit and how she helped other survivors who lost everything when the Titanic sunk. \$15, and space is limited. Register at mtphist.org or call the Society at 847.392.9006.

MARCH 19

Mt. Prospect Community Band Spring Spectacular Concert
Sunday | March 19 | 3:30 pm
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Rd.



The Mt. Prospect Community Band, under the direction of Monty Adams, will present a Spring Spectacular concert featuring Amy Kruger performing the Strauss horn concerto #1 and will include works by Wagner, de Nardis, Weinberger's Polka and Fugue from *Schwanda the Bagpiper*, and a Broadway medley by John Higgins. Tickets \$5 and available at the door.

MARCH 21

Give a Little Help to a Friend
Tuesday | March 21 | 9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Join the MP Garden Club as they take a deep dive into the many reasons why birds are so vulnerable and how you can help. Alyse Cohen Burman, owner of The Wildbird Shack in MP, will lead the presentation. Burman has been birding for more than 20 years. Event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering followed by a one hour business meeting. Burman will begin her presentation at 11 am.

MARCH 22

Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class
Wednesday | March 22 | 1:30 pm
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



This free class is intended to be a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois state driver's license. Registration is required, space is limited. Please call 847.870.5680 to register.

APRIL 1
Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday | April 1 | 10 am
BURNING BUSH PARK
 1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.
 Children ages 1 to 6 will collect eggs to redeem for prizes. Scavenger hunt for children aged 7 to 10. Registration is \$10 per person and is required by March 29. For more info, visit rtpd.org or call 847.255.1200.

APRIL 3
Play and Learn Group
 Tuesdays | April 4, 11, 18 & 25
 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.

APRIL 6
Ageless Grace
 Thursday | April 6, 13, 20 & 27
 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
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 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 MP residents only. No registration required.

APRIL 6
Conversations in English
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APRIL 6
Monthly Blood Drive
 Thursday | April 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. Register at vitalant.org.

APRIL 8
Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday | April 8
 8:45 am – noon
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
 411 S. Maple St.
 Hippy hop over to the Mt. Prospect Park District's annual Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a basket to hunt for eggs and collect a tasty take-home treat. \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Register at mppd.org.

APRIL 11
Recycling Refresher
 Tuesday | April 11 | 9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Kristina Jakupovic, from MP Public Works, joins the MP Garden Club to share information on the new recycling programs in partnership with SWANCC. Event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering followed by a one hour business meeting. Jakupovic will begin her presentation at 11 am.

APRIL 11
KonMari Method
 Tuesday | April 11 | 7 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.

The KonMari Method is a simple approach to organizing the spaces in your home. Join Certified KonMari Consultant Megan Spillman to learn the basics and how it can help you escape the vicious cycle of clutter. To register, visit mmdl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL 12
Needlecraft Night
 Wednesday | April 12 |
 7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
 103 S. Maple St.
 Join the Historical Society for a night of crafting. For the most up-to-date information on our April project, please visit mthpist.org or call 847.392.9006.

APRIL 15
Mt. Melas Adventure Run
 Saturday | April 15 | 8 am
MELAS PARK
 1500 W. Central Rd.
 Test your limits with this fun and challenging 5K Adventure Run featuring hill elevation and grass and concrete terrains. Time slots begin at 8 am – this Mt. Prospect Park District event will run rain or shine. Not a chip-timed event. \$40 for individuals and \$300 for teams. Register at mppd.org.

APRIL 15
Friends Book Sale
 Saturday | April 15
 9 am – 4:30 pm
 Sunday | April 16
 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.

APRIL 18
The Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble in Concert
 Tuesday | April 18 | 7 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.

The Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble explores the songs, instruments, styles, and the people who make the beautiful sounds of the Arabic world. Enjoy a performance that explores different regions and examines the poetry of the lyrics. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mmdl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL 22
Earth Day with the River Trails Park District
 Saturday | April 22
 10 – 11:30 am
WEISS COMMUNITY CENTER
 1500 E. Euclid Ave.
 To raise awareness for pollinators and spread the word about what we can do to protect them, participants will make seed bombs to take home to support pollinators through the spring season. Then end with a Pollinator Scavenger Hunt through Woodland Trails Park. \$5 per person, must register by April 18. For info, visit rtpd.org.

APRIL 22
Kids' Sewing Circle Series – Button Embroidery
 Saturday | April 22
 10 am – noon
CENTRAL SCHOOL
 103 S. Maple St.
 The Kids' Sewing Circle Series will wrap up with button design embroidery. \$25, and all materials will be provided. Register at mthpist.org or call the Society at 847.392.9006.

APRIL 24
Mount Prospect Police Department 3166 Beat Meeting
 Monday | April 24
 6:30 – 9 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM A
 10 S. Emerson St.

To identify and address community concerns, police officers will be hosting a beat meeting for residents and business owners within beat 3166. Receive recent information on crime trends and prevention tips in the community and have the chance to win police department t-shirts and coffee mugs.

APRIL 29
Disaster Preparedness Expo
 Saturday | April 29
 10 am – 2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE STATION #14
 2000 E. Kensington Rd.

Join the MP Police, Fire, and Building departments for the first Disaster Preparedness Expo to learn important safety tips on how to prepare for emergency and disaster situations. Free event will cover emergency planning, identifying potential risks in your home, limiting vulnerability to disasters, and more.

APRIL 29
Five Dollar Five – Genealogy with Anne Shaughnessy
 Saturday | April 29 | 10 am
CENTRAL SCHOOL
 103 S. Maple St.
 Get started researching your family history and get some answers to your research questions during a chat with Anne Shaughnessy, Mount Prospect Public Library Genealogy and Local History Librarian. \$5. Register at mthpist.org or call 847.392.9006.

APRIL 29
Canciones y Cuentos/ Songs and Stories Family Concert
 Saturday | April 29 | 2 – 2:45 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 South Emerson Street
 Join Renée Nanzler from the Old Town School of Folk Music for an engaging, interactive concert honoring Día de los Niños or Children's Day. Sing along with Renée and her guitar as attendees celebrate connecting children and their families to diverse books, languages, and cultures. To register, visit mmdl.org or call 847.253.5675.

News from the Building Department

Online Permitting and Licenses

Since 2020, more than half the permit and license applications in Mount Prospect have been completed through our online portal that can be found by clicking on the Permits and Licenses button on the left side of the Village's home page at mountprospect.org. The portal utilizes software hosted by Citizenserve and is designed to reduce reliance on paper drawings and applications while speeding up the permit processing timelines.

Services available on the portal include:

- Permit applications, resubmittals, and payments
- Contractor License applications and payments
- Business License renewals and payments
- Liquor License renewals and payments
- Residential Rental License renewals and payments
- Residential burglar alarm license applications, renewals, and payments
- Elevator License renewals and payments
- Code Enforcement Complaints

For any questions on building permits and licenses, please contact us at 847.870.5675 or via email at building@mountprospect.org.

News from the Finance Department

Vehicle Sticker Program Suspension

In a letter to Village stakeholders on November 22, 2022, Village Manager Michael Cassidy announced the suspension of the Village's vehicle sticker program for fiscal year 2023. The decision followed a lengthy review of Village revenues and expenses and the five-year Community Investment Program. Along with feedback from residents, it was determined that due to positive trends in retail sales tax and other high-performing revenues, the Village would suspend the program for this fiscal year.

Staff will closely monitor monthly revenues throughout the year and will have the option to permanently eliminate the sticker program in the 2024 budget.

Those with questions may contact the Village Manager's Office at 847.818.5300.

Ribbon Cuttings



February 10, 2023
**FIRST SMILE
ULTRASOUND**
800 East Northwest Highway
Suite 102
224.735.2318
firstsmileultrasound.com

News from the Village Clerk

April 4 is Election Day

On April 4, Mount Prospect residents will have the opportunity to elect three candidates to serve four-year terms on the Village Board of Trustees, and another to serve a two-year unexpired term. Visit cookcountyclerk.com, call the Village Clerk's Office at 847.818.5333 or email kagoranos@mountprospect.org for information on registering to vote or voting by mail.

Early voting will begin March 20 at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, in the 1st floor Community Room. The schedule is as follows:

March 20 – 25 | 9 am – 5 pm

March 26 | 10 am – 4 pm

March 27 – April 1 | 9 am – 5 pm

April 2 | 10 am – 4 pm

April 3 | 9 am – 5 pm

Full election details can be found at mountprospect.org.



News from the Fire Department

Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Expo

There are many things that you can do to be prepared at home for any type of emergency.

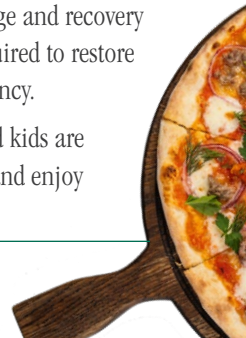
Disasters and emergencies can happen at any time and the more prepared you are,

the better you can calmly react to protect your family. To assist, the Village's Emergency Management Team will be hosting its first Disaster Preparedness Expo on **April 29, from 10 am to 2 pm at Fire Station #14, 2000 East Kensington Road.**

Among the topics covered will be severe weather, managing power outages, flooding, utility safety, how to properly use a fire extinguisher, 911 calls and procedures, home and auto emergency kits, and much more.

Special guests and presenters will include Nicor Gas, Penco Generators, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and representatives of the Mount Prospect Police, Fire, and Building Departments. They will provide tips on emergency planning, how to identify potential risks in your home, ways to limit vulnerability in the case of a disaster, salvage and recovery planning, and knowing how to coordinate the effort required to restore your property and home back to normal after an emergency.

All residents are encouraged to attend this free event, and kids are welcome, too! Stop by throughout the day to win prizes and enjoy some free giveaway items.



Community/Economic Development

Community Development Block Grant Home Improvement Program

The Village of Mount Prospect 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 an interest-free loan up to a maximum of \$25,000, which is repaid upon sale or change of title of the property. Loans can be used to correct code violations including electrical, plumbing and roof

repairs, replacement of old equipment such as furnaces and water heaters, increasing energy-efficiency, and improvements for disabled persons.

The Home Weatherization Grant Program provides a \$1,500 matching grant to be used for energy efficiency improvements. Grants can be used to install insulation, storm windows and doors, weather-stripping, energy efficient furnaces and water heaters, and other items that can help save on the cost of home utilities.

Applicants may choose one of the two available programs and must meet program qualifications. 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 bit.ly/40Kclfg or contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 or alalagos@mountprospect.org.

How's Your Appetite?

The Mount Prospect restaurant scene has grown dramatically in the last 12 months, with more new arrivals coming soon! Be sure to get out and visit some of these new additions to our culinary community.

Now Open!

SURF'S UP

220 Randhurst Village Drive
Louisiana-style lobster, fish, crab legs and chicken
surfsupmountprospect.com

CORTLAND'S ICEHOUSE TAVERN AND PIZZA

1501 Feehanville Drive
(located on the 2nd level of the Ice Arena at Nicholas Sportsplex)

Authentic wood-fired, brick oven pizza

[facebook.com/CortlandsIceHouse](https://www.facebook.com/CortlandsIceHouse)



JOE DONUT

720 East Rand Road
Donuts, coffee, breakfast, sandwiches and burgers
joedonut.com



POKE BROS.

1027 North Elmhurst Road
Sushi-in-a-bowl, fresh fish, Hawaiian style
eatpokebros.com

ALOHA POKE

916 North Elmhurst Road
Bowls filled with sushi-grade fish and Hawaiian-inspired raw ingredients
alohapokeco.com

Coming Soon!

MR. KIMCHI KOREAN BBQ

164 Randhurst Village Drive
All you can eat Korean BBQ
kimchibbq.com

THE GOLF FACTORY

63 Randhurst Village Drive
American cuisine and golf simulators
golfactory.golf





Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm law

Effective January 1, Illinois passed a law that requires any new smoke alarms being installed in a single- or multi-family home to have a 10-year sealed battery. Battery powered smoke alarms currently existing in homes may remain in place until they exceed 10 years from their manufactured date or they fail to respond to operability tests or malfunction in any way. At that time, a replacement unit must have a 10-year sealed battery. This applies to residents that are still using alarms with removable batteries or alarms that are not hardwired.

Assistant Chief Bryan Loomis wants to stress that the Fire Department strongly recommends using the 10-year life sealed battery smoke alarms, though residents do not need to immediately replace functioning units that are less than 10 years old. The 10-year sealed battery smoke alarms can be purchased at most local hardware and home improvement stores.

There are a few exceptions to this law including homes that were built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms and homes with wireless

integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.

For more information, or if you have questions, please call Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253. To view the new law in its entirety, please visit IFSA.org/smoke-alarm-law.

2022 in Review

It was a busy year for the Mount Prospect Fire Department in 2022!

A review of our activities includes:

- Responding to 7,023 calls, an 8% increase from the prior year. This also represents the largest number of calls in any year on record.
- 4,986, or 71% of the calls, were for Emergency Medical Services (EMS).
- The remaining 29% of calls covered events such as structure fires, smaller contained fires, vehicle fires, outside container fires, fire alarms, odor investigations, and Mutual Aid requests of various natures from surrounding towns.
- Our staff completed 2,530 fire inspections.
- We investigated 20 fires.
- Among our staff, we had 3 new hires, 2 promotions, and 2 retirements.
- We also reached nearly 35,000 citizens through our Public Education Program.
- Fire Prevention completed 322 plan reviews including plans for fire alarms, sprinkler systems, interior remodels, and new construction.





First Responder Academy for Teens

The Police and Fire Departments are now accepting applications for the First Responder Academy for Teens. The program offers high school teenagers a better understanding of what is involved in police and fire careers through discussion and hands-on experiences. Learn more about these careers in public service by enrolling in the upcoming session that begins April 6 and will run for 8 consecutive weeks. Classes meet Thursdays from 4 – 6 pm at the Police and Fire Headquarters.

Applications for the First Responders Academy for Teens are available by visiting mountprospect.org or by using the QR code. Applications are due March 17.



Make It a Safe Exchange

With online transactions between individuals becoming increasingly common, we recommend always meeting in a safe place to complete the transaction. Residents are welcome to conduct transactions in the parking lot or front lobby of Police Headquarters at 911 East Kensington Road. No permission is required, and you do not need to check in with the department when making the exchange. While the area is under video surveillance 24 hours per day, police personnel will not be involved in any transactions. You should assume that if somebody is not willing to come to the Police Department to conduct a transaction, it is probably not a legitimate transaction.

Here are some other tips to help keep you safe while exchanging items you are buying or selling online:

- Only participate in transactions with local individuals.
- Do not go to a transaction alone.
- Make sure a friend or family member is aware of the details of the transaction before you go.
- Always insist on meeting in a public area during daylight hours.
- Never conduct a transaction in your home or anyone else's.
- Be particularly cautious when buying or selling valuable items such as vehicles and jewelry.
- Trust your instincts. If something sounds like a scam, it probably is.

Welcome to Our New Officers

We are pleased to welcome five outstanding individuals to our Police Department. Officers Eric Kimbrough and John Welliver join us as part of our lateral transfer program after serving over five years each with the Chicago Police Department*. Officers Theodore Golaris, Samantha Hansen, and Alberto Lopez join our department as first-time officers and will be completing their academy training at the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign. We look forward to having them as part of our dedicated team.



Honoring Sergeant Dirk Ollech on His Retirement

For more than two decades, Dirk Ollech has served you as part of our Police Department. We ask you to join us in congratulating Sergeant Ollech on his retirement from the force.

Before being promoted to Sergeant in 2022, Ollech served in the Patrol Section, Crime Prevention Unit, and the Investigative Section. His many roles have included working as a breathalyzer operator, training officer, field youth officer, crime free housing officer, and arson investigator. Dirk was also an Investigator with the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and is a police composite artist. His unique ability to draw a composite of an offender, based solely on the victim's recollection, is a much sought-after skill and has aided several neighboring police departments by helping them create a composite. Several of his composites have been shown on TV news stations and led to arrests for various crimes, such as armed robbery and attempted kidnapping.

Sergeant Ollech was recognized as the Department's Officer of the Year in 2011, Runner up Officer of the Year in 2019 and Officer of the Quarter in 2011 and again in 2019. He also received the Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW Public Servant of the year award.

We wish Sergeant Ollech the best, and he and his vast skillset will be missed!



* These five officers filled department vacancies and two new positions. A third new position was filled earlier this year.



Yard Waste Collection Begins April 3

Our yard waste collection services resume on April 3 this year. In addition to traditional yard waste such as lawn clippings, branches, and twigs, you may also put out organic materials such as fruits and vegetables.

Using a cart from our rental program or your own rigid container, you can put out an unlimited amount of yard or organic materials without stickers or associated fees. Carts can be rented from the Village for \$4 per month and you can choose from among 35-, 65- or 95-gallon sizes. The monthly fee is paid directly to the Village. Kraft paper bags can be used for yard waste as well.

More information on the organics program can be found at mountprospect.org or by contacting Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Electronics Recycling Drop-off

As a means of being a greener community, the Village, in association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), has developed an electronics recycling drop-off program.

Beginning April 12, residents can drop off appropriate electronic materials at the Mount Prospect Public Works facility, 1700 West Central Road, Wednesdays from 10 am to noon, and at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 North River Road, Saturdays from 9 – 11 am. The transfer station will be closed following any holidays.

For a list of eligible items visit mountprospect.org/recycling or for more information contact us at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Shared Sidewalk Improvements



Keeping sidewalks in good condition is an important part of maintaining our infrastructure. The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners (residential and commercial) who are interested in replacing sections of sidewalk adjacent to their

property as part of our Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. Applications can be found online at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/engineering/sidewalk-replacement or by stopping by the Public Works Department located at 1700 West Central Road.

Applications will be accepted through May 26 and will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis until allocated funds are exhausted. The property owner will be responsible for \$81.25 of the cost per sidewalk square with the Village paying the remaining amount as established by the contractor's bid.

For more information contact us at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Replacement Program for Lead Water Service

The Village has established a cost sharing program to replace lead water service components in single- or multi-family homes and commercial buildings. The program will assist owners who want to replace their existing lead or galvanized steel water service with a copper water service from the public water main to the water meter inside the property.

The Village will reimburse 100% of the cost to replace the service line from the water main to the water shutoff valve, known as the B-box, and two-thirds of the cost to replace the service from the shutoff valve to the water meter, up to \$10,000 of the actual expenses incurred.

For information regarding this program, visit mountprospect.org/leadshare.

Seasonal Job Opportunities

If you are a student currently enrolled in an undergraduate program and are looking for seasonal work, contact Public Works. We have positions that include patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, and reading water meters. The work requires more than usual physical strength and endurance, along with the ability to withstand exposure to the elements as many jobs are outdoors.

We are also seeking a Civil Engineering Intern. This opportunity will provide the successful applicant with invaluable experience in preparation for a civil engineering career. Work will involve construction layout and inspection associated with street and sidewalk improvement programs, inspection of private development construction, and AutoCAD drafting for Village improvement projects. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program of study or a related construction field.

For information on any of these positions visit mountprospect.org/employment. Send applications to the Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, or email pjjobs@mountprospect.org.

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS & PROTECTION | Protecting Your Home or Business

Some properties in Mount Prospect experience flooding conditions during heavy rain events. These floods are the result of one or more of the components of the drainage system failing or being overwhelmed. The various components of the drainage system include the following:

- Five waterways carry stormwater into, through, and away from the Village: The Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek, and Higgins Creek. In addition to stormwater running off directly into these waterways, storm sewers from our neighborhoods also contribute water. When the amount of water attempting to flow through these waterways exceeds the capacity of the waterway, the water backs up and can flood nearby areas.
- More locally, networks of storm sewers, combined sewers, drainage swales (shallow ditches), and detention ponds exist throughout the Village. All were installed to safely drain stormwater runoff and convey it to one of the waterways mentioned above. As with those waterways, if the amount of water entering any portion of the system exceeds the capacity, the water backs up and can flood nearby areas.
- Individual homes may have downspouts to control the way stormwater runoff is shed from a roof and footing drains to drain groundwater from around the foundation. Footing drains in newer construction discharge to the ground by way of a sump pump. Older construction may have the footing drains and floor drains connected directly to the sewer system. Excessive groundwater and/or surcharging in the receiving sewer system can cause flooding within the basement.

Throughout the Village are several Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). SFHAs are 100-year flood event boundaries, areas that have an annual 1% chance of reaching flood levels during an event. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the SFHAs associated with each waterway. These maps can be used for basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information, which is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens. Our Engineering Department can assist you in finding your property on a map.

Please note that the SFHAs identified on the FIRMs only reflect areas of potential flooding related to overflowing of the main waterways. Localized flooding may occur due to causes unrelated to these waterways and, therefore, would not be reflected on the FIRMs. Thus, an area may still be subject to flooding even if FEMA has not identified it on the FIRM.

Flooding can be unpredictable and occur with little or no warning. To best prepare and protect yourself, adhere to these guidelines:

- Prepare a list of emergency numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood. Keep a back-up copy at another location.
- In case you should need to identify lost or damaged property, have an inventory of personal property. Photographs and videos of items or complete rooms can be very helpful.
- Use a safe deposit box or other secure location away from your home to

store copies of valuable items such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills, and important telephone numbers.

- Be sure to discuss protection against floods and sewer back-ups with your insurance agent as part of a comprehensive review.
- Keep cleaning supplies on-hand so you can begin a prompt clean-up after a flood.

Should your basement flood, be cautious before entering the basement.

- If evacuation appears necessary, turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve.
- Be alert of gas leaks. Use a flashlight rather than candles or lanterns if checking for damage while the power is out.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Clean anything that became wet from the flood as the water is often contaminated and can present a significant health threat.

So how can you flood-proof your home or business? These retrofitting steps have proven successful in offering protection:

- Elevation | This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Relocation | Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
- Floodwalls | They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry flood-proofing | Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet flood-proofing | Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

Because any changes you make could adversely impact other properties, you must get a permit from the Community Development Department before proceeding with any alteration to your building structure or land, including re-grading or filling in the floodplain.

You should know that most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, because the Village is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village, regardless of whether the property is in a SFHA. Coverage is available for the building and the contents. Because of the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect. In addition, some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance.

Meet Our New Team Members

We welcome our new Public Health Nurse Nicole Cooper-Ffrench to the staff. Nicole has been an RN for the past 5 years and has most recently been working as a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse. She is looking forward to expanding her professional skills by working with a broader range of patient populations and having an impact on community health needs. Her emphasis will be on education, prevention, and early detection of health conditions. A key tactic for her will be health screening clinics. Information is available at mountprospect.org/departments/human-services/nursing-health-programming.

Our new Community Social Worker, Jacquelyn Damian, comes to the Village with experience at Big Brothers Big Sisters and as a bilingual counselor at a domestic violence center. Jacquelyn earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in social work and will assist residents in breaking down any barriers residents encounter and determine how the Village can best assist.

Joining the Village in November was new Police Social Worker, Sandy Ziesak. Sandy has a master's degree in social work from the University of Illinois Jane Addams College of Social Work and brings two decades of police social work experience to us. Sandy has been inspired by the strength and resiliency that people display during critical moments in their lives.

We look forward to each of these individuals using their knowledge and skills to assist Mount Prospect residents in their new roles.

Mental Health Matters

The Human Services Department will host the 3rd annual Mental Health Matters community event on May 10 from 5:30 – 8 pm at the Mount Prospect Public Library. The program includes both speakers and a resource fair that focus on mental health issues. Through education and dialogue, we can increase awareness and reduce stigma surrounding mental health. Registration will open soon. Keep an eye on the Village website at mountprospect.org.



Crime Victims' Rights Week

In 1981, President Ronald Regan established National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW). Each year since then, people across America use this week to promote victims' rights, celebrate progress made, and advocate for victims. NCVRW will take place April 23 – 29 this year. The weeklong initiative calls upon communities to amplify the voices of survivors and commit to creating an environment where survivors have the confidence that they will be heard, believed, and supported. This year's theme is Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change. To learn more visit ovc.gov.



Stay Connected

The Human Services Department offers a quarterly e-newsletter with updates and information on new services, programs, and events. To receive the newsletter, just provide your email address to Humanservicesdept@mountprospect.org.

Community Connections Center

March is Nutrition Awareness Month and April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Please follow the Human Services Department Facebook page (facebook.com/mphumanservices) 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. Follow us at facebook.com/mphumanservices.



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Message from the Mayor

Over the past 3 years, the national narrative of defunding the police never got a foothold here in Mount Prospect.

As your Mayor, I believe supporting strong policies of safety is one of the most basic initiatives of our Village Board. The safety of our citizens is absolutely Priority One.

As we have all witnessed, brazen criminal activity is occurring across our nation, and Mount Prospect and our neighboring communities are not immune. We need to be all over this. As such, I am in complete support of hiring three additional police officers as our Chief of Police, Mike Eterno, has proposed for 2023.

These three new officers would be in addition to the three officers hired in 2022. While these three police positions are unbudgeted, we will find the funding to get this done. These officers, fighting crime in Mount Prospect, will help bring a greater level of safety to our citizens given the local criminal activity we are experiencing today.

I want everyone to know that the Police Department is also transitioning its current two-officer Gang Enforcement Unit into a three-officer Special Response Team. This transition will allow the team to be tasked with the investigation and information sharing on any crime trends we might experience within our community.

In addition, a second dedicated Police Department Social Worker has been added to expand victim and community services offered to our residents. These Village social workers are available to respond and assist our police officers on calls for service. While our officers are trained in crisis intervention, working with our social workers has helped people in crisis and has de-escalated many situations.

Finally, be an active citizen of our Village when it comes to safety. Our police officers cannot be everywhere all the time so therefore, the safety of the community cannot fall solely on our Police Department. Be the eyes and ears of your neighborhood. Call 911 when you see or even suspect any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. We all must play a part and help.

Working together with our Police Department, we will keep Mount Prospect safe.

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT



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