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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE new

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

## A YEAR OF PROGRESS

IN THE LAST YEAR, THE VILLAGE HAS TAKEN SIGNIFICANT STRIDES IN ITS STRATEGIC GOALS & COMMITMENT TO QUALITY OF LIFE. BELOW ARE A FEW KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS & MILESTONES FROM 2024:

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- The Village issued 54 new business licenses. Six new restaurants opened in the downtown with a seventh anticipated this year.
- Mount Prospect's 3.7M sq. ft. of commercial space is currently 3.5% vacant, well below the 10-year average of 8%. Macy's, Planet Fitness, and O'Reilly Auto Parts announced new locations in town, occupying a combined ~80,000 sq. ft. of formerly vacant space.
- Mount Prospect's 5.6M sq. ft. of industrial space is currently 4.4% vacant, below the 10-year average of 5.32%. A new 190,000 sq. ft. spec industrial space is being built at 1305 E. Algonquin Rd. by Seefried Properties, and an addition to the CVS laboratory and distribution center will create 17,000 sq. ft. of new warehouse space.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Village officially opened a fourth fire station, Station 11, at 1415 Algonquin Rd. With a new four station response, the Fire Department is seeing up to 90-second response time improvements in some of its busiest areas and a reduction in mutual aid requests.
- The Police Department hosted a successful spring and fall season of beat meetings to enhance community engagement. See page 7 for the November meeting schedule.
- The Village Board approved the addition of a school resource officer, taking the Police Department from 89 to 90 sworn officers.

### VILLAGE FINANCES

- The 2025 Proposed Budget includes a property tax reduction from the Village by 6.4%. This new levy will be the lowest in the last ten years.
- The average household will see a reduction of \$65 in the Village's portion of property taxes. Combined with the 5% reduction in 2024 and the elimination of vehicle stickers, the average household will save approximately \$208.
- The estimated fund balance at the end of 2024 is \$41.9M, which equates to 50% of the 2025 annual budget and expenditures.

### VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE

- Public Works staff put a new stormwater pumping station at Levee 37 into service. Pump Station "2.5" will provide an unprecedented level of flood protection for hundreds of homes west of River Rd. and will increase pumping capacity by at least 120 cubic feet per second.

- The Village completed major improvements to the intersections at Rand Rd., Central Rd., and Mount Prospect Rd. Total vehicle delay has been reduced by almost 45% and travel time through the intersections has been reduced by 30%.
- The Village worked with the Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency and Northwest Water Commission to successfully complete a unique, three-party emergency water interconnect system. The interconnection can provide the Village with up to 7.5 million gallons per day.

### VILLAGE INITIATIVES

- As part of the Aging in Community Initiative, a Senior Activities Coordinator joined the Human Services Department.
- An inaugural Health & Wellness Expo was held for older adults in October.
- The Village piloted a Downtown Valet Parking Program that parked more than 100 vehicles every weekend from March-September.
- The Village secured a lease to rent 40 parking stalls for public use in the St. Mark's parking lot, and 92 additional stalls were painted on Prospect Ave. to add to parking capacity in the area.
- The Village launched a Prospect Ave. Alfresco Dining Pilot Program.

### VILLAGE RECOGNITION

- The Village received its second consecutive *Leading the Way* award from ETC Institute for ranking in the top 10% for overall quality and value of services.
- The Finance Department was awarded a third consecutive *Triple Crown* from the Government Finance Officers Association for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.
- The Community Connections Center celebrated 15 years in August.
- The Village's Community Emergency Response Team was recognized in August for 20 years of service.
- The Village's Strategic Marketing Plan received a national *Award of Excellence* from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association in September.

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# Community Events

NOV/DEC  
**1**

**Fit 4 Life**  
FRI | NOV 1\* & DEC 6\*  
10 – 10:45 am  
THU | NOV 14 & 21, DEC  
12 & 19, 11 – 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 attendees of all fitness levels. Programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness, and Zumba Gold classes. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. \*November 1 & December 6 classes will be held in the Village Board Room.

NOV/DEC  
**5/3**

**Play and Learn Group**  
TUE | NOV 5, 12, 19 & 26  
TUE | DEC 3, 10 & 17  
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.

NOVEMBER  
**6**

**Rules of the Road Class**  
WED | NOV 6 | 1:30 pm  
BOARD ROOM AT VILLAGE  
HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.  
The free Secretary of  
State's Rules of the Road

Class serves as a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois driver's licenses. Registration is required and space is limited. To register, call 847.870.5680.

NOVEMBER  
**6**

**True Crime: Financial Fraud**  
WED | NOV 6 | 7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



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

NOVEMBER  
**7**

**Senior Connections**  
THU | NOV 7 | 9 – 11 am  
BOARD ROOM AT  
VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.  
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. Open to Mount Prospect residents only.

NOV/DEC  
**7**

**Conversations in English Group**  
THU | NOV 7 & 21, DEC  
5 & 19  
1 – 2 pm  
THU | NOV 14 & DEC 12  
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.

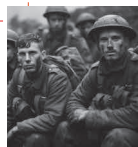
NOVEMBER  
**7**

**Bi-Monthly Blood Drive**  
THU | NOV 7 | 2 – 7 pm  
FIRE STATION 13  
111 E. Rand Rd.  
The Fire Department,  
partnered with Vitalant,  
hosts bi-monthly blood  
drives. In order to increase  
donations, blood drives are being held on  
odd-numbered months only.



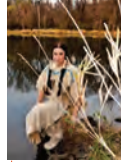
NOVEMBER  
**7**

**Mount Prospect Stories: Helping on the Homefront**  
THU | NOV 7 | 7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
When Mount Prospect's  
soldiers came home after  
World War I, local auxiliaries  
answered the call to welcome them  
home and foster a sense of community.  
Emily Dattilo, director of the Historical  
Society, will discuss ways in which the  
local Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary  
and American Legion Auxiliary supported  
members of the military. To register, visit  
[mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.



NOVEMBER  
**9**

**Afternoon Tea: Sacagawea Adventures with Lewis and Clark**  
SAT | NOV 9 | 1 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.  
In this engaging, interactive  
history experience, guests  
will become immersed in Sacagawea's  
life, her experiences, and her incredible  
journey into the Louisiana Purchase.  
Doors open at 12:45 pm. Tickets are  
\$25. Register at [mthpist.org](http://mthpist.org).



NOVEMBER  
**10**

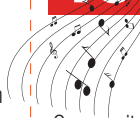
**Second Sundays at the Society**  
SUN | NOV 10 | Turkeys  
SUN | DEC 8 | Gingerbread  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
101/103 S. Maple St.



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for a free Second Sundays event. Stop by the 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. No registration is necessary.

NOVEMBER  
**10**

**Fall Concert: In the Presence of Heroes**  
SUN | NOV 10 | 3:30 pm  
TRINITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
605 W. Golf Rd.  
Join the Mount Prospect  
Community Band for their fall concert, *In the Presence of Heroes*. Tickets will be  
available at the door for \$5.



NOVEMBER  
**11**

**Veterans Day**  
MON | NOV 11 | 10:30 am  
LIONS PARK  
411 S. Maple Street  
Join VFW Post 1337 and  
the American Legion Post  
525 as they commemorate  
all veterans, past and present. For more  
info go to [vfw1337.com](http://vfw1337.com).



NOVEMBER  
**13**

**Bessie's Workbasket**  
WED | NOV 13  
10 am & 7 pm  
CENTRAL SCHOOL,  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.  
Join the Mount Prospect  
Historical Society and learn how to  
crochet or if you already know the basics,  
learn a few new stitches just in time  
for the holidays. Bring a hook and yarn



if you have some, otherwise they will be provided. Register at [mthpist.org/bessies-workbasket](http://mthpist.org/bessies-workbasket). Tickets are \$10.

NOVEMBER  
**14**

**MPHS Book Club**  
THU | NOV 14 | 7 pm  
CENTRAL SCHOOL,  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.  
Read *Midcentury Boy*  
by David Hoppe on  
your own, then join the  
Mount Prospect Historical Society for a  
discussion. Explore one boy's view of  
Mount Prospect from the late 1950s  
through 1976 as he experiences schools,  
businesses, and a growing community.  
Copies available at the Mount Prospect  
Library and on Amazon. Register at  
[mthpist.org](http://mthpist.org). The event is free, but a \$5  
donation is suggested.



NOVEMBER  
**14**

**The Untold Story Behind Mahjong**  
THU | NOV 14 | 7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Learn about the history and  
cultural significance of the  
ancient game of mahjong  
with Yvonne Wolf of Chinese Intercultural,  
LLC. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call  
847.253.5675.



NOVEMBER  
**16**

**Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library Holiday Book Sale**  
SAT | NOV 16  
9 am – 3 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



The Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library Holiday Book Sale is arriving just in time for your holiday shopping. All items have been specially selected for this sale, so you can find the right gift for the adults, teens, and children on your list. Funds raised will help the Friends of the Library support additional programs, events, and services.

NOV/DEC  
**19/17**

**Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops**  
TUE | NOV 19 & DEC 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. Come by for free coffee and a donut – you can even bring your contractor! No appointment needed.

**NOVEMBER**  
**27**

**Village Tree Lighting**  
WED | NOV 27 | 5 pm  
EDWIN & ELSIE (MEYN)  
BUSSE POCKET PARK



**Christkindlmarket**  
WED | NOV 27 | 4 – 7 pm  
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM  
HALL

More details on page 4.

**NOVEMBER**  
**29**

**Outdoor Holiday Tree Decorating Contest**  
FRI | NOV 29 | 9 am  
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK  
1600 E. Euclid Ave.



The River Trails Park District is inviting families, business, scout troops, schools, churches, libraries, and clubs to adopt a tree and participate in a tree-decorating contest. \$25 for families and local organizations and \$50 for companies. Proceeds will be used to purchase new trees for our parks. Register at [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org).

**NOV/DEC**  
**30/1**

**Santa Photo Shoot**  
SAT | NOV 30  
SUN | DEC 1  
EDWIN & ELSIE (MEYN)  
BUSSE POCKET PARK



Santa is coming to town! Bring your kids to meet Santa and capture a special family photo. A \$25 gift card donation is kindly requested. Stay tuned for sign-up details at [mpdma.com](http://mpdma.com).

**NOVEMBER**  
**30**

**Shop Small Fall Crawl**  
SAT | NOV 30  
Noon – 6 pm  
DOWNTOWN  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
Hosted by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association, this lively event invites you to explore local pubs for a drink and discover unique shops along the way! For more information, visit [mpdma.com](http://mpdma.com).



**DECEMBER**  
**3**

**Mindful Chair Yoga**  
TUE | DEC 3 | 11 am  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.  
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for a gentle seated yoga practice



incorporating breath awareness, meditation, and aromatherapy. To register, visit [mmppl.org](http://mmppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**DECEMBER**  
**6**

**36th Annual Holiday Housewalk**  
FRI | DEC 6 | 3:30 – 9 pm  
WE-GO PARK  
NEIGHBORHOOD



All homes will be exciting to tour in their own ways. Non-refundable tickets will

be sold for \$30 beginning November 1 at local ticket outlets and online at [mtphst.org](http://mtphst.org). Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the walk beginning at 3 pm at the walk's headquarters for \$35.

**DECEMBER**  
**7**

**Teddy Bear Walk**  
SAT | DEC 7  
9:30 am – 12 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Bring the whole family, along with your favorite stuffed pal, to enjoy seasonal music, activities, and special guests at this joyous winter festival. Santa and Mrs. Claus may even appear for a meet and greet! No registration required. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**DECEMBER**  
**7/14**

**Breakfast with Santa**  
SAT | DEC 7 & 14  
10 – 11:30 am  
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE



505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.  
Santa is visiting River Trails Park District to spread good cheer! Register online at

[rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org) then complete a seating request form online or at the Weiss Center by December 4 for the first seating and December 11 for the second seating. Children ages 1 and under are free but must register. Please list all attendees on the registration form. Admission \$20 for children ages 1 to 15 and \$30 for guests 16 and up.

**DECEMBER**  
**7**

**Holiday Concert: A Magical Christmas**  
SAT | DEC 7 | 4 pm  
TRINITY UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
605 W. Golf Rd.



Join the Mount Prospect Community Band for a free holiday concert.

**DECEMBER**  
**7**

**River Trails Middle School Craft Fair**  
SAT | DEC 7  
10 am – 4 pm  
RIVER TRAILS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL  
1000 N. Wolf Rd  
The River Trails Middle



School PTC is hosting a craft fair featuring local artisans and vendors. This event will provide family friendly merchandise for the whole community. Admission is free. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, email [RTMSCraftFair@gmail.com](mailto:RTMSCraftFair@gmail.com)

**DECEMBER**  
**7**

**Winter Maker's Market**  
SAT | DEC 7  
10 am – 4 pm  
FRIENDSHIP PARK  
CONSERVATORY  
395 Algonquin Road  
A Winter Market returns to the Friendship Park Conservatory. Shop a wide



variety of unique, handmade items for everyone on your holiday gift list. Our beautiful Conservatory setting will get you in the holiday spirit. Sip on free coffee/hot cocoa and purchase one or more homegrown poinsettias to complete your indoor holiday decor. More details at [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

**DECEMBER**  
**9/10**

**Winter Evergreen Class**  
MON | DEC 9 & 10 | 7 pm  
CENTRAL SCHOOL  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for a fun evening while creating a beautiful winter evergreen arrangement. All supplies will be provided but bring your own gardening clippers or shears. This event costs \$50. Register at [mtphst.org](http://mtphst.org).

**DECEMBER**  
**11**

**Bessie's Workbasket**  
WED | DEC 11  
10 am & 7 pm  
CENTRAL SCHOOL  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.  
Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society and close out the year by making ornaments. This class costs



\$10. To register, please visit [mtphst.org/bessies-workbasket](http://mtphst.org/bessies-workbasket).

**DECEMBER**  
**11**

**Best Books of 2024**  
WED | DEC 11 | 7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



*Virtual*  
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library virtually as an expert panel unveils the best books of 2024. To register, visit [mmppl.org](http://mmppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**DECEMBER**  
**14**

**Cookies with Santa & Mrs. Claus**  
SAT | DEC 14 | 11 am – 2 pm  
THE HAMPTON INN & SUITES  
AT RANDHURST VILLAGE  
Families are invited to take photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and enjoy horse-drawn



carriage rides, a Santa letter-writing station, cookies, juice, and additional photo ops. Free to the public and no reservations are needed. Photos with Santa will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Be sure to bring your own camera to capture the special moments!

**DECEMBER**  
**19**

**Songs of the Season... with a Twist!**  
THU | DEC 19 | 7 pm  
MOUNT PROSPECT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



Award-winning vocalist Maureen Christine and her talented team of musicians brighten the holidays with memorable musical cheer. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation. To register, visit [mmppl.org](http://mmppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**DECEMBER**  
**21**

**Stocking Deliveries**  
SAT | DEC 21 | 10 am – 1 pm  
Imagine your child's delight or a friend's surprise when jolly old Saint Nick brings a stocking full of goodies to the door. The River Trails



Park District will try to accommodate time requests, but no guarantees can be made. Deliveries are for River Trails Park District residents only. Stockings are \$21 ages 1 and up, and \$13 for each additional child in the household. Register at [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org).

**DECEMBER**  
**30**

**New Year's Eve Celebration**  
MON | DEC 30  
Multiple seatings throughout the day  
STATION 34 PIZZA PUB  
34 S. Main St.



New Year's Eve is a daytime family celebration! Ring in 2025 with your family and enjoy music, dancing, entertainment, food, and a mid-day balloon drop! For more information, visit [mpdma.com](http://mpdma.com).

## Mount Prospect Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christkindlmarket

NOVEMBER 27 | 4 – 7 PM

All are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 27, for the annual Mount Prospect Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christkindlmarket!

At 5 pm, gather around our live Norway Spruce planted in the Edwin and Elsie (Meyn) Busse Park, also known as the pocket park. Enjoy festive holiday tunes sung by the Prospect High School Madrigals, and warm up with cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Once everyone is in the holiday spirit, join in a countdown to light up the tree.

From 4-7 pm, take a stroll inside Village Hall to the Christkindlmarket, sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. Explore a wonderful selection of holiday gifts for sale in the Farley Community Room – just in time for your next seasonal gathering!

Please note that Emerson St. will be closed from the parking garage to Busse Ave., and Busse Ave. will be closed from the parking lot entrance behind Central Continental Bakery to the intersection at Emerson St. Free parking is available in the Emerson St. Parking Deck.



## VFW Celebrating 100 Years

Registration is now open for the Mount Prospect VFW Post 1337 Centennial Gala! Join local veterans as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Post 1337 on April 5, 2025, at Cotillion Banquets in Palatine.

The evening kicks off with a selection of appetizers and an open bar, followed by a gourmet four-course dinner. Guests can choose from broiled Filet Mignon, Champagne Chicken, or a delicious vegetarian option, with unlimited wine and beverages served throughout the meal. A live band will provide music for both listening and dancing, ensuring a night of celebration and fun.



## Shining Star Awards & Gala

SAVE THE DATE!

Each year, the Village of Mount Prospect's Special Events Commission honors individuals, businesses, and organizations that have a positive impact on our community. This is done through the Shining Star Awards, which are based on nominations from the public. If you know someone you'd like to nominate, there's still time! Fill out the nomination form at [mountprospect.org/shiningstars](http://mountprospect.org/shiningstars) prior to the deadline on November 13. The awards will be presented at the 32nd Annual Shining Stars Gala on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 6:00 pm to midnight at Crystal Palace Banquets in Mount Prospect. *More details available soon!*



Get into the holiday spirit! The Mount Prospect Special Events Commission is once again embracing a beloved tradition—the Holiday House Decorating Contest! Open to all Mount Prospect properties, including businesses, this festive

competition is your chance to show off your holiday creativity. Be sure to register in advance, either online at [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org) or at Village Hall. Stay tuned for upcoming dates and more details!



Tickets for this unforgettable evening of dining and dancing are \$120. Seating is limited, so be sure to register early.

For more details, visit [vfw1337.com](http://vfw1337.com) (under Programs). If you have any questions, contact Dutch DeGroot at [dutch23mp@comcast.net](mailto:dutch23mp@comcast.net).

If you would like to contribute to the event by placing an ad in the Centennial program book, email : [mcgee045@icloud.com](mailto:mcgee045@icloud.com) [billstarr14@gmail.com](mailto:billstarr14@gmail.com) [ymassie51@gmail.com](mailto:ymassie51@gmail.com).

# Community/Economic Development

## The Dawson

The Dawson, a newly developed seven-story apartment building at 235 E. Prospect Ave. in downtown Mount Prospect, is now leasing its 64 modern units. As the latest addition to the Maple Street Lofts Mixed-Use Transit-Oriented Development, The Dawson joins its sister building, located just across the street on the east side of S. Maple St. The building features stylish one- and two-bedroom apartments, ranging from 668 to 1,217 square feet.

Residents will enjoy a wide array of amenities, including a resident lounge, fitness center, massage chairs, climate-controlled parking, 24-hour emergency maintenance, a community kitchen, outdoor grilling stations with fire pits, a dry sauna, package room, and secure bike storage.



## Khepri Kitchen + Coffee

Focusing on fresh, locally-sourced ingredients for healthy breakfast and lunch options, smoothies, and organic coffee, Khepri Kitchen + Coffee recently opened at 106 South Emerson. The restaurant offers a simple menu prioritizing whole foods and sustainability for a fresh and nourishing daytime dining experience.

Khepri Kitchen + Coffee is also committed to local partnerships, supporting local vendors and producers. Stop by to enjoy a fresh take on casual, healthy dining in an inviting and relaxing atmosphere.



## Ribbon Cuttings!



September 27, 2024  
**The Picklr** | 211 W. Rand Rd.  
847.716.2244 | thepicklr.com



September 30, 2024  
**Altea Viet Coffee & Boba** | 711 E. Euclid Ave. | Randhurst Village  
contact@alteacafe.com | alteacafe.com



October 8, 2024  
**Seefried Industrial Properties – Groundbreaking Ceremony**  
1305 E. Algonquin Rd.



October 10, 2024  
**Something Healthy: Guiltless Kitchen** | 1705 W. Algonquin Rd.  
847.989.8887 | smth.healthy@gmail.com



## Toy Drive

The holiday season is upon us and the Fire Department is kicking off their annual toy drive. **We will be collecting new, unopened, unwrapped toys for infants up through age 17.**

Toys will be collected November 1 through December 6. There will be collection boxes at Village Hall and in the lobby of all four fire stations; Station 11 (1415 E. Algonquin), Station 12 (1601 W. Golf), Station 13 (111 E. Rand Rd.) and Station 14 (2000 E. Kensington Rd.).

Teenagers can be difficult to buy for, so we encourage you to consider items such as gift cards, hoodies, hats and gloves, skateboards, body wash sets, games, backpacks/duffle bags, sports-themed gifts, or jewelry and hair accessories.



All donations will be distributed by our partners in the Human Services Department to local families facing financial hardship who have registered in advance.

## Safety in the Kitchen



Expecting a big crowd at your house this Thanksgiving? We all know things can get a little hectic in the kitchen on that big day, but keeping things under control in the kitchen goes beyond just having a fun family celebration. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), Thanksgiving Day has the highest number of home-

cooking fire incidents. Fires are about three times more likely to occur on this day than on any other day of the year.

Family and friends gathering in the kitchen can cause distractions while preparing a meal that can greatly increase the risk of a fire while cooking. Set yourself up for a safe and successful Thanksgiving by following these cooking tips:

- Give your complete attention to one dish at a time. Be aware of what's in the oven or on the stovetop.
- Use timers to prevent distractions from allowing things to overheat or burn.
- Keep all flammable materials such as oven mitts, dishtowels, and wooden utensils away from heat sources.
- Keep kids busy with games and activities in another room during peak cooking times.
- Keep your cooking away from the edge of the stove and turn all pot handles inward. This will prevent kids or pets from knocking them down.

If a pot catches on fire, never attempt to move it and don't pour water on top of a fire ignited with grease or oil. The splashing action might spread the fire. Put a lid on top of the pot to smother the fire, leave the pot where it is, and turn the heat off when the fire has been suppressed.

## Stuckerdoodles

(also known as Snickerdoodle Cookies)  
Famous Firehouse Cookie Recipe by Firefighter Sam Stucker

### INGREDIENTS

- ½ Cup Shortening
- ½ Cup Salted Butter Softened
- 1½ Cup Granulated Sugar
- 2 Eggs
- 1 Teaspoon Pure Vanilla Extract
- 2¾ Cups All-Purpose Flour – Sifted
- ½ Teaspoon Cinnamon
- 2 Teaspoon Cream of Tartar
- 1 Teaspoon Baking Soda
- ¼ Heaping Teaspoon Sea Salt

### CINNAMON SUGAR COATING

- 4 Tablespoons Granulated Sugar
- 3 Teaspoons Cinnamon

### INSTRUCTIONS

Preheat oven to 375°F.

### MAKE THE CINNAMON SUGAR COATING

1. In a small bowl, mix together 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and 1½ teaspoons cinnamon. Set aside.

### MAKE THE SNICKERDOODLES

1. Sift flour into a medium bowl. I run a whisk through it.
2. Add the cinnamon, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt to the sifted flour and stir to combine. Set aside.
3. Cream the butter, shortening and sugar together in the bowl of a standing mixer fitted with the paddle attachment (or with a hand mixer).
4. Add the egg and vanilla and beat again until smooth.
5. Beat in the dry ingredient mixture until just incorporated.
6. Use a 1½ tablespoon cookie scoop to measure dough, then roll it into balls.
7. Roll each dough ball in the cinnamon sugar mixture until it's evenly coated.
8. Place the snickerdoodles on a baking sheet, either ungreased or lined with a silicone baking mat. Slightly press cookies down before baking.
9. Bake in the preheated oven for 8-10 minutes until puffed and mostly set, but still soft.
10. Remove from oven and transfer to a wire cooling rack to cool.

Makes about 20ish cookies.

I bake for 4 minutes, spin the pan, and bake another 4 minutes. I continue in 2-minute intervals until the bottom is firm and the top is doughy. After baking, I let the cookies rest on the pan for 2 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack.



## Welcome to Our Newest Officers

The Mount Prospect Police Department recently welcomed three new officers to the force. Being sworn in were Officers Nikki Dezonno, Miguel Jimenez, and Ryan Nord.

Nikki Dezonno grew up in Naperville and graduated from Naperville Central High School before earning her bachelor's degree in Corporate & Organizational Communication from Northern Illinois University. Nikki has begun her training at the Police Training Institute (PTI) in Champaign.

Miguel Jimenez grew up in nearby Wheeling and graduated from Wheeling High School. He then attended Harper College where he earned an associate's degree in Law Enforcement. Miguel proudly served our country for four years as an Infantry Rifleman with the U.S. Marine Corps. Most recently, Miguel worked as a police officer with the Oak Park Police Department. Since Miguel is a certified police officer, he has already begun the field training program.



Ryan Nord grew up in South Elgin and graduated from St. Charles High School. Ryan attended Iowa State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Studies. Ryan has begun his training at PTI in Champaign.

**Welcome to the team, Nikki, Miguel, and Ryan!**

## 2023 Awards

Congratulations to the Mount Prospect Police Department 2023 award recipients. Officer Brenton Murray has been selected as Officer of the Year. Investigators Eric Knippel and Alexa Kiess and Officer Brett Frey received runner-up recognition. Community Service Officer Kristian Aquino was selected as the George E. Whittenberg Award for service above and beyond to the community. The selection committee was comprised of fellow officers and supervisors. Congratulations to all the deserving winners and thank you for serving this community with excellence.



## Beat Meetings Wrap-up for the Year

Our final two patrol beat meetings of the year are happening in November. These meetings provide you with the opportunity to meet the officers who work in your community, voice your concerns, and see presentations on current police topics. Feel free to join us at these upcoming events:

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

**Beat 3168** | November 20, 7 pm, Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.

*Food will be served at both meetings.*

To identify the beat you live in, visit [mountprospect.org/policebeats](http://mountprospect.org/policebeats).

## Firearm Safety

If you own a firearm, please be a responsible owner and ensure it is safely and securely stored. Our police department offers free firearm cable locks, courtesy of Project ChildSafe, to our community. They are available at the front desk of our Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.





## Fall Leaf Collection

A few weeks remain for residents to participate in the Village's fall loose leaf collection program, which provides a convenient means of disposing of leaves at no cost. This year the program will run until December 6. There will be no leaf collection on Thanksgiving or the following day. During Thanksgiving week, Public Works will attempt to collect across the entire town between Monday and Wednesday, so we recommend having all your leaves ready by Monday, November 25. No bagging is required as you simply need to place loose leaves at the curb on your weekly collection day. You can visit [mountprospect.org/publicworks](http://mountprospect.org/publicworks) for a collection schedule map.

Leaves may be raked onto the pavement one foot from the curb one day prior to the scheduled collection day. The program is for leaves only; please do not include twigs, branches, or grass clippings with the leaves.

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.**

## Say Goodbye to Those Pumpkins

Make your Halloween clean-up easy and green this year by composting your pumpkins. You can drop off clean pumpkins at Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd., on November 2 from 8 – 11 am. Pumpkins may have acrylic paint on them, but please remove decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers, or other materials. The event is for pumpkins only and is open to Mount Prospect residents and residents of other SWANCC member communities. No business or commercial drop-offs. For additional information, contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.





## Season Ending Soon for Organics and Yard Waste Pick-up

The Village's organics/yard waste pick-up program concludes for the year on December 13. Please be sure to have properly prepared organics/yard waste at the curb prior to your final collection. There will be no additional pick-ups after the 13th. The start date for the 2025 pick-up program will be posted at [mountprospect.org/organics](http://mountprospect.org/organics) prior to the start of the pick-up season.

## Your Vehicle and the Environment

Proper car maintenance is important in the effort to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways as whatever is dumped into storm drains or onto pavement will wind up in local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, it is very important that you properly dispose of it by putting it in a sturdy container, labeling it, and taking it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works at 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations.

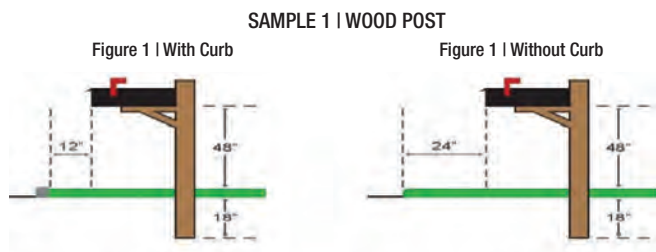
Antifreeze is also dangerous to the environment. It contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife and should be treated in the same manner as waste oil. In the case of a spill involving any of these types of materials, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill and then sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit [mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste-collection](http://mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/household-hazardous-waste-collection).

## Mailbox Guidelines

The United States Postal Service has very specific criteria for the placement of mailboxes at your home. Now is a good time to check the location and condition of your free-standing mailbox to make sure it is structurally sound.

If you need to replace a mailbox for any reason, be sure to adhere to these requirements:

- The front face of the mailbox, once mounted, should be 12" from the back of the curb, or if no curb is present, shall be 24" from the road pavement.



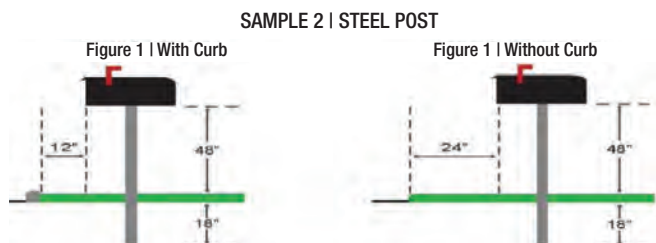
## Prevent Water Line Freeze-ups in Your Home

Winter may bring a major water problem to some homes. Frozen pipes can rupture and cause flooding in your home, which can lead to significant damage. Follow these steps to reduce the risk of a frozen water line in your home.

- Insulate indoor water lines in unheated areas, along exterior walls, in crawl spaces, and in garages.
- Drain and disconnect all outdoor hoses from the hose bibbs on the exterior of your house. Cover the bibbs for extra protection.
- Constant movement will help decrease the chances of water lines freezing, so leave a slow drip of water running at a faucet located in a lower part of the home. Remember to run cold water and not hot water when doing this.
- Frozen lines usually occur where the water line enters the basement or crawl space. When thawing a frozen water line, do not use a torch. Too much heat too fast can cause the ice inside the pipe to fracture. This could rupture the pipe and cause flooding. Rather, try using a hair dryer, space heater, or rags soaked in warm water to gradually warm the frozen pipes.
- In the event of a water line rupture, it is important to know both the location of the main shut-off valve for your home and how to operate it.

- The distance from grade to the bottom surface of the mailbox should be 48".
- The mounting structure for a post-mounted mailbox must be either:
  - A wood post of which the area of an average cross section may not be more than 16".
  - A metal post not more than 2 ½" in outside diameter.

Residents should take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to any existing utilities located in the parkway. Before digging, residents should contact JULIE at 1.800.892.0123 or by simply dialing 811.





## Holiday Donations

The Human Services Department and Mount Prospect Fire Department are collaborating to help make the holidays special for families who regularly use our food pantry or are experiencing a financial hardship. Residents can donate food at Village Hall in the Human Services Department on the 2nd floor. Monetary donations via PayPal and Amazon Wishlist are also accepted. New toys can also be dropped off at any of the Fire Department locations in Mount Prospect. For additional information, call 847.870.5680.



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## Senior Connections

Join Village staff on November 7 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.



## Service Opportunity for Teens

Teenagers looking for an opportunity to get involved in their community are encouraged to sign up to assist residents who are unable to shovel their snow this winter. We will match teens with those who are in need but will not do any pre-screening of candidates. The resident and teen can discuss a rate of pay if desired. For more information, call 847.870.5680.



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



November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this topic.  
**facebook.com/MPHumanServices**

# 2024

## November

## December



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	<b>LEARN MORE AT</b>  <a href="http://www.experiencemountprospect.org">www.experiencemountprospect.org</a>				<b>1</b> Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	<b>2</b> Santa Photo Shoot Edwin & Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park	<b>1</b> Santa Photo Shoot MPDMA	<b>2</b> Winter Evergreen Class, 7pm MPHHist Ten Steps to a Smarter tax Return, 7pm MPPL	<b>3</b> Mindful Chair Yoga 11am, MPPL Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	<b>4</b> Bessie's Workbook 10am & 7pm MPHHist Best Books of 2024, 7pm MPPL, Virtual	<b>5</b> Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC	<b>6</b> Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH Annual Holiday Housewalk 3:30-9pm, MPHHist	<b>7</b> Teddy Bear Walk 9:30am-noon, MPPL Breakfast with Santa 10am-11:30am River Trails Middle School Craft Fair, 10am-4pm Winter Maker's Market 10am-4pm Holiday Concert: A Magical Christmas 4pm												
<b>3</b> Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHHist Fall Concert: In the Presence of Heroes, 3:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church	<b>4</b> Veterans Day 10:30am Lions Park	<b>5</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	<b>6</b> Rules of the Road Class, 1:30pm VH True Crime: Financial Fraud 7pm, MPPL	<b>7</b> Sr. Connections 9-11am, VH Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Blood Drive, 2-7pm, Fire Station 13 Helping on the Homefront, 7pm MPPL	<b>8</b> Mount Prospect Fire Department Toy Drive through December 8	<b>9</b> Sacagawea Adventures with Lewis and Clark 1pm, MPHHist	<b>8</b> Santa Photoshoot MPDMA	<b>9</b> Winter Evergreen Class, 7pm MPHHist Ten Steps to a Smarter tax Return, 7pm MPPL	<b>10</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Winter Evergreen Class, 7pm MPHHist	<b>11</b> Bessie's Workbook 10am & 7pm MPHHist Best Books of 2024, 7pm MPPL, Virtual	<b>12</b> Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC MPHS Book Club 7pm, MPHHist The Untold Story Behind Mahjong 7pm, MPPL	<b>13</b> Bessie's Workbook 10am & 7pm MPHHist	<b>14</b> Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC MPHS Book Club 7pm, MPHHist The Untold Story Behind Mahjong 7pm, MPPL	<b>15</b> Mount Prospect Fire Department Toy Drive through December 8	<b>16</b> Friends Holiday Book Sale 9am-3pm, MPPL	<b>15</b> Second Sundays at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHHist	<b>16</b> Winter Evergreen Class, 7pm MPHHist Ten Steps to a Smarter tax Return, 7pm MPPL	<b>17</b> Coffee Talk and Construction Workshop 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	<b>18</b> Needlecraft Night 7-9pm, MPHHist	<b>19</b> Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Songs of the Season...with a Twist!, 7pm MPPL	<b>20</b> Breakfast with Santa 10-11:30am Rob Roy Golf Course Stocking Deliveries 10am-1pm				
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> True Crime: Financial Fraud 7pm, MPPL	<b>19</b> Coffee Talk and Construction Workshop 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	<b>20</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>21</b> Fit 4 Life 11-11:45am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC	<b>22</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>23</b> Santa Photo Shoot Edwin & Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park Shop Small Fall Crawl Noon-6pm, MPDMA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>24</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>25</b> Village Offices Closed 	<b>26</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>27</b> Village Offices Closed Outdoor Holiday Tree Decorating Contest, 9am Woodland Trails Park	<b>28</b> Village Offices Closed 	<b>29</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>30</b> Santa Photo Shoot Edwin & Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park Shop Small Fall Crawl Noon-6pm, MPDMA	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> New Year's Eve Eve Celebration Station 34 Pizza Pub	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b> True Crime: Financial Fraud 7pm, MPPL	<b>26</b> Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	<b>27</b> Village Tree Lighting, 5pm Edwin & Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park Christkindlmarket 4-7pm, VH	<b>28</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>29</b> Village Offices Closed	<b>30</b> New Year's Eve Eve Celebration Station 34 Pizza Pub	<b>31</b>



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## Message from the Mayor

2024 has been an exceptional year in Mount Prospect with so many positive things happening and we are all the *collective beneficiaries* of those positive things. New large-scale developments, new retail opportunities resulting in sales tax growth, responsible spending of our tax dollars, and proactive preparation for the

future has created tremendous economic growth. These key factors allowed your Village Board to support and approve the **reduction** of the Village's portion of our property tax levy by 6.3% in the 2025 budget.

When the 2025 tax levy reduction of 6.3% is combined with the 2024 tax levy reduction of 4.8%, the Village's portion of your property tax levy has been reduced by 11% over the last 2 years. In dollars, this equates to a reduction of \$118 on the median priced home. In 2024, your Village Board also *permanently* eliminated vehicle stickers providing an additional annual savings of \$90 for an average 2 car household. Positive things are happening.

I look forward to 2025 with great anticipation because as your Mayor, I believe 2025 will be another year of strong growth for the Village of Mount Prospect. Your Village Board, the Village Manager Mike Cassady and his Leadership Team, and all of our dedicated Village staff will continue to work to move things in the right direction and to keep Mount Prospect a great place to live, work, raise a family, and simply enjoy life.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2024

Below is a small sample of the more than 150 documented accomplishments which occurred in the Village in 2024. These accomplishments helped enhance citizen safety, improve our quality of life, rebuild our physical infrastructure, and add to the financial strength of our Village.

#### Improving Citizen Safety/Our #1 Priority

- Increased the number of sworn Police Officers serving our Village by 3 to a total of 90 sworn Police Officers protecting our citizens.
- Activated a *Special Response Team* to focus on high profile criminal incidents.
- Put the Village's 4th ambulance in service at Station 11 in South Mount Prospect. This is in line with our plan for improving Emergency Services coverage and response times throughout the Village.
- Added 6 firefighter/paramedics in 2024 and after the addition of 3 more in 2025, there will be a total of 81 sworn firefighter/paramedics.
- The *Four-Fire Station* model now in place is already serving its intended purpose as evidenced by call-volumes and resources being more equitably distributed Village-wide.

#### Driving Economic Growth

- Completed the annexation of the remaining 224 acres of unincorporated properties in South Mount Prospect to the I-90 Expressway. With a few exceptions, all of the properties in South Mount Prospect are within the Village's corporate boundaries.

- Property tax revenues of those newly annexed properties now come to the Village and benefit all Mount Prospect taxpayers as well as create potential new development which will generate additional tax revenues.
- Building continued in Downtown Mount Prospect at a strong pace, adding many new living units. New citizens have moved in and are helping to increase the overall vibrancy of our Downtown as evidenced by the new restaurants and retail establishments.

#### Staying Ahead of our Aging Infrastructure

- Resurfaced over 9.0 miles of Village streets under the annual Village Street Resurfacing Program thus avoiding more costly street *reconstruction*.
- Lined 20,000 SF of sewers thus preventing costly *open trench* replacement.
- Created a funding program to replace private lead water services at no cost to Village residents to meet new EPA mandates starting in 2027.
- Connected to the Northwest Water Commission as a new backup to our primary water source using the American Rescue Plan Grant.

#### Building Financial Strength, Spending Responsibly and Being Financially Prepared

- Renovated Station 11 in South Mount Prospect which came into the Village as a result of the dissolution of Elk Grove Rural Fire District. Our highly skilled Public Works staff conducted the renovations rather than hiring an outside contractor. This saved our taxpayers over \$1.0 million.
- Created and funded an *Economic Emergency* Fund to prepare our Village for softer economic times in the future. This Emergency Fund can only be used for very specific reasons and only after approval of the Village Board.

### KINDNESS AND BEST WISHES

As I close my last Mayor's Message for 2024, I wanted to share a couple more thoughts around kindness and the upcoming Holiday Season.

Given my experience living in Mount Prospect for the past 42 years, it is my belief that the people of Mount Prospect are inherently kind and regularly perform acts of kindness for their fellow citizens. Helping people who cannot help themselves is always the right thing to do. We are all in this together, and all of us, at one time or another, will need the help of others. Pay it forward !!

If you are observant and if you celebrate your holidays at this time of the year, your Village Board wishes their very best to all for a fulfilling and safe 2025!

My Ask is that on New Year's Eve, first and foremost, lift a glass to your family and friends for a happy and healthy 2025 but also lift a glass to your fellow Mount Prospect citizens and to our incredible Village, the place we all call home.

Paul Wm. Hoefert  
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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