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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

CELEBRATE THE SEASON *with the Village of Mount Prospect!*

The holidays are a festive time in Mount Prospect. Our village is filled with joy and light everywhere you look – there are children playing in the snow, twinkling lights adorning the downtown, and homes cheerily decorated for all to enjoy. No matter what holidays are celebrated in your home, all are invited to share in the magic with their family, neighbors, and community.

Mark your calendars for these festive events, and check out pages 2 and 3 for even more!

MOUNT PROSPECT TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY (NEW LOCATION!) & CHRISTKINDLMARKET | NOVEMBER 22 | 4 – 7 PM

Join us for the annual Mount Prospect Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christkindlmarket on Wednesday, November 22. **New this year, the holiday tree has moved to the Edwin and Elsie (Meyn) Busse Park (also known as the pocket park) across the street from Village Hall.** The tree lighting ceremony will now take place in the pocket park, which is located at the intersection of Emerson St. and Busse Ave. Emerson St. will be closed from the parking garage to Busse Ave.

Hear the Prospect High School Madrigals sing holiday tunes and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Take a stroll inside Village Hall and see the wide assortment of holiday gifts for sale at the Christkindlmarket, sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. The Tree Lighting takes place at 5 pm and the Christkindlmarket is from 4-7 pm in the Farley Community Room.



MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE NOVEMBER 10 – DECEMBER 8

Embrace the giving spirit of the season! The Mount Prospect Fire Department is hosting its annual Toy Drive for local children and teens. Donate new unopened and unwrapped toys for children up to age 17. Older children aged 13 and above can be especially hard to buy for. Some great suggestions for kids 13-17 are gift cards, hoodies, hats and gloves, skateboards, lotion and body wash sets, backpacks/duffle bags, sports-themed gifts, or jewelry and hair accessories.

Collection dates are November 10-December 8. The toys will be distributed to local families facing financial hardship who have registered with our Human Services Department.

Toy drop-off boxes will be at Village Hall and in the lobbies of all three Mount Prospect Fire Stations:

1601 W. Golf Rd. | 111 E Rand Rd. | 2000 E. Kensington Rd.

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING PROGRAM | DECEMBER 7 | 6 PM

Join us for a celebration of light and hope on the first night of Chanukah. Light candles on a traditional menorah and have some delicious Chanukah treats. A presentation about the story and history of Chanukah will be given. This is a free event taking place in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. No registration required – open to all.



HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Show us your holiday spirit! A Mount Prospect classic, the Special Events Commission is once again holding the Holiday House Decorating Contest. This contest is open to all properties in Mount Prospect, businesses included. You must register beforehand either online or at Village Hall. Keep an eye out for dates and more details!

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Community Events

NOVEMBER

1

Children's Coat Drive
Through November 24
Human Services and the Fire Department have partnered up to collect new and gently used coats for children. There are boxes at all three fire stations, Village Hall, and the Mount Prospect Public Library. Let's keep all kids warm and cozy this winter!



NOVEMBER

2

Senior Connections Program
Thursday | Nov 2 | 9 – 11 am
BOARD ROOM VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Join Village staff to make some new friends and get to know your community. This meeting begins with a performance by the Prospect High School Madrigal Singers. Village updates and social time with friends and neighbors will follow. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

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2

Conversations in English
Thursdays | Nov 2, 16 & 30
Dec 7 | 1 – 2 pm
Thursdays | Nov 9 & Dec 14
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.

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2

Monthly Blood Drive
Thursday | Nov 2
Thursday | Dec 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.

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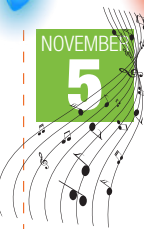
Shop Small Fall Crawl
Saturday | Nov 4 & 12
Noon – 6 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT
Hosted by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchant's Association. Visit mpdowntown.com for more.



NOVEMBER

5

Mount Prospect Community Band Fall Concert
Sunday | Nov 5 | 3:30 pm
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Rd.



Join the Mt. Prospect Community Band for its fall concert, *Going Home*, which will feature trumpet soloist Bethany Vaughan. The show will include music from Dvorak's New World Symphony and selections from Miss Saigon. Tickets available at the door. For more info visit mppd.org or call Cultural Arts at 847.640.1000.

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7

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | Nov 7, 14, 21 & 28 | Tuesdays | Dec 5, 12 & 19 | 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.

NOVEMBER

8

Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class
Wednesday | Nov 8
1:30 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. Registration is required as space is limited. Please call 847.870.5680 to register.

NOVEMBER

8

Monthly Needlecraft Night
Wednesday | Nov 8
7 – 9 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.



Project Linus provides handmade blankets to children from newborns to 18 who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. The blankets are collected locally and distributed to hospitals, shelters, and social service agencies. Help us make blankets for Project Linus by tying knots or crocheting in edges. Fleece will be provided. Please bring a crochet hook (size G-1) if you have one and a pair of scissors. All experience levels welcome. A \$5 donation is suggested. Register at mpthist.org.

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9

Fit 4 Life
Thursdays | Nov 9, 16 & 30,
Thursdays | Dec 21 & 28
11 – 11:45 am
Fridays | Nov 3 & Dec 1
10 – 10:45 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.

NOVEMBER

9

Invasion Home Front: Piccadilly to Pasadena
Thursday | Nov 9 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join Rebecca Tulloch as she shares the story of common American and British citizens who took on uncommon roles to protect our home front during World War II. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER

11

Veterans Day
Saturday | Nov 11 | 10:30 am
LIONS PARK
411 S. Maple Street
Join VFW Post 1337 and the American Legion Post 525 as they commemorate all veterans, past and present. For more info go to vfw1337.com.



NOVEMBER

12

Second Sundays at the Society
Sunday | Nov 12
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.



The theme for this month's open house program is turkeys. Stop by for a variety of hands-on activities and make-and-takes for all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

NOVEMBER

14

Indoor Gardening with Succulents by Veronica Porter
Tuesday | Nov 14 | 9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club for a special event, in which Veronica Porter

will walk attendees through growing succulents indoors and discuss why they make the best house plants. This event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering, followed by an hour-long Garden Club meeting. Porter will begin her presentation at 11 am.

NOVEMBER

14

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
Tuesday | Nov 14 | 6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for a jigsaw puzzle competition.



Compete solo or create a team of up to four people to put your jigsaw skills to the test. Each registered team receives the same puzzle and will have up to two hours to complete as much of the puzzle as possible. Spectators are welcome. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER

18

Friends Holiday Book Sale
Saturday | Nov 18
9 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



This holiday season, stop by the Friends of the Library holiday book sale to browse a wide variety of quality multi-genre used books, music, movies, games, and more. All items have been specially selected for this sale, so you can find the right gift for all the adults, teens, and children on your list. For more information, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER

21

The World of Classical Piano Music with Mark Valenti
Tuesday | Nov 21 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



This performance features the evolution of piano styles from the elegant gracefulness of Classicism to the passionate lyricism of Romanticism to the atmospheric Impressionism of Debussy and rhythmic percussiveness of Modernism. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER
24

**Outdoor Holiday Tree
Decorating Contest**
Friday | Nov 24 | 9 am

WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1600 E. Euclid Ave.



The River Trails Park & Recreation Foundation invites families, businesses, scout troops, schools, churches, libraries, companies, clubs, and all organizations to adopt a tree and participate in a friendly tree decorating contest. Nov 24 – Dec 3, each group can decorate a designated tree in one of the parks. December 5 – 14, each tree will be posted on the RTPD Facebook page for voting. Entry fee for families and local groups is \$25, and \$50 for businesses. Profits will be allocated to purchasing new trees for our parks.

NOVEMBER
27

**True Crime:
Financial Fraud**
Monday | Nov 27 | 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect Police Department will review real case examples of common financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a financial crime. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
1

**35th Annual Holiday
Housewalk**

Friday | December 1
3:30 – 9 pm

The Historical Society will hold its annual Holiday Housewalk in the Triangle neighborhood east of Village Hall. Non-refundable tickets will be sold for \$30 beginning November 1 at local ticket outlets and mtphist.org. Day-of tickets will be available beginning at 3 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church, (100 South School Street) for \$35 per person. For more information call 847.392.9006.

DECEMBER
2

Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday | Dec 2
9:30 am – noon

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Embrace the season at this Candyland-inspired winter festival! Enjoy delightful music, crafts, stories, and activities, including the traditional stroll outside with Ted E. Bear. For more information, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
2

Santa Photo Shoot
Saturday | Dec 2
Sunday | Dec 3



Hosted by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchant's Association. Visit mpdowntown.com for more.

DECEMBER
2

Stocking Deliveries
Saturday | Dec 2
10 am – 1 pm



Imagine your child's delight or a friend's surprise when jolly old Saint Nick brings a stocking full of goodies to the door. Deliveries are for River Trails Park District residents ages one and up only. Stockings are \$21 for the first child and \$13 for each additional child. Register at rtpd.org.

DECEMBER
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Breakfast with Santa
Saturday | Dec 2
10 am – 11:30 am



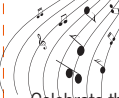
FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY
395 W. Algonquin Rd.
Des Plaines

Enjoy a continental breakfast in a lovely banquet room sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District. Make a craft, play a game, visit with Santa, snap a photo, and take home a treat. Tickets \$18-\$20, children under 3 are free. All children must be accompanied by a registered adult. This event tends to fill up fast, so register now at mppd.org using code 46730.

DECEMBER
2

**Mt. Prospect
Community Band
Christmas Concert**

Saturday | Dec 2 | 4 pm



TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Rd.

Celebrate the sounds of the season with the Mt. Prospect Community Band and singer Amy Keipert at *The Joy of Christmas*. Tickets available at the door. For more info visit mppd.org or call Cultural Arts at 847.640.1000.

DECEMBER
4

**Winter Evergreen
Classes with Jill
Tumberger**



December 4 and 5
6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Join the Historical Society for a fun evening out while creating a beautiful winter evergreen arrangement! \$40. All supplies will be provided, but bring your own gardening clippers/shears.

DECEMBER
4

**Ten Steps to a
Smarter Tax Return**
Monday | Dec 4 | 7 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join financial educator Karen Chan at the Mount Prospect Public Library for a seminar on maximizing tax returns. She will provide knowledge to help make smart choices, including when and how to save for retirement or college, use employer benefits, pay taxes on your investments, and how to take advantage of lower income years at the beginning or end of your career. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
9

Breakfast with Santa
Saturdays | December 9 &
16 | 10 – 11:30 am



ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.

Enjoy a breakfast buffet and visit with Santa. After registering online at rtpd.org you must complete a family seating request form. This form is available online or at the Weiss Center. Children ages 1 and younger are free but must register. Tickets are \$20 for children ages 1 to 15, and \$30 for attendees ages 16 and up.

DECEMBER
10

**Second Sundays
at the Society**
Sunday | Dec 10
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



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

Stop by for the Historical Society's annual Gingerbread Open House. This popular event includes a variety of holiday make-and-takes for all ages. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum, which will be beautifully decked out for the holidays, will also be open for tours. Hot cocoa will be served at this free event.

DECEMBER
12

**Garden Club
Holiday Party**

Tuesday | Dec 12 | 9:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
911 E. Kensington Rd.



Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club for their annual holiday party. It is one of their most popular events and always includes fun surprises and great holiday snacks.

DECEMBER
13

**Monthly
Needlecraft Night**
Wednesday | Dec 13
7 – 9 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.

Join us to make your own no-sew holiday star ornament. All experience levels are welcome, a \$5 donation is suggested. Register at mtphist.org.

DECEMBER
19

**Holiday Concert with
the Encore! Singers**
Tuesday | Dec 19 | 7 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library as the traveling ensemble Encore! shares the spirit of the season with *Holiday Harmonies*. This joyful program features holiday classics, novelty selections, and seasonal cheer. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
30

**New Year's Eve Eve
Celebration**

Friday | Dec 30
Multiple seatings
throughout the day
STATION 34 PIZZA PUB
34 S. Main St.



Join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for a family-friendly New Year's Eve party during the day with music, dancing, food, entertainment and a mid-day balloon drop! Ticket information is available at mpdowntown.com.

FEBRUARY
3

**SAVE THE
DATE!**

Shining Stars Gala
Saturday | Feb 3
OLIVE PALACE BANQUETS
828 E. Rand Rd.
Mount Prospect

Shining Stars Gala

A Mount Prospect Celebration

Nominations Open for Shining Star Awards

Do you know an organization, business, or person who makes Mount Prospect brighter?

Nominate them for a Shining Star

Award! Nominations are now

open for the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission's annual Shining Star Awards. Review the award categories and fill out the nomination form at mountprospect.org/shiningstars. Forms are also available at Village Hall on the third floor. The deadline to submit nominations is end of day on November 26. Awards will be presented at the Shining Stars Gala on February 3. Email specialevents@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5201 with questions.



News Around Town

Make It a Happy Thanksgiving for U.S. Navy Recruits

Approximately 50 United States Navy recruits, many of whom are away from home for the first time, will be treated to a traditional Thanksgiving meal at the Mount Prospect Moose



Lodge this Thanksgiving. Based at the Great Lakes Naval Training Facility, these young men and women will also be treated to entertainment, access to phones and computers to contact loved ones, and the chance to feel at home courtesy of Mount Prospect's VFW Post 1337, American Legion Post 525, and generous Mount Prospect residents.



Highlights of the day will include a catered turkey dinner followed by dessert treats furnished by local vets and entertainment that, conforming with tradition, will conclude a rousing rendition of *Anchors Away* enthusiastically delivered by the USN guests. Much of the food and equipment will be donated by local businesses and veterans or purchased with cash donations from organizations such as the Mount Prospect Lions Club and local citizens. **If you would like to donate, checks may be sent to the VFW Post 1337, P.O. Box 24 or American Legion Post 525, P.O. Box 173, both in Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056.**

This outstanding tradition was first started more than 20 years ago by Casey Bachara, a local veteran who served in Korea. If you have any questions about the event, contact Casey at mcgee045@icloud.com.

News from the Building Department

Avoid Common Home Issues This Winter

A Chicago area winter brings many swings in temperature and moisture levels, along with the potential for heavy snowfall. Follow these tips to keep your home healthy and problem-free this winter:

- If your home is equipped with exhaust fans that vent through the ceiling, ensure that the exhaust fan duct work is routed to the exterior of the home and not inside your attic. This will reduce the chances of ice dams and moisture related damage.
- Run your bathroom fan during and for 15 minutes after you shower. Similarly, use your kitchen exhaust fan when cooking. Both help reduce moisture build-up that can cause damage.
- If your thermostat or other smart home device does not measure humidity levels in the home, purchase a hygrometer (humidity gauge). For our climate, the recommended humidity level in the home is 30 – 40%.



- After heavy snows and especially after several days of freezing, check your roof for ice dams or moisture issues. Ice dams typically occur after a significant snowfall which is followed by several days of freezing temperatures. Ice dams are caused by warm and dry air leaking from inside a home into the attic space or roof overhangs. The warm air melts the snow on the roof. The melted snow drains along the roof and freezes when it crosses a cold roof overhang. An ice dam is created and may continue to increase in size as more ice accumulates. Dams can damage a roof surface or cause water leaks into the home.
- Don't try to remove snow from your roof on your own. A licensed roofer can assist with that and can also repair your exhaust fan ductwork so that it exhausts to the exterior of the home.

If you have any questions, email building@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5289.

Community/Economic Development

O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission

The Village of Mount Prospect is a member of the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC), the only inter-governmental agency that is dedicated to reducing aircraft noise in the communities around O'Hare International Airport.

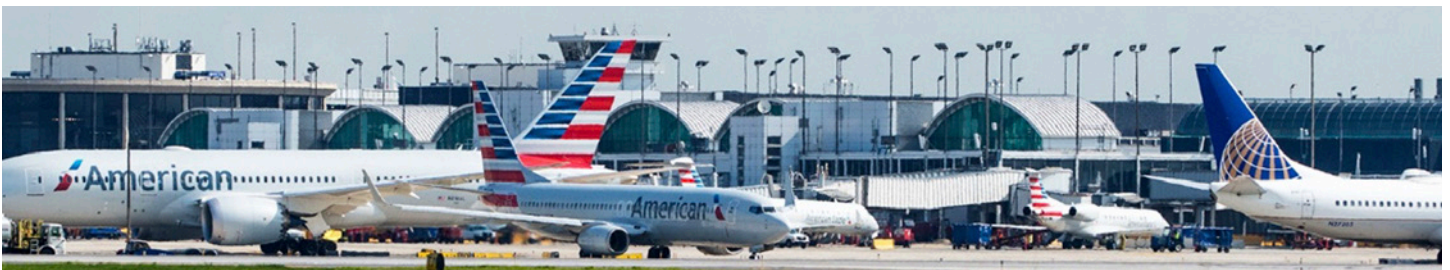
The ONCC was established in 1996, and its membership includes 42 communities and 19 school districts. These 61 members are represented by mayors, Chicago aldermen, Cook County and school superintendents at more than 20 public meetings that the ONCC and its committees hold annually. ONCC operates through four standing committees: Technical, Fly Quiet, Residential Sound Insulation and School Sound Insulation.

Flight activity into and out of Chicago O'Hare International Airport, along with information about each aircraft, is available through the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA) WebTrak. Aircrafts are color-

coded to differentiate between arrivals, departures or overflights. If a resident experiences noise from an aircraft, flights can be tracked by date, time, flight ID, destination, aircraft type, and altitude. To access the Flight Tracker, please visit the following website:
webtrak.emsbk.com/cda

Residents can also submit an aircraft noise complaint to the CDA via the following link or call the toll-free hotline at 800.435.9569 or 311.
chicago.gov/s/article/Aircraft-noise-complaints?language=en_US

For more information on the ONCC, please visit: oharenoise.org.



Ribbon Cuttings



September 15, 2023
**Northwest
Compass, Inc.
Community Garden**
1300 W Northwest
Highway
northwestcompass.org
847.392.2344



October 19, 2023
**Edward Jones
Rededication
Ceremony**
107 W Prospect Ave
[aaron.buehler@
edwardjones.com](mailto:aaron.buehler@edwardjones.com)
847.797.1745



October 11, 2023
The Golf Factory
63 Randhurst Village
Drive
golfactory.golf
224.248.8163



October 20, 2023
Bright Sight Eye Care
200 W Northwest Hwy
Suite 104
brightsighteyecare.com
630.946.1414



Christmas Tree Safety

Having either a real or artificial Christmas tree in your home can pose an increased risk of fire. Almost half of all Christmas tree fires are caused by defective lighting, including damaged electrical cords and plugs.

Whether you choose an artificial or fresh tree, keep these tips in mind:

- Select a tree that's an appropriate size for the room. Trees look smaller when they are viewed outside the room they will be placed in, and tree toppers and stands will add to the final height of the tree.
- Place the tree at least three feet away from heating system air registers, fireplaces, and other heat sources.
- Try to position the tree near an electrical outlet to minimize the use of extension cords.
- Adequately support the tree with a sturdy stand designed not to tip over.
- Do not use lighted candles or other flaming devices on or near your tree.
- Whenever possible, use decorations made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant, or non-combustible materials.
- Unplug tree lights when out of the room and before going to sleep.

When choosing an artificial tree for your home, be aware of these fire-prevention steps:

- Only purchase and set up artificial trees that are labeled as fire-retardant.
- Do not use electric lights on metallic trees. Use remote spot or reflective lights.

If you prefer a fresh tree, keep your home safe by following these important guidelines:

- Select only from among the freshest looking trees. You can test for freshness by grasping a branch between your thumb and forefinger and pulling it toward you. Very few needles should come off. Shake or bounce the tree on its stump. If an excessive number of green needles fall to the ground, the tree may not be fresh.
- If you don't plan on putting the tree up right away, make a 1/2" fresh cut off the bottom of the trunk and place the tree in a five-gallon bucket of warm water. Store the tree in a location that is cool but above freezing.

- If the tree has been stored for more than three days, prior to putting it up, make another 1" cut off the bottom of the trunk and immediately place the tree into a stand that holds at least a half-gallon of water.
- Initially, a fresh tree may soak up to a gallon of water a day. Keep the water level above the cut and check the water level daily. No additives are necessary; tap water works the best.
- Discard the tree immediately after the holiday.

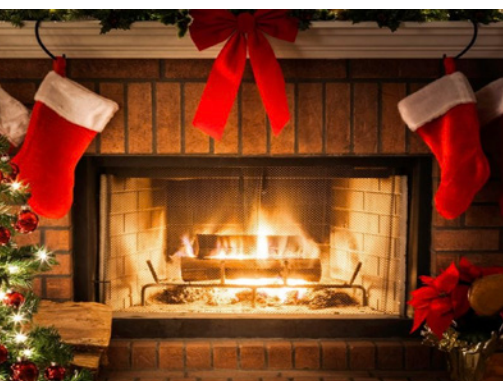


Make the Most of Your Fireplace

A fireplace can often be the centerpiece of holiday gatherings or just a spot for the family to get comfortable on a cold winter night. Whether you use a gas or wood-burning fireplace, following these important tips will keep you safe when it is in use.

For wood-burning fireplaces,

- Always use a metal or heat-tempered glass screen to prevent sparks from landing on combustible materials in the room.
- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from the hearth. If possible, allow ashes and coals to cool in the area where you had the fire for several days.



- Fireplaces and wood stoves are designed to contain heat safely. When it is time to dispose of the ashes, transfer them to a metal container and wet them down. Do not add other combustibles to the container. Store cooled ashes in a tightly

covered metal container. Keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.

- Make sure ashes have cooled completely before disposing of them in the dumpster or garbage.
- Use dry and well-aged wood. Wet or green wood causes more smoke and contributes to soot buildup in the chimney. Dried wood burns with less smoke and burns more evenly.

If you use a gas fireplace,

- Have a technician do an annual check-up to make sure connections are tight and clean, the log insert is clear of debris, and the fireplace itself is free of residue and other materials that can build up during normal burning.
- Use your fireplace for short periods of time – hours, not full days.
- Do not leave your fireplace unattended and talk to your professional about leaving the pilot light on.
- Turn the fireplace off when not in use.
- Keep pets and young children at least three feet away, and place barriers around the fireplace.
- Stay attentive! Glass panels heat can up to 500° F, hot enough to cause a severe burn in less than a second from contact.



Welcome Charlie!

We'd like to introduce you the newest member of our team, Charlie. Charlie is a 2-year-old lab who is in training to assist our community as a therapy dog. Adopted by our department in August from Chicagoland Lab Rescue, Charlie spent 4 months fostered at SOUL Harbour Ranch Animal Therapy Program, prior to joining our department. While he completes his training, Charlie will be living with his handler Officer Sill and his family. As soon as Charlie and Officer Sill are trained and certified as a therapy dog team, you can expect to meet them at department community events. We anticipate Charlie to be a great addition and bring happiness and joy to the Village of Mount Prospect and our department.



Avoid Holiday Scams

Despite all the great things the holiday season brings, it is also a very active time for scams. Prevent becoming a victim by watching for these four warning signs:

- 1. Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know.** They may say they are contacting you from a government agency like the IRS, Medicare, or the Social Security Administration, a well-known business like a utility or internet provider, or even a popular charity. Be aware that they have the technology to change the name and number that appear on your Caller ID giving you the sense that the caller really is from one of those entities.
- 2. If a scammer gets you on the phone, they will usually tell you that there is either a problem of some sort or that you have won a prize.** Common tactics are to say you're in trouble with the government, that you owe money, that someone in your family had an emergency, or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information while others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers always pressure you to act immediately.** Their goal is to not let you have time to think clearly. The last thing they want is for you to hang up and check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.

4. Scammers will always ask you to pay them in a certain way such as sending money through a wire transfer or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back.

How can you protect yourself?

- Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card numbers.
- If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately. Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision.
- Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service, and never deposit a check for someone and send money back to them.
- If you are confused or suspicious, stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

Congratulations to Officer Floyd

We want to congratulate Officer Brian Floyd who is retiring from our police department after a 25-year career. He will be continuing his law enforcement career with the Illinois State Police. Officer Floyd was sworn in April 1998, after serving in the U.S. Army, and has filled many critical specialties in the department, including Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, and I.T. Specialist. We thank Officer Floyd for his dedication to our department and our community, and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavor.



Snow Parking Reminder

It may not be long before we encounter a measurable snowfall, so please remember that parking isn't permitted on any Village street for at least 24 hours after a 2" snowfall. This ordinance supersedes any permission that may have been previously granted for overnight parking. Illegally parked vehicles may be towed by the Village to allow for snow removal crews to plow the streets. The cost of the towing will be borne by the vehicle owners. It is each vehicle owner's responsibility to monitor the weather conditions, regardless of the time of day, if they are parked on a Village street.



Curbside Leaf Pickup Season Ends December 1

The curbside leaf collection program is in the home stretch and will be ending December 1! Public Works crews will continue weekly leaf pickup through December 1 (weather permitting) except for Thanksgiving Day and the following day. Pickup will only take place Monday through Wednesday that week, so we encourage everyone to have leaves at the curb by Monday.

The Village's Curbside Pickup program provides a no-cost, convenient way to dispose of leaves each fall. Please remember that the program is for leaves only; grass clippings and other lawn debris will not be picked up.

Please rake your leaves to the curb the night before your scheduled pickup, removing any unacceptable material from the piles. If you miss your scheduled pickup do not rake leaves to the curb as trucks will pass each side of the street only once.

Organic/Yard Waste Collection Available Through December 15

The week of December 11 will be your last chance to place yard waste and brush at the curb for pickup. Please prepare materials appropriately for the final week of service for 2023. Details on what is accepted and how to prepare materials for pick up can be found at mountprospect.org/organics.

To get a look at the 2024 schedule visit mountprospect.org/solidwasteservices in the spring.

Alternative to Raking

Leaves make terrific mulch; instead of raking them into the street this year, pack them around your perennials and on your flowerbeds as insulation against the cold. If you have a vegetable garden, spread the leaves on top of it, then rototill them into the soil to enrich it for the next year's crop. Leaves are also a valuable addition to a well-maintained compost pile.



Caring for Your Vehicle and the Environment



Proper car care and maintenance can make a significant contribution to protecting the local environment. Many vehicle fluids like oil and antifreeze can be hazardous to waterways. Whatever enters storm drains or onto pavement will wind up in local creeks, waterways, and ultimately the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, it is very important that you dispose of it properly. Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works at 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations.

Antifreeze is also dangerous to the environment. It contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife. It should be treated in the same manner as waste oil. In the case of a spill involving materials of this type, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill. Sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit mountprospect.org/publicworks.



Prevent Damage from Frozen Water Lines

Water problems within your home are not convenient and usually occur at the most inopportune times. Frozen water lines are no exception. A rupture can occur when freezing water expands in the pipe. This can potentially lead to indoor flooding and water damage. In the event of a water line rupture, it is important to know both the location of the main shut-off valve for your home and how to operate it.



Keep these steps in mind to prevent water line breaks and how to react if one occurs:

- Insulate indoor water lines in unheated areas, along exterior walls, in crawl spaces, and garages.
- Disconnect all outdoor hoses from the hose bibbs on the exterior of your house. Make sure the hose bibbs are drained and cover them for extra protection.
- Leave a slow drip of water running at a faucet located in a lower part of the home. Constant movement will help decrease the chances of water lines freezing. Remember to run cold water and not hot water when doing this.
- Frozen lines usually occur where the water line enters the basement or crawlspace. When thawing a frozen water line, do not use a torch. Too much heat too fast can cause the ice inside the pipe to fracture. This could rupture the pipe and cause flooding. Rather, try using a hair dryer, space heater, or rags soaked in warm water to warm the frozen pipes gradually.

Mailbox Requirements

You may not think about your mailbox other than when you retrieve your mail each day, but there are specific United States Postal Service and Village codes regarding size and placement. This is a great time of year to ensure that your mailbox is structurally sound. After reviewing the guidelines below, please be sure to call JULIE at 811 or 800.892.0123 before doing any digging.

If you are installing or replacing a mailbox in the public right of way, please follow these important steps:

- The front face of the mailbox, once mounted, should be 12" from the back of the curb, or if no curb is present, 24" from the road pavement.
- The distance from grade to the bottom surface of the mailbox should be 48".
- The mailbox may be installed on a mounting structure of the following sizes and materials, and no others:
 - A wood post of which the area of an average cross section may not be more than 6 square inches.
 - A metal post not more than 2 ½" in outside diameter.
- Residents should take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to any existing utilities located in the parkway.

Decorative mailboxes may be installed if they adhere to the spacing requirements. Please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 with any questions.

Human Services

Snow Shoveling Assistance

Once again this winter we will pair teenagers (13 – 18) looking for some part-time work with residents who need assistance with snow shoveling. 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.

Brightening the Holidays

The Human Services Department and Mount Prospect Fire Department are collaborating to help make the holidays special for families experiencing a financial hardship. Residents can drop food donations at the Village Hall in the Human Services Department or make a monetary donation towards the purchase of holiday food items and winter coats via PayPal.

If you would like to donate toys, please drop off new toys at Village Hall or any of the fire department locations in Mount Prospect. For additional information, please call 847.870.5680.



Senior Buzz!

Check out the latest issue of the Mount Prospect Senior Buzz Newsletter! Get all the latest information on the upcoming community events, local groups meetings and summer activities for seniors. Scan the QR code, stop by the Senior Hub in Village Hall or call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to request a copy.



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

November is Family Caregiver Awareness Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources by Liking us at facebook.com/MPHumanServices.



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1711 West Algonquin Road
Mount Prospect | IL 60056
847.506.4930

Hours

Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm

Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm




(South Branch Library only)

2023

November

December



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
			1 Children's Coat Drive through November 24	2 Senior Connections 9-11am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm Blood Drive 2-8pm Fire Station 14	3 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH	4 Shop Small Fall Crawl, Noon-6pm MPDMA			 www.experiencemountprospect.org				1 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Annual Holiday Housewalk 3:30-9pm, MPHist	2 Teddy Bear Walk 9:30am-noon, MPPL Santa Photoshoot, MPDMA Socking Deliveries 10am-1pm Breakfast with Santa 10am-11:30am Friendship Park Cons. Community Band Christmas Concert 4pm, Trinity United Methodist Church
5 Mount Prospect Community Band Fall Concert 3:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church	6	7 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	8 Rules of the Road Class, 1:30pm VH Needlecraft Night 7-9pm, MPHist	9 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm CCC Invasion Home Front: Piccadilly to Pasadena, 7pm, MPPL	10 Mount Prospect Fire Department Toy Drive through December 8	11 Veterans Day 10:30am Lions Park	3 Santa Photoshoot MPDMA	4 Winter Evergreen Classes with Jill Tumberger 6:30pm, MPHist Ten Steps to a Smarter Tax Return, 7pm MPPL	5 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC Winter Evergreen Classes with Jill Tumberger 6:30pm, MPHist	6	7 Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC Blood Drive, 2-8pm Fire Station 14 Chanukah Candle Lighting Program 6pm, VH	8	9 Coffee with Council 9am, VH Breakfast with Santa 10-11:30am Rob Roy Golf Course	
12 Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist Shop Small Fall Crawl, Noon-6pm MPDMA	13	14 Indoor Gardening with Succulents 9:30am, VH COW On The Road Meeting, localton TBA Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC Jigsaw Puzzle Competition 6:30pm, MPPL	15	16 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC	17	18 Friends Holiday Book Sale 9am-3pm, MPPL	10 Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist	11	12 Garden Club Holiday Party 9:30am MP Police Headquarters Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	13 Needlecraft Night 7-9pm, MPHist	14 Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm CCC	15	16 Breakfast with Santa 10-11:30am Rob Roy Golf Course	
19	20	21 The World of Classical Piano Music with Mark Valenti 7pm, MPPL Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	22 Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5pm, Edwin & Eise (Meyn) Busse Park Christkindlmarkt 4-7pm, VH	23 Village Offices Closed 	24 Village Offices Closed Outdoor Holiday Tree Decorating Contest, 9am Woodland Trails Park	25	17	18	19 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC Holiday Concert with the Encore! Singers, 7pm MPPL	20	21 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH	22	23	
26	27 True Crime: Financial Fraud 7pm, MPPL	28 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	29	30 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH			24	25 Village Offices Closed 	26 Village Offices Closed	27	28 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH	29	30 New Year's Eve Eve Celebration Multiple seatings throughout the day Station 34 Pizza Pub	
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Message from the Mayor



Gratitude

Given that this is the final newsletter before the end of the year, I am sending everyone a message of *gratitude* for the multitude of great things that have happened in the Village over the past year. Also, for those who observe their holidays this time of the year, the season is upon us, and it is a busy time. While the holidays can be hectic, I am hopeful that every one of you can take a deep breath and reflect upon your year gone by. I truly hope that you were up to the challenges you faced, as we all have challenges, and I hope that you enjoyed the good times of 2023, as well.

Throughout the year, I receive messages from so many citizens who have comments, concerns, or questions, which we answer and address. Some of the messages I receive are simply messages to express that they love living in the Village of Mount Prospect. As Mayor, that is an incredible message to hear! Additionally, I know that many of our citizens have lived in the Village for a very long time, putting down roots years ago and never leaving. I am also aware that we have many citizens who have lived in Mount Prospect their entire lives, like Bernice Ohlerking, who recently turned 100 years old. We celebrated Bernice this past summer at her Mount Prospect home in which she has lived since the 1950s.

Heading into the holiday season, as a community, we have so much to be thankful for. During 2023, from a Village perspective, we have been blessed with a myriad of positive events, activities, and accomplishments. Our Village has dedicated staff who serve our residents each and every day, we have more than adequate resources to operate our Village, and we have highly functional facilities and infrastructure. To add to the list of things we are grateful for, we also have extraordinary schools for our children, fantastic parks and park facilities for all to enjoy, an incredible library full of information and programs, and businesses that provide us with needed products and services. While we have all of these things, most importantly, we have wonderful community-oriented citizens, citizens who live our Motto, *Where Friendliness is a Way of Life*. You can feel it!

I also want everyone to know that your Village Board, Village Manager, Village Department Heads and Staff are currently preparing for all that needs to happen in 2024 to create another strong and successful year in the Village of Mount Prospect!

Whether you observe your holidays this time of the year or not, to every Mount Prospect Citizen and Business, your Village Board sends you a heartfelt message of gratitude for contributing to your community in 2023 in whatever way that you could and in whatever way that you did. We could not do it without you!

And, again, if this is the time of the year when you observe and celebrate your holidays, your Village Board sends you our very best for a happy Holiday Season and well wishes for a healthy, safe, and successful year in 2024!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday | 8:30 am to 5 pm

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
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Human Services 847.870.5680
Police Department *(non-emergency)* 847.870.5656
Public Works 847.870.5640
Water Billing 847.392.6000

No Parking on Village Streets | 2 am to 6 am

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