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OKTOBERFEST + FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 22 – 23 | CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL | EMERSON ST + BUSSE AVE



Join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA) at their annual Oktoberfest and Fall Festival the weekend of September 22 and 23!

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 22 | OKTOBERFEST | 4 PM TO 11 PM

Join the celebration of Mount Prospect heritage with authentic German food, music, and beverages on Centennial Green outside Village Hall. Paloma will be performing a variety of classic German songs, new German hits, oldies, country and classic standards.

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 23 | FALL FEST | 1 PM TO 4 PM

Taking place on Centennial Green outside Village Hall, Fall Fest is one of the largest FREE family events in the Northwest suburbs. Attendees can enjoy pumpkin decorating, live entertainment, crafts, activities, food and music in the downtown area. There will also be a Root Beer Garden for the first time ever! The festival will begin with a Special Needs Hour from 12 to 1 pm. This hour is reserved for families with special needs to enjoy the fest before it opens to the public. Registration is required. Families can sign up on the MPDMA's website at mpdowntown.com

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 23 | OKTOBERFEST | 4 PM TO 11 PM

Keep the party going after Fall Fest! Fan-favorite Phenix German Band will perform.

PARKING + TRANSPORTATION

Event parking is located at the Emerson Street Parking Deck at 30 S. Emerson Street. If you have friends coming from other towns, you're in luck! Centennial Green is located just one block from the Metra station. For additional information, visit the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association webpage at mpdowntown.com or visit the Oktoberfest Facebook page (@oktoberfestmp).



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Community Events

SEPTEMBER
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**Bluesmobile
Cruise Nights**
Saturdays | Through
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.

SEPTEMBER
3

**Lions Club
Farmers Market**
Sundays | Through Oct 29
8 am – 1 pm
WEST COMMUTER
PARKING LOT
Northwest Hwy. & Main St.



Stop by every week, rain or shine, to support local producers and one-of-a-kind vendors. Stock up on unique food items and other goodies. The Farmers Market is also a food drop-off location for the Mount Prospect Food Pantry and a collection site for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. For more information, visit mplions.org/farmers-market.

SEPTEMBER
5

**Play and
Learn Group**
Tuesdays | September 5, 12,
19 & 26
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



Children aged 2 through 5 and their parents or caretakers are invited to join the Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning. To reserve your spot, please call 847.506.4930.

SEPTEMBER
6

Walking Club
Wednesday | September 6,
13 & 20
Thursday | September 14
8:45 – 9:45 am
Walking Club will take
place weather permitting.



On Wednesday the club will meet at Sycamore Trails Park, and on Thursday the club will meet at Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park. Mount Prospect residents of all fitness levels are welcome to join. Registration is required. To register, please call 847.506.4930.

SEPTEMBER
7

Senior Connections
Thursday | September 7
9 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Seniors are invited to
join the Human Services



Department to learn something new, meet their neighbors, and get acquainted with Village staff. Light breakfast snacks and beverages will be served. No registration is required, so come and enjoy this fun event!

SEPTEMBER
7

**Conversations in
English**
Thursday | September 7 &
21 | 1 – 2 pm
Thursday | September 14 &
28 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



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

SEPTEMBER
7

Monthly Blood Drive
Thursday | September 7
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 that are converted into a monetary award given to the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Scholarship Fund. Register at vitalant.org.

SEPTEMBER
8

**Fridays on
the Green**
Friday | September 8
The Dill Spears
6 – 8 pm
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Bring your blanket and chairs and find 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.

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

SEPTEMBER
9

**21st Annual Fishing
Derby**
Saturday | September 9
8 – 11 am
ROBERT T. JACKSON
CLEARWATER PARK
1717 W. Lonquist Blvd.



Grab your gear, test your skills, and maybe land a *big one!* Join the Mount Prospect Police Department and Mount Prospect Park District at Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park for the 21st Annual Fishing Derby. The lake is stocked for the event, and this is a great opportunity for you, your friends, and your family to fish alongside Mount Prospect officers. Bring your rod, reel, and tackle—worms will be provided. Tickets are \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents, and all registered participants will receive a goody bag. Register at mppd.org. Same-day registration is allowed.

