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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

OCTOBER 2024

## FALL IN THE '56

SWEET & SPOOKY EVENTS FOR THE SEASON

Spooky season is upon us! Although summer has ended, Mount Prospect's fun-filled events continue.

### SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Do you take pride in your Halloween decorations? Share them with the community! Back by popular demand, the Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission is holding the second annual Spooktacular Halloween Decorating Contest! This family-friendly event is open to all properties in Mount Prospect, whether it's your home, condo/apartment, or business.

Registration, running from now to October 18, is free and mandatory. To sign up, simply provide us with a photo of



your spooktastic decorations, along with your name, address, and contact details. Fill out the registration form online at [mountprospect.org/halloween](https://mountprospect.org/halloween) or in person at Village Hall. Unless specified otherwise, all registered properties will be included on our Halloween Decorating map, which will be made available to the public the week after registration closes.

Our panel of judges from the Special Events Commission will cast their spooky verdict on October 27 and winners will be announced on October 28. Categories include Most Frightfully Fun, Most Creative, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Door/Windows, Judges' Favorite, and People's Choice.

Get more details at [mountprospect.org/halloween](https://mountprospect.org/halloween).

### ARE YOU A MONSTER? STORYWALK®

Through October 31  
During the month of October, visit the Mount Prospect Historical Society, 101 S. Maple St., and follow the path to read *Are You a Monster?* by Guilherme Karsten. Then stop by the Main Library for monster-themed activities, scavenger hunts, and more. Learn more at [mopl.org](https://mopl.org).

### TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL

Saturday | October 5  
Time slots from 9 am-noon  
LIONS RECREATION CENTER  
411 S. Maple St.

Enjoy a fun-filled trail of Halloween games and treats! Pick up your bag at check-in and continue gathering prizes, coupons, and candy at each station. Wear your costume and step outside for more seasonal fun! Register at [mppd.org](https://mppd.org).

### RANDHURST VILLAGE FALL FEST

Saturday | October 5  
11 am – 2 pm  
RANDHURST VILLAGE

Located in front of Orangetheory Fitness, Fall Fest offers exciting activities including pumpkin decorating, face painting, a bounce house, tractor rides, and live owls from the Stillman Nature Preserve. The Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments will be on-site for a meet and greet and to show off some emergency vehicles. Joe & Dough will be on-site selling delicious fall-inspired donuts.

### SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHTS

Sunday | October 13  
Wednesday | October 16  
Grab a blanket and some popcorn (or candy corn)! Flip to page 3 for details on two different outdoor movie opportunities – one hosted by the Mt. Prospect Park District on October 13, and the other held by the Downtown Merchants Association on October 16.

### DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT

Wednesday | October 23  
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT  
Dress up in your costume and trick-or-treat at participating Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. For more information and an event map with participating businesses, visit [mpdowntown.com](https://mpdowntown.com)

**CHECK OUT PAGES 2 AND 3 TO SEE WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON IN THE '56, INCLUDING THE FARMERS MARKET, A NEW HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO, AND EVEN MORE EVENTS FROM OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS.**

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# Community Events



## OCTOBER 1 Are You a Monster? Storywalk®

October 1 – 31  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
101 S. Maple St. & 10 S. Emerson St.

Visit the Mount Prospect Historical Society, 101 S. Maple St., and follow the path to read *Are You a Monster?* by Guilherme Karsten. Then stop by the Main Library for monster-themed activities, scavenger hunts, and more. Learn more at [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org).



## OCTOBER 1 Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
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.



## OCTOBER 2 Organize Your Genealogy: Using Old and New Technology

Wednesday | October 2  
7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.

Experienced genealogist and presenter Steve Szabados will show you how to make your genealogy efforts more efficient and meaningful. To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



## OCTOBER 3 Conversations in English Group

Thursdays | October 3 & 17  
1 – 2 pm  
Thursdays | October 10 & 24  
5:30 – 6:30 pm  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER  
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for an in-person group to practice your conversational skills and enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.



## OCTOBER 4 Fit 4 Life



Friday | October 4  
10:00 – 10:45 am  
Thursdays | October 17 & 24\* | 11:00 – 11:45 am  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.

## OCTOBER 5 Trick or Treat Trail



Saturday | October 5  
9 am – noon  
LIONS RECREATION CENTER  
411 S. Maple St.  
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## OCTOBER 5 Randhurst Fall Fest



Saturday | October 5  
11 am – 2 pm  
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. More details on page 1.

## OCTOBER 5 One Book, One Village Book Discussions



Saturday | October 5 | 2 pm  
Wednesday | October 23  
11 am  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Join others in the community for a casual discussion of the library's One Book, One Village read, *The Thursday Murder Club* by Richard Osman. No previous book discussion experience is necessary. To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## OCTOBER 6 Lions Club Farmers Market



Sundays | Through Oct 29  
8 am – 1 pm  
WEST COMMUTER PARKING LOT  
Northwest Hwy. & Main St.  
Experience one of the

## OCTOBER 6 Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 1K & 5K



Sunday | October 6 | 9 am  
LIONS RECREATION CENTER  
444 S. Maple St.  
The course runs through the Lions Park neighborhood. All teens and adults registering will receive a Pink Lemonade 5K t-shirt. The first 500 to finish line will receive a finisher medal. There will be prizes for the top three finishers and awards for male and female age groups. The race benefits Lemons of Love and those impacted by cancer. For more information visit [runsignup.com/Race/IL/MountProspect/Lemons5K](http://runsignup.com/Race/IL/MountProspect/Lemons5K).

## OCTOBER 7 Understanding Medicare Choices



Monday | October 7  
7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Whether you're signing up for the first time or wondering if you should make a change, this class will help you make a more informed decision about Medicare. To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## OCTOBER 8 Walk and Talk



Tuesday | October 8  
10 am  
Saturday | October 12  
10 am  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Join the Library for a 30-minute walk through the neighborhood as we chat about our One Book, One Village title, *The Thursday Murder Club*. To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## OCTOBER 9 Bessie's Workbasket



Wednesday | October 9  
10 am & 7 pm  
CENTRAL SCHOOL AT MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.  
Come try your hand at candlewicking, a classic whitework embroidery technique with a distinct style that involves stitching primarily with Colonial knot stitches. To register, please visit [mtpghst.org/bessies-workbasket](http://mtpghst.org/bessies-workbasket). Tickets are \$10 per person.

## OCTOBER 9 Community Blood Drive



Wednesday | October 9  
3 – 7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Help save lives and make a difference by donating blood. The library is partnering with Versiti to host a community blood drive for adults 17 or older. To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## OCTOBER 10 Choosing Your Medicare Supplement Insurance Policy



Thursday | October 10  
2 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
This program will give you the helpful guidance you need to navigate your Medicare supplement options with a Medicare Supplement Insurance Buyers' Guide. To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

## OCTOBER 10 Mount Prospect's Up-and-Coming Businesses



Thursday | October 10  
6 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Learn about launching a business in Mount Prospect from firsthand accounts of people who have been through it in panel discussion hosted by the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI). To register, visit [mtpl.org](http://mtpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.





OCTOBER 11

Health and Wellness Expo  
Friday | October 11  
9 am – 12 pm  
VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.  
Discover a healthier you this October. Enjoy free wellness demos and screenings at the



Human Services Department's Health and Wellness Expo. Learn about local resources and take the first step toward a happier, healthier life.

OCTOBER 12

Super Saturday: Fairytales with the Storybook Players  
Saturday | October 12  
10 am  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Enjoy exciting twists and silly surprises in these updated, interactive versions of the classic fairy tales, *Curlylocks and the Three Bears* and *Little Red Riding Hood* presented by Theatre 121. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675

OCTOBER 12

Night Off? Game On!: Special Mystery Edition  
Saturday | October 12  
2 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Join in for a special weekend edition of the Library's tabletop gaming session featuring all mystery-style games. Attendees must be 18 or older. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



OCTOBER 13

Second Sundays at the Society  
Sunday | October 13  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
101/103 S. Maple St.  
This month's theme is pumpkins. Stop by this open house event for a variety of hands-on activities. Guests of all ages are welcome. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.



OCTOBER 13

Creature Feature Outdoor Movie Night  
Sunday | October 13  
6 pm  
Rain Date | October 18  
6 pm  
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL  
411 S. Maple St.



Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for a viewing of *Monsters, Inc.* There will be monster-themed crafts and a super-sized, kid-friendly raffle with tickets available on-site to benefit the Parks Foundation. Bring a blanket and chairs and wear your costume if you dare! The festivities begin at 6 pm and the movie starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$30 for a group of up to 6 and include a big bucket of treats and free popcorn. Register at [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) with code 48610.

OCTOBER 15

Coffee Talk and Construction Workshop  
Tuesday | October 15  
7:30 – 9 am  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.  
See details on page 3.



OCTOBER 16

A Taste for Poison  
Wednesday | October 16  
7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Dr. Neil Bradbury, professor of physiology and biophysics at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science and author of *A Taste for*



*Poison*, uses a combination of science, true crime, and murder mystery to delve into toxicology and the effects of poison from a cellular level. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER 16

Halloween Movie on the Green  
Wednesday | 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.



OCTOBER 17

How the Heck Do I Buy a Used Car?  
Thursday | October 17  
6 pm  
Chaya Milchtein of Mechanic Shop Femme will examine the process of buying a used car from budgeting to negotiating. This workshop will teach you the skills needed to get the car you want for a fair price and help you avoid buying a lemon. To register for this virtual program, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



OCTOBER 19/20

Friends Book Sale  
Saturday  
October 19  
9 am – 4:30 pm  
Sunday  
October 20  
11 am – 4 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services. For more information about the Friends of the Library, including volunteer opportunities, visit [friendsofmopl.org](http://friendsofmopl.org).

OCTOBER 22

Small Business Morning Meetup  
Tuesday | October 22  
9 am  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Share a cup of coffee with other local entrepreneurs, founders, freelancers, home business owners, and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections while enjoying coffee and donuts. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



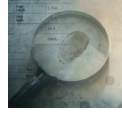
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Downtown Trick-or-Treat  
Wednesday | October 23  
4 – 6 pm  
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT  
Dress up in your costume and trick-or-treat at participating Downtown Mount Prospect businesses. More details on page 1.



OCTOBER 23

MPPD Crime Investigation  
Wednesday | October 23  
7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Detective Alison Teevan from the Mount Prospect Police Department will discuss investigation techniques used to solve crimes. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



OCTOBER 25

One Book, One Village After Hours Social  
Friday | October 25  
7:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Socialize with your neighbors over snacks and wine while engaging with some conversation starters about the library's featured title. Attendees must be 21 or older. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



OCTOBER 28

From Detection to Recovery: A Breast Cancer Panel Discussion  
Monday | October 28 | 6 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Gain essential knowledge and proactive strategies focused on breast health from this comprehensive panel of medical experts from Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

OCTOBER 29

Drop-In Tech Training  
Tuesday | October 29  
2 – 4 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Stop by the library and bring your questions about technology like Word, Excel, PowerPoint, email, and e-books. No registration is required.



OCTOBER 31

Trick-or-Treating Hours  
Thursday | October 31  
3 – 8 pm  
VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT





## News from the Building Department

### Coffee Talk & Construction

The Building & Inspection Services team hosts monthly Coffee Talk & Construction workshops to answer your questions about building, Village code, and inspections. The Coffee Talks provide an informal opportunity to meet with the friendly and knowledgeable Building & Inspection Services team to discuss your upcoming home projects. Our team will answer questions, provide guidance, review your plans, and brainstorm ideas for property modifications and improvements.



The next Coffee Talk & Construction workshops are on October 15, November 19, and December 17, all from 7:30 to 9 am. Meetings take place in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. Just drop by as appointments are not required.

## News from the Village Clerk

### Early Voting

Early voting for the November 5 Presidential Election will take place at Village Hall beginning October 21 and will run until November 4. If you are not registered to vote you can register on-site and cast your vote that day. On-site registration requires two pieces of identification validating that you are a Cook County resident.



#### Early voting times will be as follows:

OCTOBER 21 – NOVEMBER 4  
Mondays – Saturdays | 9 am – 5 pm  
Sundays | 10 am – 4 pm

If you prefer to vote by mail, call the Village Clerk's office at 847.818.5333 to request a ballot or visit [cookcountyclerk.kil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote](http://cookcountyclerk.kil.gov/elections/ways-to-vote).

## Food Drive

After a successful inaugural effort in spring, the Mount Prospect Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1337 will host another Food Drive this fall. The members of Post 1337 hope to exceed the 1,500 pounds of food collected in the previous drive.

**Residents are invited to drop off non-perishable food items at marked collection boxes that will be placed at stores and Village offices throughout October. Preferred items are non-perishable food in boxes and cans.**

The Food Drive is a joint venture between the VFW national organization and Humana called the Uniting To Combat Hunger Grant Program (UTCH).

## Shining Star Award Nominations Open October 7

Do you know an organization, business, or person who makes Mount Prospect brighter? Nominate them for a Shining Star Award! Awards will be presented at the Shining Stars Gala on February 1, 2025.

### Nomination Details

Nominations open on October 7 for the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission's annual Shining Star Awards. There are eight award categories that cover a wide range of interest areas and are designed especially to seek out individuals whose actions often go unnoticed.

Review the award categories and fill out the nomination form at [mountprospect.org/shiningstars](http://mountprospect.org/shiningstars) or by scanning the QR code below. Paper forms will be available for download or can be picked up at Village Hall on the 3rd floor. Remember: the more details provided in your nomination, the better! The deadline to submit nominations is end of day on November 13.

### Judging Process

The winners are selected by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission and are chosen based solely on the information provided in the nomination. An ideal nomination includes specific details, multiple paragraphs, numerous strong examples, and even photos or other attachments. Judges also look at the number of nominations received per person, though this is not a deciding factor.

If your nominee was not selected, you may resubmit a nomination form the next year or any other year in the future. Winning a Shining Star Award in the past disqualifies you from winning again, with the exception of the esteemed *Living Legend Award*.

Email [specialevents@mountprospect.org](mailto:specialevents@mountprospect.org) or call 847.818.5201 with questions.





# Community/Economic Development

## Additional Downtown Parking at St. Mark Lutheran Church

To accommodate the growing parking needs in the Prospect Avenue area, with the upcoming opening of Whiskey Hill and the already open Salerno's, Lady Dahlia, Patina Wine Bar, The Prospect and Mia's Cantina, the Village has secured a parking lot lease with St. Mark Lutheran Church. The lease covers the northernmost section of the church's lot at 205 S. Wille St., allowing public use or valet parking between 5 pm and 2 am daily. The initial lease term is for five years, with the option to extend for three additional five-year periods, potentially totaling a 20-year agreement. This lease will increase the Village's parking capacity by 40 spaces and went into effect on September 1, 2024. The lease will be fully funded by Tax Increment Financing (TIF) resources.

## Ribbon Cuttings!



## Mrs. P & Me Ribbon Tying

On June 25, 2024, Mrs. P & Me hosted a ribbon-tying ceremony to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of its current ownership. The ribbon-tying ceremony represents a business's dedication to the community and symbolizes bringing people together. The restaurant has been at the corner of Prospect Avenue and Emerson Street since 1902, serving the community food and drink for over 122 years.

If your business would like to hold a ribbon tying ceremony, contact us at [communitydevelopment@moundprospect.org](mailto:communitydevelopment@moundprospect.org)



September 5, 2024  
**Euclid Elementary School Connections Field**  
711 E. Euclid Ave.



September 6, 2024  
**Khepri Café** | 106 S. Emerson St.  
224.857.8992 | [khepricafe.com](http://khepricafe.com)



September 13, 2024  
**Umbrella Tea House** | 1 W. Rand Rd., Ste E  
224.735.7049 | [umbrellateahouse.com](http://umbrellateahouse.com)



August 30, 2024  
**Busy Bees Montessori School** | 400 E. Gregory St.  
847.392.2233 | [bb-montessori.com](http://bb-montessori.com)

*Ribbon tying to celebrate 10 years!*



## Fire Prevention Week

For 2024, the Fire Prevention Week theme is Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You. The goal is to ensure that all structures in the community maintain working smoking alarms.

While it is assumed that building materials have improved since the Great Chicago Fire, the materials used in homes today can burn hotter and faster than ever before. The early warning provided by a smoke detector can make the difference and save lives. Once a proper smoke alarm is installed, it is important to test them each month. Simply press the Test button and wait for it to beep three times. You should also know that smoke alarms will eventually expire. If yours is not functioning properly or has passed its expiration date, it should be replaced immediately.



If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away. The most important thing to remember is that working smoke alarms save lives. Make sure yours work for you.

Install smoke alarms by following the manufacturer's instructions. They should be installed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, like a hallway, and on every level in your home, including the basement. Keeping your bedroom doors closed at night will add an extra level of protection.

## Meet our Public Education Officer, Monika Korzun



Public education is a critical component of the Fire Prevention Division within the Mount Prospect Fire Department. Fire and life safety education are key outcomes of programs offered to residents of all ages. With strong educational programs we can reduce the number of fires, property damage, injuries, and fire-related fatalities.

Since February of 2020, Monika Korzun has served as the Mount Prospect Public Education Specialist. Excerpts from a recent interview provide some insight into her role in the Village.

**I represent the fire department in the schools.** My job is to teach kids about fire safety and what firefighters do. I also work with the older adult population by checking on and installing new smoke alarms, KnoxBoxes, and talking about home fire safety. Our fall prevention program is also important for our elderly population. The Fire Department Open House is the biggest event that I help plan every year.

**Children's fire safety programs are my favorite.** We have special lesson plans for kids from Preschool to 5th grade. We also do Station Tours for schools, scout groups, or residents who want to show their kids what the

fire department does. Interacting with kids at community events is always so much fun. It feels so fulfilling to know you made a small difference, and maybe somehow prevented these kids and their families from being hurt.

**The most common question I receive from children is do we have a fire dog at the station?** I always say that officially we do not, but Chief Dolan's dog Brooks, who is a therapy dog, is like our Fire Dog. Everyone knows and loves him!

**The most common question I receive during events is what type of smoke alarms should I have?** The most important thing is having a working smoke alarm on all levels of your home, inside and outside the bedrooms.

**The most rewarding part of my job is spending time with the community.** When I visit older adults, I love hearing their stories, and asking them about their day while I help to keep them safe by changing out their smoke alarms. For children, I enjoy teaching them about fire safety. Even the smallest interaction can have a huge impact.

I always stress in my presentations to know two ways out of each room of your home in case of a fire.

## Emergency Management Workshop

No one wants to experience disasters in their lives, but they may happen; and if they do, the impact can be minimized if you are prepared. The Village will host an emergency preparedness workshop on November 2 from 9 am – 3 pm at Fire Station 14, 2000 E. Kensington Rd.

The range of scenarios that could occur in our area include power outages, flooding, severe weather, and home fires. Every second counts during a critical incident or disaster, so the key to being safe is to plan ahead. The free workshop will cover topics like home preparedness kits, weather safety, basic first aid, utility safety, and proper use of fire extinguishers. The workshop will feature informative discussions along with hands-on training on practical skills, all of which are designed to keep you and your family safe in a severe situation.

Some of the instructors for the workshop are members of the Mount Prospect Community Emergency Response Team. These Mount Prospect

residents volunteer their time and serve as a valuable resource to the community by assisting village departments for both planned and unplanned events. Planned events include the Fire Department Open House, 5K runs/walks, Celebration of Cultures, National Night Out, and other events throughout the year. Unplanned events include times when emergency services need additional personnel to help with non-critical roles so that our first responders can manage critical services during an emergency.

The Emergency Management Workshop is limited to 25 attendees. Pre-registration is required. To learn more, contact Jim Miller at 847.818.5254 or email at [jmiller@mountprospect.org](mailto:jmiller@mountprospect.org).







## Halloween Safety Tips for All

Halloween will soon be here. While decorating, buying candy, and picking out the perfect costume, keep these safety tips in mind:

- Have kids adhere to Mount Prospect Trick or Treating hours of 3 – 8 pm.
- Avoid dark colored costumes that will be difficult to see after sunset. If a dark colored costume is worn, equip the kids with a flashlight, glow stick, or reflective belt or vest.
- Face paint is preferable instead of a mask that will restrict vision.
- Make sure kids trick or treat in groups and always have an adult along for extra safety with younger groups.
- Everyone should cross streets at marked cross walks. Never cut between parked cars.
- Drivers should assume that kids will not follow the tip above and drive with extra caution everywhere.
- Before kids enjoy any of their treats, make sure a parent inspects it all.

*Let's make it a safe and happy Halloween.*



## Exercise Caution Around Railroad Tracks

Railroad traffic is part of the fabric of Mount Prospect. Because we so frequently encounter rail crossings in town, it is easy to be less cautious than we should and overlook how dangerous trains can be. Always take time to *Look, Listen, Live*.



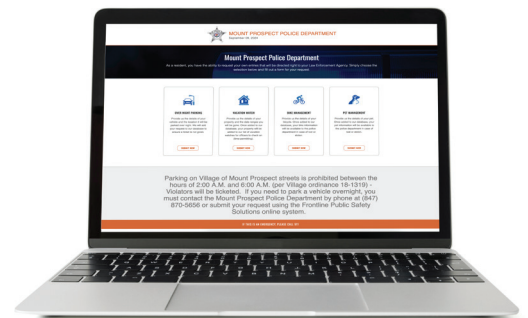
Walking along railroad tracks or the adjacent right of way at any point is dangerous and illegal. Similarly, keep in mind that trains hang over tracks as much as 3 feet in each direction so walking or standing between tracks is very dangerous.

The only safe place to cross railroad tracks is at a designated public crossing with either a railroad crossing sign (crossbuck), flashing red lights, or a gate.

Never cross the tracks immediately after a train has passed. There are many times of day when a second train is approaching that you cannot see because of the first train. Wait until the gates are fully raised and the red lights stop flashing, look in both directions, and then cross.

## Easy Access to Common Services

The Mount Prospect Police Department utilizes the Frontline Public Safety Solutions online portal to provide residents with access to standard services such as requesting overnight parking permission, request a home watch while on vacation, or register a pet. The online portal can be found any time at [mountprospect.org/police](http://mountprospect.org/police) or by visiting [frontlinepss.com/mountprospect](http://frontlinepss.com/mountprospect).



### DON'T FORGET...UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD BEAT MEETINGS:

**Beat 3162** | October 21, 7 pm, Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

**Beat 3160** | November 18, 6 pm, Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse Rd.

To see the patrol beat boundaries, visit [mountprospect.org/policebeats](http://mountprospect.org/policebeats).





## Fall Leaf Collection

If fall is in the air, it means there are leaves on the ground. The Village's fall loose leaf program provides a convenient means of disposing of leaves at no cost to residents. This year the program will run from October 21 to December 6. Residents need to simply place loose leaves at the curb on their weekly collection day. No bagging is required. The program is for leaves only; please do not include twigs, branches, or grass clippings with the leaves. Those materials must be disposed of in accordance with the Village's yard waste collection guidelines.

Rake all leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb one day prior to the scheduled collection day. You can visit [mountprospect.org/publicworks](http://mountprospect.org/publicworks) for a collection schedule map.

If you miss the pickup, please do not rake leaves to the curb.

The collection equipment will travel each street just once on the scheduled collection day.

**Remember, burning leaves in Mount Prospect is not allowed.**

## Care for Your Trees This Winter

Healthy trees provide shade, reduce energy costs, prevent soil erosion, beautify landscapes, and filter air and water. Trees can add significant value to your property. If properly cared for, trees can live a very long time. To ensure that your trees continue providing these benefits, arborists recommend having your trees professionally inspected and possibly treated during winter months.

Proper care may include pruning to improve the health and vigor of trees. Pruning includes removing dead or diseased branches, improving tree shape and structure, and correcting potential hazards. Taking these steps can serve as the best defense against storm-related damage to trees.

Be cautious, though, not to improperly trim trees. Topping, the practice of indiscriminately removing large branches and tree tops, is one of the worst hazards that trees can encounter. A topped tree is more likely to be damaged in a storm than a tree that has been properly pruned.

To find local resources for professional tree services, visit [mountprospect.org/treecare](http://mountprospect.org/treecare).

For more information please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.







## Protecting Local Water Sources

Did you realize that the water from your storm drain makes its way into nearby rivers or streams? Even though you live miles from a waterway you may be unknowingly polluting it. Before you put anything into the gutter or drain, stop and consider that it may end up in channels, creeks, rivers, or streams.

Unlike the sanitary sewer system, which carries water from your indoor drains to wastewater treatment plants, the storm drain system releases untreated water into natural water sources. To ensure the safety and enjoyment of our environment, please do your part to keep the storm drain free of harmful pollutants such as these.

HOME MAINTENANCE	LAWN & GARDEN	AUTO
Detergents, Cleaners, Solvents	Pet/Animal Waste	Oil & Grease
Oil and Latex Paint	Pesticides, Insecticides & Herbicides	Radiator Fluids & Antifreeze
Swimming Pool Chemicals	Clippings, Leaves & Soil	Cleaning Chemicals
Outdoor Trash & Litter	Fertilizer	Brake Pad Dust

Here are some things you can do to help the environment:

- Buy household products labeled non-toxic whenever possible.
- Clean up spills using an absorbent material such as kitty litter, and then check with your disposal carrier or a hazardous waste collection center for disposal recommendations.
- Clean water-based paints from rollers, pans, and brushes in sinks that go into the sanitary sewer system.

## Pumpkin Composting

Once Halloween is over you can do a scary-good thing by composting your pumpkins. The Village will host a pumpkin composting event on November 2 from 8 – 11 am at the Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Rd.

Bring your clean pumpkin of any size or any pumpkin decorated with acrylic paint and we will direct them to Thelen Materials in Antioch for composting. We will not be able to accept pumpkins with candles, yarn, stickers, or other decorations, so please remove those before dropping them off. No other compostable materials will be accepted at this event. The event is open to Mount Prospect residents as well as residents of Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County communities. No commercial or business drop-offs.

For more information, contact 847.870.5640.



- Use paint thinner to remove oil-based paint from brushes and rollers, then take used thinner and leftover paint to a household hazardous waste collection center.
- Keep vehicles well-maintained and watch for signs of leaks on your garage floor, driveway, or parking area. Take leftover or used fluids to your household hazardous waste collection center.
- If you have a pool or hot tub, drain them into a separate sanitary sewer or combined sewer systems as water containing chlorine is harmful to aquatic life. There are established guidelines on the amount of residual chlorine, acceptable pH range, coloration, filter media, and acid cleaning wastes allowed when draining into the storm drain system.
- Use a broom or rake to clean up yard debris and place in trash bins; lawn clippings and leaves should be placed in recycling containers if available - or better yet, leave your grass clippings on the lawn.
- Follow directions carefully when using pesticides and fertilizers; don't over water or use fertilizers or pesticides before a rain as they may adversely impact our waterways.
- Place trash and litter that cannot be recycled or reused in trash cans, and recycle the products that you can. Whenever possible, turn trash into useful products and buy recycled products. Remember: Reduce - Reuse - Recycle.
- Pick up pet waste as soon as possible and put it in the trash. Pet waste has harmful bacteria that can get into our waterways. Also, follow label directions for disposal on pet care products like flea shampoo because they can be toxic.

## Keep Our Roads Clear This Winter

Public Works is looking for supplemental snowplow drivers to be a part of our team this winter. Candidates must have experience driving large trucks, possess a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, and have a flexible schedule that would allow you to work when needed. It's a great opportunity to pick up some extra cash. First-year drivers must attend an orientation class. For details, contact Public Works at [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) or call 847.870.5640.





## Senior Connections

Join Village staff on November 7 at 9 am in the Village Hall Board Room for the Senior Connections program. This program offers older adults the opportunity to learn something new, meet their neighbors, and get to know Village staff. A light breakfast and beverages will be served. The program is open to Mount Prospect residents only.



## Medicare D Open Enrollment

The period for Medicare D enrollment runs from October 15 through December 7 this year. The premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and list of drugs covered changes each year, so we encourage you to meet with Human Services Department Social Workers and Senior Health Insurance volunteers who can use specific tools to help determine which plan you should choose for the coming year. They can also assess your eligibility for extra help with your premiums and co-pays.



If you would like assistance with enrolling or reviewing your current plan, call 847.870.5680 for more information. Appointment times are limited and are available to Mount Prospect residents only.

## Health and Wellness Expo

Discover a healthier you this October. Free wellness demos and screenings will be available at the upcoming Health and Wellness Expo on October 11 from 9 am – noon at Village Hall. Learn about local resources available to you and take the first step toward a happier, healthier life. No registration is required but the event is open to Mount Prospect residents only.



## Rules of the Road Class

If you would like to improve your knowledge of driving rules and increase your confidence ahead of your driver's license renewal exam, be a part of our next Rules of the Road class. The class will take place November 6 from 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Registration is required, so call 847.870.5680 to 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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Monday-Friday 11 am – 7:30pm  
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm  
(South Branch Library only)



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this topic.

**[facebook.com/MPHumanServices](https://www.facebook.com/MPHumanServices)**



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**VILLAGE HALL HOURS**

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Are You a Monster? Storywalk®, October 1-31 MPHIST & MPPL Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	<b>2</b> Organize Your Genealogy: Using Old and New Technology, 7pm, MPPL	<b>3</b> Conversations in English 1-2pm, Community Connections Center	<b>4</b> Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH	<b>5</b> Trick or Treat Trail 9am-noon, Lions Recreation Center Randhurst Fall Fest 11am - 2pm Randhurst Village One Book, One Village Book Discussions, 2pm, MPPL
<b>6</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 1K & 5K Decade Dash, 9am Lions Recreation Center	<b>7</b> Understanding Medicare Choices, 7pm, MPPL	<b>8</b> Walk and Talk, 10am, MPPL Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	<b>9</b> Bessie's Workbasket 10am & 7pm Mount Prospect Historical Society Central School Community Blood Drive 3-7pm, MPPL	<b>10</b> Choosing Your Medicare Supplement Insurance Policy, 2pm, MPPL Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, Community Connections Center MPEI: Mount Prospect's Up-and-Coming Businesses, 6pm MPPL	<b>11</b> Health and Wellness Expo 9am-12pm, VH	<b>12</b> Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH Walk and Talk, 10am, MPPL Super Saturday: Fairytates with the Storybook Players, 10am MPPL Night Off? Game On! Special Mystery Edition, 2pm, MPPL
<b>13</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society, 11:30am-1:30pm Central School, MPHIST Creature Feature Outdoor Movie Night, 6pm Veterans Memorial Bandshell	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Coffee Talk and Construction Workshop, 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	<b>16</b> Halloween Movie on the Green, dusk, Centennial Green at VH, <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> A Taste for Poison, 7pm, MPPL	<b>17</b> Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, Community Connections Center How the Heck Do I Buy a Used Car?, 6pm, MPPL Virtual	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Friends Book Sale, 9am-4:30pm MPPL
<b>20</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Friends Book Sale, 11am-4pm MPPL	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Small Business Morning Meetup, 9am, MPPL Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	<b>23</b> One Book: One Village Book Discussions, 11am, MPPL Downtown Trick-or-Treat 4-6pm, Downtown Mount Prospect MPPD Crime Investigation 7pm, MPPL	<b>24</b> Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, Community Connections Center	<b>25</b> One Book, One Village After Hours Social, 7:30pm MPPL	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	<b>28</b> From Detection to Recovery: A Breast Cancer Panel Discussion, 6pm, MPPL	<b>29</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Drop-in Tech Training 2-4pm, MPPL	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Trick-or-Treating Hours 3-8pm		

MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library  
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

### Key Components for a Strong and Healthy Community

In October of 2023, I wrote about the *Key Components for a Strong and Healthy Community*. Over the past year, the proof of staying focused on these components has only become more evident. As such, I decided it would be appropriate to update my thoughts and write a Mayor's Message which again speaks about and emphasizes these factors. While the components called out below are certainly not all inclusive, they do encompass the most primary needed and wanted by our citizens to live their lives and enjoy their community.

**Public Safety is Priority #1** | Over the past year, it has become more evident than ever that strong *Public Safety* services are the most important services our Village government can provide to our citizens. When you have an emergency, you need highly skilled paramedics, firefighters, police officers, or human services personnel to come to your aid quickly and prepared. In your moment of need, absolutely nothing is more important.

**Quality Basic Village Services** | Providing quality basic services such as Police, Fire, Public Works, and Human Services is the primary reason Village Government exists. Your Village Board strongly supports policies and directives which ensure that these basic services are at the ready to support the daily necessities of our citizens and enhance our collective quality of life.

**Protection of our Residential Neighborhoods** | Residential neighborhoods are what give Mount Prospect charm and a unique character and are the backbone of the community. Therefore, over the years, our Village Board has enacted many specific policies and ordinances (laws) such as the Second Housekeeping Ordinance which disallows turning a single-family home into a multi-unit rental living situation and the Home Business Ordinance which limits intrusive business activities such as auto repair in our neighborhoods. These ordinances as well as many others were designed to protect our residential areas from negative intrusions, because neighborhoods are where we live and enjoy life.

**Fiscal Responsibility** | By policy and purposeful action, the Mount Prospect Village Board has always taken a responsible, careful approach to our Village finances and maintained a healthy Village budget that has provided us with great flexibility. As such, our Village has been able to weather the storm during economic downturns and move forward in strong economic environments. Being prepared for the future is critical. As such, in the last year, your Village Board created an *Economic Emergency Fund*, which can only be used in very specific ways and only with Board approval, to help the Village during difficult times.

**Ongoing Economic Development** | New development and economic growth are key to providing the revenues we, as a

community, need to replace our aging infrastructure and provide the services needed by our residents. Over the past few years, strong economic development and corresponding revenue flows have allowed your Village Board to reduce or keep our annual property tax levy flat while also eliminating the annual vehicle stickers.

**Healthy Business Community** | Maintaining a healthy and vibrant business community and a strong economic environment is key to the overall financial well-being of Mount Prospect. Revenues derived from our business community help the Village to provide all of the services needed by our residents and businesses. Make no mistake about it, there is a direct correlation and symbiotic relationship between a healthy Residential Community and a healthy Business Community.

**Excellent Schools, Library, and Parks** | Mount Prospect is blessed with excellent schools to teach our children as well as an outstanding Library and incredible Parks and Park District facilities provided by numerous Districts. All are necessary components to creating a desirable community, meeting the needs of our current residents, and attracting new residents to Mount Prospect.

In my mind, each and every one of these above-stated components make Mount Prospect an appealing and sought after community within which to live and do business as well as an attractive community for new residents and new businesses to put down stakes. The extremely strong real estate market in Mount Prospect supports that conclusion along with ever-improving Community Survey results, which most recently ranked Mount Prospect in the top 10% of governments in the United States, per the ETC Institute.

If we stay highly focused on keeping these components strong ... we keep Mount Prospect strong!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT