



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

SPRING 2012

“It’s going to be a summer of art, so get ready to see what’s flying into town!”



PROMISES TAKE FLIGHT

Public Art Project Coming to Mount Prospect

Rainbow Hospice provides comfort and dignity for individuals at the end of their lives. The organization recently moved their headquarters to Mount Prospect and to celebrate the move, they have announced a Public Art Project that will be on display throughout the Summer of 2012.

“Promises Take Flight” will showcase butterfly sculptures purchased by individuals, local businesses, organizations and other groups. Each group will be able to individually design and decorate their statue and the money raised by the project will go to benefit Rainbow Hospice’s Good Mourning Program for Children, Teens and Families. The sculptures, which are available at a \$1,000 sponsorship level, are approximately 3 feet tall and made of fiberglass.

The final works will be revealed during the unveiling ceremony at Rainbow Hospice’s headquarters in Kensington Business Center in June. After the unveiling, the decorated sculptures will go on display in Park Ridge, Des Plaines and Mount Prospect until October. The Village, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Merchants Association, is planning a kick off party in the downtown once the sculptures are installed. For details go to experiencemountprospect.org.

For more information about sponsoring a butterfly, contact Rainbow Hospice at 847/685-9900. For Mount Prospect, it’s going to be a summer of art, so get ready to see what’s flying into town.

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News, Notes and Reminders

Pay Village Utility Bills Online or through Direct Debit

The Village offers several different payment options for your Water/Sewer and Refuse utility bill. In addition to coming into Village Hall or mailing in your payment, you can opt to pay online through the Village's website or direct debit of your checking account.

The online payment option, or E-Pay, is an easy to use process that allows for payment of the utility bills using a credit or debit card. E-Pay is secure and available 24 hours a day for your convenience. A minimal convenience fee applies. If you prefer direct debit, funds for payment on your utility account will be withdrawn on the due date, thus avoiding late fees. Authorization forms are available on our website at www.mountprospect.org. Utility customers may elect to end participation in the direct debit program at any time. If you have any questions concerning either of these two programs, please contact Utility Billing at 847/392-6000.

Submit Your Water Meter Reading on the Web

Mount Prospect is pleased to provide several options for residents serviced by Village water to submit their water meter reads. In addition to submitting your reads on the bill payment stub, you can submit reads by phone, fax, and e-mail or electronically on the website www.mountprospect.org/watermeter. If you have any questions, please call Utility Billing at 847/392-6000.

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M.A.P. Solicitation

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) is the labor union representing Patrol Officers and Sergeants employed by the Mount Prospect Police Department for collective bargaining and legal representation purposes. Typically, M.A.P. solicits all residents and businesses within Mount Prospect at this time of year. The Police Department would like to remind residents and business owners of Mount Prospect that solicitations made on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police are, without exception, made by employees of professional fund raising enterprises and not Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants. Donations requested in the name of M.A.P. fund raising efforts go to support union activities and are not given to the Mount Prospect Police Department.

Community Connections Center Health Fair

The Village of Mount Prospect Community Connections Center is holding its 2nd annual Health Fair June 9, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Gain vital information about health topics important to you! All services are free.

- Ambulance / paramedic demonstrations
- Blood pressure and pulse oximeter checks
- Breast exams
- Cholesterol testing
- Diabetes screenings
- And more!

The Health Fair is being held in conjunction with the Mount Prospect South Branch Library's Summer Reading Program Reading is So Delicious for children, teens and adults throughout June and July! Join us for health and education in a fun-filled package!

Clean up After your Pet

Please, as a courtesy to your neighbors, clean up after your pet! It is your responsibility to remove and properly dispose of your pet's waste. Please discard your pet's waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage.

Block Party Permits

Plan ahead - are you and your neighbors planning to hold a block party this summer? For emergency purposes it is highly recommended that Police, Fire and Public Works Departments have a record of block parties. And in order to get the street blocked, you must complete and turn in a Block Party Request Form. You can submit the form electronically on the web site, www.mountprospect.org or pick up a form at Village Hall.

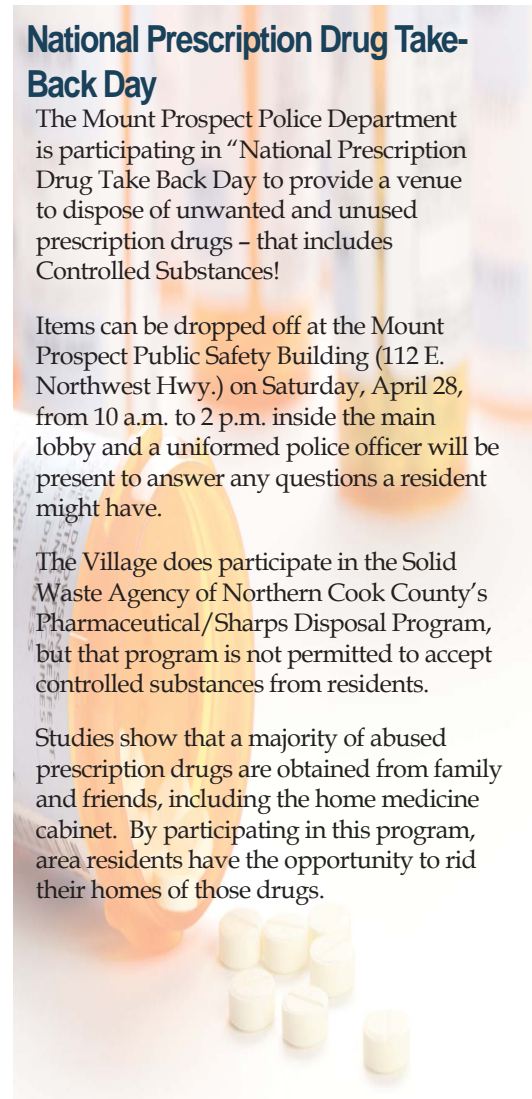
National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

The Mount Prospect Police Department is participating in "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" to provide a venue to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs - that includes Controlled Substances!

Items can be dropped off at the Mount Prospect Public Safety Building (112 E. Northwest Hwy.) on Saturday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the main lobby and a uniformed police officer will be present to answer any questions a resident might have.

The Village does participate in the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County's Pharmaceutical/Sharps Disposal Program, but that program is not permitted to accept controlled substances from residents.

Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet. By participating in this program, area residents have the opportunity to rid their homes of those drugs.



New! Submit Service Requests On-Line

In March, the Village went live with its on-line Service Request Portal. The website provides the community a 24-hour/7 day-a-week means to report a non-emergency issue or request a service. Currently, the portal is limited to the following types of service requests:

- Building Construction
- Food Related
- Landlord/Rental
- Planning/Zoning
- Property Maintenance
- Fire Department Safety/Station Tour

It is difficult to process a request without detailed contact information, so please provide your full name, address, and phone number or email so we can better address your complaint or concern. For more information or to submit a request, go to mountprospect.org.

Property Maintenance Reminder

During summer the unsightly problems in your neighborhood become more apparent. Maintained homes and property beautify the community, keep the community safe, and preserve property values. To preserve the community, Mount Prospect routinely inspects the community for exterior code violations that detract from the communities' appearance and interfere with residents' safety and enjoyment of their home. Annually, an inspector walks neighborhoods and requests repairs and correction of property maintenance problems. Inspectors also inventory vacant homes and rental properties that if neglected can have negative impact on a neighborhood. If you have a home in your neighborhood that needs attention please call Community Development at 847/870-5668. For more information, see the web site, mountprospect.org.

WANTED: A Few Good Contractors

Are you interested in doing work for the Village of Mount Prospect's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Single Family Rehab Program? The Village pre-qualifies general contractors for availability to bid on rehabilitation projects.

All general contractors who seek the addition of their names to the Village's approved contractor's list should visit the Village Website at www.mountprospect.org/cdbg for program information, a sample rehabilitation contract and contractor application. The Village treats all potential contractors fairly and equitably but does have the authority to refuse contractors who do not meet their minimum standards.



How Green is Your Garden?

Gardening has so many great benefits including exercise, reducing stress, eating healthy, learning to be more patient, tapping into your creative side, and connecting with nature. Gardening can also save money and, in conjunction with food preservation techniques such as canning, can even help conserve energy. From garden to canning jar to table, you can save energy spent packaging, transporting, and storing food otherwise sold in grocery stores.

If you have never planted a garden before and want some basic information, go to the University of Illinois Extension's website (urbanext.illinois.edu/veggies/index.cfm). The site includes information such as garden location, what to grow, when to plant, how to plant, basic tools, and soil preparation. If you still have more questions or you want to speak to someone face to face, you can always stop by the Friendship Park Conservatory (www.mppd.org/conservatory.php) located at 395 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines. You can also call them at 847/298-3502 to ask your gardening questions. If you are interested in getting more involved in gardening and landscaping, you can even reach out to The Garden Club of Mount Prospect (gcmp.weebly.com/index.html). Conservatory staff and local garden club members can provide you the tips and techniques you need to grow a bountiful garden! Watch out – they might even get you interested in becoming a Master Gardener someday.

If you want to learn how to preserve your fruits and vegetables from your garden, go to the University of Illinois Extension's website (web.extension.illinois.edu/foodpreservation/index.cfm) or to the National Center for Home Preservation's website (nchfp.uga.edu/index.html). Not only do the websites provide instructions on how to preserve, but they also provide simple and tasty recipes you can use to store your fruits and vegetables. Think of all those extra tomatoes and peppers that can be used to make a salsa or pizza sauce – yummy! So, make an effort this year to can at least one kind of vegetable and fruit. You'll be happy you did as you reap the rewards throughout the rest of the year!

greenmountprospect.org

The Village of Mount Prospect and Mount Prospect Public Library and have created a new website (greenmountprospect.org). The site provides news and local events, a list of resources, programs and projects managed by the Village and Library, links for kids, and more. Check it out!

Mark Your Calendar for these Community Events/Programs

Sister Cities Commission Community Pot Luck Dinner - April 19

A Community Potluck Dinner, sponsored by Sister Cities Commission will be held on Thursday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center at Village Hall. Learn about the Sister Cities organization and our Sister City, Sèvres, France. Please bring a dish to share and if you would like wine with your dinner, please bring a bottle to share. Reservations are required - call Maura at 847/392-6000.

Children's Fire Safety Festival April 30 - May 3

The Mount Prospect Fire Department invites you and your children to the 33rd annual Children's Fire Safety Festival April 30 - May 3 at Mount Prospect Fire Station 14 located at 2000 East Kensington Road. The festival will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily. The goal of the festival is to provide area children with an entertaining and educational experience about fire safety practices. This year's For more information contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253.

Village-Wide Garage Sale: May 18, 19 & 20

This annual event has grown in popularity over the years drawing thousands of shoppers to Mount Prospect for the spring weekend sale. Last year 568 homes all held their garage sale on the same weekend. Benefits of participation include:

- Village permit - no need to visit Village Hall. As organizers, we handle the permit for you.
- Your house will appear on 10,000 printed maps the weekend of the sale. Available at numerous locations around town.
- Easy FREE online registration

Visit the event's website for complete information: www.MPGarageSale.com or visit the Facebook page and "Like" it to receive tips and updates: www.facebook.com/MountProspectGarageSale.



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IRISHfest 2012
SAT. APR 21 • 3-11 PM
EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE. (CHASE BANK PARKING LOT)
WWW.MPIRISHFEST.COM

Mount Prospect Irish Fest - April 21

Go Green in April! Mount Prospect's first ever IrishFest! Saturday, April 21, 3:00 - 11:00 p.m., Emerson Street & Busse Ave. (Chase Bank Parking Lot) Enjoy Downtown Mount Prospect in a heated tent with the Trinity Irish Dancers, Bagpipers and Irish Music to include They Might be Irish, The Dooley Brothers and Larkin & Moran Brothers. Corned Beef and Cabbage (Bogie's Ale House), Fish & Chips (Olympus Gyros), Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (Mount Prospect Fire Union 147) Irish Beer (Guinness) and More! Come out and GET YOUR LUCKY ON! www.mpirishfest.com.

Public Works Open House May 19

Join us for Public Works Open House on May from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Public Works Facility, 1700 W Central Rd. Featuring displays, equipment and literature highlighting the many functions of the Public Works Department. Fun for everyone - games, rides, trucks, food, balloons and more!

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Saturdays, May 14 - Sept. 24

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. Located in the Metra West Lot at Northwest Highway and Route 83, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See www.mpdma.com or "Like" us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/mpdma for the details.

June 10 Farmers' Market Begins

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday, June 10 - Oct. 23 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Metra West Lot at Northwest Hwy. and Route 83. For a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies, stop by and check it out!

Mount Prospect/Prospect Heights Relay for Life: May 18-19

Relay for Life, a fundraiser of the American Cancer Society will be held Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19, in the Prospect High School stadium. For information about the event contact Andy Fry at the ACS (847/368-1166 or andy.fry@cancer.org).



FRIDAYS ON THE GREEN are back!

We are happy to announce that Fridays on the Green are scheduled for 2012 for the following dates:

June 1 & 13	August 3 & 17
July 6 & 20	September 7 & 21

Concerts are held on the green in front of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street from 6 - 8 p.m. Bring a picnic or pick up dinner from one of our local restaurants! More info at www.experiencemountprospect.org

Mount Prospect Public Library www.mppl.org

National Library Week - You Belong @ Your Library: Monday, April 9 – Saturday, April 14

Today's libraries can help you discover a new and exciting world. During National Library Week we will be celebrating the Library as a place where we all belong by offering special programs and events that highlight the many different aspects of the Library. Stop in to spin our wheel for a chance to win an e-reader or gift cards to area businesses.

Reading is So Delicious -

Summer Reading Programs for all ages start June 1 and end July 31. We invite you to check out the menus! And partake of library offerings and win exciting prizes.

Mount Prospect Historical Society www.mtphist.org

"TITANIC" Experience to be Recreated Sat., April 14 – 6-11 p.m.

*\$75 – First Class, Captain's table,
\$25 – Third Class - Steerage
Rob Roy Clubhouse, 505 E. Camp McDonald
Rd., Prospect Heights*

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the maiden voyage of the Titanic, come travel back with us and experience dinner on the famous Titanic steamer. You can choose to dress elegantly and enjoy a gourmet meal at the Captain's Table, or if you prefer to dress more comfortably, come sit at the steerage tables, and enjoy a fun buffet of corned beef and cabbage, as well as Shepherd's Turkey Pie. No matter where you choose to sit, you will enjoy period classical music during the cash bar and dinner; some Titanic trivia, photo opportunities, and Titanic exhibits. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. Tickets are limited and may be reserved individually or in tables of ten. For more information, log onto www.mtphist.org or call 847/392-9006.

Mt. Prospect Park District www.mppd.org

Clean Up the Parks Day: April 14

Pitch in and clean up the parks on Saturday, April 14 from 11am-3pm. Choose your neighborhood park or sign up for any location.

E-Cycling Event: April 20-21

Mt. Prospect Park District has partnered with Com 2 Recycling Solutions to offer another e-cycling event at Friendship Park Conservatory April 20 - 21 from 9am to Noon. For a detailed list of what will be accepted please visit www.mppd.org.

Earth Day Celebration: April 21

Tips on gardening, recycling, interesting displays, kids activities and much more. You can pot a plant or decorate your own clay pot and don't miss the demonstration on papermaking. Our greenhouse will be open for tours.

Spring Plant Sale: May 12

Posies galore will be available for sale at Friendship Park Conservatory's annual plant sale on Saturday, May 12 from 9am to 2pm.

Welcome to Swim Season

Summer means lazy days spent swimming and relaxing at the pool. Big Surf will open June 2 and Meadows will open June 4. Purchase your summer pool pass on or before June 1 and save \$10 on an individual and \$20 on a family pass.



River Trails Park District www.rtpd.org

- Dust off those golf clubs...GOLF SEASON is BACK!! Rob Roy Golf Course – 847/253-4544
- Woodland Trails Driving Range & Mini Golf Course – 847/296-GOLF
- EARLY Bird Pool Pass Discount on SALE through May 7!!
- Summer Day Camp registration has begun! Sign up today!

Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concert Series

All concerts, free to the public, are held Monday evenings in the beautiful Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy sandwiches and soft drinks as the band brings another summer of entertainment to its many followers. The exciting schedule for this summer is as follows:

June 18 - "Mt. Prospect Has Got (Young) Talent"

*June 25 - "Let's Get Together"
Featuring the Arlingtones*

July 2 - "A Patriotic Evening with the Messmers"

July 9 - "How Much Is That Doggie?" Bring your well-behaved and leashed dog to the concert!

*July 16 - "Radio Station WNIB Revisited"
Featuring Chicago's radio legend, WDCB's Ken Alexander, and Scott Thomas, formerly with WFMT.*

July 23 - "Singin' & Swingin' with the Big Bands

July 30 - "Do-It-Yourself Sousa"



Mount Prospect Develops a Bike Plan

Healthy HotSpot in Mount Prospect - Mi Mexico

Mi Mexico (1760 W. Algonquin Road) joined the Healthy HotSpot Program and introduced six new healthy foods items to the store's inventory. The program assisted the store owner, Francisco Perez, in identifying healthier food options as well as potential distributors who could deliver fresh healthy food items. Healthy food items include: fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat dairy, lean meats and proteins, whole grain breads and pastas, and canned or frozen fruits or vegetables. Because of these changes, the program purchased new produce display tables, scales and a freezer for frozen fruits and vegetables.

The changes to the store's layout and equipment are meant to better display healthy food items and to assist shoppers in making healthy decisions. In addition to the physical changes at the store, Mi Mexico is encouraging the entire neighborhood to eat healthier. Mi Mexico is providing healthy snacks at local events, such as Library story times and craft classes, and gift certificates at community classes.

Healthy HotSpot is administered by Communities Putting Prevention to Work, a partnership between the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago. The purpose of CPPW is to promote active lifestyles and access to healthy foods. The funding for the program is through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information, please visit www.HealthHotSpot.org or call the Community Development Department at 847/818-5328.

Biking - both recreational and commuting - is important to a community for many reasons: it promotes a more active lifestyle, encourages local shopping, and reduces transportation costs for a household. For these and many other reasons, the Village 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. The community informed the consultant team and staff members of places where they bike and obstacles to biking to additional locations. With this information, a comprehensive biking network was drafted utilizing a combination of marked on-street bikeways, signed routes, and multi-use trails.

In addition to the bike network, a safety and education program will be developed as a part of the Bike Plan. This program is designed to build support for biking in the community, encourage safe cycling, and working toward a bike-friendly community.

One of the most unique aspects of the Bike Plan is the energy savings calculations. The plan establishes a baseline for energy savings, which documents the Village's existing conditions, and provides a goal for energy savings, which will be realized once the plan's recommendations are implemented.

To view the Bike Plan, please visit the Village's website (www.mountprospect.org) or contact the Community Development Department at 847/818-5328 for more information.

Your Building Division

What types of projects require a building permit?

A good rule of thumb is that if the electrical, plumbing/gas, structural, or lot coverage will be effected in anyway by your project, you will need a permit and the subsequent inspections. Some examples of common projects that require building permits are: water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, generators, sheds, fences, patios, roofs, swimming pools, driveways, and other flatwork. Of course, large projects such as demolition, new construction, remodeling, or additions also require permits. The Building Division offers a free-of-charge pre-submittal meeting, so when in doubt, give the Building Division a call at 847/870-5675.

The Building Division is constantly updating our page of the website with important information, urgent notices, and other seasonal home-safety information. On the web site you can find answers to important questions like "Why do I need a Building Permit?" or "How long is my building permit good for?"

Be sure to check us out!! Go to www.mountprospect.org/building.

Vehicle Stickers

NEW - Purchase On-Line

2012-2013 Village of Mount Prospect vehicle stickers went on sale February 7. The new vehicle sticker must be displayed by May 1. Passenger vehicle stickers are \$36, motorcycle and motorbike stickers are \$24, and trucks with B plates are \$54. There is an additional price schedule for trucks based on their individual weights. There is no increase in fees this year.

If you bought one or more stickers last year, you should have received a renewal application in early February. If you received a renewal application, you'll be able to conveniently purchase your new stickers by mail. If you did not receive an application, please pick one up at Village Hall. If you had a vehicle sticker in 2011 and did not receive a renewal application in the mail, this does not absolve you of the responsibility for buying a new sticker. If the vehicle(s) you have now is/are not the same as the one you had when last year's sticker was purchased, the application form will contain information about the former vehicle. In that case, just cross out those details and print the current information on the application.

To purchase your new sticker(s) in person instead of by mail or on-line, you can do so at the Village Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For your convenience, the Village Hall will be open the following Saturdays in April: April 14, 21, and 28 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Beginning May 1, escalating late purchase penalties will be added to the cost of your sticker. If you receive a Police Department citation for not having an up-to-date sticker, you may have to (1) pay a fine, (2) pay the basic cost of the new sticker, AND (3) pay the late purchase penalty. You can avoid all that by buying your sticker on time.

New for the 2012-2013 sticker season is the ability to purchase your vehicle sticker on-line. The web address to log in to use this free service is www.mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. There is a vehicle ID referenced on the pre-printed application you may have received in the mail that will get you started in the renewal process. You may still be able to purchase your sticker on-line without a pre-printed application. Please visit the website for more information.

The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who purchase replacement vehicles on or after May 1. In either case, you'll have 30 days in which to purchase your sticker. During the grace period, proof of purchase or move-in date will be required to assure that a surcharge penalty is not imposed. If you change vehicles during the year after having bought a current sticker, a replacement sticker may be obtained within 30 days (with original receipt) in order to qualify for the \$5 transfer fee. If you are purchasing new license plates, you should purchase the sticker within the 30-day limit and write "applied for" in the space on the application for license plate information. When you receive the plates, call the Finance Department and provide the plate numbers. Senior citizen rates are available for residents 65 and over (with proof of age). However, just one reduced rate (\$12) sticker per household is allowed and the vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a non-commercial purpose. Seniors who become eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at the reduced rate must come in to Village Hall to obtain that sticker. Certain individuals with disabilities may be eligible to receive a sticker at no charge. Please contact the Finance Department for more information.

For more information about vehicle stickers call the Finance Department at 392-6000.

Village of Mount Prospect
2012-2013 VEHICLE STICKER

C rime **PERS**
STOP Mount Prospect

PASSENGER

847-590-STOP
FOR ANONYMOUS TIPS THAT COULD QUALIFY FOR UP TO \$1,000 REWARD

Number: _____ **Expires: 4/30/2013**

Solid Waste News & Notes

NEW PROGRAM - Permanent Electronic Recycling Drop Off

In response to the recent electronics landfill ban adopted by the State of Illinois the Village will begin accepting qualifying electronic devices (see list below for acceptable materials) for recycling at the Public Works facility (1700 W Central Rd) beginning in April.

Starting April 4, the Public Works facility will accept residentially generated electronic waste for recycling every Wednesday between the hours of 10am – 12pm. This is a seasonal program and operation will conclude for the season in October (program will start again April 2013). This service is only available to residents of SWANCC communities. Participants will be required to show ID. Residents also have the opportunity to visit several other permanent drop-off locations sponsored by SWANCC for a complete list visit the Village website at www.mountprospect.org.

Please contact the Public Works department at 847/870-5640 with any questions concerning this new Village program.



Battery Recycling

The Village with the sponsorship of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County is pleased to offer a new battery recycling program. The purpose of the program is to provide a convenient method for recycling of household alkaline and rechargeable batteries and prevent disposal in landfills. The program is provided at no cost to the resident, Village or SWANCC.

• *Who is allowed to participate?*

The program is open to all Mount Prospect residents and SWANCC community residents.

• *What type of batteries will be accepted?*

The program is only designed to accept household alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V and button cells) and rechargeable batteries (NiCad, NiMh, lithium ion, and lithium polymer)

We will not accept Nickel Iron, Mercury, Silver Oxide, or Lead Acid batteries. These battery types would include car, marine, sump pump.

• *What type of Preparation is needed?*

For all rechargeable batteries (Lithium, NiMh, and NiCad), residents must cover the contact points of each rechargeable battery with masking tape or place each rechargeable battery in an individual self-locking plastic bag so that the contact points on batteries do not touch each other during collection or transportation, which can cause a fire hazard. Batteries that are not prepared properly will not be accepted. This is not necessary with household or alkaline batteries.

• *Where do I drop off my batteries?*

Batteries can be brought to the Public Works department (1700 West Central Road) Monday - Friday, 7:30am - 5:00pm



Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 2

All containerized yard waste, bags and/or rigid containers must have the Village imprinted yard waste sticker affixed for collection. Stickers are \$2.25 and are available at Village Hall, Public Works and other locations (see web site, mountprospect.org)

Acceptable yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush and twigs ONLY. Yard waste should be placed out for collection in either a 32 gallon maximum capacity rigid container or in a biodegradable compost bags. If you use a rigid container, you must affix a "Yard Waste" decal (in addition to the Village imprinted sticker) to the container. "Yard Waste" decals are available, at no cost, at all locations selling the Village yard waste sticker. Each rigid container and/or compost bag placed at the curb cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Unlimited Brush Collection Starts April 2

Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush. Properly prepared brush bundles will be collected at no cost; no sticker is required. Tree limbs/branches are not to exceed 3.5" in diameter, 5' in length or 50 pounds in weight and must be secured with a biodegradable material.

Cross Connection Control

The Illinois Plumbing Code requires that devices such as lawn irrigation sprinklers, residential or commercial fire protection, boilers, chemical feeders, carbonated beverage dispensers and outdoor water fountains protect the public water supply through the use of properly installed cross-connection control devices. These cross-connection control devices, commonly referred to as backflow preventers or RPZ's and must be tested each year by a licensed plumber certified by the State as a cross-connection control device inspector. The Village Code requires that a copy of the annual certification test results along with a \$10 annual administrative fee per device be sent to Public Works. For more information, please contact Public Works at 847/870-5640 or visit the web site, www.mountprospect.org.



Inside Water Meter Checks

Each year, Public Works staff physically inspects about 3,000 of the residential water meters installed in the Village's water system to ensure that the meters are reading and functioning properly. The Public Works staff member arrives in uniform with Village ID and usually is going door-to-door between the hours of 2:00 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with an occasional Saturday, performing these readings. If no one is home or the timing is inconvenient, a door tag will be left to allow the resident to call Public Works to schedule an appointment to have this inspection completed. If for any reason, you are unsure of the person at your door, please do not hesitate to contact Public Works at 847/870-5640 M-F between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or the Police non-emergency number at all other times.

Landscaping or Digging? Remember to call 811

If you are planning to dig for an outdoor project, Illinois law requires that you contact the local one-call service or JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) to locate underground utilities. You can call 811 to ask for underground utility locates. Whenever possible pre-mark the proposed excavation area with white paint or white flags. Please remember to call at least 48 hours before the start of any excavation, not including Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. For more information, visit www.illinois1call.com.



Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants throughout the Village-owned water distribution system will be flushed Tuesday, April 17 through Friday, April 20. This annual task is necessary to ensure that every fire hydrant works properly and to clear the water distribution system of unwanted debris and sediment. After the hydrants in your neighborhood have been flushed, please check your tap water before using it for cooking, drinking or laundry as some rust or other stain producing particles may remain. These stain-producing particles remain only briefly in the water, giving your water a slightly rusty tinge. Though the rusty-looking water may be upsetting, the water is safe to drink. The rusty tinge should disappear within a few minutes if you leave the tap on. Be careful as these particles may stain your laundry. For information about hydrant flushing in the Illinois American Water Company system, please call 630-739-8800. For more information about the hydrant flushing in the Village-owned system, call 847/870-5640. Notice signs will be placed in neighborhoods as flushing occurs.



Keep Pet Waste Out of Our Waterways!

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

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

Need to Fix or Replace your Mailbox?

Mailboxes are allowed to have only two types of support systems: a 4 X 4-inch wood post, or a 2-1/2 inch O.D. metal post. The wood or metal posts can be set into the ground or anchored by a concrete slab set at grade level. However, the slab may not exceed 24 inches square nor be more than 18 inches deep. This is also a good time to check the condition of the wooden post, as rotting posts are another reason mailboxes get knocked down by snow. The Post Office and the Village request that if you have not changed your mailbox or plan on installing a new mailbox, please install per these regulations. When installed, the front face of the mailbox must be set back 12 inches from the back of the curb, or if there is no curb, 24 inches back from the hard surface of the pavement edge. The bottom of the mailbox must be 48 inches above grade level. At this height and distance from the curb the snow and snow plow blade should go under the mailbox and it will be at the proper distance to allow the mail to be delivered from the mail truck. See the web site, www.mountprospect.org for an illustration.



Emerald Ash Borer Finds Increasing Exponentially

Village arborists continued to find Emerald Ash Borer throughout Mount Prospect over the winter. Inspection of the upper limbs of suspect parkway ash trees, using an aerial lift truck, has revealed many symptoms of infestation not readily visible from the ground. Woodpecker injury remains a strong indicator that a tree has been infested, since the woodpeckers are searching for EAB larvae. When woodpecker injury is noted, Village arborists remove portions of bark in that part of the tree to search for EAB larvae and tunnels. Unfortunately, they usually find it. As of this writing, in early February 2012, a total of 438 infested parkway ashes had already been identified in Mount Prospect's parkways, since the Village's first find in September 2010.



D-shaped exit holes can be found on trees where the adult beetles emerged. A tree with these holes has been infested for at least one year. They will be present on the branches and the trunk.

With EAB now firmly entrenched in our area, Village arborists strongly recommend that private ash owners either budget for removing/replacing their trees within the next five to ten years, or begin routine insecticide treatments starting this spring. Ash owners should weigh the cost of treatment over a number of years versus removing the tree and planting a suitable replacement. A comprehensive, unbiased report about EAB insecticides, written by university researchers, is available on the Village website, www.mountprospect.org. Additionally, arborists from the Public

Works Department will hold a seminar about EAB insecticide options in April. Please check the Village website for the seminar date/time and location (still to be determined). A wealth of additional EAB information, including a map of parkway ash locations throughout the Village, as well as recommendations about replacement plantings, can also be found on the Village website.

Also, property owners should please note that the Village will issue free permits to any residents interested in paying to preventively treat their healthy parkway ashes as well. Property owners interested in this option should contact the Village no later than April 15, 2012 to request an ash inspection and permit application.

Burn Your Remaining Firewood Now

Village code specifically prohibits the keeping of cut elm and ash wood in Mount Prospect. For residents who use firewood, the Forestry/Grounds Division urges you to burn any remaining firewood now. Many invasive pests, such as Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth, travel within and on firewood. Burning the wood before April will kill any such insects before they have a chance to emerge and begin new infestations.



Public Works Summer Projects to Begin

Spring and summer are busy seasons for the Public Works department with a number maintenance and construction projects starting. Beginning in May and June you will see Public Work crews and contractors out performing a number of tasks including pavement marking, catch basin and inlet cleaning and repair, crack sealing, pothole repair and street resurfacing.

Village contractors will be cleaning street inlets and catch basins south of Golf Rd during the 2012 construction season. In addition to maintenance the Village contractors will be repairing various inlets and catch basins throughout the Village. Village contractors will be restriping and repainting pavement markings north of Central Rd.



Street Resurfacing Program

The Village has a comprehensive Street Resurfacing program with the goal of maintaining a twenty year life for all streets and provide a smooth and safe pavement for motorist. The Village has tentatively scheduled approximately five miles of roads to be resurfaced in 2012. The Village's resurfacing contractor will begin resurfacing efforts in early April depending on weather. To view which streets are scheduled for resurfacing and to view construction updates throughout the season please visit the Public Works section of the Village website at www.mountprospect.org.

Crack Sealing

Crack sealing is done to prevent moisture from getting under our new pavement and ruining the base, thereby increasing the rate of road deterioration. Streets are usually crack sealed four years after resurfacing or reconstruction to minimize additional cracking and prevent further cracking. Many of the older streets with severe cracking are beyond the stage for an effective crack-sealing program.

Crack sealing is a messy job. Before applying the sealant, workers must make certain that any loose dirt or debris is removed from the crack. This is usually accomplished by blowing the debris out of the crack with an air

compressor. Once the cracks are filled, it only takes an hour for the filler to set so it can be driven on. We like to give the sealer an additional 24 hours to bond before sweeping it to avoid pulling the newly applied material out of the crack. This process can sometime leave streets looking messy for two to three days. Please be patient! The street sweeper will return to clean your street. If you have any questions about crack sealing, please call Public Works Office at 870-5640.

Pothole Repairs Underway

As soon as the asphalt plants open, crews will be making permanent repairs to potholes. Our first priority will be street openings from utility repairs during the winter months. Other potholes are caused by freeze-thaw cycles. In the daytime, water seeps into cracks and crevices in pavement and freezes when the temperature drops at night. Potholes are created when water expands upon freezing and weakens the pavement. It takes crews about 2-3 weeks during the first pass to do all Village Streets, so please be patient. It's also possible that we may service your street, and a pothole occurs the next day. If you have a bad pothole that needs immediate attention please contact Public Works at 870-5640, as it is important to us. We will inspect you street and try to schedule service as soon as possible.

Flood Preparedness and Protection



Local Flood Hazard

Five waterways carry storm water into, through and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. Flood hazard areas are associated with each waterway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Engineering staff will help locate your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens. The most recent flooding event occurred last July 2011 when almost every neighborhood of the Village experienced flooding.

Flood Preparedness

- Floods always occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning. But there are many things that you can do to prepare for a flood.
- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood event. Keep backup records at other location such as at work or at a friend's house.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video record of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs of valuable items such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills and important telephone numbers in a location away from your home such as a safe deposit box.
- Talk to your insurance agent about protection against floods and sewer backups.
- Keep on hand cleaning supplies that will be needed to recover from a flood.

Flood Safety

If your basement or building has flooded, remember these precautionary steps:

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or lanterns.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Be careful after a flood because the floors are often covered with debris and mud which can lead to slipping or stepping on uneven or sharp objects.
- Flood water is often contaminated and can cause severe health threats, so clean everything that got wet.

Flood-proofing

There are many methods that have been successful to protect a building from flood damage. These measures to alter your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages, called retrofitting, include:

- Elevation – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
- Floodwalls – They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry Flood-proofing – Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet Flood-proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.
- Important note: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Community Development Department. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

Flood Protection

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are some things you can do to reduce damages.

- Regrading your lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help to keep water away from your building.
- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering through the doorways during a flood event. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.
- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering your building during a flood event.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for approximately \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called flood proofing and retrofiting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Important note: Always check with the Mount Prospect Building Division before you build on, fill, alter or regrade your property or make building alterations. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with our Village Code and does not create drainage problems on any other property.

Drainage System Maintenance

Any debris that is deposited into any part of our drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and it is against our Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage and other unwanted material into creeks and ditches can decrease the ability of our

drainage system to carry water away from our properties. Contact the Public Works Department if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

Flood Insurance

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Contact your insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance. And because of the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 15% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.

Floodplain Development Permit

The Village of Mount Prospect has adopted Floodplain Regulations (Chapter 22 of the Village Code). The regulations help to minimize the potential losses due to periodic flooding. All construction activity within a floodplain requires a Floodplain Development Permit.

More Information

If you have flooding or drainage concerns or would like any additional information, just stop by or call the Public Works Department at 847 /870-5640 and ask for the Engineering Division. Engineering Staff will freely assist you with identifying possible ways to reduce the risk of flooding your property.



See the
Federal Emergency
Management
Agency (FEMA)
website,
www.fema.gov,
for additional
information.



Dahlberg to Retire Semkiu Named Chief

Meet the Police Department's Newest Member, Sean Wickery

On Tuesday, January 3, the Mount Prospect Police Department hired Shawn Wickery as its newest police officer. Officer Wickery is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign and the DePaul University School of Law.

Officer Wickery will be starting the police academy at the Police Training Institute (PTI) in Champaign, Illinois on Monday, January 9, 2012. Shawn will attend the 12 week academy where he will receive his certification as a police officer in Illinois. After completion of the state academy, he will enter the Mount Prospect Police Department 18 week field training program. Once his basic training is complete, he will be assigned to solo patrol on the streets of Mount Prospect.

Mount Prospect Police Chief John Dahlberg had this to say regarding Officer Wickery, "I have the utmost confidence Shawn will make a fine addition to our force and provide great service to the citizens of Mount Prospect."

Earlier this year, Chief John Dahlberg announced his plans to retire from the Mount Prospect Police Department on June 5. Dahlberg, a 27-year veteran of the department, has served as the Chief of Police in Mount Prospect since March of 2007. Deputy Chief Michael Semkiu will be promoted to Police Chief once Dahlberg leaves the Village on June 5, 2012.

"While I am saddened to see John leave, I am excited that we have such a qualified replacement in Michael Semkiu and know the Department will not miss a beat moving forward," Janonis said. "Throughout his law enforcement career, John has followed a path of professionalism and excellence in everything he touched. He leaves the department in excellent shape particularly in the development of a very strong command staff."

Chief Dahlberg joined the department on April 1, 1985. He was promoted to Sergeant in January of 1993, to Patrol Commander in August of 2001 and Deputy Chief of Field Operations in March of 2003. Chief Dahlberg was the first Chief of Police to be named from within the ranks of the Mount Prospect Police Department in more than 30 years at the time of his appointment to Chief in March of 2007.

Deputy Chief Michael Semkiu is a 28 year veteran of the Police Department. He was promoted to Sergeant in May of 1998, to Commander in July of 2002 and has served as the Deputy Chief of Administrative Support Services since July 2004.



Chat with the Chief

Mount Prospect Police Chief John Dahlberg will be holding several informal citizen discussion sessions on two Thursday evenings and one Saturday morning this spring at the Mount Prospect Public Library. Chief Dahlberg and Deputy Chief Michael Semkiu, who will assume the Office of Chief of Police when Chief Dahlberg retires on June 5th of this year, will make themselves available to answer resident's questions, take their comments and/or hear their concerns. No advance notification of your attendance is necessary – just come as you are. These meetings will provide residents with a great opportunity to meet Chief Dahlberg and Deputy Chief Semkiu and converse with them in a relaxed and open atmosphere. The meetings will be conducted at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 50 South Emerson Street on the following dates and times:

Thursday, April 5, 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. - Meeting Room #130

Thursday, April 12, 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. - Meeting Room #154

Saturday, April 14, 11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. - Meeting Room #152



Officer of the Year



Pictured L to R: Officer William Ryan, Investigator Lee Schaps, Chief John Dahlberg, Officer Dirk Ollech and Investigator Anthony Lietzow

The Mount Prospect Police Department Awards Review Committee selected Officer Dirk Ollech as "2011 Officer of the Year." The other finalists who will receive Runners-Up Awards are Investigator Anthony Lietzow, Officer William Ryan, and Investigator Lee Schaps.

In selecting Officer Ollech the Awards Committee considered his ability to perform to the standards of a professional police officer. The Committee cited his daily performance, professionalism, attitude, initiative, reliability, and mentorship as key factors leading to his selection. Officer Ollech demonstrated his leadership abilities after learning of about the new synthetic drug laws; he developed a short training program for the members of his shift. During 2011, Officer Ollech made 78 self-initiated arrests including 9 arrests for intoxicated motorists and issued 146 moving citations. The Awards Committee recognized Officer Ollech in two particular cases during 2011 for which he received an Honorable Mention and a Commendation. Officer Ollech was also selected as a Co-Officer of the quarter in the second quarter of 2011 (July-September 2011).

Rail Crossing Danger

Railroad tracks cross through our Village. Trains are part of everyday life, and because of that we sometimes quickly forget how dangerous train tracks and crossings really are. Remember, "Look, Listen, Live!"

Walking on the railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side of them is illegal.

It is not safe to walk or stand in between the railroad tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions. If you are in the right-of-way next to the tracks, you can be hit.

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

Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. A second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the gates are fully raised and the red lights stop flashing, look in both directions, and then cross.

Bicycle Safety



Register Your Bicycle with the Police Department

Registering your family's bicycles with the Police Department greatly raises the chances of getting the bike back if it's lost or stolen. Bicycles can be registered at the Police Department or online at www.mountprospect.org.

Bike Inspection

First, check to make sure your bicycle fits you well. Look at the tires for proper air pressure and make sure they are free from defects and debris. Next, check the brakes and finally, check the chain. A clean, properly lubricated, and adjusted chain is essential.

Wear a Helmet

A properly fitted helmet should sit level on your head, should not easily shift from front to back or side-to-side, and the chin strap should be tight and unable to come off.

Other tips:

- Follow the Rules of the Road - Just like cars, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic, stop at red lights and stop signs, use signals, and yield to pedestrians.
- Ride single file - When cycling with your friends, ride in a line, not side by side.
- Be bright at night - Use a bike light and wear light colored or reflective clothing.



Sidewalk Obstruction

The weather is becoming nice and more people will be taking walks throughout their neighborhoods. We need to remember to keep sidewalks free and clear to not obstruct a pedestrian's pathway. It can be dangerous for a small child or an elderly person to have to leave the sidewalk to get around an obstruction. Please keep all lawn equipment, bicycles, toys, and vehicles clear of the sidewalk. Anyone found to be in violation of obstructing the sidewalk can be issued a citation for each offense.

Severe Weather Awareness



It is important to familiarize yourself with the different weather watches and warnings and review what you would do in the event of a tornado.

Severe Thunderstorm Watch

Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning

A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

Tornado Watch

Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has actually been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.

Tornado Safety

Tornadoes are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200-300 mph can occur with the most violent tornadoes. The following are instructions on what to do when a tornado warning has been issued:

In Homes or Small Buildings:

- Go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom.
- Keep any other doors closed to keep separated from flying debris.

In Schools, Hospitals, Factories, or Shopping Centers:

- Go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Crouch down and cover your head.

In High-Rise Buildings:

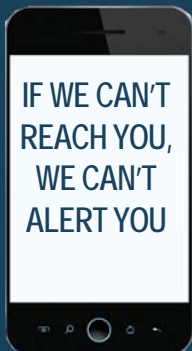
- Go to interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.

Spring Cleanup Safety

Nearly three-fourths of all dwelling fires begin in living spaces such as living rooms, bedrooms and kitchens. Many fires also start in areas usually not occupied such as basements, attics, garages and utility rooms, which we utilize for storage. These fires often burn for a long time before discovery.

- Attic - this spring, clean out all those piles of old newspapers discarded clothing and trash, as they are serious fire hazards.
- Flammable Liquids - Improper use of flammable liquids is a common cause of burns. Carefully read the label on all flammable liquids. Paint, paint removers, cleaning fluids and other flammable liquids should be kept in tightly sealed containers. Paint soaked rags should be discarded or put in sealed metal drums.
- Clothes Dryers - Regularly clean lint traps and filters on clothes dryers
- Garages - Garages also may be filled with combustibles that have accumulated over many months or years. With the presence of an abundance of combustible materials, an ignition source such as a spark or frayed electric cord can easily start a fire.

Fire doesn't care who you are or where you live, and it can strike at any time or season. Good housecleaning habits can make the difference.



Sign up for Emergency Alerts

The Village of Mount Prospect provides an emergency notification system for residents. Residents who have home land based numbers with AT&T should already be in the database. But you can also enter your cell and work phones and multiple email address to receive voice or text messages in case you aren't at home when an emergency occurs. To register your number with Everbridge, or to add information to your profile, go to www.mountprospect.org/everbridge. If you do not have internet access or need assistance call 847/392-6000 and Village staff will help you register.

Senior News



Medicare Preventative Services Will Continue in 2012

Did you know that Medicare offers many preventative services for their beneficiaries? These areas of prevention expanded have continued in 2012. Below is a quick listing of available prevention services.

- “Welcome to Medicare” visit (includes a referral for an ultrasound screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm for eligible beneficiaries)
- Adult Immunization--Influenza Immunization, Pneumococcal Vaccination, Hepatitis B Vaccination
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Screening Mammography
- Screening Pap Test and Pelvic Examination
- Prostate Cancer Screening
- Cardiovascular Disease Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- Glaucoma Screening
- Bone Mass Measurement
- Diabetes Self-Management, Supplies, and Services
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Smoking Cessation

A chart showing the Medicare preventive services and screenings, coding requirements, eligibility, frequency parameters, and copayment/coinsurance and deductible information for each benefit is available at the Human Services Department. For more information on a specific service or screening go to www.cms.gov/home/medicare.asp.

Senior Tax Freeze

Homeowners who are over 65 years of age and with a household income less than \$55,000 for income tax year 2010: have you filed your Senior Tax Freeze yet? Applications should be mailed in as soon as possible in order to have the exemption applied to your second installment of your real estate taxes.

The Senior Freeze Exemption allows qualified senior citizens to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value (EAV) of their properties for the year preceding the year in which they first apply and qualify for this exemption.

To qualify for the taxable year 2010, you must meet all of the requirements above and Use the property as a principal place of residence on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011, be liable for the payments, and own the property, or have a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property on January 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011.

Driver Refresher Class

The Secretary of State sponsors Rules of the Road driver refresher classes for senior citizens who need to renew their driver's license. It is designed to reinforce knowledge of rules of the road and cover any changes in the driving laws. Classes are held every other month, with the next class being May 23, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Village Hall first floor Community Center, 50 S. Emerson Street. You do not need to wait until your license expiration date; you may take the test ahead of time. Call 847/870-5680 to register.



Senior Celebration Day

The twenty-second annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Arlington Park Racecourse on Wednesday, May 9 from 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be many free health screenings and senior services information booths. The Secretary of State Photo ID and License Unit, “Ask the Doctor” Panel, Entertainment Galore, Information and Give-Aways from Local Businesses, and Door Prizes will abound. You may even want to take in a few races so take advantage of the free admission for Senior Day. The special lunch offer for participants is \$5.00. Tickets will be available at the Human Services Department.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the Secretary of State services and are over the age of sixty-five should arrive before 2:00 p.m. to make sure you receive their services. For more information, call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680.



Community Outreach Nursing

The Public Health Nurse provides nursing care, under the order of a physician, to homebound residents, regardless of age. This care is provided at no charge, to residents who do not have the services paid for by Medicare or private insurance. The nurse can offer the same services offered to residents who visit her at the Human Services Department, plus additional medical care that is necessary in order for the patient to remain in the home.

Business News

Grand Openings/Re-Openings



Crave Pizza
106 W Northwest Hwy., 224/735-3973
www.cravepizzanow.com



Billy Goat Tavern and Grill
164 Randhurst Village Dr., Randhurst Village, 847/870-0123
www.billygoattavern.com



Fisher Clinical Services
699 North Wheeling Road, 847/768-8180
www.fisherclinicalservices.com



Stay Fit Physical Therapy and Core Wellness
6127 W. Prospect Avenue, 847/255-2348
www.stayfitpt.com/

Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

107 S Main Street 847/398-6616 www.mountprospectchamber.org events@mountprospectchamber.org

Upcoming Events:

Mega-Connect - April 18, 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
Multi-Chamber Networking Breakfast,
Holiday Inn - North Shore, 2300 W. Touhy
Ave. \$25 in advance.

**Mayor's Community Prayer Breakfast -
May 3, 7:30 a.m.**
Mayor Irvana Wilks invites you to begin your
day with members of the Mount Prospect
community in a morning of reflection. Victoria
in the Park Banquets, 1700 S. Elmhurst.

Spring Golf Outing - May 9
Rob Roy Golf Course

Biz6+ Women's Luncheon - May 16, 11:30 a.m.
Cooper's Hawk, Arlington Heights. \$25

**Biz 6+ All American Progressive Networking Breakfast
- June 13, 7:30 a.m.**
Sam's Club, Des Plaines



Business News

Now Open at Randhurst Village

Cost Plus World Market

We bring the beauty and excitement of global bazaars to you. Our selection is always changing, and, like favorite mementos from your life, each item has a story worth sharing. From Balinese baskets, pottery from Portugal and collectibles from Africa to scrolled artwork inspired by Spanish artifacts – each store is a treasure trove.

Pigtails & Crewcuts

The new children's hair salon has something for everyone, with six chairs total, including an airplane, fire truck, taxi and three full-size chairs. We strive to make every visit fun for the kids and relaxing for the parents. We invite you to enjoy our two Play Stations 2, Wii, kids' movies, countless toys, fabulous green vinyl couches and, of course, our ever-entertaining and talented stylists.



Pigtails & Crewcuts owner Bob Farster and his sons.



COMING SOON!

- Black Finn Restaurant
- Hampton Inn
- Menchies Frozen Yougurt
- Panera Bread
- Phenix Salon



What's Missing From Mount Prospect? YOU!

Have you ever thought about opening your own boutique or café? The Village of Mount Prospect is seeking new businesses – with a focus on retail and restaurants. If you have ever considered starting a new business or expanding an existing one, what would you say if the Village of Mount Prospect offered to help you? Here are just a few of the innovative economic development benefits you can expect.

- **New Programs for 2012** that offer potential business owners support through education, outreach and mentoring
- **Financial incentives** for downtown locations: \$10,000 for retail and \$25,000 for restaurants for façade improvement and interior build-out (project must meet program guidelines)
- **Favorable demographics:** 54,000 plus residents; household incomes of \$100,000+ for one third of the population
- **Free advertising** - The Village actively promotes shopping, dining, and events through its Experience Mount Prospect (experiencemountprospect.org) initiative now on Facebook and Twitter (EXMP60056).

For more information about these programs, check out our web site www.mountprospect.biz which includes a calendar of upcoming business events. You can also contact Maura El Metennani at 847/818-5308 or melmeten@mountprospect.org.

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VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency** 911
- Village Hall** 392-6000
 (includes Finance, Village Administration)
 TDD 392-6064
- Village Clerk**.....818-5355
- Television Services**..... 870-5685
- Community Development**
 Building Division870-5675
 Environmental Health 870-5668
 Planning Division818-5328
- Fire Dept.** (non-emergency) 870-5666
- Human Services Dept.**..... 870-5680
- Police Dept.** (non-emergency) 870-5656
- Public Works Dept.** 870-5640
- Water Billing** 392-6000

All phone numbers are (847) area code unless otherwise noted.

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COFFEE WITH COUNCIL



Meet informally with the Village's Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect that's on your mind. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For more information about Coffee with Council, please call the Village Manager's Office at 392-6000, or visit the Village's web site at www.mountprospect.org.