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SEPTEMBER 2024



OKTOBERFEST + FALL FEST

FRIDAY + SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 20+21 | EMERSON STREET + BUSSE AVENUE

Fall is just around the corner and that means the return of Fall Fest and Oktoberfest. The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association invites you to be a part of a weekend full of fun, music and food. The family-friendly celebration takes place at the intersection of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue in downtown with the Fall Festival happening during the afternoon of the 21st and Oktoberfest both nights.

OKTOBERFEST | FRIDAY/SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 20/21 | 4 TO 11 PM

Oktoberfest festivities take place Friday and Saturday evenings from 4 to 11 pm with music both nights provided by Paloma. The popular band will perform a variety of classic German songs, new German hits, oldies, country and classic standards. The party will feature traditional German food and beverages for all to enjoy.

FALL FEST | SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 21 | 1 TO 4 PM

During the day on Saturday the 21st experience one of the best free fall family events in the suburbs as the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association presents their annual Fall Festival. The celebration will feature plenty of family fun including pony rides, a corn maze, pumpkin patch, face painting, balloons and other entertainment. The Fall Festival is open to all from 1 to 4 pm with a special early start at noon for families with special needs members of all ages. Food, rides

and all activities will be available beginning at noon for those who pre-register at downtownmountprospect.com. Special needs registration will open several days prior to the event.

For more details about Fall Fest and Oktoberfest, visit downtownmountprospect.com or follow the event Facebook page facebook.com/oktoberfestmp.

PARKING + TRANSPORTATION

Parking will be available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Maple Street Parking Deck, and the East and West Metra Commuter Lots. Ample bike parking can be found throughout the area. If you have friends coming from other towns, you're in luck! Centennial Green is located just one block from the Metra station.

MOUNT PROSPECT DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

Oktoberfest and Fall Fest are put on by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA), a non-profit organization run by an all-volunteer board that strives to spread awareness of all that downtown Mount Prospect has to offer.

For more information, visit downtownmountprospect.com.



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Community Events

SEPTEMBER 3 One Book, One Village Book Giveaway
 Tuesday | September 3
 5 – 8 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.
 Drop in and pick up your free copy of the library's One Book, One Village community read title. Both regular and large print copies are available to Mount Prospect residents while supplies last. No registration is required.



SEPTEMBER 5 Senior Connections
 Thursday | September 5
 9 – 11 am
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Seniors are invited to enjoy this opportunity to learn something new, meet their neighbors, and get acquainted with Village staff. A light breakfast and beverages will be served. No registration is required, so come and join us for a fun event. This event is open to Mount Prospect residents only.



SEPTEMBER 6 Fridays on the Green
 Friday | September 6
 6 pm
 Liquid Soul
 CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
Don't miss the final concert of the season! Pack a picnic or order takeout from one of our downtown restaurants...and don't forget your blanket or chair!



SEPTEMBER 7 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights
 Saturdays through September 28 | 3 – 9 pm
 EAST COMMUTER LOT
 Northwest Hwy. & Emerson
 Come view the coolest classic cars around. The Mount Prospect Lions Club is sponsoring Bluesmobile Cruise Nights every Saturday. Each week there will be a new theme. Admission is free. Visit mplions.org for more information.



SEPTEMBER 8 Lions Club Farmers Market
 Sundays through October 27 | 8 am – 1 pm
 WEST COMMUTER LOT
 Northwest Hwy. & Main St.
 Experience one of the busiest Farmers Markets in the suburbs. Enjoy an array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and much more. Visit mplions.org for more info.



SEPTEMBER 8 Second Sundays at the Society
 Sunday | September 8
 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 101/103 S. Maple St.
 This month's theme is apples. Stop by this free open house for a variety of hands-on activities. Guests of all ages are welcome, and the Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will be open for tours.



SEPTEMBER 9 The Once and Future Moon
 Monday | September 9
 7 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.
 Join Shane L. Larson, astronomer, professor, and associate director of CIERA, for this virtual presentation about the history of our understanding of the moon and our imagined futures of exploring and returning there. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



SEPTEMBER 10 Winter Sowing
 Tuesday | September 10
 9:30 am
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Are you struggling to garden from seeds by germinating them in the house? Winter sowing works with nature to prepare and germinate seeds for the spring planting season. If you would like to learn how to grow seeds without having to purchase shelves and lights or risk your pets walking through trays, join speaker Dolly Foster and the Mount Prospect Garden Club to learn more. Learn more about the Garden Club of Mount Prospect at gcmp.weebly.com



SEPTEMBER 10 Play and Learn Group
 Tuesdays | September 10, 17 & 24
 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.



SEPTEMBER 10 Burnham, Sullivan, Gang, and Their Legacies
 Tuesday | September 10
 7 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.



Chicago historian Clarence Goodman will take you on a tour exploring the importance of Chicago in the world of international architecture. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER 11 Bessie's Workbasket
 Wednesday
 September 11
 10 am & 7 pm
 CENTRAL SCHOOL
 MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 103 S. Maple St.



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for Bessie's Workbasket, where guests can work on chicken scratch embroidery on gingham material. This type of embroidery dates to the colonial times. This event costs \$10 per person and you can register at mtphist.org/bessies-workbasket.

SEPTEMBER 12 Fit 4 Life
 Thursdays
 September 12 & 26
 11 am – 11:45 am
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise program series for seniors that welcomes all fitness levels. Fit 4 Life 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 Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.



SEPTEMBER 12 Conversations in English Group
 Thursdays | September 12 & 26, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
 September 19 | 1 – 2 pm
 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
 If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for in-person classes where you can practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.



SEPTEMBER 12 Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals
 Thursday | September 12
 7 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.
 Historian Connie Martin explains the connections of plantation songs, or Negro Spirituals, with meanings and interpretations of lyrics that aided enslaved people to find freedom. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



SEPTEMBER 14 Bus Tour to Pabst Beer Sites in Milwaukee
 Saturday | September 14
 9 am – 5 pm
 Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for a bus trip to the historic Pabst Brewery and Pabst Mansion in Milwaukee. Day trip includes a tour of the historic Pabst Brewery where Pabst beer was once produced. Guests will sample beer (or a soft drink), then enjoy lunch at the On Tap restaurant in the former Pabst Brewing Company's Mill House building. Each participant will choose and pay for their own lunch followed by a tour of the gorgeous old Pabst family mansion. Trip requires considerable walking and the ability to climb bus stairs and flights of stairs and stand for up to 60 minutes. \$85 for Mount Prospect Historical Society members and \$95 for non-members. Register online at mtphist.org/milwaukee



SEPTEMBER
14

Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House

Saturday | September 14
10 am – 2 pm
RANDHURST VILLAGE

Meet the Mount Prospect Fire Department at their annual Open House! All residents are welcome to enjoy a fun afternoon full of giveaways, games and treats! Special activities include a kid's fire pole, a kid's combat challenge, an emergency management display, fire safety and preparedness programs, and special team demonstrations. Admission is free.

SEPTEMBER
14

Moose Lodge Fall Craft Fair

Saturday | September 14
10 am – 4 pm
MOOSE LODGE PROSPECT CHAPTER #1481
601 N. Main St.

Bring your friends and family for a festive day of shopping, crafting and enjoying the beautiful fall season. There will be plenty of inspiration to kickstart your holiday shopping. Admission is free. Refreshments available.

SEPTEMBER
16

Modifications for Home Accessibility

Monday | September 16
6:30 pm
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM
50 S. Emerson St.

Lifeway Mobility, a certified aging in place specialist (CAPS), will present home modifications you can put in place today to maintain your independence and age in place freely, comfortably, and safely. Presented as part of the Village of Mount Prospect Aging in Community Initiative. Following the presentation, a resource fair will be held in the Farley Community Room on the first floor. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
17

Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops

Tuesday | September 17
7:30 – 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Building and Inspection Services invites you to meet with its team members and discuss any construction

topics including aging in your current residence and steps to make your home more accessible. Come by for free coffee and a donut – you can even bring your contractor! No appointment needed.

SEPTEMBER
17

Computer Buying Basics

Tuesday | September 17
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Maximize your potential of finding the right computer at the right price. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
18

Drop-In Tech Training

Wednesday
September 18
2 – 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Stop in and bring your questions about technology-related subjects like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, email and e-books. No registration required.

SEPTEMBER
19

Computer Safety and Virus Prevention

Thursday | September 19
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Learn how to protect your computer from malware and other malicious forces on the internet. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
19

The Art of Book Folding

Thursday | September 19
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Transform old books into works of art through the creative process of book folding. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
20/21

Oktoberfest

Friday/Saturday
September 20 – 21
4 – 11 pm
EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE.
Join the Mount Prospect

Downtown Merchants Association for two days of food, music, and fun! Oktoberfest celebrates Mount Prospect's heritage with authentic German food, spirits, and music by Paloma. Learn more at mpdowntown.com.

SEPTEMBER
21

Fall Festival for Kids

Saturday | September 21
12 – 1 pm for families with special needs members
1 – 4 pm for all
EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE.

Join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for pony rides, a corn maze, face painting, balloons, hayrides, a pumpkin patch, and other entertainment at the Fall Festival for Kids. Learn more at mpdowntown.com.

SEPTEMBER
25

Rules of the Road Class

Wednesday | September 25 | 10 – 11:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

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

SEPTEMBER
25

Fair Housing: National Origin and Immigration Status Protections

Wednesday
September 25 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

In this virtual program, representatives from Open Communities will discuss fair housing rights with a focus on protections against discrimination based on national origin and immigration status. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
26

The 1963 Chicago Bears

Thursday | September 26
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Sports historian and author Charles Billington presents an overview of the trials and triumphs of the 1963 Chicago Bears and George Halas' last hurrah. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Coming in October!

Fall Fest

Saturday | October 5 | 11 am-2pm
RANDHURST VILLAGE
Located in front of Orangetheory Fitness, Fall Fest offers exciting activities including pumpkin decorating, face painting, bounce house, tractor ride and live owls from the Stillman Nature Preserve. The Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments will be onsite to greet attendees and for touch a truck opportunity. Joe & Dough will be onsite selling delicious fall inspired donuts.

Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 1K & 5K Decade Dash

Sunday | October 6 | 9 am
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
444 S. Maple St.

The course runs through the Lions Park neighborhood with street corners supervised. All teens and adults registering will receive an official Pink Lemonade 5K t-shirt. The first 500 to cross the finish line will receive a 2024 finisher medal. There will be prizes for the top three finishers, as well as awards for male and female age groups. The race benefits Lemons of Love and those impacted by cancer. For more information, to sign up or sponsor, visit runsignup.com/Race/IL/MountProspect/Lemons5K.

Halloween Movie on the Green

October 16 at dusk
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Grab a blanket and chairs and join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Admission is free.



News from the Finance Department

EyeOnWater Portal

Mount Prospect offers direct and secure access to your water usage data with the EyeOnWater suite. The secure website which can be accessed at mountprospect.org/eyeonwater allows you to review and analyze your water usage patterns. You can also download the EyeOnWater app to your smart phone for convenience.

The EyeOnWater suite allows you to view your hourly water usage and gain greater control of the amount of water you use. The online portal provides easy to understand graphs and gives you the ability to establish alerts, including identifying potential leaks.

To access your personalized online portal visit mountprospect.org/eyeonwater. To register for an account, you will need your zip code, account number (enter only the digits before the dash) and email address.

Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2024 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than \$29,160 for 1 person or \$39,440 for 2 or more persons. The rebate is equal to 50% of the Village's portion of the total 2023 Cook County real estate tax bill, up to a maximum of \$250. Please apply after you have paid the 2nd installment of your 2023 tax bill.

Assistance in completing the application will be available at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. in the Finance Department on Tuesday, October 8 from 1:30 to 4 pm and Thursday October 10, from 9:30 am to noon. No appointment is necessary. Information will be mailed out in September to those who have participated in the program in the past. Visit mountprospect.org/propertytaxrelief to obtain the 2024 Property Tax Relief Grant. All applications are due by October 31, 2024. For more information, please contact Rumiana McCormick at 847.818.5368.

News From TV Services

MPDC TV is On the Move

For those cable customers who get their channels through Astound/RCN (formerly WOW), you will have changed from a tabletop cable box to an IPTV (Internet Protocol Television) streaming box in recent months. The Village's Government Access Channel, MPDC, is no longer found on channel 17 but has moved to 1172. You can still find all the local events and meetings on MPDC there.

If you are on the Comcast/Xfinity system you will still be able to find MPDC on Channel 17.

Bill Delivery and Payment Options

Simplify your bill payment process for your water, sewer, and refuse bills by enrolling for electronic billing at mountprospect.org/BillPay. The service provides automatic email notifications when a new bill is ready for viewing and allows you to review your current bill and check your entire billing history from the time you sign-up for the service. Electronic billing allows you to manage e-billing delivery and email address preferences.

For bill payment, there are several convenient options available based on your preferred method.

- One-time online credit/debit card or bank account payment (no service fee) at mountprospect.org/billpay.
- Recurring credit/debit card or bank account payment (no service fee) at mountprospect.org/billpay. With this option funds are withdrawn on the due date of the bill.
- We have a 24-hour payment kiosk outside of Village Hall at 50 S. Emerson St. where you can access your account. The kiosk accepts credit/debit cards, checks, and cash, and can scan the account information on a blank check and process the payment via the kiosk screen. Partial or entire balance payments are accepted. Receipt options include print, text, or email.
- We also have 24-hour lock boxes on the north side of the parking deck and outside the main entrance to Village Hall where you can leave payments via check.
- You are always welcome to drop payments off during normal business hours at the Finance Department in Village Hall.



If you cut the cord altogether you can find our programming on the Mount Prospect YouTube channel and our meetings on the Village website at mountprospect.org/mpdc.



Village of Mount Prospect Launches Monument Signage Project

In mid-June 2024, the Village of Mount Prospect initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage environmental graphic design consultants for the design of three monument signs at key locations within the Village. This project aims to enhance the Village's community identity and visibility.

One of the new Village gateway entry signs is planned for South Mount Prospect, to be located along the east side of Busse Rd., just north of the I-90 freeway. Additionally, two existing monument signs at the Kensington Business Center – situated at the key intersections of Rand Road/Business Center Dr. and Feehanville Drive/Wolf Rd. – have been identified for updating and replacement.

The Village conducted interviews with qualified design firms in late July and is currently evaluating and selecting the best candidate. The selected team will provide professional services for the design and development of these key signage elements. The design process will encompass a site selection study for the gateway sign in South Mount Prospect and the replacement of the two Kensington Business Center signs.

A steering committee will guide the design phase, and the proposed sign designs will be presented at a Committee of the Whole Meeting for community input. The project will conclude with a final design and a construction cost estimate, which will be presented to the Village Board at an upcoming meeting (TBD). The total budget for the design and construction of these signs is \$800,000.

To learn more about the Village's signage project, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.

Raising Cane's

Raising Cane's, the popular restaurant chain known for its menu focused on chicken fingers, Texas toast, and their well-loved Cane's Sauce, has opened a Mount Prospect location at Rand and Central Roads.

The chain, which has a great reputation built on its commitment to quality, speed, and simplicity, has developed a loyal customer base nationwide. The new Mount Prospect location promises to uphold these standards, providing the same quality and service that have made Raising Cane's a favorite across the country.

Located in a high-traffic area, the new Raising Cane's is easily accessible to both residents and visitors. The restaurant features a modern design, with a spacious dining area and a drive thru. In addition to providing a new dining option, the restaurant has also created job opportunities for residents. The grand opening was a success, with many eager to be among the first to experience the new location.



Ribbon Cuttings!



August 15, 2024

Dog Play Day Care

301 W. Central Road

847.253.447 | dogplaydaycare.com



August 23, 2024

Mount Prospect

Fire Station 11

1415 W. Algonquin Road



CERT Team Recognized for 20 Years of Service

At the Village Board meeting on August 20, Mayor Hoefert read a proclamation to honor the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for 20 years of service to the community.

The CERT Team is a volunteer organization under the direction of the Mount Prospect Emergency Management division of the Fire Department and is comprised of 30 members who help during disasters or serve as support personnel at special events in the community. Team members are trained in multiple skills including basic first aid, traffic control, communications, urban search, and disaster preparedness.



These dedicated citizens attend monthly training meetings and typically support one community event a month. The events fall into either planned or unplanned categories. Some of the planned events in the community include the Family Bike Ride, 4th of July parade, Fire Department Open House, Police National Night Out, Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Expo, local 5K run/walk events, Celebration of Cultures and others. Unplanned or emergency events may involve assisting with fires, traffic incidents, area flooding, missing persons, or any time emergency services need extra help.

If you are someone who likes to help your community, assist those in need, and have some time to dedicate to learning more about emergency preparedness, please contact Jim Miller at jmiller@mountprospect.org for more information about the CERT program and how you can be a part of our next 20 years of service.

MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE AT RANDHURST VILLAGE

SEPT. 14, 2024

10AM-2PM

FIRE TRUCKS & AMBULANCES
POLICE VEHICLES
LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS
NORTHWEST CENTRAL DISPATCH
PRIZE WHEEL & GIVEAWAYS
HOT DOGS
ICE CREAM

AND MUCH MORE!



Activities Include:

Kid's Fire Pole
Kid's Combat Challenge
Emergency Management Display
Fire Safety & Preparedness Programs
Special Team Demonstrations



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www.mountprospect.org/firedepartment
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National Preparedness Month

During September the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Weather Service (NWS) focus their outreach on educating and empowering Americans to prepare for, and learn how to respond to, all types of emergencies including tornados, flash floods, water main breaks, and power outages. These events can last several days, and the ramifications can be devastating, so having a plan on how to handle any of them is crucial. When unexpected emergencies occur, the whole community is affected, which can be overwhelming for first responders. When more people are prepared, the quicker the community will recover. This month is a good time to challenge yourself to follow these steps to formulate a family plan of action should an emergency or disastrous event occur.

Step 1 – Be Informed

A NOAA weather radio is a portable, programmable device that can detect and alert you to severe weather threats in your area. It will emit alert tones that correlate to the severity of a storm. It allows you to monitor reports when sheltering where a tv is not available.

Step 2 – Make a Plan

Be prepared to evacuate or shelter in place depending upon the nature

of the emergency. Make sure you know where the nearest shelters are, as well as the appropriate evacuation routes/plans for specific situations. Keep in mind special considerations for toddlers, the elderly, those with disabilities, and even your pets.

Step 3 – Build a Supply Kit

For any type of emergency, you should prepare a supply kit with provisions for up to three days without electricity, water service, access to a grocery store, or other local services. There are many lists online of what items to include in a kit, but some suggested items include water, non-perishable food, a can opener, paper and plasticware, flashlights, a first aid kit, chargers, masks, sanitation wipes, and a whistle to signal for help if needed. Don't forget important items such as prescription medication, pet food, blankets, a change of clothes, personal hygiene products, paper, and a pen.

Being proactive rather than reactive could save your life or that of someone you love.





Neighborhood Meetings

We have dates and locations set for our fall Beat Meetings throughout the community. This is your opportunity to meet the officers assigned to your neighborhood and get the latest updates on safety in Mount Prospect. Some of these meetings are outdoors, which affords kids the perfect chance to interact with police officers and see squad cars up close. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all meetings regardless of the neighborhood in which you live.

Upcoming meetings are as follows:

- Beat 3160** | November 18, 6 pm, Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse Rd.
- Beat 3162** | October 21, 7 pm, Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
- Beat 3164** | September 11, 6 pm, Mt. Prospect Golf Club, 600 See-Gwun Ave. (outdoor)
- Beat 3166** | September 18, 6 pm, Edwin & Elsie Meyn Busse Park, 21 S. Emerson St. (outdoor)
- Beat 3168** | November 20, 7 pm, Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.
- Beat 3170** | September 23, 5:30 pm, Burning Bush Trails Park, 1313 N. Burning Bush Ln. (outdoor)

To see the patrol beat boundaries, visit mountprospect.org/policebeats.



How to Identify a Scam

The easiest way to avoid being caught in a scam is to know the signs and prevent the situation from escalating.

Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know.

Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of a government agency such as the IRS, Social Security Administration, or Medicare. They might make up a name for a government agency or say they are from a business you know, perhaps a utility company. It is also common for them to say they represent a charity assuming you will donate if asked. Be aware that they have the technology to alter their name and number as it appears on your caller ID to further convince you that they are legitimate.

They will say there's a problem or offer a prize.

The caller might say you're in trouble with the government, you owe money, someone in your family had an emergency, or that there's a virus on your computer. They might also say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information to help them correct it. Others will say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to receive it.

They will pressure you to act immediately.

This is their way of getting you to act before you have time to think. They will tell you not to hang up and threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, deport you, or say your computer is about to be corrupted.

They will ask you to pay in a specific way.

Scammers often insist that you pay by sending money through a money

transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.

There are some steps you can take to prevent falling victim to these crimes.

- Block all unwanted calls and 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, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with, 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 decide. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- 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.

National Child Passenger Safety Week

National Child Passenger Safety Week takes place September 15 – 21 this year. The Mount Prospect Police Department will host a free child passenger seat check on the 21st from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm at Police Headquarters, 911 East Kensington Rd. Whether you've just installed a car seat or need help installing or using one, one of our certified child passenger safety seat technicians can assist. No appointments are necessary.

If you can't make it to this event, you can also schedule a car seat check by calling the Police Department at 847.870.5656 or by using the mpDelivers app (powered by SeeClickFix).

We always recommend registering your car seat with the manufacturer to receive recalls and safety notices. You can also sign up with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to receive email alerts about car seat and booster seat recalls.



Tree Care Season

If you enjoy fall colors on your trees and look forward to the return of leaves each spring, now is a great time to care for your trees. Trees will be moving into dormancy soon and you can protect their health with some important steps this fall.

Begin by keeping trees sufficiently watered during the fall. Generally, an inch of rain per week provides enough water but if we encounter a dry period, additional watering is necessary. Run a sprinkler under the tree canopy, keeping in mind that roots can extend out as far as a tree is tall, so keep the entire area watered.

You can then help retain moisture and prevent freezing when the cold weather arrives by applying a 2" – 3" layer of mulch under the tree canopy. Wood chips make a good, natural source of protection and help prevent weed growth. Just be sure not to place the mulch directly against the base of the tree.

Fertilizing should take place as well, but timing is essential. If not completed by early September, it is better to wait until a tree has gone dormant in late November. This prevents a flush of new growth that will not be hardened off prior to the arrival of freezing temperatures.

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

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



IEPA Tips for Improving Water Quality

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



Good Practices

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



Practices to Avoid

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



Help Us Beat the Snow

If you have experience driving large trucks, have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, can be available whenever needed, and could use some extra money, the Public Works Department has a great opportunity for you as a supplemental snowplow driver. First year drivers must attend an orientation class hosted by the Public Works Department. Please contact the Public Works Department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5640 for details.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Public Works will provide residents with an opportunity to safely dispose of household hazardous waste on September 28 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. While open to all Mount Prospect residents, an appointment is required. Keep your home toxin-free by recycling items that should never be thrown in the trash, recycling bin, or thrown down the drain, sewer or flushed in a toilet. Acceptable items for drop-off include oil-based and latex paints, cleaning supplies, pesticides, pool chemicals, and more. A full list of accepted items can be found at mountprospect.org/hhw. This event is for residents only; no commercial or business waste will be accepted.

An appointment calendar will open online September 18 at mountprospect.org/hhw for you to schedule your drop-off time. You can call 847.870.5640 for more details.

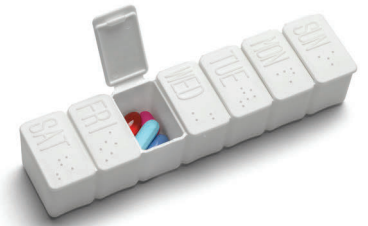




Open Enrollment for Medicare D

The Open Enrollment period for Medicare D begins October 15 and runs through December 7. Premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and drugs covered change from year to year, so it is important to be aware of the details.

A limited number of appointments will be available to Mount Prospect residents looking for assistance with determining which plan may be best for the coming year. You can meet with Human Services Department Social Workers and senior health insurance volunteers to discuss options and complete your enrollment. You can also learn if you are eligible for extra help with your plan premiums and co-pays. Call 847.870.5680 for more information.



Behavioral Health Subsidy Program

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



Parenting Class

The Human Services Department will offer the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® training course September 17, in both English and Spanish. The *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® Curriculum was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., in Golden, Colorado. Call the Human Services 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 to register for the course.



Conversations in English

Conversations in English group returns this month. If you are learning English, join us for a casual conversation group to practice your conversational skills with native English speakers. Please contact the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 to register and reserve your spot.



Senior Buzz Newsletter

Older adults in Mount Prospect can stay up to date on services and activities designed for them by signing up to receive the Senior Buzz newsletter. Published six times per year, the newsletter is full of great community information, resources, and a calendar of activities. The Senior Buzz is available online by scanning the QR code and is also available in print in the Human Services Department at Village Hall. If you would like to receive the Senior Buzz, call 847.870.5680.



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



September is Suicide Prevention Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this topic.

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- Village Hall 847.392.6000
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- 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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society, 11:30am-1:30pm Central School, MPHist	2 The Once and Future Moon 7pm, MPPL	3 One Book, One Village Book Giveaway, MPPL	4	5 Senior Connections, 9-11am Village Hall	6 Fridays on the Green, 6pm VH	7 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot
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15 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	16 Modifications for Home Accessibility, 6:30pm, VH	17 Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops, 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Computer Buying Basics, 2pm, MPPL	18 Drop-In Tech Training 2-4pm, MPPL	19 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, Community Connections Center Computer Safety and Virus Prevention, 2pm, MPPL The Art of Book Folding 7pm, MPPL	20 Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Emerson St. & Busse Ave.	21 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot Fall Festival for Kids 12-1pm families with special needs 1-4pm for all, Emerson St. & Busse Ave. Oktoberfest, 4-11 pm Emerson St. & Busse Ave.
22 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	23	24 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	25 Rules of the Road Class 10-11:30am, VH Fair Housing: National Origin and Immigration Status Protections, 7pm MPPL	26 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English 5:30- 6:30pm, Community Connections Center The 1963 Chicago Bears 7pm, MPPL	27	28 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot
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 MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
 MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
 Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.



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Message from the Mayor

Mount Prospect is a community of people who have come from all over our world and now call the Village of Mount Prospect home. The Celebration of Cultures is an important community event which continues to grow year by year providing opportunities to learn about each other and our countries of origin. But most importantly, the Celebration of Cultures builds greater unity within our diverse and thriving community.

The following are my opening comments from the 6th Annual Celebration of Cultures held on August 24, 2024 at Kopp Park.

Good morning, I am Paul Hoefert, the Mayor of Mount Prospect, and on behalf of our Village Board, I am here to welcome you all to our Annual Mount Prospect *Celebration of Cultures*.

At the very core, when you strip it all away, all people, no matter where you are from, gather in happiness when we celebrate joys and gather in sorrow when we are grieving. We are born, we grow up, we learn the ways and traditions of our people, many raise families, we work, and if we are observant, we believe in a higher being. While our traditions, our ways, the color of our skin, our dress, and a variety of other factors may be different from culture to culture, peoples to peoples, and country to country, these differences are not to be feared or shunned, but rather it is these differences that make this world and our community interesting.

We should learn from each other and celebrate our differences. Mount Prospect is a culturally diverse community, and today we gather to learn about, appreciate, and celebrate the various cultures represented within our Village with the end goal of understanding each other better.

As we gather today, people in our Village from various cultures and countries have brought their unique dress, their unique

foods, their unique traditions, and their unique thoughts with them to share, helping everyone else here to understand their unique culture. That's what the Celebration of Cultures is all about.

Today, we celebrate diversity not only because it is interesting to learn about other cultures but most importantly, it brings *Diversity of Thought*. When we learn about others, we open our mind to other ways, we learn about different approaches to issues and problem solving and ultimately, we embrace and cherish each other.

So, as I say each year at this Celebration, no matter your origins, thank you for choosing to live in Mount Prospect and for bringing your uniqueness to our Village. Each and every one of you makes Mount Prospect an incredibly rich place to live.

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