SEPTEMBER
9

**One Book, One
Village Book
Giveaway**
Saturday | September 9
10 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Drop into the Mount Prospect Public Library and pick up your free copy of our One Book, One Village community book, *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Both regular print and large print copies are available to Mount Prospect residents while supplies last. One Book, One Village events will take place throughout the month of October and will include book discussions, craft programs, and a special after-hours event for adults. Visit mopl.org for more information.

SEPTEMBER
10

**Second Sunday at
the Society**
Sunday | September 10
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 South Maple Street



This month's theme for the Second Sunday at the Society event is apples. Stop by this open house event for a variety of hands-on activities. This free event is open to all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

SEPTEMBER
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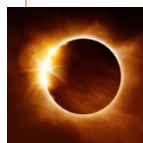
Walk and Talk Books
Mondays | September 11,
18 & 25
10 – 10:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Come walk and talk books with the Mount Prospect Public Library. Enjoy a 30-minute walk through the neighborhood, listen to what your neighbors are raving about, and share your reading ups and downs. All walking speeds and book genres are welcome. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
11

**The Great North
American Eclipse**
Monday | September 11
7 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
and Zoom



There are two impressive solar eclipses on the way in October and April. Join Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium, to learn what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely. This program will be presented both in-person at the library and via Zoom. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
12

The Gardener as an Artist
Tuesday | September 12
9:30 am



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

Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club for their September meeting and presentation by Nina Koziol. This is a behind-the-scenes peek at what the pros do at home—from Midwestern landscape architects and horticulturists to estate managers and plant breeders. Nina Koziol has written gardening articles for the Chicago Tribune for 22 years as well as for Chicagoland Gardening, Old House Journal, Organic Gardening, and the American Gardener. She has taught horticulture, design, and residential landscape design history at the Chicago Botanic Garden and The Morton Arboretum since 1998. Everyone is welcome. This event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering at 9:30 am, followed by an hour-long Garden Club meeting. Koziol will begin her presentation at 11 am.

SEPTEMBER
13

Needlecraft Night
Wednesday | September 13
7 – 9 pm



CENTRAL SCHOOL MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Enjoy creating a random act of kindness and learn a few basic quilting techniques. Participants can try piecing, applique, filling, and other quilting techniques to embellish their heart designs. Then Society staff will discuss ways to distribute them around Mount Prospect to give random cheer to those who find them. This is part of the *I found a quilted heart* project. Register at mtphist.org.

SEPTEMBER
14

Fit 4 Life
Thursday | September 14
11 – 11:45 am



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

This free seated exercise class welcomes people of all fitness levels. The class is led by the Village's Public Health Nurse. Fit 4 Life is a fun, socially engaging, total body, low-impact workout. The class aims to increase

strength, improve flexibility, and promote daily movement to keep the body and mind healthy. Class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.

SEPTEMBER
14

Don't Pay the College Sticker Price
Thursday | September 14
7 – 8:30 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

For many families, college tuition is the largest expense they will ever face. Joe Orsolini, President of College Aid Planners, Inc., will introduce several opportunities to reduce the overall cost of a college education, including need-based aid, merit aid, scholarships, tax breaks, and student loans. Join the Mount Prospect Public Library to learn how a college education can be more affordable for all students and their families. To register, visit mmdl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
15

An Evening in Paris: Daddy Daughter Date Night
Friday | September 15
5:30 – 8:30 pm



FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 W. Algonquin Rd.

Bonjour! An enchanted evening awaits you as the Friendship Park Conservatory is transformed into a Parisian Paradise. Girls ages 4 to 12 and their dads can enjoy dancing, photographs, dinner with Paris-themed desserts, games, and crafts. Tickets are \$25 for residents, \$30 for non-residents. Each attendant should register separately. Register soon at mppd.org because spots fill up fast!

SEPTEMBER
16

Fire Department Open House
Saturday | September 16
10 am – 2 pm



RANDHURST VILLAGE
Fun for the entire family!
Get an up-close look at

emergency response vehicles, try a firefighter pole, participate in fire safety and preparedness programs, be a part of a kids combat challenge, and take fire extinguisher training. Details can be found at mountprospect.org/firedepartment.

SEPTEMBER
22

Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run
Friday | September 22
5 – 8 pm



MELAS PARK
1500 West Central Road
Kids ages 5 to 12 are invited to test their limits with this fun and challenging 5K

adventure run featuring hill elevation and grass and concrete terrain. Run, climb, jump, push, and pull your way to the finish line. Pricing and additional details can be found at mppd.org.

SEPTEMBER
23

Super Saturday: Tierra Colombiana
Saturday | September 23
10 – 10:30 am



MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Travel to the shores of South America with this high-energy performance from the Tierra Colombiana Dance Ensemble, showcasing music and dance from Colombia. This program for families is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mmdl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
26

Parenting Class
Tuesday | September 26
5:30 pm



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

The Human Services Department will offer the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® training course in both English and Spanish. The curriculum was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc. Call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 to register for the course. **Registration is required.**

SEPTEMBER
27

Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class
Wednesday | September 27
1:30 – 3:30 pm



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

This course is intended to give drivers the information and confidence they need to pass their license renewal examination. Please call 847.870.5680 to register.

SEPTEMBER
29

Movie in the Park
Friday | September 29
Dusk



WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Euclid Ave.

The River Trails Park District is excited to present a free movie in the park, *The Croods: A New Age*. Blankets and lawn chairs are encouraged. All ages are welcome.

SEPTEMBER
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Five Dollar Fives: WJAZ and Ham Radio with Frank Corry
Saturday | September 30
10 am



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.

With its transmitter and antenna tower located in Mount Prospect, WJAZ was one of the big players in the very early days of broadcast radio. Long before television dominated evening entertainment in American homes, families tuned in their radios. Entertainers traveled the country performing live studio broadcasts from the few radio stations that were beginning to fill the airwaves. Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society as Frank Corry, Mount Prospect Historical Society Board President, talks about Mount Prospect's WJAZ Radio, its impact on the emerging radio broadcast industry, and its connections to ham radio. Tickets are \$5 and you can register at mtphist.org.

COMING IN OCTOBER!

OCTOBER
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Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K
9 am



LIONS PARK
411 S. Maple St.

Run or walk in honor of someone with cancer. To learn more, support, or register visit bit.ly/2023Lemons5K or email julie@lemonslovelove.org.



News Around Town

Citizens Emergency Preparedness Class

Should a weather-related emergency or other type of disaster occur, be sure your family is prepared. The Department of Emergency Management will be hosting a free 20-hour course from October 4 to November 15 to provide you, your family, and your neighbors with the knowledge and tools needed to plan for these critical situations.

The course is free and will meet from 6:30 – 9:30 pm during the 7-week period. Classes will meet at Mount Prospect Fire Station 14 located at 200 E. Kensington Rd.

Topics covered will include disaster planning, storms and weather, fire safety and utilities, fire extinguishers, first aid, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology.

To sign up please contact the Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Miller at 847.818.5254 or jmiller@mountprospect.org.

News from the Building Department

Firepit Guidelines

Fall is a great time to enjoy backyard firepits, but please be aware if you are installing a new one a permit is required in some cases. A temporary, moveable firepit does not require a permit, but a permanent unit will.

Whether the firepit is permanent or temporary, all must follow these guidelines. For wood burning pits:



- A firepit with a spark arrestor lid must be located at least 15' away from any other structure.
- Those without a spark arrestor lid need 25' of clearance from any other structure.
- The diameter of a firepit cannot exceed 3'.
- The burning pile may not exceed 2' in height.
- Only seasoned wood should be used to limit nuisance smoke to neighbors' property.

Gas burning pits require the following:

- They must be located a minimum of 10' from any other structure.
- Must have a dedicated shutoff valve (for either gas or propane).



All fires should always be supervised or should be extinguished prior to being unattended.

As always, permits can be applied for online at www.mountprospect.org/permits or by visiting the Building Department on the second floor at Village Hall in the Community Development Department.

For any questions on permits for firepits or any other building related topics please contact building@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5675.

A Big Shout-out to our Sponsors!

The Village would like to recognize the sponsors that make the Fridays on the Green concert series possible! Your support fuels these fantastic shows, and we're truly thankful.



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113 E. Prospect Ave.
847.253.1634



B & E ACCOUNTING
800 E. Northwest Hwy. #207
847.818.1040



AMETHYST SKYE SALON
200 W. Northwest Hwy. | #116
847.322.4124



LAW OFFICE OF DAVID J. E. ROE
1699 Wall St. | #104
312.948.4080



RIVER TRAILS PARK DISTRICT
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
847.255.1200

We encourage residents to consider patronizing these businesses that have so generously supported us.

And finally, we thank all who joined us on the Green this summer and supported our local restaurants! Here's to many more memorable Fridays on the Green!

News from the Finance Department

Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2023 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than \$27,180 for 1 person or \$36,620 for 2 or more persons. The rebate is equal to 50% of the Village's portion of the total 2022 Cook County real estate tax bill, up to a maximum of \$100.00. Please apply after you have paid the 2nd installment of your 2022 tax bill.

Assistance in completing the application will be available in the Finance Department at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, on Thursday, November 9 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm, and Tuesday, November 14 from 9:30 am to noon. Information will be mailed out in October to those who have participated in the program. The 2023 Property Tax Relief Grant application can be found at mountprospect.org/propertytaxrelief. All applications are due by November 30, 2023. For more information, please contact Rumiana McCormick at 847.818.5368.

Community/Economic Development

More Progress

In recent years, Mount Prospect has seen significant progress in its urban development, infrastructure enhancements and community engagement, fostering a thriving and dynamic environment for its residents.

The development process for CloudHQ, the Village's first data center campus, is underway at the former United Airlines Campus located between Algonquin Road and Dempster Street. The multi-billion-dollar project will consist of more than 1.6 million square feet of space spread across three buildings.

Demolition of the existing site has been completed with approximately 44,000 tons of building materials kept out of the landfill due to recycling efforts. The proposed development will generate approximately \$1-2 million annually in utility taxes. The first facility, a 2-story building encompassing approximately 575,000 square feet will begin construction in fall 2023.

Mount Prospect continues to Run on Dunkin' with a fifth location under-construction. The newest Dunkin' will be located at 1798 South Elmhurst Road and will be the second location in south Mount Prospect. The project is part of a two-story mixed-use development including three additional commercial/retail spaces and five residential units on the second floor.



Ribbon Cuttings



July 18, 2023 | **AVERY DENNISON REFLECTIVE SOLUTIONS**
902 Feehanville Drive | averydennison.com



July 27, 2023 | **LUMI STUDIO & SHOPPE** | 104 W. Northwest Hwy
847.476.0980 | lumistudioshoppe.com



MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT **OPEN HOUSE** AT RANDHURST VILLAGE



Fire Department Open House

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16 for the Mount Prospect Fire Department's annual Open House. The family event takes place at Randhurst Village from 10 am to 2 pm.

In addition to free food and snacks, the Open House will allow everyone the opportunity to get an up-close look at emergency response vehicles, try a firefighter pole, participate in fire safety and preparedness programs, be a part of a kids combat challenge, and take fire extinguisher training.

Details can be found at mountprospect.org/firedepartment, and we encourage everyone to follow us at [facebook.com/mountprospectfd](https://www.facebook.com/mountprospectfd), and [youtube.com/mountprospectfiredepartment](https://www.youtube.com/mountprospectfiredepartment).

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 16!

**SEPT. 16, 2023
10AM – 2PM**

- EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES
- FIREFIGHTER POLE
- KID'S COMBAT CHALLENGE
- PRIZE WHEEL
- CHILDREN'S FIREFIGHTER HELMETS
- GIVEAWAYS
- THE US ARMY
- FIRE SAFETY AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMS
- FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING
- FREE FOOD AND SNACKS

AND MUCH MORE!

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Knox Box Program

The Mount Prospect Fire Department's Knox Box program is an ideal solution if you or a loved one have mobility issues, are at risk for a fall, or would be comfortable knowing that you can be reached in an emergency. The Knox Box system provides firefighters and paramedics access to the home for residents that would have difficulty getting to the door due to medical or physical disabilities.



The Knox Box is placed over your door, like a wreath hanger and securely holds a key to the door. Only the Fire Department will have access into the key box, and it will only be used in case of an emergency.

An alert that includes the

name and address of the resident and the location of the Knox Box is placed in the 911 dispatch computer system. Firefighters responding to an emergency call will have this information relayed to them when responding to a call, allowing them to know right away that they can enter the home safely without having to damage the door.

There is a one-time fee for the purchase of the Knox Box but no set-up cost or annual fee thereafter. Contact the Mount Prospect Fire Department to help place an order. The Knox Box is delivered directly to the Fire Department who will set up an installation appointment. Installation takes minutes, and all you must provide is a spare key to your door.

For ordering help or any questions, contact Laurie Moran in the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



21st Annual Fishing Derby

Grab your fishing gear and join us on September 9 at Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park from 8 – 11 am for our 21st Annual Fishing Derby. We're partnering with the Mt. Prospect Park District to stock the lake for this fun event that allows friends and neighbors to fish alongside local police officers. The park is located at 1717 W. Lonquist Blvd. Register at mppd.org.



Preventing Track Tragedies



We recognize Rail Safety Week September 18 – 24 this year and want to use this as an opportunity to build awareness of how to respect the many rail crossings in our community. Every 3 hours in the U.S. a person or vehicle is hit by a train. When walking, jogging, or riding through town, it's important to know what to do when you see railroad signs and signals at a crossing. Let's follow these safety tips to stay safe when it comes to trains and rail crossings:

- Always expect that a train is coming. Trains move faster than you think, can run on any track, at any time from either direction, and may not always arrive on a predictable schedule.
- Walking on or beside train tracks is not only dangerous, but also illegal.
- The only safe place to cross tracks is at a designated public crossing with a crossbuck, flashing red lights, or a gate. Crossing anywhere else is illegal.

- Crossing tracks on a bike, with a stroller, in a wheelchair, or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention. Choose your route carefully, perhaps looking for alternatives. Bikes should only cross at a 90-degree angle and it is better to walk across than to ride. Those in wheelchairs should consider assistance.
- Never pass flashing lights or go around lowered gates. Even after a train has passed, don't cross tracks until the gate has been completely raised and the lights have stopped flashing.
- Multiple tracks can mean multiple trains. Wait to cross until you can see in both directions.
- Stay off railroad bridges and trestles, and out of railroad tunnels. There is no extra room for pedestrians.
- Do not attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. Never climb on, under, or through railroad cars.

Beat Meetings

Get to know the Police Department personnel serving your area by participating in one of our Beat Meetings. These meetings allow you to interact with the team of officers that are assigned to your neighborhood, ask questions, and learn more about what is happening in your area. You can find the Beat you live in by checking the map at mountprospect.org/policebeats. Please join us at the meeting in your neighborhood:

- Beat 3160** | November 6, 7 pm | Avanti Caffé, 1900 S. Elmhurst Rd.
- Beat 3162** | September 21, 6:30 pm | Robert Frost School, 1308 Cypress Dr.
- Beat 3164** | October 25, 7 pm | Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Rd.
- Beat 3166** | September 18, 6:30 pm | Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St.
- Beat 3168** | October 18, 6:30 pm | Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.
- Beat 3170** | October 23, 7 pm | Frost Elementary School, 1805 Aspen Dr.



Reminders For Drivers & Pedestrians

Let's work together to make it safe for pedestrians crossing the street with some reminders for motorists and pedestrians of lawful obligations when crossings occur.

Drivers

- Must stop their vehicles to allow pedestrians in any marked or unmarked crosswalk to walk across the roadway safely when the pedestrian is on their half of the roadway or so close from the opposite half to be a danger.
- May not pass another vehicle stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, when approaching from the rear.

Pedestrians

- Pedestrians and bicyclists using marked or unmarked crosswalks at intersections controlled by traffic signals must follow the *walk* and *don't walk* signals.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded to look for traffic in every direction as they cross any roadway to increase their safety as they cross.

For more reminders for motorists and pedestrians, check out the police pages of the Village website at mountprospect.org/police.



Fall Leaf Collection

The Village's fall loose-leaf collection program for unbagged leaves provides residents with a convenient, no-cost means of disposing of leaves. Through the program, residents can place loose leaves at the curb once each week on scheduled dates between October 16 and December 1 for collection by Public Works crews.

Leaves should be raked onto the pavement one foot from the curb line no sooner than the day before your collection day. If you miss the collection, do not rake leaves to the curb as trucks will pass each street only once on the collection day.

The program is for loose leaves only; materials such as branches, bushes, and grass clippings must still be placed in collection bags and

taken to the curb as usually done with waste collection.

Please remember that burning of leaves is not allowed in Mount Prospect.

For more information on leaf collection and a map identifying the collection schedule visit mountprospect.org/publicworks.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Mount Prospect residents are invited to drop off hazardous household waste at our collection event on September 30. Drop-off will be between 8 am and 2 pm but is by appointment only. A list of accepted items can be found at mountprospect.org/hhw.

This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous waste and keep your home toxin-free. Hazardous materials should never be thrown in the trash or recycling bin or thrown down the drain, sewer, or flushed in a toilet.

This event is for residents only – no business or commercial waste will be accepted.

Remember, participation requires an appointment. Reserve your spot at mountprospect.org/hhw or contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

Participate in Our New Styrofoam Recycling Program

To reduce our community's contribution of expanded polystyrene (EPS), or Styrofoam, to landfills the Village has launched a new Styrofoam recycling program.

Current estimates indicate that EPS 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.

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.

We invite you to be a part of this important initiative by dropping Styrofoam materials off at Public Works, 1700 W. Central Ave. Drop-off hours will take place every Tuesday from 10 am to noon, and Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm except for holidays. 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; packing peanuts are not eligible for this program and cannot be accepted.

Water Quality in Your Home

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) invites you to review these tips about water quality hot spots in your home and yard.

Good Water Quality Practices:

- Compost your grass clippings and leaves into nutrient-rich mulch for your planting beds and gardens.
- Natural areas and planting beds lend variety to a residential lawn, attract wildlife, and mean you have less lawn to mow and fertilize.
- Directing downspouts to unpaved areas to allow rainwater to soak into the ground, controlling the flow of runoff into local waterways.
- Protect your family and waterways, streams, and lakes by safely storing chemical products. Make sure lawn chemicals, car care products, and household cleaners are properly sealed in their containers and safely stored away from people, pets, and runoff water.

Bad Water Quality Practices:

- Excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides. If you do use them, sweep excess amounts off paved areas to prevent runoff into storm sewers.
- Improper car maintenance will cause small oil drips or gas leaks which become runoff that washes these toxic chemicals into waterways.
- Bare soil allows runoff into sewers. Prevent this by planting the area with grass or some other vegetation, and then immediately covering with mulch or hay until vegetation takes root.

Fall is a Great Time for Tree Care

If you enjoy the beautiful fall colors from trees in your yard, be sure to take care of them even after the leaves have fallen. You can send trees into dormancy on a healthy note by following some important steps this fall.

The first step is to keep trees watered in the fall season. Generally, an inch of rain per week will be sufficient but, if we run into a dry period, you will want to do some watering yourself. Simply run a sprinkler under the tree canopy, keeping in mind that roots can extend out as far as a tree is tall, so keep that entire area watered.

A layer of mulch beneath the canopy of the tree will help retain soil moisture and prevent the ground from freezing; this will help promote root growth. Wood chips are a great, natural source of covering. A 2 – 3” layer will also help reduce weed growth allowing you to keep harmful power lawn trimmers away from the base of the tree. Be careful, though, not to pile the mulch up against the trunk of the tree, keeping it at ground level right next to the trunk instead.

Fall is a great time to fertilize trees, but timing is critical. If not completed by early September, it is better to wait until a tree has gone dormant in late November. This prevents a flush of new growth that will not be hardened off prior to the arrival of freezing temperatures.

Invest some time in your yard this fall to inspect trees, looking for insect damage or pruning needs. While most insect damage occurs early in the season, some control measures may be needed in the fall for best results. If significant damage is noted, it is best to consult a tree-care professional as insect life cycles vary and can impact your trees at different times.

Finally, some light pruning in fall is a great idea. Removing dead and broken limbs can improve the health of a tree as well as reduce insect damage and fungi. Removing fallen leaves, fruit, and other tree debris from the landscape can help reduce foliar diseases the following season. If you don't feel like you can safely take on the pruning, call a professional to get the work done for you.



Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Wanted

If you are interested in earning some extra income this winter, consider becoming a supplemental snowplow driver for the Village. Candidates must have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with an air endorsement and experience driving large trucks. You will need to be available on an on-call basis. First-year drivers will need to attend an orientation class. If you are interested, please contact Public Works at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5640.



Human Services

Medicare D Prescription Drug Open Enrollment Period

Open enrollment for Medicare D begins October 15 and ends December 7 this year. Each year brings changes in premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and drugs covered for all drug plans. Human Services Department social workers and senior health insurance volunteers can help you determine which plan is best for you for the upcoming year with the help of a tool available on the Medicare website. A quick review with these volunteers can also identify if you are eligible for extra assistance with your plan premiums and co-pays. If you would like assistance enrolling or reviewing your current plan, call 847.870.5680 to schedule one of a limited number of appointments.



Rules of the Road Class

Looking for a little more confidence as you prepare for your driver's license renewal exam? Sign up for our Rules of the Road class Wednesday, September 27. The class will take place from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Registration is required, so call 847.870.5680 to reserve your spot.



Behavioral Health Subsidy Program

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



Parenting Class

The Human Services Department will offer the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® training course at 5:30 pm on September 26, in both English and Spanish. The *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® Curriculum was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., in Golden, Colorado. Call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 to register.



Weekly Health Screenings

The Public Health Nurse offers weekly health screening clinics for Mount Prospect residents every Monday from 9-11 am at Village Hall in the Human Services Department and at the Community Connections Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 pm. 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.

Community Connections Center

September is Suicide Prevention Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this important topic by liking us at [Facebook.com/MPHumanServices](https://www.facebook.com/MPHumanServices).



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- MPPD** Mt. Prospect Park District
- RTPD** River Trails Park District
- MPDMA** Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.
- MPHist** Mount Prospect Historical Society
- MPCLC** Mount Prospect Lions Club
- Chamber** Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce
- VH** Village Hall

September 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT experience.mountprospect.org				1 Fridays on the Green 6-8pm, Centennial Green at VH, Liquid Soul	2 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
3 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	4	5 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	6 Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park	7 Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Senior Connections, 9-11am VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Monthly Blood Drive, 2-8pm FIRE STATION 14	8 Fridays on the Green 6-8pm, The Dill Spears Centennial Green at VH	9 Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH 21st Annual Fishing Derby, 8-11am Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park One Book, One Village Book Giveaway 10am-3pm, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
10 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist	11 Walk and Talk Books 10-10:30am, MPPL The Great North American Eclipse, 7-8pm, MPPL	12 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC The Gardener as an Artist 9:30am, VH	13 Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park Needlecraft Night, 7-9pm Central School, MPHIST	14 Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC Don't Pay the College Sticker Price, 7-8:30pm, MPPL	15 An Evening in Paris: Daddy Daughter Date Night 5:30-8:30pm, Friendship Park Conservatory	16 Fire Department Open House 10am-2pm, Randolph Village Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
17 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	18 Walk and Talk Books 10-10:30am, MPPL	19 Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	20 Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park	21 Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC	22 Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run, 5pm-8pm Melas Park	23 Super Saturday: Tierra Colombiana, 10-10:30am MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
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Message from the Mayor

The Mount Prospect Annual Report for 2022 was recently completed and is now available to the citizens of Mount Prospect at mountprospect.org/transparency. The following are excerpts of my forward to that document.

The stated goals of my Administration center around maintaining and improving the quality of life for all citizens of the Village of Mount Prospect. There are several key takeaways I hope you find when reading the report.

Priority One in our Village is citizen safety. Citizens must feel safe in their homes, in their neighborhoods, and in the community. The report shows how members of Police and Fire Departments, our Public Works and Human Services Departments, and our departmental staff are aligned with this goal and actively working hard every day to meet and exceed the goal of citizen safety.

Actively encouraging and supporting Village-wide economic development is a basic building block of our financial strength and the life blood of our community. Economic development from the manufacturing, retail/service, healthcare, and leisure sectors, and other areas, bring people, jobs, and taxable revenues, as well as products and services to our Village. These are all necessary ingredients for a healthy economic environment. All indications are that our local economy is healthy and growing, allowing the Village Administration to avoid relying on residential property tax as a source of revenue to run our Village.

Keeping up with repairs and replacement of our critical Village infrastructure is also essential. Just like in your own homes, when you defer maintenance, those deferrals come back to roost in the form of major disruptions and higher costs. On the Public Works side, keeping up with water, sewer, street, and storm water projects has always been a strategic focus of your Village Board and 2022 was no different.

Finally, the well-being of our fellow citizens, especially those in need, is a high priority. Those with critical financial, general health, mental health, aging, and nutritional subsistence needs are addressed in a dignified manner by our dedicated Human Services Department. Helping those who may not be able to help themselves is a sign of a high value, moral community.

As your Mayor, I encourage all citizens of Mount Prospect to read the Annual Report as it will provide you with an understanding of the activities, statistics, and needs met by your Village in 2022. I am truly honored to be the Mayor of an incredible community with such good people.

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT