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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

MAY 2023

Mental Health Matters is Back

The Village of Mount Prospect is proud to present the 3rd Annual Mental Health Matters event. Presented by the Human Services Department and the Mount Prospect Public Library, this free community program will take place on Wednesday, May 10 from 5:30 – 8 pm at the library, 10 South Emerson Street. The event can also be attended virtually.

Mental Health Matters begins with a resource fair from 5:30 – 6:15 pm in which 18 local health service agencies will be on-hand to share information about the various services they provide. A continually updated list of the providers can be found at mountprospect.org/mhm.

Beginning at 6:15 pm attendees will hear from professionals and engage in a Q&A session. Among those scheduled to speak are representatives from The Hope for Us Network, Willow House and D214 Prospect High School UKnight for Minds.

Mental health issues impact citizens of all ages. While children are welcome to attend, parents should be aware that sensitive topics will be covered by the speakers.

Registration is open to attend in person or virtually at mountprospect.org/mhm or by calling 847.253.5675.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- Certified Therapy Dogs
- Ascension Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital
- Chicago Behavioral Health
- Elk Grove Township – Youth Counseling Services/Adult and Family Services
- Hope for Us Network
- Josselyn
- Kenneth Young Center
- NAMI Northwest Suburban
- Omni Youth Services
- Willow House
- Ramos and Associates
- Mount Prospect Human Services Department
- Mount Prospect Police Department
- Mount Prospect Fire Department
- Marshmallow's Hope
- Clearbrook
- Northwest Community Healthcare Behavioral Health
- Northwest Special Recreation Association

More to be announced!

Mental Health Matters

BREAKING DOWN STIGMA.
BUILDING UP RESILIENCE.

Wednesday | May 10

5:30 – 8:00 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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.

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My 70s Show

Wednesday | May 3
7 – 8:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



What were you doing in the 1970s? Remember *The Way We Were*, *Sweet*

Caroline, and *Coming to America*? Let professional singer Heather Braoudakis take you back to this era of great music with popular songs from Neil Diamond, John Denver, and others. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Conversations in English

Thursday | May 4 & 18
1 – 2 pm

Thursday | May 11 & 25
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

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Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | May 4
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.

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Derby de Mayo Pub Crawl

Saturday | May 6 | 3 – 7 pm

DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Two great spring celebrations, the Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo,



come together for one great pub crawl in downtown Mount Prospect. Wear your derby best, including your biggest and best hat, and join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for some fun. Make stops at Emerson's Ale House, Station 34, Mrs. P and Me, and Mia's Cantina. Tickets are \$15 and include a t-shirt, commemorative ticket, drink and food specials, and a raffle entry to win a 65" TV. Registration begins at 2:00 pm on the Centennial Green at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue. You can purchase tickets at mpdowntown.com.

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Mount Prospect Garden Club Annual Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser

Tuesday | May 9 | 11 am

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Prospect Heights



Come join your fellow Garden Club members and friends at the club's renowned spring luncheon. This is the club's most popular event, and the funds raised support programs throughout the year. Be sure to invite your friends for a fun event, and you might even win some fantastic prizes. For more information or to reserve your seat, visit gcmp.weebly.com.

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Mental Health Matters

Wednesday | May 10
5:30 – 8:00 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Breaking down stigma.

Building up resilience. The Mount Prospect Public Library and the Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department are collaborating to offer a free community program focused on mental health. The Mental Health Matters event will include a resource fair and speaker presentations. For more information, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Needlecraft Night

Wednesday | May 10
7 – pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY, CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Bring a little bit of spring into your home. Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for a night of creating crepe paper flowers. Participants will make a variety of flowers such as roses, apple blossoms, and peonies. It's a fun and imaginative process inspired by nature, and all experience levels are welcome. Registration is recommended, and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information or to register, visit mtphist.org or call the Society at 847.392.9006.

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Ageless Grace

Thursday | May 11, 18 & 25 | 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 while incorporating music, creativity, balance, coordination, and cognition. Classes are open to MP residents only. No registration required.

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Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays | May 13 – September 30
3 – 9 pm

WEST COMMUTER PARKING LOT
Northwest Hwy. & Main St.



Bring the whole family out to enjoy some fun with classic cars. Attendance is free. Event is weather dependent each week. For more information, visit mplions.org.

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Second Sunday at the Society

Sunday | May 14
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.



Join the Mount Prospect

Historical Society for its monthly Second Sunday at the Society event. This month's theme is flowers. Stop by Central School to try your hand at a variety of crafty blooms or pose for a photo with mom in our beautiful garden to celebrate Mother's Day. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours. This event is free, and no registration is necessary.

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Wits Workout

Monday | May 15
11 am – 12:30 pm

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



Developed by the University of Illinois Extension, this

90-minute class is a brain-teasing workout for seniors who enjoy keeping sharp and socializing with others. The class meets the third Monday of every month in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Registration is required and masks are optional. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

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Introduction to Traditional Korean Music

Tuesday | May 16 | 7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Experience traditional Korean

music with musicians from the Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago. Enjoy dynamic drumming rhythms and the beautiful sound of gayageum and a large bamboo transverse flute. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MAY 17 Supporting Children with Anxiety

Wednesday | May 17
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Local therapist Natalie Belmonte, LCPC, SEP, will discuss how to recognize symptoms of anxiety in your child, strategies to help your child ease their anxiety, and techniques to talk to your child about their mental health. This program is geared toward parents and caregivers of school-aged children. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MAY 17 On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness and Kristi Yamaguchi

Wednesday | May 17
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Queer Eye and *Getting Curious* star and ice skating superfan, Jonathan Van Ness, talks with his idol, Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi. They'll chat figure skating, fabulous style, and whatever else comes up. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MAY 19 Garage Sale Weekend

May 19 – 21
One of the largest garage sale weekend events in the suburbs! Hundreds of sales on the same weekend, an annual event since 1993. Learn more, sign up to sell, and find a map of participating locations at mountprospectgaragesale.com.



MAY 20 Public Works Open House

Saturday | May 20
9am – 1pm

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1700 West Central Road

The entire family is invited for displays, equipment, demonstrations, and more, all highlighting the many functions performed by our great employees. P.W. Paws will be on hand to assist with games, giveaways, and special rides while guests enjoy food, fun and balloons.



MAY 20 Mount Prospect Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Saturday | May 20
9 am – 4 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club at the Historical Society to purchase healthy, locally grown plants from the yards of garden club members. Plants purchased at this popular event support garden club activities. Garden Club members will also be available during the day to answer questions about successful plant growth.



MAY 24 Legal Matters: Legal Aid Can Help

Wednesday | May 24
7 – 8 pm

Join Pat Wrona, legal director of the nonprofit organization CARPLS (Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for

Legal Services) for an overview of legal aid. Learn how to find free or low-cost legal help and get tips on popular legal subjects such as consumer debt, probate, and family law. This event will be held virtually and is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MAY 25 Comiskey Park's Last World Series: A History of the 1959 Chicago White Sox

Thursday | May 25
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Author and baseball historian Charles Billington will discuss the history of the 1959 Chicago White Sox team and the season which brought the American League pennant to Comiskey Park for the first time in 40 years. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MAY 29 Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday | May 29 | 9:30 am

LIONS PARK VETERANS
MEMORIAL BAND SHELL
411 S. Maple St.

Mount Prospect's VFW Post 1337 and American Legion Post 525 will host Diane Carlson Evans as the keynote speaker at the annual Memorial Day ceremony held at Lions Park Veterans Memorial Band Shell. Ms. Carlson will also serve as the Grand Marshal for the Village parade.

Ms. Carlson served as an Army nurse in Vietnam treating our wounded soldiers as well as those of our allies and civilians. Upon her return home she experienced hostility toward the war and its veterans. In 1983 she began a 10-year journey that, despite numerous obstacles and deeply rooted sexism, resulted in the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial located adjacent to the Wall.

Ms. Carlson is the author of *Healing Wounds*, a book that recounts her military service and her fight for women to have a place of honor in Washington DC. Copies of her book will be available for sale at the event and proceeds will be donated to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation.

The ceremony also will feature Mount Prospect Community Band, the Marching Knights of Prospect High School, and a 21-gun salute by the Mount Prospect Veterans Color Guard.

For additional information please contact Dutch DeGroot at dutch23mp@comcast.net. For parade information visit vfw1337.com.



Coming this Summer!

Fridays on the Green

Dates shown below | 6-8 pm

CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

One of Mount Prospect's finest summer traditions returns for 2023! Join family, friends, and neighbors outside of Village Hall on Centennial Green for live music from 6 – 8 pm.

Bring your blanket and chairs and grab your spot to enjoy a wide range of great music. Pack a picnic basket or treat yourself to food from one of our many great downtown restaurants.

Free parking is available at the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Metra Commuter Lot (after 5 pm) and throughout downtown.

Mark your calendar!

JUNE 2 | Jay Goepfner Backdated Band

JUNE 16 | Ken Dix and the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys

JULY 14 | Wall of Denial *Chicago's Premiere Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Band*

AUGUST 4 | Liquid Soul

SEPTEMBER 8 | The Dill Spears

As these concerts are outdoors, they are weather-dependent. For more information and the most up-to-date music calendar, visit experiencemountprospect.org.

Mount Prospect Lions Club Summer Festival

June 30 – July 4
MELAS PARK

Busse & Central Roads

Five days of fun with rides, good food, live music, a cash raffle, beer and wine garden and fun games for kids! Fireworks June 30 and July 4! For more info, visit mplions.org.



4th of July Parade

Tuesday | July 4 | 1pm

Kicks-off at Emerson and Prospect and makes its way to Melas Park along Prospect and Central. Sponsored by Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. **Visit mountprospect.org/parade to apply to join the parade!**



Celebration of Cultures

Saturday | August 26

Save the date for the 5th Annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures. This festive event will once again feature entertainment, cultural booths, and food from around the world.



News from the Building Department

Backyard Fun

Is this the year you install a new pool or hot tub in your yard? If either has a water depth of more than 24" you will need to submit the following to the Village to obtain a required permit:

- Define the type of pool you are installing – spa/hot tub, above-ground, in-ground, permanent, or temporary.
- Provide a current plat of survey with the location of the pool on the parcel with dimensions to all structures and property lines. All pools shall be located behind the home, out of the front, side, and exterior side yards.
- The location of existing underground or overhead electric lines. Be sure to call JULIE at 811 to help locate underground utilities prior to submitting for a permit (see page 8).
- All pools and hot tubs must be a minimum of 5 feet horizontally from underground electric services and 10 feet horizontally from overhead electric services.
- The location of pump, filter, and heater as applicable must be shown.
- Identify the location of existing or proposed electric receptacles. You can download information on required receptacles and locations on the village website at mountprospect.org.
- An existing and proposed panel schedule for the electric service. If the service is less than 200 amps, a set of load calculations will need to be submitted.
- The methods of grounding and bonding the pool and equipment.
- Show the size and location of any surrounding patio or deck and the methods for construction. Decks will require frost depth piers and/or footings, and the proper sizing of all wood members.
- A minimum 48" tall barrier is required; please show the location of any gates or safety barriers. An above-ground pool with the top edge of the pool at 48" or taller from grade can be the required barrier. Otherwise, a fence will be required around the pool itself or around the entire yard. Self-closing and locking gates will be required.
- Location and type of ladder.
- If the house opens directly onto the pool deck with no barrier in between, an alarm will be required on any doors exiting to that pool area.

A permit and inspection are required to ensure the safety of you, your guests, and your neighbors. The simple inspection will confirm that the desired location is allowable prior to the actual pool installation being approved.

Full details can be found at mountprospect.org/buildingpermits.

For any questions, please email building@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5675.

To submit for a pool or spa permit online please visit mountprospect.org/buildingpermits and click on the Online Portal link in the middle of the screen.

News from the Finance Department

EyeOnWater

Mount Prospect offers direct and secure access to your water usage data with the EyeOnWater suite. The secure website allows you to review and analyze your water usage patterns. You can also download the EyeOnWater app to your smart phone.



EyeOnWater

With this tool, you can view your hourly usage activity, gaining greater understanding and control of the amount of water you use. The EyeOnWater online portal provides easy to understand graphs and the ability to establish alerts, including identifying potential leaks.

To access your personalized online portal visit: mountprospect.org/eyeonwater.

To register for an account you will need your zip code, account number (enter only the digits before the dash), and email address.

Water/Sewer/Refuse Bill Delivery and Payment Options

Enroll to take advantage of electronic billing for your water/sewer/refuse bills at mountprospect.org/BillPay. Once you are registered, you will receive automatic email notifications when a new bill is ready for viewing. You can view your current bill and your billing history from the time you enter the program, navigate to the optional online payment portal, and manage account preferences.

Choose from among these payment options for your water/sewer/refuse bills.

- One-time online credit/debit card payment.
- Recurring credit/debit card or bank account payment (no additional service fee). Funds are withdrawn on the due date of the bill.
- Visit our 24-hour payment kiosk located outside of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. You may access your account by entering your account number or simply scanning the QR code that appears on your bill. The kiosk accepts credit/debit cards, checks, and cash. The kiosk can scan the account information on a blank check and process the payment for the amount entered on the kiosk screen. Partial or entire balance payments are accepted. Receipt options include print, text, or email.
- Drop check payments in the 24-hour payment boxes located outside the front door of Village Hall and on the north side of the parking deck.
- Of course, in-person and mailed-in payments are accepted at the Finance Department as well.



Sustainability Report

The Sustainability Ad Hoc Committee that was introduced in the Village's most recent Strategic Plan has shared several long-term goals and a draft of an Implementation Plan to promote sustainability in our community. Several of the top goals include promoting environment-friendly alternatives for landscapes, reducing solid waste tonnage, and constructing new shared-use paths and sidewalks for walking and biking. To achieve these goals, consider these ideas:

- Turn off lights and appliances when not in use and utilize smart power strips to save energy. ComEd and Nicor both offer free home energy assessments, energy efficiency products, and rebates on qualifying products.
- Consider walking and biking on short trips. Carpooling and public transit help reduce transportation emissions.
- Use rain barrels to capture rainwater from your roof. This water can be used to water your lawn and plants, filling bird baths, and more, but should not be used for drinking.
- A Community Solar Program supports renewable energy by reducing your carbon emissions without installing equipment or making a personal investment. Visit, mountprospect.org/community/sustainability/community-solar for information.
- Composting food scraps saves space at the land fill and reduces greenhouse gas emission. Consider using the Village's organics recycling service that is provided from April to mid-December.

For more information on the Village's Sustainability efforts visit: mountprospect.org/sustainability.



March 16, 2023

ADVOCATE MEDICAL GROUP MOUNT PROSPECT

1754 Golf Road
847.593.6600 | advocatehealth.com



April 6, 2023

NOVAMED URGENT CARE

1717 W. Algonquin Rd.
847.939.3139 | novamedurgentcare.com

Plenty of Prospects for Success

Several new retail, restaurant, and service venues will be coming soon to the Prospect Avenue district in downtown Mount Prospect.

F45 Training was the first to open this year at the southeast corner of Main Street and Prospect Avenue. F45 is a high-intensity physical training provider that merges three separate training styles into one 45-minute training class.



Angelo Caputo's Fresh Market will make its long-awaited debut in the Maple Street Lofts development in late April. The 15,000 square foot grocery store will offer a full array of fresh and dry goods as well as a full deli and wide selection of prepared meals to go. The Mount Prospect store will be their first prototype downtown store with a smaller format than their traditional groceries.



Lady Dahlia Tequila Bar will be opening at 127 West Prospect Avenue in mid-summer. The 3,500 square foot restaurant will feature authentic Mexican cuisine with a wide variety of tequilas for specialty drinks.



Whiskey Hill Brewing Company and Salerno's Pizzeria will both be opening around Labor Day in the new Prospect Place development at the southeast corner of Prospect Avenue and Wille Street. Whiskey Hill has a fully operational brewery on site making a variety of beers and will feature live music at the facility. Salerno's Pizzeria will be relocating their existing restaurant from Wolf and Kensington Roads to the downtown.



We encourage everyone to support these and all of our fine merchants by shopping and dining locally.

Aging in Community

In 2019, the Village kicked-off an initiative to make aging in our community a priority and leading to acceptance in the AARP Network of Age Friendly States and Communities.

A group of Village staff members, community partners, and residents on an Age-Friendly Task Force was tasked with creating a 3-year plan to address aging concerns in Mount Prospect.

Using an Aging in a Changing Region grant, and through a series of workshops, meetings, and surveys, the task force created Elevating Aging-in-Community in Mount Prospect – A Strategic Guide.

The task force identified five priority areas: housing, transportation, social engagement, information/communication, and health/wellness. Two goals, with corresponding objectives, have been identified for each.

A draft action plan was presented to the Village Board and the Task Force received feedback from both the Village Board and residents. The plan will now be submitted to AARP for final approval while working groups begin addressing goals and objectives. For more information on the Aging in Community initiative visit mountprospect.org/agingincommunity.



National EMS Week

Show appreciation and acknowledge those who work in Emergency Medical Services (EMS) by celebrating National EMS Week May 21 through 27. This week is an opportunity to recognize the hard work done by those who work on the medical front line, responding to potentially fatal situations every day.

Whether it is on the scene of an accident, or administering medical care in traumatic emergencies, EMS workers are dedicated to saving lives. If you happen to have a neighbor, a friend, or family member who is an EMS worker, please take a moment during this week to thank them for their service.

In 2022, the emergency medical personnel from the Mount Prospect Fire Department responded to 4,986 EMS-related incidents – that's almost 14 incidents a day. Collectively, that is 71% of all fire department calls for the year. Our EMS members are in integral part of the fire department as well as the entire Mount Prospect community.

Keep an Eye On Your ION Batteries



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many types of devices including smart phones, laptops, toys, and even cars. They are long-lasting batteries that need to be recharged. However, improper use or damage to the battery can cause them to catch fire or explode.

To stay safe while using these devices, always purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory, such as UL. Following the manufacturer's instructions is an essential part of using products correctly. Only use batteries that are designed for that device and be sure to install them properly.

Charging your devices per the instructions will keep the batteries in top working condition. When charging your devices, only use the charging cord that came with the device. Most important, never charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or the couch as this could cause the device to overheat.

For any questions or concerns, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

Weather Alerts

As temperatures heat up in May, there is plenty of moisture in the air, creating the perfect recipe for thunderstorms. Knowing the signs of bad weather approaching is crucial to keeping yourself safe and limiting property damage. Here are a few quick ways to prepare when you know a thunderstorm is approaching.

- Unplug as many corded appliances as you can to prevent damage or electrocution.
- Park vehicles in the garage and secure outdoor lawn furniture.
- Closing curtains and drapes can protect your family from flying glass if wind or pressure cause them to break.
- Avoid standing on concrete or leaning against concrete walls as lightning can travel through it.

The most dangerous component of any thunderstorm is lightning. It is estimated that lightning hits Earth 100 times every second. Lightning, which is 5 times hotter than the sun, is the second leading cause of weather-related deaths.

A common misconception of lightning is rubber shoes and tires will protect you when in fact they will not. A steel roof of a car will add some protection but there is still a chance of getting hurt if your vehicle is struck by lightning.

If you see power lines or trees on the ground during or after a storm, report them immediately and keep your distance until appropriate teams can clear the area.



Building with the Blue

Hey kids, join members of the Mount Prospect Police Department on May 6 to build a craft for Mother's Day. Our free Kids Workshop will take place at Home Depot, 350 East Kensington Road, from 9:00 am to noon. Join the fun and sit in one of our squad cars on the way out. No registration required.

Police Beat Meetings

The Village is divided into 6 patrol beats for our Police Department. All officers are assigned a shift and beat for the entire calendar year and serve under the direction of two sergeants who serve as coordinators for that beat. Twice a year, Beat Meetings are held within each area to discuss crime trends, share information, and address community concerns. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings. In the weeks ahead our schedule includes these sessions:

3162 | May 8 | 6:30 pm | Robert Frost Elementary School, 1308 Cypress Drive

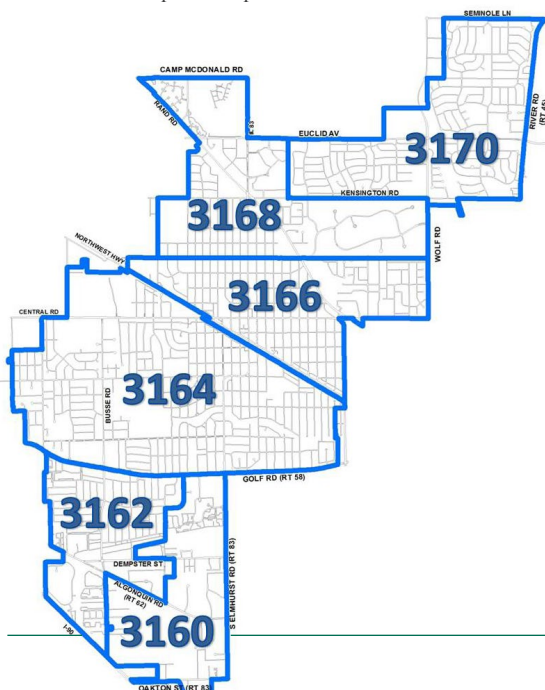
3164 | May 11 | 7:00 pm | Central Community Center, 1000 West Central Road

3168 | May 16 | 7:00 pm | Mount Prospect Police Headquarters, 911 East Kensington Road

3170 | May 22 | 7:00 pm | Frost Elementary School, 1805 Aspen Drive

3160 | June 5 | 7:00 pm, Avanti Caffé | 1900 South Elmhurst Road

To contact the beat sergeant for your area, visit mountprospect.org/departments/police-department/police-beats or call the police department at 847.870.5656.



Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

During Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in May, we encourage riders and drivers of vehicles to reduce the number of fatalities on our roadways by working together to exercise safe practices. We remind drivers of other vehicles of these tips:

- Motorcycles are often hidden in blind spots or can be masked by other objects such as bushes, fences, bridges, and even the sun. Before turning or changing lanes, keep motorcycles in mind and always double-check before making your move.
- Always assume a motorcycle is closer than it appears; its speed and distance can be difficult for drivers to judge.
- Don't assume that a motorcycle can always maneuver out of the way.
- If you are following a motorcycle, keep extra distance between you and them as a motorcycle may take longer to stop under certain conditions. In addition, motorcyclists often slow down by downshifting or rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light.
- When you have a greater awareness of motorcycles, the more likely you are to see them.

As for those of you riding motorcycles, do your part by keeping these items in mind:

- Be visible. Wear bright clothes and a light-colored helmet.
- Always have your headlight on, even during the day.
- Avoid riding in the blind spot of vehicles.
- If possible, flash your brake light when slowing down and before stopping.
- Pretend you are invisible. If you assume others on the road can't see you, and any car that can hit you will hit you, you will tend to ride in a hyper-aware mindset and learn to notice every detail in your surroundings. Take extra responsibility for your safety and ride defensively.
- Wear proper riding gear from head to toe. Full-face helmets provide the best protection, and jackets, pants, gloves, and boots that are made for riding will generally be made of abrasion-resistant material, include protective armor, and provide additional comfort.
- Use good street strategies. Constantly search the road for changing conditions and use the Search-Evaluate-Execute (SEE) strategy to assess and respond to hazards before you have to react to an emergency.





Call Before You Dig

Springtime means planting, gardening, new decks, patios, or other additions to your home. No matter how small your project might be, before you put a shovel in the ground, be sure to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators). It's not only recommended, it's the law.

JULIE will find any underground utilities and mark your property accordingly. Call 811 or 800.892.0123 to schedule your free locate. Place the call at least 48 hours (not including weekends or holidays) before you begin any excavation. You can assist in the process by marking the area where you will be digging with white paint or flags. For more details visit illinois1call.com.

Our Green Thumb

To help beautify our community, annual flowers will be planted at various locations throughout the Village. You can see the designs we have developed at 15 locations including:

- The monument sign at Central and Rand Roads
- The entrance to Public Works at 1700 West Central Road
- The intersection of Rt. 83 and Lincoln Street
- The intersection of Wolf Road and Feehanville Drive
- The south end of Village Hall along Busse Avenue
- Under the water tower at Maple Street and Northwest Highway

You'll also see decorative hanging baskets throughout downtown and along Prospect Avenue.

Visit our Monarch and Pollinator Gardens

- The largest of our numerous butterfly gardens is at the intersection of Mount Prospect and Central Roads.
- The Garden Club of Mount Prospect maintains a butterfly garden at Moehling Park which serves as a central feature of the park.
- The Village also maintains five gardens as part of the Monarch Waystation program.

By creating and maintaining these gardens Mount Prospect helps to contribute to useable habitat for the purpose of increasing monarch butterfly populations.

Seasonal Tree Care

Prepare your trees for a healthy growing season with these basic steps:

- Inspect trees for signs of damage or disease before leaves appear.
- Prune dead, diseased, or unsafe branches before spring growth to minimize the spread of pests or disease.
- Pests and disease are also kept at bay by applying a slow-release fertilizer now.
- Add 2" to 4" of mulch around trees.

Keep Pet Waste Out of Waterways

Cleaning up after your pet is a helpful way to protect the waterways that run through the Village. Pet waste that enters a creek in Mount Prospect can have a long journey and impact a variety of plants, animals, ecosystems, and even people.

Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, or yards contains numerous pollutants such as nutrients and bacteria that can easily be washed into nearby storm sewers. Please discard your pet's waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage.



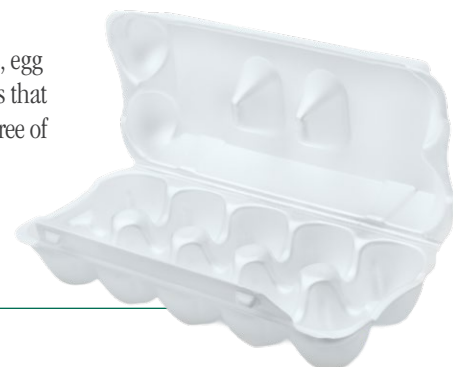
New Styrofoam Recycling Program

Current estimates indicate that expanded polystyrene (EPS), or Styrofoam, comprises as much as 30% of landfill volume worldwide. EPS is 98% air and 2% polystyrene plastic, and due to its light weight and bulky form, it is very expensive to transport. Most curbside recycling programs do not have the capability to accept this material.

To reduce our community's contribution to landfills, Public Works has been awarded two grants to purchase a foam densifier that will allow our staff to process both packaging and food service foam into reusable and resalable EPS foam ingots.

Please assist us in this effort by dropping off Styrofoam materials (except packing peanuts) at Public Works, 1700 West Central Road, every Tuesday from 10:00 am to noon, or Thursdays from 1:00 – 3:00 pm, holidays excepted.

Coolers, cups, foam packing blocks, egg cartons, plates and to-go containers that are clean of food residue, dry, and free of tape and labels are welcome.



Protecting Your Property from Flood Damage

In our last newsletter we began a series on flood preparedness and protection. In this installment, we'll look at things you can do to reduce damages if you are in a location that is susceptible to flooding. Before utilizing these or other floodproofing measures, contact the Mount Prospect Building Division at 847.870.5675. Building on, filling, altering, or regrading your property can have an adverse effect on other properties and likely need a permit to ensure compliance with Village Code before you begin working.

- Create watertight closures over doorways and windows to prevent water from entering during a large rain event. This is not recommended for homes with basements.
- Protect appliances like furnaces, air conditioners, and water heaters by elevating them on platforms or even moving them to higher floors if possible.
- If heavy rains are predicted, you can prevent some water from entering by placing sandbags around the exterior.
- Research property regrading options that may help keep water away from your building.
- For as little as \$25 you can purchase a plug or standpipe to prevent a sewer back-up into your basement. This is effective for water levels approximately 2-feet or less. If your location is prone to deeper levels of flooding, contact a reliable plumber to discuss overhead sewers or back-up valves. Information on these tactics, known as floodproofing or retrofitting, is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

The Village Floodplain Regulations help minimize the impact of flooding. If your property is within a floodplain, a permit is required for any construction activity on site.

General design parameters usually have a building at the high point of any piece of property so stormwater will run toward and then along property lines or swales, leading to a storm sewer or street. If the low points along property lines are blocked, water flow will be obstructed which can lead to backyard

flooding. Preserve the process of water flowing correctly with these steps:

- Do not install sheds, detached garages, raised gardens, or other elements that could block the flow of water along property lines.
- Avoid planting trees or shrubs with growing roots that will raise the ground along property lines.
- Fences may be installed along the property line, but any largely solid fence (not chain link or split rail) crossing a swale should have the bottom elevated 6" above the ground to allow for the passage of water.
- Don't dump lawn clippings or other yard waste in your yard, particularly along the drainage path.
- Avoid placing woodchips in a swale as they may float onto neighboring properties during heavy rains.
- Do not fill in or otherwise change the grade of any swale without first obtaining a permit from the Village.
- It is a common misconception that adding dirt to fill a low area will solve any ponding when, in reality, the water will likely still reach the area. With the low area no longer available to store the water, the water may be diverted, possibly causing damage elsewhere. A more effective means of eliminating ponding is often removing an obstruction and reestablishing a flow path to allow the area to drain.

The Village is responsible to keep the public drainage system including storm sewers, combined sewers, and parkway drainage ditches clear and functioning properly. If you see a blocked inlet or water ponding over a grate during or after a storm, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640. While the Village maintains these drainage ditches, if a culvert passes below your driveway, it is your responsibility to ensure that there is no blockage.

Our Engineering Division can provide additional information or answer questions about flooding or drainage. In addition, you can visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website at fema.gov for further information.

Law Requires Annual Inspection of Sprinkler Systems

To protect the public drinking water supply, the State of Illinois requires that all lawn irrigation sprinklers have cross-connection and backflow protection to protect against back-siphon and cross-connections. All backflow devices are to be certified by a State Licensed Cross Connection Control Device Inspector (CCCDI). A copy of the annual certification is to be sent to the Public Works Department.

If the system has been removed, please have your plumber/inspector notify Public Works.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or visit mountprospect.org/crossconnection.

Construction Season is Underway

Watch for Public Works crews and contractors as we have begun resurfacing streets, cleaning and repairing inlets, crack-sealing roadways, and kicking off key capital projects. You can find a list of key projects at mountprospect.org/construction.

This year approximately 9.21 miles of streets across 41 locations will be resurfaced. This process improves neighborhoods by providing safe, serviceable streets well into the future.

If your home or business will be impacted by any of these projects, you will receive a brochure detailing the scope of work. To access information about the project digitally please visit mountprospect.org/resurfacing. Supplemental communication can be found on Twitter @MP_Resurfacing.

If you have any questions during these projects, which will run into October, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Human Services

Mental Health Matters

The Human Services Department is proud to present the 3rd Annual Mental Health Matters. This free community program will include a resource fair with local mental health providers and speaker presentations. Join us on May 10 from 5:30 – 8:00 pm. This program will be held in person, with a virtual option to attend. To register and for more information visit mountprospect.org/mhm. See page 1 for more details.



Car Seat Safety Checks

Stop by on May 4 for a free check of your child car seat. Certified Car Seat Safety Technicians from the Mount Prospect Police Department will be on hand from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to check your car seat and verify that it is properly installed. We will offer the service again on June 17 from noon to 2:00 pm. Both events take place at the Community Connections Center, 1711 West Algonquin Road. No appointment is needed. You can get more information by calling 847.506.4930.



Behavioral Health Subsidy Program

The Human Services Department offers a Behavioral Health Subsidy Program for uninsured or underinsured Mount Prospect residents that are experiencing barriers to access timely mental health services. To apply for the subsidy program, residents are required to schedule an appointment with a social worker. Eligibility is based on household income, family size, insurance provider, and financial hardship. For more information, call 847.870.5680.

Weekly Health Screenings

The Public Health Nurse offers weekly health screening clinics for Mount Prospect residents every Monday from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Health Screening Clinics take place in the nurse's office at Village Hall. No appointment is required. Clinics include free checks on blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen saturation. An optional free blood glucose screening and a \$2 total cholesterol screening are also available. For more information, call 847.870.5680.



Free Legal Clinic

The Human Services Department has partnered with The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic to offer a free virtual monthly legal clinic to low-income residents. Consultations include areas such as domestic violence, housing, and immigration. For more information, contact Human Services at 847.506.4930.

Community Connections Center

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this important topic by liking us at: facebook.com/MPHumanServices

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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Hours
Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency 911
- Village Hall 847.392.6000
(includes Finance & Village Administration)
- Village Clerk 847.818.5355
- Television Services 847.870.5685
- Community Development
- Building Division 847.870.5675
- Environmental Health 847.870.5668
- Planning Division 847.818.5328
- Fire Department *(non-emergency)* 847.870.5666
- Human Services 847.870.5680
- Police Department *(non-emergency)* 847.870.5656
- Public Works 847.870.5640
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- MPPL** Mount Prospect Public Library
- 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	3 My 70s Show, 7-8:30pm MPPL	4 Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Monthly Blood Drive 2-8pm, Fire Station 14 Car Seat Safety Check, 4-6pm, CCC	5	6 Derby de Mayo, Pub Crawl 3-7pm, MPDMA
7	8	9 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Mount Prospect Garden Club Annual Spring Luncheon and Fundraiser, 11 am Rob Roy Golf Course	10 Mental Health Matters 5:30-6:00pm, MPPL Needlecraft Night, 7pm Central School, MPHist	11 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	12	13 Coffee with Council, 9-11am VH Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
14 Second Sundays at the Society: Flowers, 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist	15 Wis Workout 11am-12:30 pm, VH	16 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Introduction to Traditional Korean Music, 7-8pm MPPL	17 Supporting Children with Anxiety, 7-8pm, MPPL On Being Fabulous with Jonathan Van Ness and Kristi Yamaguchi, 7-8pm MPPL	18 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC	19 Garage Sale Weekend	20 Mount Prospect Garden Club Annual Plant Sale, 9am-4pm MPHist Garage Sale Weekend Public Works Open House 9am-1pm, Public Works Facility Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
21 Garage Sale Weekend	22	23 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	24 Legal Matters: Legal Aid Can Help, 7-8pm, MPPL	25 Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC Comiskey Park's Last World Series: A History of the 1959 Chicago White Sox 7-8pm, MPPL	26	27 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
28	29 Memorial Day Ceremony & Parade, 9:30am Lions Park Veterans Memorial Band Shell Village Hall and Public Works will be closed in observance.	30 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	31			

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Message from the Mayor

As I think about our Village, which I do every day, I think about how one identifies the Village of Mount Prospect. How do you know when you are in our town? That identity is created by the landmarks – Randhurst, RecPlex, Village Hall, the Water Tower, the River Road Flood Wall, Aspen Trails Park, your house and your neighbor's house, and so many other physical landmarks provide that sense of place. When you see the landmarks, you know you are in Mount Prospect. What is most interesting is the identity of Mount Prospect is changing daily as new landmarks are added to our landscape.

Many of the landmarks have stood the test of time; some were built by people who are no longer with us, others by people who currently live in our community. These structures tell you: you are in the Village of Mount Prospect.

In my opinion, identity is a must and creates a sense of place for our people and for people who come to, or pass through, our town. However, what makes that identity tick? What makes Mount Prospect go each and every day? What is the soul of Mount Prospect? Our soul, as it always has been, is the people. It is the people in the community that gives our Village life and vibrancy and warmth.

That soul is certainly the people who live in our extremely tightknit neighborhoods, where neighbor truly cares about neighbor. But it goes far beyond that to the people who own and run businesses and the people who work at those businesses. Our soul is the kids who go to school here and the people who work here. And, without that soul, the identity of Mount Prospect would be meaningless, the identity an empty shell.

The people in our town are the soul. Most of these people live in our Village. Some do not. Some of these people cut your hair, some of these people stock shelves, some of these people fix your car, some of these people sell you insurance, some of these people are the proverbial butcher, baker, and candlestick maker.

Some of these people show up on your doorstep when you are in need, some of these people help you pay your water bill, some of these people plow your streets, some of these people cut the grass in your neighborhood park, and some of these people teach your children.

Finally, we have so many great people who give of themselves each and every day to help others with absolutely no expectation for anything in return. People who coach teams, people who are in our various service clubs, people who deliver meals, people who are Scout Leaders, people who establish Go Fund Me pages for another citizen in need or simply shovel their neighbor's sidewalk. People who just want to help others.

However, you must remember that without you and without them, Mount Prospect would be hollow, a place with absolutely no soul.

So, on behalf of the Village Board of Mount Prospect, thank you all for being and for creating the soul of Mount Prospect. And I can tell you from firsthand experience, Mount Prospect is blessed with a deep and giving soul.

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT