

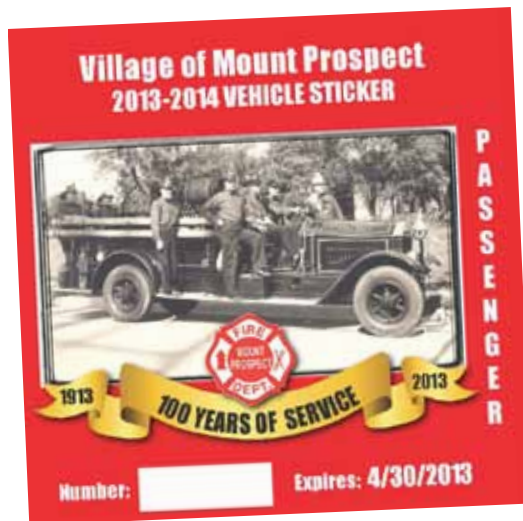


# MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

SPRING 2013

**New vehicle stickers must be displayed by May 1.**

## Get Your Vehicle Sticker Today



2013-2014 Village of Mount Prospect vehicle stickers went on sale February 1. 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 2012 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, Village Hall will be open Saturdays in April: April 6, 13, 20, and 27 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.

Available again for the 2013-2014 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](http://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.

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# News, Notes and Reminders

## Don't Forget to Vote!

### 2013 Consolidated Election - April 9

Not registered to vote? Grace period registration and voting for the April 9 Consolidated Election is available

between March 13 and April 6.

Grace period registration/voting is only available at the Cook County Clerk's Office - the nearest location to Mount Prospect is:

Rolling Meadows Courthouse  
2121 Euclid Ave., Room 238  
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008  
Call: (847) 818-2850

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Additional election information including grace period registration/voting and early/mail in voting, sample ballot and precinct location, is available on the Cook County Clerks website or by phone. Cook County Clerk: [cookcountyclerk.com](http://cookcountyclerk.com) or 312.603.0906.

Village of Mount Prospect website: [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) or by phone @ 847/818-5355.

## Federal and State Elected Officials

Know your elected officials. Name, district and contact information is available on the Village's web site, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) or call the Village Clerk's Office at 847.818.5355.



## 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 is an easy to use process that allows for payment of the utility bills using a credit or debit card. Online payment is secure and available 24 hours a day for your convenience. 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](http://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](http://www.mountprospect.org/watermeter). If you have any questions, please call Utility Billing at 847/392-6000.

## ComEd Communication



ComEd has significantly enhanced its communication options beyond the existing 1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661) call in number. Two main enhancements for the reporting and tracking of power outages include a new mobile app and a texting feature.

### ComEd Emergency

If you have an electric emergency it is important to call ComEd immediately. Never email your emergency request. If you need to report an emergency situation such as a fire, vehicle accident, electric contact/shock, or other potential danger please call 911 to notify local authorities.

### Storm Center

When the storms roll in, ComEd is ready to keep you up-to-date on our outage restorations. Visit the Storm Center at [ComEd.com/Storm](http://ComEd.com/Storm) to get the latest information on outages in the service territory, view our Outage Map, and report an outage.

### Outage Alerts

Need to report an outage? Text the word OUT to 26633 (ComEd) and get updates until your power is restored. Visit [ComEd.com/Text](http://ComEd.com/Text) for more info and to sign up.

### Mobile App

Gain the flexibility and convenience of managing your ComEd Residential account on the go with ComEd's FREE mobile app for iPhone® and Android™ devices. Report an outage, make a one-time payment, and manage account features with the swipe of a finger. Learn more at [ComEd.com/App](http://ComEd.com/App)

For more information, go to [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com) or the Village's web site, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org).

## Cook County Radon Awareness Program

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Cook County's Radon Awareness Program encourages residents of Cook County to test their home for radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can seep into a house through cracks in the basement floor and walls, around the openings of the sump pump or through crawl spaces. As a part of the program, radon information and detector kits are available for of \$7 through the Cook County Department of Environmental Control. Visit the Village web site for more details and links to the county site.

## NICOR Home Inspections

NICOR periodically requests residents that have an inside the home gas meter to schedule an inspection to ensure there are no leaks. If the resident does not respond through a bill insert, NICOR will follow up with a letter asking for cooperation in setting up an appointment for an inspection that takes about 5 minutes. If any concerns are noted with the inside piping NICOR undertakes the repair immediately. This requirement is a federal pipeline mandate that has been in place for several years and requires the local distribution company (NICOR) to perform this system check every five years. Only qualified

NICOR employees will appear for the inspections with their gas detection equipment and only at a scheduled appointment time. Residents are asked to cooperate with these inspections to ensure the inside meter is safety operating.



## Sister Cities Commission

### Potluck Dinner- April 25

A Community Potluck Dinner, sponsored by Sister Cities Commission will be held on



Thursday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center at Village Hall. Learn about the Sister Cities organization and enjoy a video presentation by the Sew-Be-It quilters who traveled to Sèvres, France, last fall for an exchange visit and quilt show. 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 847/870-5680.

### Wine Tasting - May 23

You are invited to join the Sister Cities Commission on May 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at World Market, Randhurst Village, 151 E Euclid Ave., Mount Prospect. French wines will be sampled and light appetizers will be served. Suggested donation is \$10. We will be raffling off a Wine Gift Basket courtesy of World Market. All proceeds go to community activities and programs sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission.

## Senior Celebration Day - May 8

The twenty-fifth annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Arlington Park Racecourse on Wednesday, May 8 from 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be many free health screenings and senior services information booths. Tickets will be available at the Human Services Department.



## Vehicle Stickers

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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.

# Mark Your Calendar for these Community Events/Programs

## Mount Prospect Public Library [www.mpppl.org](http://www.mpppl.org)

### Happy Anniversary MPPL!

This year the Mount Prospect Public Library marks its 70th anniversary. Join in the celebration! Throughout 2013, look for this anniversary logo signifying signature events and other special programs highlighting seven decades of enrichment and learning at MPPL.



### National Library Week - Communities Matter@ Your Library April 14-20, 2013

During National Library Week, learn more about how libraries bring people together by providing services for everyone at every stage of life. Enter our raffle for a chance to win gift cards to local businesses.

### National Library Week Community Organizations Fair Tuesday, April 16, 7-9 p.m.

National Library Week is a great time for you to find out all your Library can offer. In keeping with this year's theme, "Communities Matter @ Your Library," the Mount Prospect Public Library is hosting a community organizations fair. More than 20 local organizations have been invited to share their mission and activities. Learn about what your neighbors are doing to improve the lives of people in the Mount Prospect community. For more information, visit [www.mpppl.org](http://www.mpppl.org), call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

## Mount Prospect Historical Society [www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org)

### "History in the Headlines" featuring Dinner at the Lincolns' White House

Sat., April 20 – 6-11 p.m.

\$25 – First Inaugural menu

\$75 – Second Inaugural menu

Rob Roy Clubhouse, 505 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, Lincoln and Lee, come travel back with us and experience dinner at the White House with Lincolns. Join us on Saturday, April 20th at Rob Roy Country Club for our annual spring "History in the Headlines" fundraiser. Re-imagine the inaugural meals at the Lincoln White House.

Tickets are limited and may be reserved individually or in tables of ten. For more information, log onto [www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org) or phone 847/392-9006, Tuesday through Friday during office hours.



### MP Community Wide Garage Sale May 18 and 19

It's that time of year ... think spring cleaning! The Historical Society will once again participate in the Community Garage Sale. We're seeking items for the sale such as small appliances, dishes, decorative items, furniture, etc. We'll be collecting garage sale items the last week in April. If you have items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the museum. (Be sure to call first to make sure someone's here.) All proceeds go towards preserving the Central School and other MPHS educational programs.

## Mt. Prospect Park District [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org)

**E-Cycle - Friendship Park Conservatory**  
Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20  
9am-12noon FREE. For a complete list of acceptable items visit [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org).

**Spring Plant Sale - Friendship Park Conservatory**  
Saturday, May 11 9am-1pm. FREE Admission.

**Strive for 5 5K Run**  
Saturday, June 15 at 8am, Lions Memorial Park. Calling all runners!

**Summer Pool Season Around the Corner**  
Big Surf opens for the season on Saturday, June 1 and Meadows Pool follows with after-school swim times beginning June 3 and 4. Meadows' regular hours begin June 5.

## River Trails Park District [www.rtpd.org](http://www.rtpd.org)

**Annual Mother's Day Champagne Brunch**  
10th Hole Bar & Grill  
505 E Camp McDonald Rd - Prospect Heights - 847-483-5099  
Sunday, May 12 - 10:30am-1pm  
\$19.95 per person - \$9.95 4-12 year olds.

**Friday All-You-Can Eat Fish Fry**  
Seating begins at 5:30pm  
\$9.95 per person  
Other menu items available.

**Rob Roy Golf Course – OPENS APRIL 1**  
505 E Camp McDonald Rd - Prospect Heights - 253-4544  
Golf Special \$10 off the purchase of a 20 Round Pass. League Openings Available!

**Woodland Trails Pool**  
1500 E Euclid Ave- Mt. Prospect  
Summer Pool Passes on SALE now thru May 6! New, simple per person Pool Pass Fee!!

## Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce Irish Fest - April 27

Save the Date for the 2013 Irish Fest! Back by popular demand, this event brought thousands to Downtown Mount Prospect (intersection of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue) for Irish fun, food, drink, music and dancing. This year's entertainment line-up includes the Trinity Irish Dancers, Ceili Mor Dancing and Band, They Might Be Irish, The Dooley Brothers, and Larkin and Moran. New this year is a Kid's Tent with crafts and games. Visit [mpirishfest.com](http://mpirishfest.com) or [facebook.com/mpirishfest](https://www.facebook.com/mpirishfest) for updated information including sponsors, entertainment and transportation.



## The Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concert Series Begins June 17

The Community Band is preparing for another spectacular summer of outdoor concerts presented free and open to the public. Entitled "Musical Mondays", the concerts begin on Monday, June 17, and continue through Monday, July 29. Concerts are held at the Lions Park Memorial Band Shell at 7:30 p.m. and have special themes. All questions can be addressed to the Mt. Prospect Park District at (847) 640-100

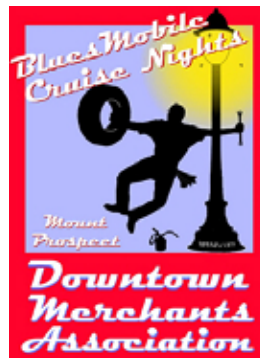
## Mount Prospect Village-Wide Garage Sale Weekend - May 17 - 19

Go to [mpgaragesale.com](http://mpgaragesale.com) for map and searchable ads. Over 500 homes participated in 2012!



## Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Saturday nights: May 18 - Sept. 28 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Location: Metra parking lot, near the intersection of Route 83 and Northwest Highway  
For complete lineup go to [facebook.com/mpdma](https://www.facebook.com/mpdma).



## Farmers' Market Begins June 9

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday, June 9 - Oct. 20 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!

## Save the Date - Downtown Block Party July 26 & 27

[mpblockparty.com](http://mpblockparty.com)  
[facebook.com/MtProspectParty](https://www.facebook.com/MtProspectParty)

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## Fridays on the Green

We are happy to announce that Fridays on the Green are scheduled for 2013 for the following dates:

June 7 - Ken Dix and the Lawn Jockeys  
June 21 - Diving for Dynamite  
July 19 - A Thousand Julys  
August 2 - Stache  
August 16 - Suburban Cowboys

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](http://www.experiencemountprospect.org)

## Lions 4th of July Festival - July 3 - 7

The Mt. Prospect Lions will once again be hosting their annual 4th of July Festival. This year will mark the 75th year that the Lions will be running this event, which will open Wednesday, July 3rd and will run for five days, ending on Sunday evening, July 7th. The Festival will include carnival rides, a food, beer and wine court, raffle prizes, and live bands each evening. Fireworks will be held on Thursday, July 4th and Sunday, July 7th. Volunteers are needed to help out in the various booths and events that will run for the five days of the Festival. If interested in helping out, please send an e-mail to [mtprospectlions.com](mailto:mtprospectlions.com) or [barbjmail37@gmail.com](mailto:barbjmail37@gmail.com).

**Leaky roof. . .Bad Plumbing. . .  
Old Windows. . .  
Can't Afford Replacement? Maybe  
We Can Help.**

The Village's Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program provides an interest-free loan up to \$25,000, which is repaid upon sale or change in title of the property. The Home Weatherization Grant Program provides a \$1,500 matching grant to be used for energy efficiency improvements. Loans are available to low and moderate-income Mount Prospect residents who have owned and occupied their home for a minimum of one year and can be used to correct housing code violations, increase energy efficiency, make improvements for disabled persons and more.

**Where does the money come from?**

The Rehabilitation Loan and Grant Programs are funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**How do I know if my income qualifies?**

The Village uses the Adjusted Gross Income from the previous year's Federal Tax Form. HUD's income limits, which are based on the total income of all people living in the home, change on an annual basis. The 2012 household income limit for one person is \$42,500, 2 persons \$48,550, 3 persons \$54,600, 4 persons \$60,650. See our website for a complete list for households in excess of four persons.

**Can I do the work myself?**

The Village uses pre-qualified contractors to bid on rehabilitation projects and payment can only be made directly to the contractor hired for the job.

For more details and application materials, visit our website at [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) and click on "Community Development Block Grant" in the quick link drop-down menu.

# Homes for a Changing Region

The Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative (NWSHC) was formed via an intergovernmental agreement in 2011 to develop sub-regional solutions that address the short and long-term housing needs of the participating communities. The participating communities include Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Palatine and Rolling Meadows.

In 2012, the NWSHC worked in conjunction with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) on a report entitled Homes for a Changing Region (Homes), a housing needs analysis. With CMAP leading the research and assembly, local residents, elected officials and municipal staff were engaged in the process of assessing current and future housing needs and considering sub-regional and local strategies to meet that need. The Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) were CMAP's partners in working with our communities on the Homes report, which was funded through a HUD Sustainable Communities grant to CMAP.

The final report which is available on the Village website at [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org), examines current conditions on subregional and local level, looks forward in regards to the housing market, and provides recommended strategies to improve housing conditions in the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative communities. Following the discussion of subregional issues, reports on each of the five Collaborative communities are presented. The Homes report confirms that the Village of Mount Prospect will continue to be a desirable place to live, with prospective owners and renters interested in moving to the community. Based on these figures, the choice of if, and how to grow is a critical one. The Village must carefully balance the preservation of its character with future demand when considering the best path for the community, planning with an eye to the impacts that growth can have on public infrastructure and service delivery. The statistics in the Homes report will be used as a guide for establishing priorities for both the Northwest Suburban Housing Collaborative and the Village in regards to housing issues.



# Downtown Implementation Planning Process Continues

The Village of Mount Prospect and The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) are continuing to work with the Lakota Group to complete an assessment of Downtown. The overall purpose of the plan is to determine how the downtown can continue to transform itself and improve in the years to come. The study will reevaluate the area and will result in a detailed implementation strategy used to guide the future success of downtown Mount Prospect.



Dozens of residents participated in the first two Community Workshops, held in September 2012 and February 2013. The Village thanks everyone for their participation in the workshops and surveys; your feedback is an important part of the planning process. A third Community Workshop is expected to be held mid-April, 2013 (date is to be determined). Residents and business owners are welcome to attend this event, which will showcase a draft of the Downtown Implementation Plan.

Interested residents are encouraged to browse the most recent reports and information about the plan by visiting [www.thelakotagroup.com/mountprospect](http://www.thelakotagroup.com/mountprospect) or check us out on facebook at [facebook.com/mpdowntownplan](https://www.facebook.com/mpdowntownplan), or contact the Village's Long Range Planner, Nellie Beckner, at 847-818-5312 ([nbeckner@mountprospect.org](mailto:nbeckner@mountprospect.org)).

## Protect Yourself During Home Repairs

### Common Home Repair Scams

Complaints received by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General demonstrate that unscrupulous home repair contractors use some common techniques to gain the confidence of home owners. In general, consumers should beware when a home repair contractor:

- Contacts you or comes to your home uninvited;
- Tells you that you need to make repairs immediately or your safety may be in danger;
- Pressures you to sign papers today or talks too quickly, attempting to confuse you;
- Quotes a price that's out of line with other estimates;
- Offers to drive you to your bank to withdraw funds to pay for his or her work;
- Can be reached only by leaving messages with an answering service;
- Drives an unmarked vehicle or has out-of-state license plates;
- Asks you to pay for the entire job up front.

For more tips, visit the web site, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org)



## Your Building Division

Warmer weather means home improvement season is getting ready to bloom! Did you know that your Building Division is here to help? The Building Division's mission statement is to exceed community service expectations in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner while ensuring quality development that protects and invest in the lives and safety of the community.

The Building Division is constantly updating our page of the website with important information, urgent notices, and other seasonal home-safety information. Be sure to check us out!!

Go to [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) and find us by following these easy steps:

Government » Village Departments » Community Development » Building Division

## Building Division Now Accepts Credit Cards!

As of February, the Building Division now accepts MasterCard and Visa as payment for Permit Fees, Contractor Licenses, and Elevator Certificates!

## Why do I need a Building Permit?

A Building Permit grants legal permission to begin construction of a project. While many homeowners view the Building Permit process as tedious and unnecessary, the permit process ensures that the job is completed in a workman-like manner and according to Building Code standards.

What exactly does that mean for you? It means that the work on your property is safe for you, your family, and the community while at the same time maintains the value of your property. Work that is done safely and meets Building Code standards is an investment in your property.

A Building Permit also helps the Village protect the Community. By signing a Building Permit, the property owner agrees to protect parkway trees, maintain the property during construction, and minimize disturbance to neighbors.

# Learn About EAB Insecticide Treatments

This spring, certified arborists from the Mount Prospect Public Works Department will conduct another seminar for property owners on treating ash trees to prevent Emerald Ash Borer infestation. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Note that the EOC is at 1720 W. Central Road; it is connected to the Mount Prospect Public Works Building.

Forestry/Grounds Superintendent Sandy Clark noted that EAB insecticide treatments have come a long way since they were first introduced. "Though no insecticide manufacturer can guarantee that a treated tree will remain uninfested, the likelihood of preserving ashes increases drastically when treatments are applied early, correctly and routinely", she said. "Treating when a tree is still healthy is far better than treating after EAB symptoms appear, since infestation quickly compromises a tree's ability to take up insecticides. And, springtime is usually the best time to treat, so the seminar will be very timely."

At the meeting, staff will present information about the various products that are now available, including some that are suitable for homeowner use on small trees. Additionally, staff will offer suggestions to help property owners decide whether treatments are worth the cost involved, learn how to hire a professional to do the treatments, and decide whether individual trees are good candidates. Information will also be provided about the permit process for property owners who want to treat parkway ash trees in Mount Prospect at their own expense. Finally, staff will present recommendations on diversified replacement plantings, for those who decide that insecticide treatments are not cost-effective.



## Sidewalk Replacement

The Village of Mount Prospect endeavors to properly maintain its infrastructure. One of the more noticeable maintenance programs involves the public sidewalk and the Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. This program has proven to be a successful partnership between the Village and property owners. During March and April, applications will be accepted from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of public sidewalk adjacent to their property. The Village will select a contractor in May through a competitive bidding process and the sidewalk replacement work will be performed throughout the summer.

The Village is offering this program again in 2013. The program has not been offered the past several years due to budget limitations. However, funds will be limited. Applications will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis until the funding is exhausted. The last day applications will be accepted is April 30, 2013.

This year the resident's share of the cost is \$62.50 for a typical sidewalk square. This represents half of the anticipated bid cost of a sidewalk square. The Village pays the remaining amount. The contractor's work includes removing the existing square, replacing the square with new concrete and backfilling along the edges with topsoil.

Applications are available online at [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) or at the Public Works' facility located at 1700 West Central Road.

If you have any questions concerning the sidewalk program, please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 870-5640.



# Public Works Summer Projects to Begin

Spring and summer are busy seasons for the Public Works department with a number of 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.

## 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 motorists. The Village has tentatively scheduled approximately five miles of roads to be resurfaced in 2013. 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](http://www.mountprospect.org). In addition to the normal resurfacing program the Illinois Department of Transportation will complete a reconstruction of Kensington Road between Il Route 83 and Prospect High School.

## Kensington Road Improvements

Kensington Road from Prospect High School to Il Route 83 is scheduled for a makeover this year. The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has scheduled improvements that will upgrade that section of roadway similar to the section west of the High School. The proposed enhancements include removal of the existing pavement and constructing a new three lane roadway including a center left turn lane, curb and gutter, a new storm sewer system which will replace the existing roadway ditches, new sidewalk on the north side, a continuous street lighting system and right turn lanes for eastbound Kensington at Route 83 and westbound Kensington at Rand. Construction is expected to start this spring and be completed this year. Two-way traffic will be maintained but you may experience some minor traffic delays during construction. The \$3,300,000 project is being funded 80% by the Federal Government, 18% by the State of Illinois and 2% by the Village.

## 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 five years after resurfacing or reconstruction to prevent further cracking. Please look for the contractor to begin crack sealing streets in late summer when weather is typically dry. 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 have been filled, it only takes one hour for the filler to set. We like to give the sealer an additional 24 hours to bond before sweeping the street to avoid pulling the newly applied material out of the crack. This process can leave the streets looking messy for a couple of days. Please be patient. The street sweeper will return to clean the street.

## Pothole Repairs Underway

As soon as asphalt plants open for the season, crews will be making permanent repairs to potholes. The first priority will be repairing street openings from utility repairs during the winter months. The next priority will be to repair potholes that have formed over the winter months. Typically, potholes are caused when water seeps into cracks in the pavement and freezes when the temperature drops at night. Potholes form when water expands upon freezing and weakens the pavement. Public Work crews take 2-3 weeks to complete a pass of all Village streets. If you have a bad pothole that needs immediate attention please contact Public Works. We will inspect your street and if necessary schedule the repair.

Should you have any questions concerning the projects listed please contact the Public Works Department at (847)870-5640 or email [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).



# Public Works News

## 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.

## Are you Landscaping or Digging? Remember to call 811

If you are planning to dig for an outdoor project on your property, Illinois law requires that you contact the local one-call service or JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) to locate any underground utilities. You can call 811 or (800)-892-0123 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](http://www.illinois1call.com).

## Inside Water Meter Checks

Each year, Public Works staff physically reads 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 the reading 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.

## Seasonal Maintenance and Intern Positions Available

The Public Works Department has openings available for seasonal maintenance. Typical work involves patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, reading water meters, etc. The work requires more than usual physical strength and endurance and the ability to withstand exposure to the elements. Applicant must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program of study. For more information, see the Village website, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org). Send completed applications to the Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 or email [pwjobs@mountprospect.org](mailto:pwjobs@mountprospect.org).

## GIS Intern Position Available at Public Works

The Public Works Department has an opening for a GIS intern. Work involves updating GIS databases, shapefiles, and applications utilizing ESRI ArcGIS 9.3. Trimble GPS equipment is also utilized. The successful applicant will be pursuing a course of study leading to a BS or BA in Geography, GIS, Computer Science, Engineering, or related field. Applicant must be in school; we are not accepting applications from recent graduates. For more information, see the Village website, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org). Send completed applications to the Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 or email [pwjobs@mountprospect.org](mailto:pwjobs@mountprospect.org).



## PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, May 18

9:00am – 1:00pm

Public Works Facility

1700 West Central Road

**FANTASTIC** – Displays, equipment and literature highlighting the many functions of the Public Works Department!

**FUN** – Games, "rides," trucks, food, give-a-ways, and balloons!

Meet P.W. Paws, Public Works' mascot!

# Solid Waste Notes

## Yard Waste Collection Resumes April

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, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.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 1

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.

## Electronics Recycling Drop Off Starts April 3

Starting April 3, the Public Works Department will accept residentially generated electronic waste for recycling every Wednesday between the hours of 10am - 12pm. Not all electronic devices will be accepted for recycling please visit the Village website for a complete list of acceptable items. This is a seasonal program and the operation will conclude for the season in October (date to be determined). This service is only available to residents of Mount Prospect and other SWANCC communities. Participants will be required to show ID. Residents also have the opportunity to visit several other permanent locations or one day events sponsored by SWANCC. Please visit the Village website at [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) for a completed list of permanent and one day drop off locations.



Please contact the Public Works Department at (847) 870-5640 or email [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org) with any questions concerning the electronics recycling program.

## Additional Recycling Programs

In addition to the electronics recycling the Village with the sponsorship of the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County offers a number of recycling programs that are available to Mount Prospect residents. Recycling programs offered include;

- Household battery recycling
- Pharmaceutical Recycling including prescription and over the counter medications
- Medical sharps recycling
- Compact fluorescent and fluorescent tube recycling

To participate in any of these programs simply bring your accepted recycling items to the Public Works department (1700 W Central Rd) between the hours and 7:30AM and 5PM, Monday through Friday.

There are rules and regulations that govern the recycling programs and not all items will be accepted. Please refer to the Village's website [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) for more information.



# Flood Preparedness and Protection



## Local Flood Hazard

Five waterways carry stormwater 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 in 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 floodproofing and retrofitting. 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 (TDD: (847) 392-1235) 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](http://www.fema.gov),  
for additional  
information.**

# Sewer Improvement Projects

The Public Works Department will be constructing a number of sewer improvement projects this summer. These improvements were recommended as part of the Village-wide flood study performed in 2011 and 2012. Collectively, these projects are referred to as the 2011 Comprehensive Flood Study Phase 1 Stormwater Improvement Project (Phase 1 Project).

The purpose of this project is to improve storm water conveyance in four distinct areas. All of these areas experienced significant and widespread flooding during the July 23, 2011 severe rain event. The project areas include: The Hatlen Heights Project Area, the Lonnquist Boulevard Project Area, The Golfview Estates Project Area, and the Lawrence Lane Project Area. The total anticipated cost of the Phase 1 Project (all four projects) is \$2.5 million.

- The Hatlen Project consists of the design and construction of approximately 1850 feet of new storm sewer along Hatlen Avenue, 375 feet along Verde Drive, 400 feet along Busse Road and 150 feet of new sanitary sewer along Hatlen Avenue near Michael Street. The size of the proposed sewers ranges from 18 inches to 42 inches in diameter.
- The Golfview Estates Project consists of ditch re-grading, culvert replacement, and some storm sewer replacement in the Golfview Estates residential neighborhood.
- The Lonnquist Boulevard Project consists of 1500 feet of new sewer along South See Gwun Avenue and South Na Wa Ta Avenue. The size of the proposed sewer ranges from 12 inches to 36 inches in diameter.
- The Lawrence Project Area includes 400 feet of new storm sewer on Lawrence Lane from Noah Terrace to Meier Road.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer and will be substantially complete by fall 2013. Additional information about these projects can be found in the flood study final report. A copy of this report is available on the Village website ([www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org)). Simply search the site for "2011 flood study report". Questions about this project should be directed to the Public Works Department ([publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org)).



## Hydrant Flushing - April 16-19

Fire hydrants throughout the Village owned water distribution system will be flushed April 16 through April 19. 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 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. For information about hydrant flushing in the Illinois American Water Company system, please call 630-739-8800



# Severe Weather Awareness

General awareness is the key to dealing with severe weather. You can be better prepared by learning about the types of severe weather that occur each season and by regularly monitoring the weather. In springtime, common severe weather includes thunderstorms and tornadoes. Familiarizing yourself with the different watches and warnings will help you keep your family safe during severe weather:

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or is imminent.

**Tornado Watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes.

**Tornado Warning:** A tornado has actually be sighted by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or is imminent.

If a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service for our area, and there is reasonable belief that Mount Prospect or a surrounding community will be affected, you will hear the Village warning sirens activate. Sirens will not activate for severe thunderstorm watches or warnings or tornado watches. If the warning sirens are activated do you know what to do?

## If indoors at the time of activation:

- Seek shelter immediately in the lowest level of your house, preferably in an interior room away from doors and windows.
- Tune into radio or television stations for the latest information.
- Remain in your place of shelter until the threat has passed.

## If outdoors at the time of activation:

- Seek shelter indoors, but not in a car or mobile home.
- If there are no safe options indoors and a tornado is imminent, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

Contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253 with any questions regarding severe weather.

## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When you changed your clocks on March 10 for daylight savings did you remember to also change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors? The Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends you change the batteries in these devices at least twice a year, and any time you hear them “chirp” warning of a low battery. “Change your clocks, change your batteries” is a simple way to remember to follow this recommendation so you always have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.



## Children's Fire Safety Festival: May 6 – 9

Come join us for a fun and educational experience about fire safety! The Mount Prospect Fire Department invites you to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Fire Safety Festival.

May 6 – 9 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm  
Mount Prospect Fire Station 14, 2000 E. Kensington Road  
**FREE event for children in preschool through second grade**

If you would like to bring your school/daycare/home school group to the event contact Nina Nelson with the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at (847) 818-5253. Individual families are also welcome, but please call Nina to schedule a visit.



## Protect Yourself from Phone Scams

Across the nation, increases of phone scams have been popping up all over. The latest scam we have seen is the phone call to our senior citizens. The scammer is calling in the overnight hours and claiming to be the victim's grandson or granddaughter. The scammer says they have been involved in a bad traffic accident in another state and need money. They ask for hundreds of dollars to be sent or wired to them to help get them out of trouble. The Police department wants to remind everyone of these ideas to keep you from being a victim of this type of a scam, as well as other types of scams:

- Do not wire money to anyone unless you are absolutely sure it is someone you know and trust. Once wire funds are picked up, there is little law enforcement can do.
- Don't send a check, cash, or money order or give out your account information to anyone insisting on immediate payment.
- Don't let anyone rush you into making a decision. Take your time to ask questions and gather information about the product, contest, company, or charity and ask for written information to be sent to you. Scam artists typically will not take the time to provide this.
- Always check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, state Attorney General, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups. Unfortunately, not all bad businesses can be identified through these organizations.

Always remember that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you receive a similar call be sure to hang up and contact the Police Department as well as the person/relative who is claiming assistance is needed.

## Officer of the Year



The Mount Prospect Police Department Awards Review Committee selected Officer Michael Angarola as "2012 Officer of the Year". The other finalists who received Runners-Up Awards are Investigator Scott Filipek, Officer Michael Brady and Investigator Lee Schaps.

In making the selection, the Awards Committee considered Officer Angarola's ability to perform to the standards of a professional police officer. The Committee cited Officer Angarola's daily performance, professionalism, attitude, initiative, reliability and mentorship as key factors leading to his selection. Members of the Committee described his willingness to assist other officers in conducting criminal and traffic investigations. During 2012, Officer Angarola effected 109 self-initiated arrests including 44 arrests for intoxicated motorists.

## 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:



March 25 - 31 - Elmhurst Rd. / Main St. (RT 83)

April 1 - 7 - Central Rd.

April 8 - 14 - Rand Rd. (RT 12)

April 15 - 21 - Lincoln St.

April 22 - 28 - Northwest Hwy. (RT 14)

April 29 - May 5 - Golf Rd. (RT 58)

May 6 - 12 - Burning Bush Ln.

May 13 - 19 - Busse Rd.

May 20 - 26 - Wolf Rd.

May 27 - June 2 - Euclid Ave



# Make Your Home Undesirable to Burglars!



Most residential burglaries occur during the day time when no one is home. It is impossible to prevent all residential burglaries, but by ‘target hardening’ your home you can make your property less appealing to a burglar.

## Make it Appear as if Someone is Home

When no one is home at your house make it appear someone is there by leaving televisions or radios on inside the home with the volume up loud enough for someone to hear it if they were listening outside of your home. Leave lights on in your home if you will be gone during evening hours when it is getting dark outside or nighttime.

## Install Secondary Locking Devices on all Windows

A simple hole drilled in the frame of windows in conjunction with the use of a pin (i.e. a nail or dowel rod) in that hole will give burglars a more difficult time getting into your home via a window. The pin will act as a complement to your window’s lock and will cause the burglar to have to work harder, longer and louder to get into your house through that window, something none of them want to do. Make sure that all of your windows and doors are closed and locked when you leave your house. Don’t leave an open invitation to be burglarized.

## Stash Your “Priceless” Items Elsewhere

We all have possessions that are valuable to us well beyond any price tag it may have once had. And most of us keep these items, whether it is jewelry, watches or something else, in our master bedroom and easily accessible. Burglars know and rely on this human quality we all have and go directly to the master bedroom of the homes for the best “score”. Take all “priceless” and valuable items you don’t regularly wear and get them out of your bedroom. Store them in a box or container labeled “Halloween Decorations” or some other regular item and keep it in a basement, crawl space or anywhere else you might keep decorations in your home.

For more home security tips, check out the Police Department’s page on the Village website at [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org) under the crime prevention section.

# If You Like It, Lock It!

Car burglaries are very difficult cases to solve as there is usually very little physical evidence left behind after one has occurred. Recently, 58% of thefts from vehicles in Mount Prospect have been occurring due to vehicles being left UNLOCKED. In order to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a car burglary we are providing some easy tips to follow:



- Always close your windows and lock your doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.
- Remove loose valuables from your vehicle. A car burglar loves to see items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. G.P.S. devices and radar detectors are popular items for car thieves. Also remove any accessories for your valuables as well.
- If you must leave valuables in your car place them out of sight in the trunk or under the seats.
- Don’t hesitate to call 9-1-1 to report suspicious persons seen wandering around in parking lots or driveways or looking into cars as they walk by (your call can be anonymous).
- Park in well lit area. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of a door ding, a criminal looks for cars parked out of the way in order to help ensure less attention is drawn to them.
- Turning on outside driveway and porch lights are still the cheapest form of security.

These simple steps should be used whenever you park your car, whether you are just “running in for a minute” or parking for the evening. If you would like any more information on car burglaries or other police matters, please contact the Field Operations Division at 847-870-5650 or email us at [crimeprevention@mountprospect.org](mailto:crimeprevention@mountprospect.org).



# Human Services News

## Community Connections Center

1711 W Algonquin Road, 847/506-4930

### Welcoming our Newest Partner - WINGS

The Community Connections Center welcomes WINGS as its newest Partner Agency! WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) serves victims of domestic violence and their children. Although most known for their emergency shelter and transitional housing program, WINGS has expanded their efforts to serve clients in community settings offering counseling and safety planning as well as other complementary services.

### Conversations with Language Learners

Participants and facilitators alike practice their skills gaining confidence and fluency in their second and sometimes third language! The program is held Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Space is limited. Please call if you wish to reserve a seat or if you wish to volunteer as a facilitator.

¡Participantes y facilitadores practican sus habilidades ganando confianza y fluidez en su Segundo y ha veces tercer idioma! El programa es ofrecido los jueves desde las 6:00 p.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. y los viernes desde las 11:00 a.m. hasta las 12:00 p.m. Espacio es limitado. Por favor llámenos si usted desea reservar un asiento en cualquier día que el programa es ofrecido o si usted desea ser un líder voluntario.

Wszyscy uczestnicy naszego programu mają możliwość pogłębiania swych umiejętności językowych zarówno w angielskim jak i innym języku. Nasz program prowadzony jest w Czwartki od 18:00 do 19:00 i w Piątki od 11:00 do 12:00. Liczba miejsc jest ograniczona. Dzwon proszę jeżeli chcesz zarezerwować miejsce lub jeżeli chcesz się udzielać jako prowadzący.

## Medicare Preventative Services

Did you know that Medicare offers many preventative services for their beneficiaries? These areas of prevention expanded have continued in 2013. Below is a quick listing of available prevention services.

- Adult Immunizations
- Annual Wellness Visit
- Bone Mass Measurements
- Cancer Screenings
- Cardiovascular Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- Diabetes Self-Management Training
- Diabetes Supplies
- Glaucoma Screening
- HIV Screening
- Initial Preventive Physical Exam
- Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse
- Screening for Depression in Adults
- Screening for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and High Intensity Behavioral Counseling to Prevent STIs
- Tobacco-Use Cessation Counseling Services

For more information on a specific service or screening go to <http://www.medicare.gov/coverage/preventive-and-screening-services.html>.

## 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 also provides additional medical care that is necessary in order for the patient to remain in the home. The Public Health Nurse also conducts screening clinics open to the public several times a month and private consultations in the nursing office regarding medical concerns.

## 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. The next class will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2013. Classes begin at 1:30 p.m. and are located 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.

## 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; extremely high temperatures with heat indexes over 115 degrees and/or 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.

# Business News

## Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings



### **earth+ocean restaurant** **125 Randhurst Village Drive, 847/398-3636**

Mount Prospect is very excited to welcome earth+ocean to Randhurst Village. The team behind earth+ocean includes Chef Rodelio Aglibot (the Food Buddha), Aeron Lancero and Paul Lee (formerly of hot spot Sunda). The restaurant officially opened in March and has created quite a buzz. They have been getting rave reviews and great press - they were even featured in the March issue of Chicago Magazine - can't wait to check it out!



### **Chick-Fil-A** **950 N. Elmhurst Road, 847/398-3880**

As is the custom, a tent city materialized outside of the Chick-Fil-A Mount Prospect location the night before its opening - the first 100 people in line when the store opens get a free year's supply of Chick-Fil-A. The restaurant opened in February.



### **Canta Napoli Restaurant** **90 E Busse Avenue, 847/670-1440**

Chris DiFranco, owner of Nino's Pizza in Buffalo Grove, Melina's Trattoria and Nancy's Pizza in Elmhurst, has recently taken ownership of Canta Napoli. An entirely new menu has been designed by executive chef Mario Longobardi of Arenella Ristorante and Mario's Trattoria who specializes in the authentic southern cuisine of Italy. The menu showcases Mario's talent with various specials offered daily as well as a menu that ranges from a variety of pasta dishes, authentic neapolitan wood burning pizzas, veal, chicken and seafood with a diverse selection of appetizers.



### **Community Connections Center** **1711 W Algonquin Road, 847/506-4930**

Mayor Wilks, Library Board President Dale Draznin, Board Members, staff and visitors made the Community Connection Center's expansion official at the January 18th Open House and ribbon cutting. Visitors toured the new Community Room, offices and South Branch Library. They also enjoyed a sample of the many services offered at the Center including the new Conversations with Language Learners Program, Winter Arts and Crafts, the introduction of child passenger safety seat checks, monthly Tenants' Rights Classes, and weekly Women's Support Group.

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www.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 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  
**Water Billing** ..... 392-6000

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

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

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Irvana K. Wilks

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Arlene A. Juracek                      Steven S. Polit  
A. John Korn                              Michael A. Zadel

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