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VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM RETURNS

Following an outpour of submissions, the Village of Mount Prospect is proud to start its second year of the Veteran Banner Program. As a way to say thank you, banners honoring current and former Mount Prospect veterans are flown throughout our Village with pride.

Who can participate?

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

How does it work?

Banners are displayed along Northwest Highway in the downtown corridor for periods of two weeks before and after Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year. There is no cost to participate in the program or have a banner created. A total of 70 veterans will be honored each year.

Nominees will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Those not selected for the current year will be added to a waitlist for the next year. Applicants placed on the waiting list will be contacted directly when it is their turn to have a banner designed. After being displayed for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the banners will be retired. Retired banners will be returned to the applicant or the applicant's family.

How do I sign up?

Application forms can be found at mountprospect.org/community/veterans-banner-program and should be submitted along with a high-resolution photo of the individual in uniform. Materials can be sent to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. The deadline is April 1, 2024.

For further information, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

After banners have flown they are available to the veteran or their family to keep.



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Community Events

MAR/APRIL

1

Fit 4 Life
Friday | March 1 & April 5 10 – 10:45 am
Thursday | March 14, 21 & 28, April 11, 18 & 25 11 – 11:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Seniors of all fitness levels are invited to this free seated exercise class. Programming includes seated exercise along with other types of movement. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. Class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.

MARCH

2

Pizza, Puzzle, Palooza
Saturday | March 2 6 – 8 pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights



Who's up for a challenge? Be the first team to eat an 18-inch pizza, drink two pitchers of beer and/or pop, and put together a 300-piece puzzle and our top prize is yours. Entry is \$200 per 4-person team. All proceeds will go the River Trails Park & Recreation Foundation for program scholarships. Participants must be 21 or older. Register at rtpd.org.

MAR/APRIL

5

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | March 5, 12, 19, & 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 | 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



Children ages 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.

MARCH

6

The Supremes of Justice
Wednesday | March 6 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Learn about the six remarkable women who have been appointed to the United States Supreme Court. Discover the uniqueness of each of the Lady Justices and how they have impacted the bench. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH

7

Senior Connections Program
Thursday | March 7 9 – 11 am
MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT
111 E. Rand Rd.



Seniors are invited to join us for the opportunity to learn something new and enjoy conversation with their neighbors and members of the Village staff. It's a great way to make some new friends and get to know your community. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

MAR/APRIL

7

Conversations in English
Thursdays | March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18 1 – 2 pm
Thursdays | March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25 5:30 – 6:30 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



If you are learning English, these classes provide a great opportunity to practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy fun and interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.

MARCH

7

Bi-Monthly Blood Drive
Thursday | March 7 2 – 7 pm
FIRE STATION 13
111 E. Rand Rd.



The Fire Department, partnered with Vitalant, hosts bi-monthly blood drives from 2-7 pm. New for 2024, blood drives will be held at the Fire Department Headquarters (Station 13) located at 111 E. Rand Road. In order to increase donations, blood drives are being held on odd-numbered months only.

MARCH

10

Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | March 10 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL, MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.



Get to know the Mount Prospect Historical Society. Join us for this unique opportunity to view artifacts from our collection as we open our

extensive storage area for a rare look at how we store and archive historic items from Mount Prospect's past. No registration is necessary for this free family event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

MARCH

12

Character Fleadh Performance: Traditional Irish and Scottish Music
Tuesday | March 12 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

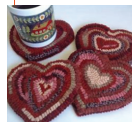


Enjoy a performance of a spirited approach to traditional Irish and Scottish folk music, with a Chicago twist. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH

13

Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | March 13 10 am – noon or 7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL, MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.



The spotlight project this month will be wool hook mug rugs. In the 19th century, women used every bit of fabric to make something useful. They made quilts, rugs for the floor, and hangings for the walls and now you can learn how to take recycled wool strips and make something useful for your home. All experience levels are welcome. Entry is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, visit mthist.org or call 847.392.9006.

MARCH

16

Mini Golf at the Library
Saturday | March 16 10 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



This unique family adventure will have golfers putting our 18-hole mini-golf course throughout the library and between the stacks. \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of four or more. This is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

MARCH

16

Bunny Breakfast
Saturday | March 16 9:30 – 11:30 am
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
411 S. Maple St.



Celebrate spring with a family breakfast, crafts, games, and a visit with a

very special bunny. Bring your camera for photos. Every child will go home with a treat bag. Registration deadline is March 12 and all children must be accompanied by an adult, Children under 3 are free; for all others, registration is \$18 per person. Details can be found at mppd.org.

MARCH

19

Cool Season vs. Warm Season Planting
Tuesday | March 19 9:30 am
CHALET NURSERY
3132 Lake Ave, Wilmette
Jennifer Brennan, horticulture information specialist and manager



of Chalet Nursery will examine the respective challenges of planting in the spring or planting in the fall. The Mount Prospect Garden Club invites all to attend this local event.

MARCH

21

Mount Prospect Stories: Dressing for a New Era and Shopping for Clothes in Post-War Mount Prospect
Thursday | March 21 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Emily Dattilo, Director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society, will discuss where Mount Prospect residents shopped for clothing in the 1950s and 1960s. Clothing and accessory items from the Historical Society collection will be on display. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

MARCH
23

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday | March 23
10 am

BURNING BUSH TRAILS PARK
1313 Burning Bush Ln.

Hop on over for some springtime fun with the River Trails Park District. Ages 6 and under will gather eggs which they can redeem for prizes. Ages 7 to 10 will participate in an egg scavenger hunt by looking for clues and will receive a prize at the end of the hunt. Children and families will also have the opportunity to take photos with the Easter Bunny so don't forget your camera. \$11 for residents/partner-residents and \$13 for non-residents. Registration is required by March 20 and is available online at rtpd.org.



MAR/APRIL
26

Coffee Talk and Construction
Tuesday | March 26
7:30 – 9 am

Tuesday | April 23
7:30 – 9:00 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Use this opportunity to discuss your upcoming home improvements including additions with our Building & Inspection Services team members over a cup of coffee. Registration is not required but questions can be directed to building@mountprospect.org or 847.818.5289.



MARCH
30

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday | March 30
5 45-minute time slots
beginning at 8 am

LIONS RECREATION CENTER
411 S. Maple St.

Bring your basket for collecting eggs at the Mt.

Prospect Park District's annual egg hunt. There will be a take home treat and a special opportunity to get a photo with the Bunny. Registration prior to the event date is required. Registration details can be found at mppd.org or by calling 847.640.1000.



APRIL
9

Fantastic Fall Flowers
Tuesday | April 9
9:30 am

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

Discussing fall flowers in spring? Professional garden writer and trained horticulturist Heather Prince will discuss which perennials bloom in autumn so you can plan for some fall color and be ready for a beautiful Thanksgiving centerpiece right from your garden. You can also learn about the important role fall flowers play in feeding our pollinators before hibernation or migration. Social time at 9:30 followed by the Garden Club's business meeting at 10, and presentation at 11.



APRIL
10

Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | April 10
10 am – noon or
7 – 9 pm

CENTRAL SCHOOL, MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 /103 S. Maple St.

Bargello is a type of needlepoint embroidery consisting of upright flat stitches laid in a mathematical pattern to create motifs. This month, we will be making a bookmark with a bargello pattern. All experience levels are welcome. Admission is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, visit mtphist.org or call 847.392.9006.



APRIL
13

Mt. Melas Adventure Run
Saturday | April 13
Time slots begin at 8 am

MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Rd.

Test your limits and conquer your obstacles across both grass and concrete terrain including hill elevation. Mt. Melas gear is included with registration. Medals awarded to all finishers, but this is not a chip timed event. Registration rate is \$40 through April 11 and \$50 on race day. Team rates are available. Details at mppd.org



APRIL
14

Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | April 14
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL, MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.



Did you know Mount Prospect is a Tree City USA? Join us for a make-and-take tree craft. This event is free, no registration is necessary, and all ages are welcome. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

APRIL
20

Earth Day Volunteer Event
Saturday | April 20
10 am – noon
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Join the River Trails Park District Parks Department team in cleaning up our parks. Following the clean-up volunteers will have the opportunity to learn more about plastic pollution and how to help the global movement of the reduction of plastic production. \$5 for residents/partner-residents and \$7 for non-residents. Registration is required by April 15 online at rtpd.org.

APRIL
20

Disaster Preparedness Expo
Saturday | April 20
10 am – 2 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE STATION #14
2000 E. Kensington Rd.

This free expo will offer you and your family important information on ways to stay safe during an emergency. Event will cover topics such as severe weather, managing power outages, flooding, utility safety, fire extinguisher training, 911 emergency calls and procedures, items needed for emergency car and home kits, and much more. This event is free and offers something for all ages. Go to mountprospect.org/EMA for more.



APRIL
20/21

Friends Book Sale
Saturday | April 20
9 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday | April 21
11 am – 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

APRIL
25

AI and Genealogy: Trouble Ahead?
Thursday | April 25 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Learn how artificial intelligence technologies are being used to improve genealogy and the pros and cons of seeking out other uses of AI for your own genealogy research. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
29

Earth-Friendly Gardens: Sustainable Practices for Making Your Garden Greener

Monday | April 29 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Learn practical strategies to attract beneficial insects and birds, create your own compost, and discover ways to protect your plants from intrusive insect pests without harming the environment. Presented in partnership with The Garden Club of Mount Prospect. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Coming in May!

Senior Appreciation
Thursday | May 2 | 9 – 11 am

Special event to show appreciation for the seniors in our community. Enjoy breakfast and plenty of fun at this special celebration. Please RSVP by April 22 to Human Services at 847.870.5680.

Derby De Mayo Pub Crawl
Saturday | May 4 | 3 – 7 pm

Get a group of family, friends, and neighbors together for the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association pub crawl! Visit mpdowntown.com for future updates.

News from the Finance Department

National Recognition for Village Financial Report

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for our annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting.

According to the GFOA, the report has been judged to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive *spirit of full disclosure* to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

More than 21,000 communities are members of GFOA.

News from the Village Clerk

Early Voting

Early voting for the March 19 Presidential Primary will take place March 4 through 18 at Village Hall. You can register to vote on the same day provided you bring two pieces of identification along with proof of your current residence.



Hours for early voting are:

MARCH 4 – 9 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
MARCH 10 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MARCH 11 – 16 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
MARCH 17 | 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
MARCH 18 | 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Primary takes place on TUESDAY, MARCH 19

If you prefer to vote by mail, call the Village Clerk's office at 847.818.5333 to request a mail ballot delivered to your home or visit cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections/ways-to-vote.

News from the Building Department

Coffee Talk and Construction

The Building & Inspection Services Team invites you to join them for conversation about your upcoming home renovation or expansion plans. Stop by Village Hall on March 26 or April 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. to have a casual chat over a cup of coffee and a donut. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff will be there to answer questions about any home projects you have coming up, including those that impact aging in place or accessibility.

No registration is required – just stop by. If you have any questions in advance contact us at building@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5289.

Summer Internships for College Students

The Village of Mount Prospect is a proud supporter of empowering and training the next generation of workers. This summer we are offering internships in our Public Works, Community Development, Building, Finance, and Communications Departments. Interns will get once-in-a-lifetime experience while learning various aspects of Village operations. Available opportunities will be posted at mountprospect.org/employment. Positions may be added periodically so be sure to check back frequently.

Citizens Civics Academy

For the 3rd consecutive year, the Village will offer residents a closer look at Village operations through the Mount Prospect Citizens Civics Academy. The Academy is a series of free educational sessions designed to teach Mount Prospect residents about the inner workings of their local government. There will be 8 sessions, running from April 1 to May 27. Classes will meet at Village Hall and other Village buildings including Public Works, the Police Department and Fire Station 13.

The Academy's goal is to educate the public and increase awareness about what their local government does for them, provide an inside look into government operations, and develop a better understanding of a citizen's role in Village government. Civics Academy participants will learn about the many responsibilities and functions of the Village, the relationships between Village departments and the community, and how services are provided.

For more information and to fill out an application visit mountprospect.org/citizenscivicsacademy.

Disaster Preparedness Expo | April 20

When a disaster or emergency occurs, there is no such thing as being too prepared. Because these events can occur without warning, the more prepared you are, the better able you will be to calmly react to protect yourself and your family.



To assist, the Village's Emergency Management Team will host a free Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, April 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fire Station 14, 2000 East Kensington Road. Information will be available on topics like severe weather, managing power outages, flooding, utility safety, fire extinguisher training, 911 emergency calls and procedures, items needed for emergency car and home kits, and more.

You can visit with representatives of Nicor Gas, Penco Generators, The Red Cross, The Salvation Army, and the Mount Prospect Police, Fire, and Building Departments to gain valuable information. These vendors will be providing tips on emergency planning, teaching how to identify potential risks, and explaining ways to limit vulnerability in the case of a disaster. Salvage and recovery planning will also be addressed as it is important to know how to coordinate the effort required to restore your property and home back to normal operational function as quickly as possible. Go to mountprospect.org/EMA for the details.

There will be giveaways and raffles throughout the day. All ages are invited to join us for this free expo. *Be prepared – see you there!*

Community/Economic Development

Aging in Community Initiative

The Village's Aging in Community (AIC) Initiative envisions Mount Prospect as an accessible, inclusive community where older adults thrive and have the tools to navigate the aging process. One of the objectives of the AIC Action Plan is to increase awareness of transportation options available to older adults and persons with disabilities.

In August, the AIC Initiative hosted a Transportation Resource Fair at the Mount Prospect Public Library with presenters from Connections to Care, Wheeling Township, Elk Grove Township, PACE, and the Right at Home Lyft Program. The agencies reviewed free and reduced-cost transportation options that older adults can use instead of driving personal vehicles or relying on friends and relatives for trips outside the home. Following the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to visit agency tables to ask questions and complete applications for services. The event was recorded and is available for viewing on the Village website at mountprospect.org/agingincommunity.

The Transportation Resource Fair will go on the road in 2024 to bring this event directly to older adults living in senior facilities. The quarterly events began in February with a visit to Centennial Apartments, with an upcoming event at Huntington Commons in April. Mount Prospect Public Library will host another public Transportation Resource Fair in August 2024.

For more information about the Aging in Community Initiative, please visit the AIC webpage listed above, or email agingincommunity@mountprospect.org.



Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative Hosts Panel for Small Businesses

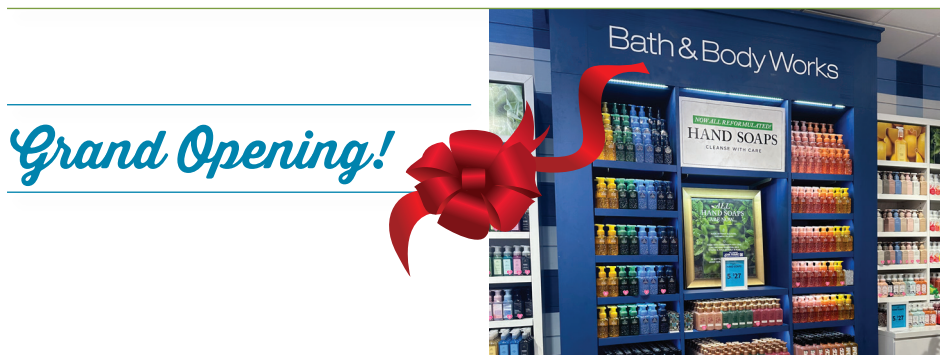
The Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) is focused on supporting prospective and existing businesses by providing learning and networking opportunities. To relaunch the initiative, MPEI held a free panel discussion last month to give current and future small business owners easy access to industry experts.

Richard Sassan (B & E Accounting & Tax CPA P.C.), Bill Knee (The Knee Law Firm LLC), and Lauren Schaff (Independent Business & Marketing Strategist) answered questions and



provided their expertise on business finances, business planning, and marketing/social media. Panel topics were selected based on survey feedback from Mount Prospect businesses. A representative from SCORE rounded out the evening with a presentation on how they help established and budding business owners alike.

For those who couldn't make it, the video and panelist presentations are available as an online resource at mountprospect.org/mpei.



January 20, 2024
Bath & Body Works
Randhurst Village
bathandbodywoks.com | 847.660.2050



International Women's Day

International Women's Day recognizes the challenges women have faced and reflects on the progress made and milestones achieved over the years. Women's Day encourages all of us to celebrate the acts of courage and determination by ordinary women doing extraordinary things. Women have made important gains regarding education and career opportunities since the very first Women's Day in the early 1900's.

This year, International Women's Day falls on March 8. As part of the celebration, we'd like to acknowledge and introduce you to the two female firefighters serving the Mount Prospect Fire Department, Sarah Arnold and Katia Campos.

SARAH ARNOLD

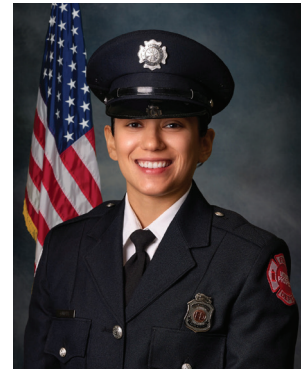


- Prior to joining the Mount Prospect Fire Department in April of 2023, Sarah tried her hand at a variety of careers including being a geographic information specialist, a farmhand, a barista, and an ER technician. "It definitely took some trial and error to find the career that was the right fit for me."
- In her youth, Sarah was interested in becoming a chef or a baker. "I would bake truly awful treats for my family, usually messing up a recipe or burning the food!" Though she spent some time working in a bakery after college, she sought a different career path; she finds it ironic that it is a job that requires her to cook anyway. She notes that her colleagues in the firehouse are great cooks, too.

job that required physical activity, spending time outdoors, and engaging with a community. I accepted any opportunity to learn something new and tried many different jobs to figure out what kind of work would be sustainable for my personality. With some persistence and luck, I ended up in emergency medicine and fell into the fire service afterwards. Being a firefighter wasn't my original goal, but I see now how it fits all the ways that I want to spend my time, grow my skills, and build a career."

- Her favorite part of the job so far, along with the camaraderie, is that each day has new challenges and lessons.
- In her spare time Sarah enjoys The Neapolitan Novels by Elena Ferrante and admits to being "a sucker for 80's or 90's romcoms. Sixteen Candles, Pretty in Pink, Breakfast Club, Ferris Bueller, Sleepless in Seattle, When Harry Met Sally, She's All That. I love them all. Oh, and Twilight, obviously."
- Sarah has some great advice for other women regarding careers as a firefighter. "If you're willing to work hard, be curious, and stay humble – then there's nothing stopping you from finding a career in this field. I encourage any woman who is even a little curious about the fire service to give it a chance. Reach out to a department for a ride along, take an EMT class, or seek out female firefighting organizations like the Fire Service Women of Illinois for advice on stepping into the field."

KATIA CAMPOS



- After serving as a single-role paramedic for the Bellwood Fire Department, Katia began working in Mount Prospect on February 6, 2023.
- Growing up, Katia wanted to do anything that had to do with a uniform. "I had an interest in fire, police, military, and medicine."
- She gained an interest in firefighting while serving in the military. "My military training made me attend many fire-related schools and trainings, and the people I met made it seem like the most amazing job in the world."
- Katia is particularly proud of the relationships she has been building with her new brothers in the fire department. "Knowing I have a team of guys that have my back and want me to succeed is the most uplifting part of the job." It's no surprise then, that her current favorite show is Band of Brothers.
- In 2023, Katia was busy traveling, making trips to Miami, Mexico, Italy, and Germany.
- Aside from working and traveling, Katia enjoys working out and has developed an interest in rock climbing.
- Regarding her advice for other women interested in pursuing a career as a firefighter, Katia says "The road ahead isn't going to be easy. The physical limits that I personally had to push for something made me almost quit but I am grateful every day that I didn't!"

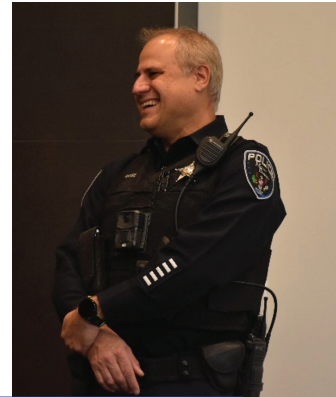
In the U.S. around 6,200 women currently work as full-time career firefighters and officers. Several hundred hold the rank of lieutenant or captain, and about 150 are district chiefs, battalion chiefs, division chiefs, or assistant chiefs. We are fortunate to have two of the best now serving in Mount Prospect.



Thank You Officer Moise

We wish our best to Officer Brian Moise on his retirement from the Mount Prospect Police Department after 20 years of service. Since joining the department in September 2003, Brian has worked in both the Patrol Section and the Technical Services Unit, serving at various times as a Field Training Officer, Bike Unit Officer, and Breathalyzer Operator.

Brian is moving on to a new career path at Glenbard South High School, where he will be a Behavior Intervention Assignment (BIA) Supervisor and Study Hall Supervisor. Best of luck, Brian, on this next chapter of your professional life and thank you for your service to Mount Prospect.



Welcome Officer Cima

Our newest Officer, Michael Cima recently joined the department. Michael was born in Park Ridge but grew up here in Mount Prospect where he attended Fairview Elementary, Lincoln Middle School, and Prospect High School. After high school, Michael attended Northern Illinois University for two years and then transferred to Iowa State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. He previously served as an intern with the department. Please join us in welcoming Officer Cima to our team.



April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Distracted driving is one of the fastest growing safety issues on the roads today. Distracted drivers aren't just a threat to themselves; they are a danger to everyone else on the road. Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, focusing on the stereo, entertainment, or navigation system — anything that takes your attention away from the task of safe driving.

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 miles per hour, that's the equivalent of driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.

In April, make a pledge to give driving your full attention every time you get behind the wheel. Begin by following these tips:

- If you need to send a text or receive one that you need to read while driving, only do so after pulling over and parking your car in a safe location.
- Ask a passenger to be your designated texter. Allow them access to your phone to respond to calls or messages.
- Do not check email, social media, or other apps on your phone while driving.
- Break your bad habits by activating your phone's Do Not Disturb feature when you get in the car or put your phone in the trunk, glove box, or back seat of your vehicle until you arrive at your destination.

IRS Scams on the Rise

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers has been making the rounds throughout the country. Perpetrators make aggressive calls posing as IRS agents, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers in hopes of stealing taxpayer money or personal information. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation, or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. In other instances, victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an urgent callback request.

Be aware that the IRS will never do any of the following:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Please share this information with elderly neighbors or family members who may be susceptible to this scam. You can report scams to the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Public Works

Unlimited Organics Collection Returns April 1

April brings the return of our yard waste material collection for traditional yard waste as well as organic materials like fruits and vegetables. Collection begins April 1. Traditional yard waste materials include grass clippings, branches, and twigs that can be placed in Kraft paper bags, a cart from our rental program, or a rigid container you provide. You can place unlimited yard waste out each week; no stickers are required. Organic materials can go in a cart or your container, but bags may only be used for yard waste. Cart rental is available for \$4.09 per month. You may choose from 35-, 65-, or 95-gallon size options.

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



- ACCEPTABLE**
- GRASS CLIPPINGS
 - BRUSH
 - FLOWERS
 - LEAVES
 - FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
 - PASTAS
 - MEAT (NO BONE)
 - BREADS
 - CRACKERS
 - CEREALS
 - CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS)
 - COFFEE GROUNDS

YES!



Is this OK for Organics collection?

- NON-ACCEPTABLE**
- PLASTIC BAGS
 - STYROFOAM
 - BONES, SEAFOOD
 - SHRINK WRAP
 - CHIP AND CANDY WRAPPERS
 - PLASTIC UTENSILS
 - PLASTIC CONTAINERS OR WRAP FROM FOOD PACKAGING
 - PLASTIC OF ANY KIND
 - GLASS OF ANY KIND
 - BEVERAGES



NO!



Seasonal Job Opportunities

Public Works has summer job opportunities for students enrolled in an undergraduate program. Positions include work patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, and reading water meters. Candidates must have more than usual physical strength and endurance, along with the ability to work outdoors in summer conditions.

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

For more details visit mountprospect.org/employment. Applications may be sent to Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, or pwjobs@mountprospect.org.

Street Resurfacing

More than \$5.8 million will be invested by the Village in 43 street resurfacing projects this year. A total of 74 blocks across 7.33 miles will be included in this year's plan. This investment will benefit residents and businesses by improving neighborhoods with safe, serviceable streets for years to come.



Residents and businesses directly impacted by the work will be notified on the scope via a brochure or can visit mountprospect.org/resurfacing for updates. Daily updates will be available on X (formerly Twitter) @MP_Resurfacing.

Construction will begin in April and is expected to be completed in October, weather permitting. Please reach out to Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org with any questions.

Electronics Recycling Begins April 10

The Village has partnered with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to provide an Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to assist with the recycling of old electronics in an environmentally safe manner.

You may drop electronic materials at Public Works, 1700 West Central Road, Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, except for holidays. The drop-off period runs from April 10 to October 30.

Materials can also be dropped off at the Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 North River Road, every Saturday throughout the year from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This location will be closed following a holiday.

You can find a list of acceptable materials at mountprospect.org/recycling.

For more information, call 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Tree Planting

The Village's program of replacing parkways trees will continue in 2024. It is always our goal to replace all parkway trees that were removed the previous season provided there is adequate space. This year we plan to replace all the trees removed in 2023. The Village continues to utilize a number of different tree species thus increasing the diversity of the urban forest. At least eight to ten different tree varieties will be utilized, matching trees to sites for optimal performance.

Planting will take place in spring and fall. Village crews will mark the location of a new planting site with a brown mark on the curb and leave a letter explaining the planting process. If you have a request for a specific tree, contact Public Works no later than March 31.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Keep Pet Waste Out of Waterways

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

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



Human Services

Secretary of State's Mobile Facility

Representatives from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office will be at Village Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on April 3 to assist residents in acquiring or renewing a state ID, driver's license, license plate stickers, voter registration, and organ and tissue registration. To schedule an appointment, please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

If you have questions regarding any of the services that will be offered, please contact Illinois Secretary of State Giannoulas' Office directly at 800.252.8980 or visit ilsos.gov.

Mental Health Matters

The Human Services Department will host the 4th annual Mental Health Matters community event this June. Watch for details to be announced at mountprospect.org/humanservices or on our Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices.

Senior Buzz Newsletter

If you are an older adult in Mount Prospect, be sure to stay up to date on services and activities designed especially for you by signing up to receive our Senior Buzz newsletter. It is published 6 times a year and is full of great community information, resources, and a calendar of activities. The Senior Buzz is available online by scanning the QR code on the right and in print at Village Hall in the Human Services Department. If you would like to receive the Senior Buzz via email or would like a hard copy mailed to you, call 847.870.5680 to be placed on our mailing list.



Senior Connections

Join us March 7 at 9 a.m. at the Mount Prospect Fire Department, 111 East Rand Road, for the Senior Connections program. This program offers seniors the opportunity to learn something new and meet their neighbors and Village staff. Don't miss the chance to make some new friends and get to know your community. Light snacks and beverages will be served at the event.



Fit 4 Life

Seniors of all fitness levels are invited to this free seated exercise class. Programming includes seated exercise along with other types of movement. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. Class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.

Thursdays | March 14, 21 & 28 and April 11, 18 & 25 | 11 – 11:45 am

Fridays | March 1 & April 5 | 10 – 10:45 am

Farley Community Room at Village Hall | 50 S. Emerson St.



Community Connections Center

March is National Social Work Month and in April we recognize National Fair Housing Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook Page for information and resources about each topic. Like us at facebook.com/MPHumanServices.



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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm

Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)

2024

March

April



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1 Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	2 Pizza, Puzzle, Palooca 6-8pm Rob Roy Golf Course							
3	4	5 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	6 The Supremes of Justice, 7pm MPPL	7 Senior Connections Program, 9-11am MPPD, 111 E. Rand Rd. Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC Bi-Monthly Blood Drive, 2, 7pm FIRE STATION 13 111 E. Rand Rd.	8	9 Coffee with Council 9am, VH	7	8	9 Fantastic Fall Flowers, 9:30am VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	10 Bessie's Workbasket, 10am-noon or 7-9pm, Central School, MPHist	11 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm CCC	12	13 Mt. Meigs Adventure Run, 8am, Meigs Park MPPD Coffee with Council 9am, VH
10 Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHist	11	12 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC Character Fleadh Performance 7pm, MPPL	13 Bessie's Workbasket, 10am-noon or 7-9pm, Central School, MPHist	14 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm	15	16 Bunny Breakfast 9:30-11:30am Lions Recreation Center, MPPD Mini Golf at the Library, 10am-3 pm, MPPL	14 Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHist	15	16 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	17	18 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC	19	20 Friends Book Sale 9am-4:30pm, MPPL Earth Day Volunteer Event, 10am-noon Woodland Trails Park RTPD Disaster Preparedness Expo, 10am-2 pm Fire Station #14 2000 E. Kensington
17	18	19 Cool Season vs. Warm Season Planting, 9:30am Chalet Nursery Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	20	21 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm CCC Mount Prospect Stories: Dressing for a New Era, 7pm, MPPL	22	23 Easter Egg Hunt 10am, Burning Bush Trails Park RTPD	21 Friends Book Sale 11am-4:00pm, MPPL	22	23 Coffee Talk and Construction 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC	24	25 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm CCC AI and Generology: Trouble Ahead? 7 pm, MPPL	26	27
24	25	26 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC Coffee Talk and Construction 7:30-9am, VH	27	28 Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm	29	30 Easter Egg Hunt 8am, Lions Recreation Center, MPPD	28	29 Earth-Friendly Gardens: Sustainable Practices for Making Your Garden Greener 7 pm, MPPL	30 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15 pm, CCC				
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Message from the Mayor

The following is an excerpt from the Mayor's opening remarks at the 2024 Shining Stars Gala.

People Helping People. At the core, that is what the Shining Star Awards are all about. People who have gone out of their way to help others or help their community with no expectation of any benefit coming back their way. They simply do for others in the name of lending a helping hand and contributing to the greater good.

Over the years, we have witnessed so many selfless acts by citizens who gave of themselves, stepped out of their normal everyday lives, put themselves in harm's way, or gave up their own time and resources for the benefit of others and because they love their community.

Many of the Shining Star Awards are built on a foundation of Volunteerism. We would not be able to host such a variety of wonderful community activities if it were not for the volunteers who donate their time, energy, and resources to our local organizations. We could never enjoy all of the great community activities and organizations we have if it were not for these volunteers who give of themselves for others for no monetary compensation.

We live in a great Village full of people who just want to help others and are regularly looking for the opportunity to do so whenever they can.

People who coach Sports, people who volunteer at our Schools, people who commit significant amounts of time to our School Boards, our Park Boards, our Village Board, our Library Board, our Village Commissions and Committees, people who dedicate themselves to the Scouting program, people who organize and conduct our 4th of July festivities, people who put on the weekly Farmers Market and Cruise Nights, people who provide a Thanksgiving meal and a day of activities to Naval Cadets from Great Lakes, or people who simply cut their neighbors grass or snow blow everyone's driveway on their block and the list goes on and on. It runs the gamut, as we all have our own ways of showing helpful care to our fellow citizens.

Many of these are *daily or weekly* acts of kindness to help someone who is in need such as taking their elderly neighbor to their dialysis appointment. Doing for those who cannot do for themselves. They give their time in order that their neighbors or friends can stay in their homes.

Some of these are *random* acts of kindness such as jumping someone's dead car battery or helping find a lost dog. Some are *of the moment* acts of action such as a former Shining Star Award winner who ran into a burning home to pull their neighbor to safety. Some are lifetime commitments like the former Shining Star couple who adopted and raised 8 children.

Over the past 31 years, we have honored well over 300 MP Citizens or MP Organizations with a Shining Star. Now, some of these people we know and some we do not. In my experience, if it were not for the Shining Stars Award acknowledging them, most would just prefer to remain anonymous. And this is why we recognize those who would never recognize themselves.

People like Jack Kiefer, Bill Bickley, Bob Fey, Moms Who Care, Mary Kate Dempsey, Stanley Gieron, Paul Carlstedt, Carol Torterello, Lisa Angell, Alexandra Wilson, Rich *Digger* Dubek, Ron Dascher, Helping Hands, Carol Orhn, Les Durov, Skip Farley, Bob Heuser, Mike Zarnek, Bob McKillop, Mark Busse, George Gattas, Sue Ramstead, and so many more. Some of these people are still with us, some are here in this room tonight, and some have gone on ahead.

We are clearly a Village of giving and caring people. For that reason and that reason alone, Mount Prospect is the place Linda and I intend to stay for the remainder of our time. I believe we are not alone in that endeavor.

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
Fire Department *(non-emergency)* 847.870.5666
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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