



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

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“People are very excited to see the transformation of Randhurst taking place.”

- Mayor Irvana Wilks

Economic Development Update

What's New at Randhurst Village

Charming Charlie Women's Accessories, Carters, Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, Subway and Old Navy all recently opened their doors for business joining the many existing tenants out at Randhurst Village. The Billy Goat Tavern, Panera, Black Finn Restaurant, TJ Maxx, Petsmart, and World Market will be opening throughout the next few months. The Village is currently working with the developer to improve traffic circulation throughout the site by modifying some confusing intersections and adding new access points into parking lot areas. In addition, wayfinding signage will soon be installed to direct customers to their desired stores.

“We have gotten a lot of positive feedback from customers about the stores that have opened so far,” said Mayor Irvana Wilks. “People are very excited to see the transformation of Randhurst taking place.”

New Restaurants

The Emerson Ale House and Black Cow restaurants will be opening for business in September. The Emerson Ale House will be located downtown in the former Michael's restaurant and the Black Cow will be located in the former Artemis restaurant on the southwest corner of Busse and Golf roads. Emerson Ale House will offer a full menu with specialty beers and wines. The Black Cow menu features rotisserie style fare.

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News, Notes and Reminders

Shining Star Awards

Each year the Village recognizes individuals and organizations that contribute to making Mount Prospect a better community at the Celestial Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 and the Special Events Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Shining Star Awards. If you have a neighbor that would bend over backward for anyone in need, or know someone who is always there but asks nothing in return? Then you might know a Shining Star candidate. They can only win if they are nominated. Nomination forms and category descriptions are available on the web site, www.mountprospect.org. Nominations must be received by November 15.

Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2011 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of owner occupied single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than: \$21,780 for 1 person; or \$29,420 for 2 or more persons. The Village will rebate 50 percent (to a maximum of \$100) of its portion of the total 2010 Cook County real estate tax bill. Please apply after you have received and then paid the 2nd installment of your 2010 tax bill.

Assistance in completing the application will be available at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street in the Finance Department. The dates for assistance have not yet been determined. Information will be mailed in late September or early October to those who have participated in the program. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Lynn Jarog at 847-392-6000.



Thanksgiving & Christmas Holiday Assistance Programs

Holidays are approaching! Help is available to low-income individuals living in Mount Prospect who need assistance during the Holiday Season. For additional information or to schedule an appointment to apply for the holiday assistance, please call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680.

In past years, local businesses, civic organizations, churches and individuals have helped to make holiday assistance programs very successful. This year again, with your help, we plan to bring happiness to residents who would otherwise not have the items that help to make holiday time special. In order to allow time for packing and distribution, non-perishable food items, should be dropped off at the Human Services Department located on the second floor of the Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For the Thanksgiving Program, non-perishable food items should be in by November 17, and frozen turkeys and hams should be brought in November 22. For the December Program, non-perishable food items should be in by December 15 and frozen or canned hams in by December 20.

Volunteers are always needed for our holiday programs. If you would like to help sort the items or package the food, please call the Human Services department at 847/870-5680.

Vehicle Stickers Required

The deadline for displaying the 2011-2012 vehicle stickers was April 30, 2011. The Police Department issues citations to owners of locally registered vehicles on which 2011-2012 stickers are not displayed. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late payment penalty. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased replacement vehicles after May 1. In these situations, there is a 30-day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Proof of move-in or vehicle purchase date is required to ensure that a penalty is not imposed. If you change vehicles during the year, call the Finance Department at 847-392-6000 for more information.

SWANCC Electronic Recycling

To assist residents with collecting old electronics and to ensure environmentally-safe recycling of these materials, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has developed the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to collect electronics on an ongoing basis. Items will be accepted from all SWANCC residents. Please see the web site for a list of acceptable materials.

Drop-Off Site:

Glenview Transfer Station
1151 N River Road
Across from the Maryville Academy
Saturdays: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Please note that the transfer station will be closed on the following holiday Saturdays: November 26 and Saturday, December 31.



Mark Your Calendar for these Community Events/Programs



Lions Club Farmers' Market

Sundays Through October 23

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Commuter Parking Lot (northwest corner of Northwest Hwy. and Rte. 83)

For a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies, stop by and check it out!

Mount Prospect Public Library Cultural Series: Unveiling Eastern Europe

October 1 - October 31

Every October the Library presents a series of programs that offers insight into the cultures of people across the globe. This year we are focusing on Eastern Europe, specifically the countries that lie between the Baltic and Black Seas. Join us as we celebrate the unique attributes of a few of these flourishing cultural gems: the Czech Republic, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, and Poland. For a full list of programs, visit www.mppl.org.

Mt. Prospect Park District

Fall Craft Show -

Saturday, October 8

10am-3pm

Friendship Park Conservatory

395 Algonquin, Des Plaines

Visit a wide variety of crafters and artisans including photography, jewelry, handmade items and much more. While visiting the conservatory, take a stroll through the atrium and enjoy the fall flower display.

River Trails Park District

Annual Monster's Bash

Saturday, October 8, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Weiss Community Center

Come dressed in your favorite costume to welcome the start of the Halloween season! Join us at the Weiss Community Center for tricks & treats! Enjoy carnival games, moonwalk, trick or treat town, a magician and more! FREE Family fun!

Downtown Merchants Association

Fall Festival & Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 15

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Fall Festival)

4:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. (Oktoberfest)

Emerson St. & Busse Ave.

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. The family will enjoy hayrides, candy lines and entertainment. Following the Fall Festival, stay for the 4th Annual Oktoberfest - Live entertainment featuring the German Band Phenix, great food, and dancing are expected to bring in the crowds for a fun night out in downtown Mount Prospect!

Senior Health Fair

October 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Village Hall, Community Room

Hosted by State Representative David Harris, the event will feature a variety of services to seniors including Flu Shots, glucose testing, hearing screening and much more. For additional information, contact Human Services 847-870-5680.

Mt. Prospect Park District

Howlin' Halloween Fest

October 22, 11am-3pm

Lions Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple

Our hoppin' Halloween happening will include our famous arcade of kids games, Halloween hayride, moonwalk, crafts, face painters, the Hoot! Hoot! Express and live entertainment. Youngsters can take a trip down Jack-O-Lantern Lane to do some punkin' pickin' in the park and we'll have plenty of kiddie characters on hand to add to the fun.

Financial Planning Classes

October 25 - November 15

Village Hall, Community Room

Topics include Retirement Planning, Fixed Income (CD's, Bonds, etc.); Annuities and Insurance; Stocks; and Mutual Funds. Classes will be held at the Village Hall Community Room, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A fee of \$20 per person or \$25 per couple (living at the same address) must be paid prior to the first class. Register in person or by mail - at Village Hall Human Services Department, 50 S. Emerson Street. Checks are to be made out to the Village of Mount Prospect. Call 847-870-5680 for more information.

Mt. Prospect Park District

Pumpkin Patch

October 27, 9:15-11am and 12:45-2:30pm

The Studio, 1326 W. Central, Mount Prospect

"Scare" up some fun with an assortment of autumn/Halloween crafts. Projects include a "flying ghost" centerpiece, Halloween door hanger and a real pumpkin decorated with our supply of studio embellishments. All supplies are included. Fee: \$19R/\$24NR



Mark Your Calendar for these Community Events/Programs

Holiday Adoption Program

Millie's Hallmark

Begins Nov. 4

Millie's Hallmark/Neat N Cool Gifts is again lending its financial support and assistance to the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry. Millie's Hallmark creates a holiday window display and the "characters" in the window are available for purchase ("adoption") by holiday shoppers with 100% of the adoption fee going to the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry. The window will be unveiled on Friday, November 4 in advance of Millie's Holiday Open House Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6 which will also be the start of this year's adoption program. If you would like to "Adopt-A-Pal" and in the process help the families needing assistance in Mount Prospect this holiday season, then stop by Millie's Hallmark at 1024 S. Elmhurst Road. For information on Millie's Hallmark Adoption Program, call 847/593-8288.

River Trails Park District

Free Annual Children Festival of Art

November 5, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Clayground Art Studio, 550 E. Business Ctr. Dr. Featuring - Paper Cutting & Scraping, Open Play Table, Acrylic Painting, Fashion Designing by Nai, Stamping & Coloring, Freehand Clay Coil Pots, Porcelain Box Painting, Coloring with Crayons & Markers, Pasta Pictures, Pottery Wheel.

Sister Cities Wine Tasting

November 10, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Vino 100, 110 S. Emerson St.

Mt. Prospect Sister Cities Commission invites you to join them at Vino 100 for their Annual Wine Tasting. They will have wines to taste with appetizers and cheeses throughout the evening. There is a \$10.00 donation per person at the door. For more information please call Maura at 847/392-6000.

Veterans' Day

November 11, 10:30 a.m.

Lions Park - Veterans' Band Shell

The procession will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Park recreation center and will march around to the band shell where a ceremony will be held. Please come out to honor and support our veterans.

Mt. Prospect Community Band Fall Concert

November 13, 2:00 p.m.

Forest View Educational Center

2121 S. Goebbert Rd., Arlington Hts

The "Autumn Medley" performance will feature timeless classics including Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue", Britton's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" (Band!), Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker", and Respighi's "The Pines of Rome." Tickets can be obtained by calling the Mt. Prospect Park District at 847/640-1000.

River Trails Park District

2nd Annual Holiday Boutique

November 17

Rob Roy Banquet Facility

Join us in November for the perfect opportunity to find that "one of a kind" gift. Artists will display & sell their individual works of art! Watch for further details.

Mount Prospect Historical Society

Mount Prospect Stories: 10 Things You Didn't Know About William Busse

Mount Prospect Public Library

November 17, 7 p.m.

William Busse was arguably Mount Prospect's biggest booster and his legacy is still very much alive and well in the community. Join Mount Prospect Historical Society Executive Director Greg Peerbolte as he discusses some lesser-known aspects of William Busse, mainly during his time on the Cook County Board of Commissioners. Reservations are required. Please call the library at 847/253-5675.

Toys for Kids

Donations accepted through Dec. 1

The Mount Prospect Police, Fire and Human Services Departments are once again conducting their annual Christmas Toys for Kids program. Only NEW, UNWRAPPED toys will be accepted at any Mount Prospect Fire Station from November 17 until December 1.

Mt. Prospect Park District

Holiday Market -

November 19, 10am-3pm

Friendship Park Conservatory.

395 Algonquin, Des Plaines

Gift shopping made easy! Meet representatives offering your favorite products from Partylite, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple and Longaberger to name a few. Our atrium will be filled to the brim with holiday cheer.

Mt. Prospect Park District

Happy Harvest

November 20, 1-4pm

The Studio, 1326 W. Central, Mount Prospect

Children love to participate in holiday traditions adding their own creative touch to family celebrations! Place cards, painted votives and dessert platter as well as a "gobbling" centerpiece will bring a personal touch to your Thanksgiving table. All supplies are included. Age 7-12. Fee: \$35R/\$40NR

Mt. Prospect Park District

Thanksgiving Day Zumba Celebration,

Cardio Workout and Spin Classes

Thursday, November 24, 8-10am

RecPlex, 420 W. Dempster, MP

Four ways to get fit before you feast! Get your holiday spinning with one of two Thanksgiving morning spin classes, a group cardio workout or a Zumba class. Fees vary. For additional information about any Mt. Prospect Park District programs, classes or events consult the Fall brochure, visit www.mppd.org or call 847/640-1000.

NEW! Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, November 26, 5:00 pm
Village Hall

Starting a new tradition in Mount Prospect, a tree lighting ceremony will be held at Village Hall on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The Village is partnering with the Mount Prospect Lions Club, Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, and Downtown Merchants Association to bring this event to you, marking the beginning of the holiday season. For more details, check out experiencemountprospect.org.

Holiday House Decorating Contest December 2 - 6

If your holiday lights are on the evenings of December 2 - 6, your home will be considered for the Village's Holiday Decorating Contest. Judges will be touring the Village on those dates to scout all the beautifully decorated houses of Mount Prospect. Winners will be announced at the December 13 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Award categories include Best Use of Lights, Best Block, Simple yet Elegant, and more.

Mount Prospect Public Library Teddy Bear Walk

December 3, 10 a.m. - Noon

Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH as the Library celebrates the 31st Annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. We will also sing along with Parents' Choice Gold Winner Mark Dvorak as he brings some of your favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march over to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. To sign up, visit www.mppl.org/events, call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.



Mt. Prospect Park District Holiday Open House

December 3 11am-3pm
Friendship Park Conservatory

This annual event is always popular because there's something for everyone. Various musical groups will entertain throughout the day. There will be crafts for the little ones, live reindeer, hayrides, beautiful holiday floral displays and, of course, Santa. Bring your camera!

Mt. Prospect Community Band Holiday Concert

December 4, 4:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
605 West Golf Road

Mount Prospect Historical Society 23rd Annual Holiday Housewalk

Sunday, December 4, 12 noon to 5 p.m.
Tickets will be available for purchase Nov. 7. For more information on these or other Historical Society events, call (847) 392-9006.

Downtown Merchants Association New Year's Eve-Eve Celebration for Families

December 30, Blues Bar
New Year's Eve-Eve Celebration for Families - Back by Popular Demand. Brought to you by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants' Association. Last Year was sold out so we will again offer three seatings! Family Members of the Downtown Merchants Association will again be able to purchase tickets via advance pre-sale. Check the website for updates and family membership information, www.mpdma.com or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mpdma for updates..



New Year's Eve-Eve Celebration for Families

New Business



Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza
182 Randhurst Village Drive
(847) 253-4000 www.tonysaccos.com



Old Navy
Randhurst Village - 1015 N Elmhurst Rd.
(847) 870-0373 www.oldnavy.com



Charming Charlie
132 Randhurst Village Drive
(847) 870-7217 www.charmingcharlie.com



Rainbow Hospice
1550 Bishop Ct.
(847) 888-70-RAINBOW www.rainbowhospice.com



Carter's
12 Randhurst Village Drive
(847) 870-0185 www.carters.com



Black Cow Kitchen & Bar
912 S. Busse Rd.
(847) 290-9000



Jack Alexander Salon & Spa
 416 W. Northwest Hwy.
 (847) 259-1199 www.jackalexandersalon.com



Wet Seal
 4 Randhurst Village Drive
 (847) 870-7810 www.wetseal.com



CLCW corp. Chiropractic Wellness Clinic
 321 W. Prospect Ave.
 (847) 253-7600



Emerson's Ale House
 113 S. Emerson Street



Northwest Community Healthcare Health Center
 199 West Rand Road
 (847) 618-5400 www.nch.org


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Emergency Alert System: If We Can't Reach You, We Can't Alert You



Floods, Windstorms, Blizzards - Do We Have Your Number? Village Encourages Residents to Sign Up for Emergency Alert System

How will you find out about Village-wide emergencies and disasters? The Village of Mount Prospect uses an Emergency Alert System to provide residents and businesses with information about local emergencies in a matter of minutes. The Emergency Alert System delivers messages across all communication platforms, including cell and land line phones, e-mail, instant messaging, and fax. Emergency Alert messages are automatically sent to all listed land line phones in the Village, but residents can add additional contact information, in order of preference, into the system. By adding additional contact information you can ensure that you get these important messages when you lose power or are away from home.

When you receive an Emergency Alert message make sure and listen to the entire message so you don't miss any important information. If you miss an Emergency Alert message you can always call the Village's hotline at (847) 870-6622 and listen to the same message.

Emergency Alert System FAQs

Q: WHEN will the Emergency Alert System be used?

A: The Village will use Everbridge to send notifications to residents during emergencies. The purpose of these messages will be to provide residents with information relevant to the specific emergency. The Village may also use Everbridge to improve public awareness in non-emergencies such as city events, road closures and special services.

Q: WHERE will I get the Everbridge emergency notifications?

A: The Everbridge system delivers messages across all communication platforms, including, cell and land line phone numbers, e-mail addresses, instant messaging, fax, etc. Everbridge messages are automatically sent to all listed land line phone numbers in the Village, but residents can add additional contact information, in order of preference, into the system. This will ensure that you receive these emergency messages at any time, no matter where you are.

Q: WHY don't I always get the Everbridge emergency notifications when other residents do?

A: The Everbridge System only contains listed land line phone numbers from existing 9-1-1 data and additional contact information provided by residents. If don't have a land line, or you lose power to your house, you won't be able to receive the message. To ensure that you receive these important messages you always have the option of entering additional contact information in the Everbridge System such as your cell phone number, work phone number, and e-mail address.

To register your contact information with the Emergency Alert System go to www.mountprospect.org/emergencyalert.

Green



Mount Prospect

Since the Village adopted an Energy Strategy Plan in the spring of 2010, we have been busy implementing programs and projects that help achieve the Plan's short-term goals. Here is a quick snapshot of the progress thus far:

Weatherization

Last year the Village allocated \$90,000 towards the Energy Efficiency Home Weatherization Rebate Program. The program provided a 50% matching rebate up to a maximum of \$1,500 to eligible homeowners who performed energy efficient upgrades. Within five months, the incentives were spent! The speed at which these incentives were exhausted underscores the community's need and willingness to invest in energy efficiency.

Public Transportation, Bicycling and Other Forms of Travel

The Village has partnered with consultants from Active Transportation Alliance and Sam Schwartz Engineering to develop a Bicycle Plan. The Bike Plan was funded through the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program and was developed over the course of a year based on expert recommendations and input from the local community. With the feedback they received, a comprehensive biking network was drafted utilizing a combination of marked on-street bikeways, signed routes, and multi-use trails. The plan is currently under review by the Village Board.

LED Street Lighting:

This year, the Public Works Department has been spearheading two streetlight upgrade/retrofit projects: one at Prospect Avenue and the other at Kensington Business Center. Each project replaces conventional street lighting with LED (light-emitting diode) street lighting. Hecker and Company was hired to install lighting at Prospect Avenue, while the Public Works Department will be retrofitting light fixtures at Kensington Business Center. Both projects are expected to save the Village operating and maintenance costs, as well as provide better visibility at night. All of the lights should be installed in 2011.

Education:

The Village has also been focusing significant time on sustainability education. Two main projects/programs include:

- **Fire Station #14:** In April, the Village hired SRBL Architects, the building's original architect, to design static signage that describes and illustrates the facility's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) features, as well as prepare construction bid documents. Signs will be installed inside and outside the station, providing a description of each LEED feature and how it impacts the facility and/or site. Installation of the signs is expected to take place later this year.
- **Sustainability Education Program:** Earlier this year, the Village partnered with the Mount Prospect Public Library to establish a Sustainability Education Program primarily designed to educate residents and businesses regarding energy efficiency, recycling, and water conservation. It leverages each organizations' resources to deliver programming in a more coordinated approach. The Library has already hosted a few presentations as a part of the Program. On September 24, the Village and Library hosted a Green Fair. Later this year, the Village and Library hope to go-live with its Green Mount Prospect website, as well as begin some other projects.

It is important to note that without the funding provided by the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, none of these programs and projects may have been possible.



2010 Green Fair @ MPPL



FBI Launches Child ID Mobile App

Traffic Enforcement "Street of the Week"

The Mount Prospect Police Department will be conducting the enforcement "Street of the Week" program where officers concentrate their efforts on particular roadways for a one week period. The following is the list of dates and roadways for the "Street of the Week" program:

September 26th – October 2nd
Central Rd.

October 3rd – October 9th
Rand Rd. (RT 12)

October 10th – October 16th
Lincoln St.

October 17th – October 23rd
Northwest Hwy. (RT 14)

October 24th – October 30th
Golf Rd. (RT 58)

October 31st – November 6th
Burning Bush Ln.

November 7th – November 13th
Busse Rd.

November 14th – November 20th
Wolf Rd.

November 21st – November 27th
Euclid Ave.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has launched its first mobile application—the Child ID App. This free mobile app provides parents a convenient place to electronically store photos and vital information about their children that can be easily provided to authorities if a child goes missing.

The app allows users to send information—including pictures or other physical identifiers such as height and weight—to authorities with a few clicks. It also provides tips on keeping children safe and guidance on what to do in the first few crucial hours after a child goes missing.

The Child ID App is currently available for use on iPhones and can be downloaded for free from the App Store on iTunes. The FBI is planning to expand the tool to other types of mobile devices in the near future. For more information go to mountprospect.org.



Avoid Distracted Driving

Perhaps you have found yourself stopped in traffic at a red light before. The signal changes to green but the car in front of you doesn't go. As you change lanes and pass them, you notice this all too frequent sight; the driver's head is down and their thumbs are feverishly texting away on their cell phone, oblivious to the green light.

Each year the Mount Prospect Police Department investigates many traffic crashes where distracted driving is the cause. The State of Illinois passed a law in January 2010 making it illegal to text, e-mail, or surf the internet while driving. This law also made it illegal to operate a cell phone in a school speed zone or a construction speed zone without using a "hands free" device.

The Mount Prospect Police are dedicated to reducing the frequency and severity of traffic crashes within the Village and will be aggressively enforcing the Illinois law banning texting while driving and the use of cell phones in school speed zones without using a "hands free" device. With the start of the new school year, drivers are asked to be aware of the school speed zones and drive very carefully near schools.



1. Drivers under the age of 19 are prohibited from using wireless phones while driving, with or without hands-free devices.
2. ALL drivers are prohibited from text messaging and related activities such as emailing and internet use.
3. Motorists are prohibited from use of cellular phones in school speed zones and construction zones.

With violations of these laws continuing, keep in mind that distracted drivers may not be watching the road, but the police are watching them.



Mount Prospect's Newest Police Officer Graduates from the Police Academy



Officer Timothy Ryan returned to join the ranks of the Mount Prospect Police Department after successfully graduating from the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on June 30, 2011.

The Police Training Institute's Basic Law Enforcement course is a twelve week program that meets the minimum training requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for all police officers in the State of Illinois. After completing an 18 week long field training program, Officer Ryan will assume solo patrol duties with the Mount Prospect Police Department.

The Mount Prospect Police Department welcomes Officer Timothy Ryan and congratulates him on his successful completion of the police academy.

Police Command Officers Attend Senior Management Institute For Police

Two Mount Prospect Police Department Commanders have completed the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP) Program at Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts. SMIP is a program of the Police Executive Research Forum Organization that provides senior police executives intensive training in the latest management concepts and practices used in business and government. A demanding three-week course, SMIP brings together faculty from some of the nation's top universities, including many faculty members from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, successful law enforcement chief executives, and subject matter experts from the private sector. Classes are held at Boston University where participants reside in a university residence hall for the duration of the program.

The program's goal is to give police managers the same quality of management education available to leaders in other public and private sector endeavors. Cases and class discussions stimulate critical thinking and problem solving. Participants emerge with an understanding of advanced management practices and effective leadership, and enhanced awareness of the management methods and resources necessary for performing current or future responsibilities.

Applicants for the SMIP program are carefully screened, must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, and hold the rank of lieutenant or higher. The SMIP program has been in existence for more than 30 years and has less than 4,000 graduates worldwide. Commander David Zboril, the department's Day Shift Patrol Commander, attended the 48th Session of S.M.I.P., which was conducted June 5-23, 2011. Commander Michael Eterno, the department's Midnight Shift Patrol Commander attended the 49th Session of SMIP, which was conducted July 10-28, 2011.

Commander Zboril and Commander Eterno represent the 5th and 6th members, respectively, of the Mount Prospect Police Department's current Command Staff to graduate from the SMIP program. Police Chief John Dahlberg commented, "I am grateful to Commanders Zboril and Eterno for their demonstrated commitment to their profession and the advancement of their senior management skill sets by way of their completion of the SMIP program."



Commander David Zboril



Commander Michael Eterno



Winter Fire Safety

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When changing your clocks on November 6, remember to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

The Fire Department recommends the following guidelines for installing and maintaining your smoke detectors.

- Install new batteries at least once a year. Immediately install a new battery if the detector “chirps” warning of a low battery.
- Test your smoke detector monthly.
- Choose device that bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install detectors on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors should also be installed in every room where people sleep.
- Replace your smoke detectors when they are 10 years old. The fire department recommends writing the install date on the base of the device.
- Working smoke alarms provide an early warning, especially when you are asleep. If a fire occurs, having a working smoke alarm reduces your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%. Test your smoke detectors and practice your home fire escape plan.

Residents who cannot afford a smoke detector or have physical limitations that would hinder them from installing or maintaining their smoke detector should contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for assistance at (847) 818-5253.

As winter approaches remember and heed to these few but precious life saving tips to help you keep warm and safe this winter season.

- Have your fuel burning appliances professionally cleaned and checked once a year and whenever you suspect a problem.
- Keep all combustibles away from any heating device. All space heaters must have ample space, at least three feet away from any combustible object or wall, and remember to unplug it when not in use.
- If you have a fireplace, keep the fires small and always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Never burn trash or paper in a fireplace. Remove ashes in a metal container and store them outside away from the building. Never leave children unattended in the presence of fire.
- Check your smoke detectors regularly and keep them clear of dust and debris.
- Have a fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room and designate a meeting place outside of your home. Share the plan with your family members and practice it regularly.
- Carbon monoxide is also a serious problem this time of year. The Fire Department urges everyone to have a working carbon monoxide detector in their home.

For more information please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253.

Fire Prevention Week: Oct. 9-15

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2011 – October 9-15, urging residents to remember “Protect Your Family From Fire.” This year’s theme focuses on keeping you, your family and your community safer from fire.

Each year roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires. Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. In more than half of the reported home fires where smoke alarms were present, batteries were missing or disconnected. In fires considered large enough to activate a smoke alarm, hard-wired smoke alarms operated 91% of the time; battery-powered smoke alarms operated 75% of the time. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half. Please take the time to check your smoke alarms.

In conjunction with the Fire Prevention Week theme, the Mount Prospect Fire Department will be conducting their annual poster contest for elementary school students and essay contest for junior high school students. Every Mount Prospect school is given the guidelines for the contest and we encourage your child to participate in this educational activity. If you have any questions about participating, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253.



Programs for Special Needs Individuals

Call Check Program

As the weather gets colder, we would like to remind you of a program for individuals in town who have health related concerns and no family support in the area.

The Call Check Program provides support for residents in the form of telephone reassurance, advocacy, and referrals to appropriate parties. It is intended for frail individuals who do not have the physical or mental resources; or family available, to provide such support.

This program will go into effect in times of extreme weather conditions, including a combination of extreme cold and ice; extreme temperatures and power outages; heavy winds and power outages. Note: Conditions must be widespread so that the Village is aware of the problem. Under this program, when Village of Mount Prospect staff feels that the weather conditions warrant it, participants of the Call Check Program will be called.

Special Needs Registry

The Human Services Department, in conjunction with the Fire Department, has established a special tracking program that will assist individuals who have been identified as needing special attention in a time of crisis or disaster. For example, we are placing people in this database that are on oxygen; wheelchair or bed bound; blind or visually impaired; deaf or hearing impaired; on ventilators; some form of dementia/memory loss and/or Alzheimer's; dialysis patient; an organ transplant recipient. If you have any one of these criteria or some other form of special needs, and would like to be placed in this database, please call 847/870-5680.



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The Community Connections Center serves as a satellite office for the Police and Human Services departments, the Mount Prospect Public Library's South Branch and partner agencies Community Consolidated School District 59, Township High School District 214, Northwest Community Hospital and Elk Grove Township. Services provided at the Center focus on social services, library services, health, personal safety, quality education, economic self-sufficiency and cultural enrichment for all residents.

Community Connections Center Celebrates its 2nd Anniversary

The Center hosted its 2nd anniversary celebration Thursday, September 22. Highlights of this year include a school supply donation/distribution program, first-ever Health Fair held in June with over 150 attendees, English as a Second Language Classes and Tenants Rights Classes.

Upcoming events at the Center include:

English as a Second Language Class
Offered at the Center in the Fall and Spring.

Warm Clothing Collection/Distribution
New and gently used warm clothing will be collected at Village Hall and the Police Department lobby from October 3 through 26. Check mountprospect.org for additional warm clothing drop off sites.

Tenant Rights Programs

The Police Department's Crime Free Housing Officer and Community Development Health Inspector offer monthly educational programs regarding tenant rights. Classes are held on the following Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - October 25, November 22, and December 27.

Medicare D Prescription Drug Open Enrollment Period

Open enrollment for Medicare D is from October 15 through December 7. If you need assistance with enrolling or reviewing your current plan, call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680 to schedule an appointment with one of our social workers. Please bring to the appointment a list of your medications with dosages and frequencies of use. Information is also available at www.socialsecurity.gov or www.medicare.gov.

State of Illinois Assistance for Seniors, Disabled Individuals

The State of Illinois provides prescription drug assistance to people 65 years of age and older or disabled individuals with prescription drugs. In addition, the State of Illinois offers a grant program to help individuals sixty-five years of age and older and disabled citizens who pay taxes on their homes, or to refund some of the taxes paid as part of their rent. Illinois residents will also, receive a discount of \$75 on their State of Illinois license plates.

The deadline for filing your application for these benefits is December 31. However, to ensure that you get the prescription coverage as soon as possible or to maintain the coverage if you are currently on the program, please file as early as possible. Call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680, for assistance and/or the application.

Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Wanted

If you have experience driving large trucks, have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, can be available whenever needed and could use some extra money, the Public Works Department wants you! The Department is currently looking for supplemental snow plow drivers, an orientation class must be attended by all first years drivers, please call 870-5640 for details.

Street Plowing Procedures

Since all streets can't be plowed at the same time after a snowfall, there is a priority system.

- Principal intersections are plowed and salted first.
- Primary collector streets are then plowed enough to allow two-way traffic to pass safely. Cul-de-sacs are plowed after a 2- inch accumulation of snow.
- Feeder streets and dead ends are plowed last.

When all roads have been opened, repeat passes will be made to clear them curb-to-curb, and intersections also will be cleared completely.

Remember, it is hazardous and illegal to shovel or blow snow into any public street once the street has been plowed. All shoveled or blown snow should be piled in your yard or parkway. Shovel the snow to the side, in the direction of traffic, and clear a pocket for snow on the opposite side of your driveway. The accumulated snow in the plow will dump into the pocket and NOT in your driveway.

Keep Sidewalks Free of Snow

Sidewalks that are not shoveled can make it almost impossible for some to get around and have the potential to cause serious injuries. If you are a healthy person who is comfortable shoveling snow, please help out your neighbors. If you are unable to clear your own sidewalks, is there a neighbor, caretaker or family member who could offer assistance?

Solid Waste Notes

Christmas Tree Collection

January 2 - 13

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Village's Christmas tree composting program. Christmas trees will be collected by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day; no stickers required.

Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris. Please remove all decorative items from the tree including:

- Lights
- Tinsel
- Ornaments/bulbs
- Strings/wires

Please do not cut or trim trees for collection, place trees at the curb whole.

Trees may be placed at the curb prior to January 2 and after January 13, but these trees will be collected as regular refuse and will not be composted.

Wreaths will also be collected at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day, but are considered refuse due to the metal frame. Please place your wreath in your green refuse cart for disposal. In addition, artificial wreaths are not recyclable. Artificial wreaths should be placed in the green refuse cart for disposal not the blue recycling cart

Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no solid waste collection on the following holidays:

- Christmas Day 2011 (Falls on a Sunday, no garbage collection the following Monday)
- New Years Day 2012 (Falls on a Sunday, no garbage collection the following Monday)
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day

Caring For Your Car and the Environment

Proper car care and maintenance is a very important part of efforts to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways. 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 it is disposed of properly. Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works (847/870.5640) for a current listing of oil recycling stations.

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

Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Village's fall leaf collection program provides residents with a no-cost, convenient way to get rid of leaves. The program allows residents to set out loose leaves at the curb for collection by Public Works crews from October 3 through November 18. Additionally bagged leaves will be collected from November 21 through December 16.

Loose Leaf Collection

The loose-leaf collection program is for LEAVES ONLY. Any leaf pile containing grass clippings or other yard material will NOT BE COLLECTED.

- It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove the unacceptable materials from the leaves for collection.
- Rake leaves onto the pavement one foot from the curb line on the day before your scheduled pickup day and not prior to that.
- Do not rake your leaves onto the street if the vacuum truck has already passed your home. The machines travel each street weekly during the collection period, but only once on each side.

Bagged leaf collection

ARC Disposal will conduct the extended leaf collection program for bagged leaves on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day from November 21 through December 16.

- Biodegradable compost bags containing leaves only will be collected without the Village-imprinted sticker.
- All other yard material and/or leaves in rigid containers must have the Village-imprinted sticker affixed to pay for collection and disposal of the yard material. Bags and/or containers must not exceed 50 lb. Rigid containers must also have the yard waste decal affixed.

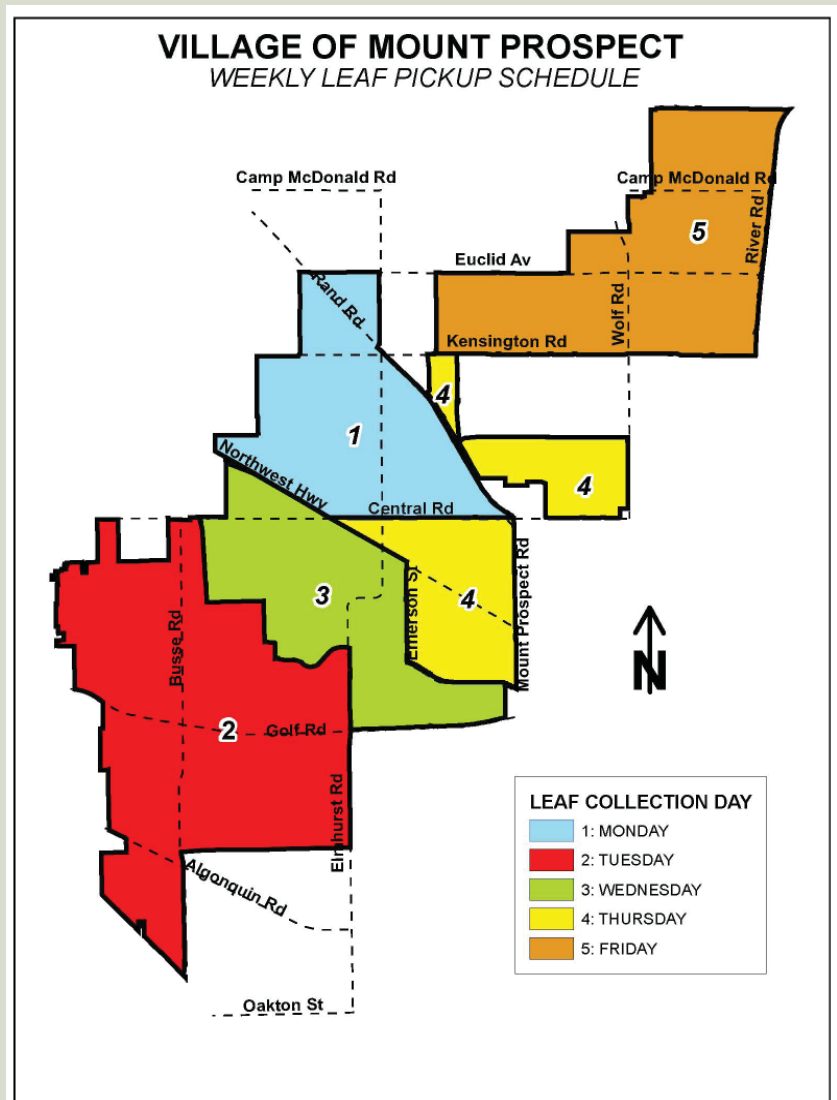
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Keep your leaves

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

And more leaves

Every year some residents ask about ordering truckloads of free leaves to use as mulch and compost. However, to order a supply, you must order a whole truckload. If that's too much for your needs, get together with your neighbors and share it. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 870-5640.



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(includes Finance, Village Administration)
TDD 392-6064
Village Clerk 818-5355
Television Services 870-5685
Community Development
Building Division 870-5675
Environmental Health 870-5668
Planning Division 818-5328
Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 870-5666
Human Services Dept. 870-5680
Police Dept. (non-emergency) 870-5656
Public Works Dept. 870-5640
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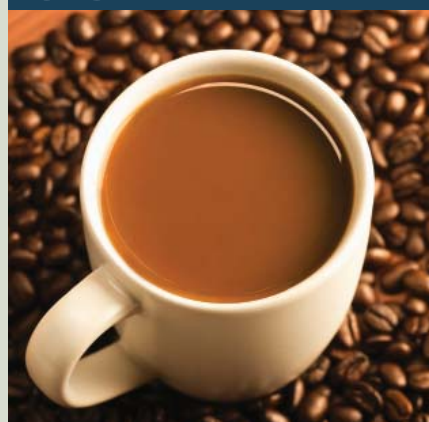
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