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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

OCTOBER 2023



## SPOOKY SEASON IS UPON US!

**SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST | REGISTRATION BEGINS OCTOBER 1**

Get ready to embrace the eerie vibes of the season with the Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission's first-ever Halloween Decorating Contest! This contest is open to all properties within Mount Prospect, whether it's your home, condo/apartment or business.

### JOIN THE SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST!

Registration is absolutely free and mandatory. To sign up, simply provide us with a snapshot of your spooktastic decorations, along with your name, address and contact details. You can access the registration form online at [mountprospect.org/Halloween](http://mountprospect.org/Halloween) or in person at Village Hall (on the third floor). Registration will be open from October 1 – 22.

Unless you specify otherwise, all registered properties will be included on our Halloween Decorating map. This map will be made available to the public prior to Halloween, so your fellow community members can revel in the spooktacular ambiance you've created!

Our panel of judges from the Special Events Commission will cast their spooky verdict on October 28 and winners will be announced on October 30. Winners will not only receive a yard sign to proudly



display on Halloween night but also gain the ultimate bragging rights and a special shout-out on the Village's communications channels!

### TIME TO GET CREATIVE! AWARD CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Most Frightfully Fun
  - Most Creative
  - Best Decorated Door/Windows
  - Judges' Favorite
  - People's Choice
- (voting will be held on the Village Facebook page—[facebook.com/mountprospectIL](https://facebook.com/mountprospectIL)—from October 27 at 10 am to October 30 at 10 am)

Have questions or need assistance? Reach out to Special Events Commission Staff Liaison Kylie Cerk at [kcerk@mountprospect.org](mailto:kcerk@mountprospect.org) or call 847.818.5201.

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# Community Events

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**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](http://mplions.org/farmers-market).

OCTOBER  
**1**

**Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K**  
Sunday | October 1 | 9 am  
LIONS PARK  
410 S. Maple St.



Run or walk our 5K course in honor of someone with cancer. To learn more, support, or register visit [bit.ly/2023Lemons5K](http://bit.ly/2023Lemons5K) or email [julie@lemonsoflove.org](mailto:julie@lemonsoflove.org).

OCTOBER  
**3**

**Play and Learn Group**  
Tuesdays | October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
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.

OCTOBER  
**4**

**Walking Club**  
Thursday | October 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 8:45 – 9:45 am  
ROBERT T. JACKSON CLEARWATER PARK  
1800 W. Golf Rd.



Weather permitting, Mount Prospect residents of all fitness levels are welcome to join. Registration is required. Please call 847.506.4930 to reserve your spot.

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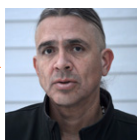
**Citizens Emergency Preparedness Class**  
Wednesdays | October 4 to November 15  
6:30 – 9:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE STATION 14  
2000 E. Kensington Rd.



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 with the knowledge and tools needed to plan for these critical situations. 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 register by October 3, contact Jim Miller at 847.818.5254 or [jmiller@mountprospect.org](mailto:jmiller@mountprospect.org).

OCTOBER  
**4**

**Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones**  
Wednesday | October 4  
7 – 8 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
via Zoom



Stephen Graham Jones joins the Mount Prospect Public Library virtually to talk scary stories, horror, and more with librarian Becky Spratford. Jones is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Only Good Indians* and *Don't Fear the Reaper*, and a prolific author of more than 25 books spanning genres. This program will be presented using Zoom. To register, visit [mddl.org](http://mddl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER  
**5**

**Senior Connections**  
Thursday | October 5  
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!

OCTOBER  
**5**

**8th Annual Legion Fall Classic**  
Thursday | October 5  
MOUNT PROSPECT GOLF CLUB  
600 S. See-Gwun Ave.



Mount Prospect American Legion Post 525 annual fundraiser to support homeless veterans in the immediate area. Proceeds go to Veterans Path to Hope of Crystal Lake ([veteranspathtohope.org](http://veteranspathtohope.org)). 2-man scramble, \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes with cart, hot dog/chips at the turn, prizes and raffle and buffet after golf. Sponsorships available. Interested in playing, sponsoring a hole or donating a prize for the raffle, contact Commander Bill Starr at [billstarr14@gmail.com](mailto:billstarr14@gmail.com) or call 847.769.1891. Please include your email address in message.

OCTOBER  
**5**

**Conversations in English**  
Thursdays | October 5 & 19 | 1 – 2 pm  
Thursdays | October 12 & 26 | 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.

OCTOBER  
**5**

**Monthly Blood Drive**  
Thursday | October 5  
2 – 8 pm  
FIRE STATION 14  
2000 E. Kensington Rd.



The Fire Department has partnered with Vitalant and their Everyday Heroes program. Donors generate points that are converted into a monetary award given to the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Scholarship Fund. Register at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org).

OCTOBER  
**6**

**Fit 4 Life**  
Friday | October 6  
10:00 – 10:45 am  
Thursday | October 12, 19 & 26 | 11:00 – 11:45 am  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise program series for seniors that welcomes all fitness levels. Programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness and Zumba Gold classes. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. Class is open to MP residents only. No registration is required.

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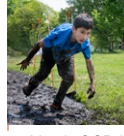
**Trick or Treat Trail**  
Saturday | October 7  
8:45 am – 12:45 pm  
LIONS RECREATION CENTER  
411 S. Maple St.



Step outside for some seasonal fun! Enjoy a fun-filled trail of Halloween games and treats with the Mt. Prospect Park District. Pick up your bag at check-in and continue gathering prizes, coupons, and candy at each station. Attendees can sign up for four different time slots (8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45 am). Tickets are \$10 per child — adults are free. Learn more and register at [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

OCTOBER  
**7**

**The Trails Challenge Obstacle Course Race**  
Saturday | October 7  
9:30 am  
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK  
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



The River Trails Park District Trails Challenge Youth OCR is a 1.25-mile (2K) Obstacle Course Race through the Woodland Trails Park. There will be 10-14 natural and manmade obstacles throughout, challenging determination and physical prowess. The races are held completely within the Woodland Trails Park footprint, so there are no street crossings. All participants will receive a t-shirt, medal, goodie bag, and bragging rights for conquering the trail. Registration is \$25 per person through to October 5. On race day and the day before, tickets will be \$30.

OCTOBER  
**7**

### Randhurst Village Fall Fest

Saturday | October 7  
1–4 pm

RANDHURST VILLAGE  
1032 Center Dr.

Join us for an array of activities, including pumpkin decorating, face painting, a visit from the Stillman Nature Preserve owls, costumed stilt walkers passing out candy, photo ops, a visit with the Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments, and much more. The event takes place on the drive in front of Orangetheory Fitness. For information visit [randhurstvillage.com](http://randhurstvillage.com) and follow Randhurst Village on Facebook, Instagram and X.



OCTOBER  
**8**

### Second Sunday at the Society

Sunday, October 8  
11:30 am to 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
101/103 S. Maple St.

This month's theme is pumpkins. Stop by the open house event for a variety of hands-on activities. This FREE event welcomes all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.



OCTOBER  
**9**

### Walk and Talk Books

Monday | October 9 & 16  
10–10:30 am

MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for a 30-minute walk through the neighborhood as they chat about *Anxious People*, the One Book, One Village community read by Fredrik Backman. All walking speeds and readers are welcome. To register, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



OCTOBER  
**10**

### Mount Prospect Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday | October 10  
9:30 am

MOUNT PROSPECT  
POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
911 E. Kensington Road

Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club for their October meeting and presentation. 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 and presentation at 11 am. For additional details, keep an eye on the Garden Club's website, [gcmp.weebly.com](http://gcmp.weebly.com).

OCTOBER  
**11**

### Needlecraft Night

Wednesday, October 11  
7:00 to 9:00 pm

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



Join us and explore felting, a meditative process of turning roving (unspun wool) into a three-dimensional object. All participants will receive a basic kit of an assortment of felting needles, felting pad, and enough wool in assorted colors to create a small ornament or toy. Cost is \$10. Register at [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org).

OCTOBER  
**11**

### Developing Retirement Income Strategies for Today's Markets

Wednesday | October 11  
7–8:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
via Zoom



Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for a virtual evening with Ed Gjertsen II, CFP, past National President of the Financial Planning Association, as he guides you through the various strategies and challenges of successfully navigating the important financial aspects of your retirement years. This program will be presented using Zoom. To register, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER  
**12**

### One Book, One Village Book Discussion

Thursday | October 12  
7–8 pm (virtual)

Saturday | October 14  
2–3 pm  
Tuesday | October 17  
11 am–noon



Wednesday | October 18  
7–8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.

Join community members for a casual discussion of the One Book, One Village book, *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. No previous book discussion experience necessary.

OCTOBER  
**18**

### Movies on the Green

Wednesday | October 18  
Dusk

CENTENNIAL GREEN AT  
VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



The Downtown Merchants Association presents *Hocus Pocus!* Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy a Halloween favorite!

OCTOBER  
**20**

### Creature Feature Outdoor Movie Night

Friday | October 20  
(rain date October 21)  
6 pm

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL  
BANDSHELL | LIONS PARK  
411 S. Maple St.



The Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation fundraiser presents *Coco!* Join us for free popcorn, games, a big bucket of treats, and a Kids Raffle loaded with fun stuff for all. Bundle up with blankets and chairs and wear your costume if you dare! Proceeds benefit the Re-Green the Parks Campaign. Reserve your \$30 space for up to 6 people at [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

OCTOBER  
**21**

### Friends Book Sale

Saturday | October 21  
9 am–4:30 pm

Sunday | October 22  
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. For more information, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER  
**25**

### Small Business Morning Meetup

Wednesday | October 25  
9–10:30 am

MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Come share a cup of coffee and donuts with other local small business owners, entrepreneurs, start-up founders, freelancers, home businesses and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas and make valuable connections. To register, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER  
**25**

### Downtown Trick-or-Treat

Wednesday | October 25  
4–6 pm

DOWNTOWN  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
Dress up in your costume and trick-or-treat at



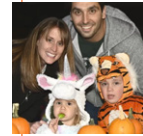
Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. Participating businesses will have an orange pumpkin on their door or window. Businesses with teal pumpkins will offer non-food treats. Visit [mpdowntown.com](http://mpdowntown.com) for more information.

OCTOBER  
**27**

### Monster's Bash-Free Event

Friday | October 27  
4–7 pm

WOODLAND TRAILS PARK  
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Wear your best costume to the River Trails Park District's annual Halloween event where you can decorate pumpkins, trick or treat through a character walk, play carnival games, jump in bounce houses, and take a hayride. There will be Halloween entertainment for the entire family. In the case of inclement weather, activities will be moved inside the Weiss Center.

OCTOBER  
**27**

### Library After Hours: One Book, One Village Social

Friday | October 27  
7–8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC  
LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Come join the library for an after-hour event celebrating the One Book, One Village community read. Socialize with your neighbors over snacks and wine while we provide you with some conversation starters about our featured title, *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. Attendees must be 21+ to participate. IDs required at time of entry. To register, visit [mmdl.org](http://mmdl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## News Around Town

### Halloween Safety

The best way to make Halloween fun for your little vampires and princesses is to keep them safe. Review this checklist before trick-or-treating this year.



- Keep trick-or-treating within the Village's defined hours of 3:00 and 8:00 pm.
- Avoid dark colored costumes as they are much harder to see at night. If dark costumes are worn, make sure the kids have a flashlight or glow stick with them, or wear a reflective belt or vest to be sure they are seen.
- Use face paint instead of a mask that might restrict vision.
- Make sure kids trick-or-treat in groups and have at least one adult tag along for extra safety.
- Trick or treaters should always cross at the cross walks and never go between parked cars.
- Drivers should drive a bit slower in residential areas on Halloween, keeping a close watch out for kids, especially if they are excited and forget our previous tip about not running out from between parked cars.
- Have an adult check all candy before it is consumed.

Keep these tips in mind and it will help make this a safe and happy Halloween.

## News from the Finance Department

### Curious About Village Finances?



If you have an interest in the Village's financial standing, you should know about the Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This document is made to provide a simplified summary of the Village's finances in a format that is useful even for those without a background in finance or accounting.

The Village has published this bite-sized version of our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report each year since 2020.

It outlines the highlights from the past fiscal year and provides transparent and meaningful financial information for the Mount Prospect community. The 2022 PAFR (for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022) was recently completed. You can find it at [tinyurl.com/4maspx38](https://tinyurl.com/4maspx38).

## News from the Building Department

### How Healthy is Your Home?

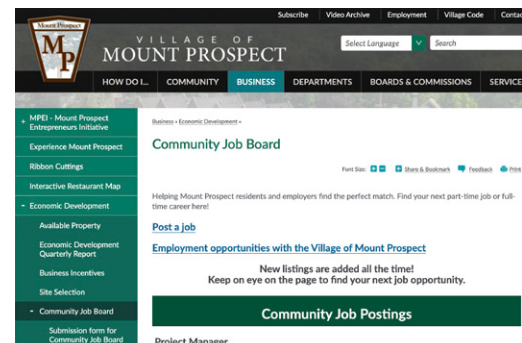
Before winter arrives, give your home a good check-up to make sure it is in the best shape possible for all that the season can bring. Here's a good checklist of things to look for.

- Start with windows and doors. Clean them and inspect all weather stripping to ensure a tight, warm seal.
- Service your heating equipment before issues appear. It's safer, less expensive, and easier than waiting to make repairs.
- Clean gutters and downspouts. Please use a professional service if you are not comfortable doing it yourself.
- Put a fresh coat of paint on any interior or exterior spots that need attention. Painting in fall allows you to keep windows open for better air quality while it is cooler and less humid.
- Be pool safe. Winterize your pool, check fences and gates, and make sure locking covers are in place.
- Prevent pipes from freezing. Before winter, shut off water to any exterior hose spigots and drain the pipes. Preventing pipes from bursting is something you'll appreciate later.
- Check your GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter) receptacles both inside and outside of your home. Use a GFCI test device with *trip-button* available at most home centers. Replace any faulty receptacles and re-check. It's a great step before your holiday decorations go up.
- Finally, test and replace batteries as needed in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace old units that may be dirty or have been painted through the years. Per new State of Illinois requirements all new battery-operated smoke detectors are required to have a 10-year lithium ion integrated battery.

## News from the Village Clerk

### Community Job Board

We invite jobseekers and employers to utilize our new Community Job Board. The platform uses a process that is completely private between employer and applicant. The Community Job Board allows employers to post open positions for their Mount Prospect businesses using a simple form. If you are looking for a new opportunity, visit the site at [mountprospect.org/communityjobboard](https://mountprospect.org/communityjobboard). Contact Village Clerk Karen Agoranos at 847.818.5333 or [kagoranos@mountprospect.org](mailto:kagoranos@mountprospect.org) with any questions.



# Community/Economic Development

## Have You Visited Prospect Restaurant Row?

The exciting revitalization of Prospect Avenue continues with multiple new developments and an array of new restaurants opening their doors.

Among the new developments are Maple Street Lofts at Prospect Avenue and Maple Street, and Prospect Place at Prospect Avenue and Main Street. Caputo's opened their doors in May at the Maple Street Lofts and includes a café offering ready-to-go soups, sandwiches, pizzas, and desserts as well as a bar, Bar Angelo. Whiskey Hill Brewery and Salerno's Pizza will be opening their doors at the Prospect Place development. New restaurants adding vibrancy along Prospect Avenue include Lady Dahlia's Tequila Bar and Patina Wine Bar.

The diverse collection of dining spots along Prospect Restaurant Row will soon feature these great options for Mount Prospect residents and visitors.

**MIA'S CANTINA** | 143 W. Prospect Ave.

**PATINA WINE BAR** | 133 W. Prospect Ave.

**LADY DAHLIA TEQUILA BAR** | 127 W. Prospect Ave.

**DAVE'S SPECIALTY FOODS** | 105 W. Prospect Ave.

**WHISKEY HILL BREWERY** | 99 W. Prospect Ave.

**SALERNO'S PIZZA** | 33 W. Prospect Ave.

**HUBBY'S IN THE DOG HOUSE** | 208 S. Main St.

**MRS. P & ME** | 100 E. Prospect Ave.

**CAPUTO'S FRESH MARKET / BAR ANGELO**  
215 E. Prospect Ave.

Skip the cooking and enjoy a great night out in Mount Prospect!



## Ribbon Cutting



August 25, 2023 | **EVERCLEAN CAR WASH** | 300 E. Rand Rd.  
847.309.2970 | evercleancw.com





## Fire Prevention Week 2023

First started in 1922, Fire Prevention Week is a national observance during which firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) selects a theme for the campaign each year. For 2023, the campaign is *Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention* with a goal of educating everyone on ways to remain safe while cooking.

Unattended cooking can lead to home fires, injuries, and deaths. In fact, cooking fires remain the number one leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Fire Prevention Week 2023 shares the positive story that most cooking fires and injuries can be prevented. Here are few of the tips that the Mount Prospect Fire Department wants you to know about this Fire Prevention Week:

- Turn all pot and pan handles towards the back of the stove to prevent unnecessary spills that can lead to burns and fires.
- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. The lack of oxygen with help to extinguish the fire.
- Never put water on a grease fire, as doing so could spread the fire and potentially burn you.
- Always set a timer when cooking to prevent you from being distracted and forgetting that the oven or stove are on.
- Prevent injuries to children by creating a 3-foot kid-free zone around the stove.

Did you know that cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries?  
**Cooking safety starts with YOU.**

**Pay attention to fire prevention.™**

**NFPA FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™** **fpw.org**

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While many of us use a microwave oven to defrost a meal, warm up a drink, or prep a quick meal, microwaves can still be the cause of cooking fires. Here are some helpful fire prevention tips regarding microwaves:

- Only purchase a microwave that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Be sure to complete and return the product registration card. This allows the manufacturer to reach you in case of a recall.
- Never use an extension cord for a microwave oven.
- After heating food, open the package slowly and in the opposite direction of your face.
- Food heats unevenly in the microwave; stir and test the food before eating and serving children.
- Only use microwave-safe food containers and dishes. Never use aluminum foil or metal in the microwave.

In the event of a microwave fire, leave the door closed, turn the microwave off, and unplug from the wall. If the fire does not go out, call 911 and get outside.



## Fire Safety Quiz

Let's have a little fun this month with a home fire myth or fact quiz. Are you ready? Decide if each of these statements is a myth or a fact:

1. **Electrical fires are the leading cause of home fires.**  Myth  Fact
2. **4 in 10 fires start in the kitchen.**  Myth  Fact
3. **Most home fires caused by candles occur on December 25th.**  Myth  Fact
4. **50% of people have a fire escape plan for their home.**  Myth  Fact
5. **Most home fires caused by children start in the kitchen.**  Myth  Fact
6. **To escape a home fire safely you have as little as 5 minutes.**  Myth  Fact
7. **It is safer to sleep with your bedroom door closed rather than open in case of a fire.**  Myth  Fact
8. **Newer homes are safer than older homes.**  Myth  Fact
9. **People are rarely awoken by smoke.**  Myth  Fact
10. **The sprinkler system will activate in the entire house if a fire starts in one room.**  Myth  Fact
11. **Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.**  Myth  Fact

How did you do? 1. Myth 2. Fact 3. Fact 4. Myth 5. Myth 6. Myth 7. Fact 8. Myth 9. Fact 10. Myth 11. Fact



## Best Wishes to Recently Retired Members

We would like to acknowledge the recent retirement of two key members of the Mount Prospect Police Department, Commander Mark Weger and Deputy Chief Tim Griffin.

Commander Weger served Mount Prospect for 27 years, beginning April 4, 1996. Mark became the Department's first Master Firearms Instructor, served as the Department's Range Master, was a member of the NIPAS Emergency Services Team, and founded our Police Department's Honor Guard. Throughout his career at the Mount Prospect Police Department, Mark worked in our Patrol section, Crime Prevention Unit, and our Tac Unit. After being promoted to Sergeant, Mark was assigned to all 3 patrol shifts, he worked in our Technical Services Unit, and was our Administrative and Training Sergeant. Mark was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2006 and promoted to the rank of Commander in 2019. After being promoted to the rank of Commander, Mark took over the role of Administrative Commander. He earned several awards throughout his career including Officer of the Quarter in 2004 and 2005. He was runner-up Officer of the Year in 1998 and Officer of the Year in 2004.

After 25 years of service to the Mount Prospect Police Department, Deputy Chief Tim Griffin retired from our department to assume the role of Chief of Police for the Village of LaGrange. Tim was sworn in as a Mount Prospect Police Officer on April 1, 1998. Over Tim's career on our police force, he's worked in Patrol, Investigations, and was assigned as a School Resource Officer. In 2009, Tim was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where he spent several years in Patrol, before being reassigned in 2013 to fill the position of Administrative and Training Sergeant. Tim was then promoted to Deputy Chief of Administration in 2014.

During Tim's career as the Deputy Chief, he oversaw numerous technology and administrative related projects. Tim received his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Saint-Xavier University, where he currently serves as an Adjunct Professor. After being hired by Mount Prospect, Tim went on to receive a master's degree in Law Enforcement Administration and a Ph. D. in Organizational Leadership. Tim is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, as well as their Executive Management Program. He's attended the Senior Management Institute for Police Program and most recently attended the 284th session of the FBI National Academy Program.

Both outstanding public servants will be missed in Mount Prospect.



"Mark is a man of strong character and integrity. He works very hard at this job and is well-respected for his exceptional work ethic. He's sincere, motivated, extremely dedicated and committed to everything he does."

CHIEF MIKE ETERNO



"I can say with absolute certainty, Tim has been an intricate part of the Police Department's leadership team for the past 9 years. Tim's leadership, vision, integrity and courage have helped this organization reach a new level of professionalism."

CHIEF MIKE ETERNO

## National Move Over Day



In 2000, Illinois lawmakers passed Scott's Law, named after Chicago Firefighter Lieutenant Scott Gillen, who was struck and killed while working on the Dan Ryan Expressway by an intoxicated driver. The law was created to protect law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency response personnel, highway workers, and tow truck drivers working along roadways.

**October 21 is National Move Over Day** this year. Move Over Day is designed to promote safe driving behavior and encourage motorists to move over for all vehicles stopped on the side of the roadway.

We encourage all drivers to practice safe behavior in work zones on the 21st and every day. Slow down, move over, and allow plenty of room for first responders to work on the roadway.

Let's do our part to ensure they all go home safely at the end of their shift.

## Beat Meetings

Make time to join local police personnel at one of our upcoming beat meetings. These meetings provide the opportunity 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](http://mountprospect.org/policebeats). Our upcoming meetings include:

**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.

**Beat 3164** | October 25, 7 pm  
Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Rd.

**Beat 3160** | November 6, 7 pm  
Avanti Caffé, 1900 S. Elmhurst Rd.



## Fall Leaf Collection

As the many-colored leaves in your yard are falling, it's a good time to remind everyone of the Village's free fall leaf collection program. The program allows residents to move all loose leaves to the curb once a week on your scheduled collection day from October 16 through December 1. No bagging is required. The program is for leaves only – other lawn materials including grass clippings, branches, twigs, and other items must be placed in lawn refuse bags in accordance with the Village's yard waste guidelines ([mountprospect.org/organics](http://mountprospect.org/organics)).

Please rake leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line no more than one day prior to your scheduled collection day. If you miss the pickup, please do not rake leaves to the street as trucks will only pass each side of the street once. **Remember, burning leaves is a municipal violation.**

## Pumpkin Composting

The Village's annual pumpkin composting event will take place Saturday, November 4 from 8:00 to 11:00 am at the Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Rd.

Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins decorated with acrylic paint. Any other decorations such as candles, yarn, or stickers should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins will only be accepted from Mount Prospect and SWANCC member community residents (no businesses).

No other drop-off materials at this event, please. Republic Services will provide roll-off containers to transport the pumpkins to be composted by Thelen Materials in Antioch. For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.



## Part-time Opportunity for Truck Drivers

If you have experience driving large trucks, have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, can be available whenever needed, and could use some

extra income, the Public Works Department is ready to put you to work as a supplemental snowplow driver. First-year drivers must attend an orientation class hosted by the Public Works Department. Please contact us at [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) or call 847.870.5640 for details.







## Get a Jump On Spring



Healthy trees provide shade, reduce energy costs, prevent soil erosion, beautify landscapes, and filter air and water. Trees can add significant value to property. If properly cared for, trees can live a long time. Healthy trees are resilient trees, and now is a great time to give them some attention.

Consider having your trees professionally inspected and serviced if needed this winter to lengthen life and minimize future damage from storms.

Care includes proper pruning, which improves the health and vigor of trees by removing dead or diseased branches, improving tree shape and structure, and correcting potential hazards. Proper pruning and maintenance are the best defense against storm-related tree damage.

Be cautious, however, as improper pruning can cause more damage to a tree than a severe storm. Topping, the practice of indiscriminately removing large branches and treetops, is one of the worst hazards that trees can encounter. A topped tree is more likely to be damaged in a storm than a tree that has been properly pruned.

Visit [mountprospect.org/treecare](http://mountprospect.org/treecare) for advice on hiring tree care professionals.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

## Protecting Our Water Supply

Even though area rivers and streams may be miles from your home, that is where water from your storm drain can end up. Please use caution before pouring anything down the drain in your home or the gutter out in front.

Unlike the sanitary sewer system, which carries water from your indoor drains to wastewater treatment plants, the storm drain system releases untreated water into channels, streams, and rivers. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of our environment, everyone's help is needed to keep the storm drain system free from harmful pollutants.

What is considered a harmful pollutant? You might be surprised! Take a look at this chart and see how many of these materials you use.

Home Maintenance	Lawn & Garden	Auto
Detergents, cleaners, solvents	Pet and animal waste	Oil and grease
Oil and latex paint	Pesticides, insecticides, herbicides	Radiator fluids and antifreeze
Swimming pool chemicals	Clippings, leaves, and soil	Cleaning chemicals
Outdoor trash and litter	Fertilizer	Brake pad dust

Did you know that a single quart of motor oil can produce an oil slick that can cover approximately 1 acre of the surface of a body of water?

Here are some easy steps you can follow to protect the environment.

- Buy household products labeled as non-toxic whenever possible.
- If cleaning materials, insect sprays, automotive fluids, or weed killers spill, clean them up with an absorbent material such as kitty litter then check with your disposal carrier or a hazardous waste collection center for disposal recommendations.
- Clean water-based paints from rollers, pans, and brushes in sinks that go into the sanitary sewer system.
- Use paint thinner to remove oil-based paint from brushes and rollers, then take used thinner and left over paint to a household hazardous waste collection center, or keep the paint for touch ups, or even share it with a friend or neighbor.
- Keep your vehicles in good repair and watch for possible leaks. Take leftover or used fluids to your household hazardous waste collection center.
- If you have a pool or spa, please be aware that chlorinated water is harmful to aquatic life. Whenever possible, empty your pool or spa into the drain system. There are established guidelines on the amount of residual chlorine, acceptable pH range, coloration, filter media, and acid cleaning wastes allowed when draining into the storm drain system, and some areas may require a permit. Check with the Village for a copy of the guidelines.
- Outside, use a broom or rake to clean up yard debris and follow the proper disposal process.
- Lawn clippings and leaves should be disposed of properly - or better yet, leave your grass clippings on the lawn.
- Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers; don't over water or use before a rain as they may adversely impact our waterways.
- Recycle what you can from your household trash and place the rest in your solid waste refuse bin.
- Whenever possible, turn trash into useful products and buy recycled products. Remember: Reduce – Reuse – Recycle.
- Pick up pet waste as soon as possible and put it in the trash to prevent harmful bacteria from entering our waterways. Also, follow label directions for disposal on pet care products like flea shampoo because they can be toxic.

# Human Services

## Medicare D Prescription Drug Enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare D runs from October 15 through December 7 this year. Each year there are changes to premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and drugs covered through prescription 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 use of a tool available on the Medicare website. If you would like assistance with enrolling, reviewing current plans, or assessing if you are eligible for extra help with your plan premiums and co-pays, call 847.870.5680 for more information or to schedule one of our limited number of appointments.



## Strong Like a Girl

Strong Like a Girl is a 6-session group for preteen and teen girls in grades 6, 7 and 8. The in-person classes empower and help build resiliency. The upcoming group begins November 7 and space is available. If you would like to register your teen for the group, please contact Esther Salutillo at 847.506.4930.



## Teen Shovelers Needed

If you are a teen (age 13 through 18), you are invited to be a part of our Teen Shovel Program. Through the program teens looking for winter work are paired with local seniors who need assistance with snow removal. The Village will not be responsible for screening residents or teens and the rate of pay is negotiated between the resident and teen. For more information, please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



## Rules of the Road Class

Build your confidence prior to taking your driver's license renewal exam with our Rules of the Road class Wednesday, November 8 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Call 847.870.5680 to reserve your required spot.

## Legal Aid Clinic

The Human Services Department is collaborating with the North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic to offer a free monthly legal clinic for low-income residents. Consultations are available for issues including domestic violence, housing, and immigration. For more information, contact Human Services at 847.506.4930.



## Community Connections Center

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this important topic by liking us at Facebook.com/MPHumanServices.



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Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm  
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Emergency ..... 911  
Village Hall ..... 847.392.6000  
*(includes Finance & Village Administration)*  
Village Clerk ..... 847.818.5355  
Television Services ..... 847.870.5685  
Community Development  
Building Division ..... 847.870.5675  
Environmental Health ..... 847.870.5668  
Planning Division ..... 847.818.5328  
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Human Services ..... 847.870.5680  
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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

# October 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K, 9am Lions Park	<b>2</b> Walk and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>3</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>4</b> Citizens Emergency Prep Class, 6:30-9:30pm Fire Station 14 Chills and Thrills with Stephen Graham Jones, 7-9pm, MPPL	<b>5</b> Walking Club, 8:45-9:45am Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Senior Connections, 9-11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Monday Blood Drive, 2-8pm Legion Hall Classic, Mount Prospect Golf Club	<b>6</b> Fit 4 Life, 10am, VH	<b>7</b> Trick or Treat Trail 8:45am-12:45pm, Lions Recreation Center, MPPD The Trails Challenge Obstacle Course Race, 9:30am Woodland Trails Park, RTPD Woodhurst Village Fall Fest 1-4pm, Randhurst Village
<b>8</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist	<b>9</b> Walk and Talk Books 10-10:30am, MPPL	<b>10</b> Mount Prospect Garden Club Meeting, 9:30am Mount Prospect Police Headquarters Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>11</b> Citizens Emergency Preparedness Class 6:30-9:30pm Fire Station 14 Developing Retirement Income Strategies for Today's Markets, 7-8:30pm, MPPL Needlecraft Night, 7-9pm MPHist	<b>12</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC One Book, One Village Book Discussion, 7-8pm (virtual) MPPL	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH One Book, One Village Book Discussion, 2-3pm, MPPL
<b>15</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>16</b> Walk and Talk Books 10-10:30am, MPPL	<b>17</b> One Book, One Village Book Discussion, 11am-noon, MPPL Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>18</b> Citizens Emergency Prep. Class, 6:30-9:30pm Fire Station 14 One Book, One Village Book Discussion, 7-8pm, MPPL Terry Savage talks Money 7-8:30pm, MPPL Movies on the Green, Dusk Focus, VH, MPDMA	<b>19</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC	<b>20</b> Creature Feature Outdoor Movie Night (rain date October 21), 6pm Veteran's Memorial Bandshell   Lions Park	<b>21</b> Friends Book Sale 9am-4:30pm, MPPL
<b>22</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Friends Book Sale 11am-4pm, MPPL	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>25</b> Small Business Morning Meetup, 9-10:30am MPPL Downtown Trick-or-Treat 4-6pm, Downtown MP Citizens Emergency Prep. Class, 6:30-9:30pm Fire Station 14	<b>26</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>27</b> Monster's Bash-Free Event 4-7pm, Woodland Trails Park, RTPD Library After Hours: One Book, One Village Social 7-8pm, MPPL	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Mount Prospect Trick-or-Treating, 3-8pm				

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## Message from the Mayor

### Components for a Strong and Healthy Community

In my opinion, there are a number of critical, key components for a strong and healthy municipality. While the components called out below are certainly not all inclusive, they do encompass the most primary needed and wanted by our citizens to live their lives and enjoy their community.

**Quality Basic Village Services** | Providing quality basic services such as Police, Fire, Public Works, and Human Services is the primary reason Village Government exists. Our Village policies and directives speak specifically to this because these basic services support the necessities of daily life.

**Fiscal Responsibility** | By policy and purposeful action, the Mount Prospect Village Board has always taken a responsible, careful approach to our Village finances and maintained a healthy Village budget which has provided us with great flexibility. As such, our Village has been able to weather the storm during economic downturns and move forward in strong economic environments.

**Protection of our Residential Neighborhoods**  
Our residential neighborhoods are the backbone of the community and can be fragile. Our Village has many specific policies and ordinances (laws) such as the Second Housekeeping Ordinance which disallows turning a single-family home into a multi-unit rental living situation and the Home Business Ordinance which limits intrusive business activities such as auto repair. These were designed to protect our neighborhoods from negative intrusions because neighborhoods are where we live and enjoy life.

**Emphasis on Life Safety** | I think we would all agree that strong *life safety* services are the most important services our Village government can provide to citizens. When you have an emergency, you need paramedics, firefighters, police, or human services personnel to come to your aid, you need them to arrive quickly and prepared. Nothing is more important to you at that moment.

**Ongoing Economic Development** | New development and economic growth are key to providing the revenues we, as a community, need to build new and replace our aging infrastructure as well as provide the services needed by our citizens. This component also helps your Village Board stay off of the residential property tax, a stated goal, as a source of revenue with which to run our Village.

**Health Business Community** | Maintaining a healthy and vital business community and economic environment is key to the overall financial well-being of Mount Prospect. Revenues derived from our business community help the Village to provide all of the services needed by our residential and business citizens. The fact is that a healthy Residential Community goes hand in hand with a healthy Business Community.

**Excellent Schools, Parks, and Library** | Mount Prospect has an outstanding Library, as well as excellent Schools and incredible Parks provided by numerous districts. All are necessary components to creating a desirable community, meeting the needs of our current citizens and attracting new residents.

In my mind, these components make Mount Prospect a desirable community within which to live and do business as well as an attractive community for new residents and new businesses to put down stakes.

If we keep these key components strong, . . . we keep Mount Prospect strong!

Paul Wm. Hoefert  
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT