



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

FALL 2013

FIRE DEPARTMENT'S CENTENNIAL TRIBUTE



Celebrating
100
YEARS OF
SERVICE
1913-2013

On September 29, the Mount Prospect Fire Department will celebrate its 100th Anniversary – commemorating a century of service to the community. While the Department’s mission has remained mostly unaltered since its inception in 1913, the people, equipment and techniques used to serve Mount Prospect residents have changed dramatically over the years.

From humble beginnings—with nothing more than a small group of volunteers equipped with ladders, buckets and an antique hand pumper—the Department has grown to encompass state-of-the-art equipment, innovative training and new fire safety methods. Today, the Department has three stations, two engines, one truck, three ambulances and 88 total personnel. Yet, it is the Department’s flexibility that will allow it to

continue to adapt and prepare to face the challenges the next 100 years will present.

Explore the past century of history of the Mount Prospect Fire Department on pages 8 and 9 of this newsletter. Residents are also invited to help the Department celebrate its centennial anniversary this September. The Department will delve into its history and the history of fire service at its

annual Open House event on Saturday, September 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Station 13, 112 E. Northwest Hwy. Residents are also invited to join the Department for a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at Fire Station 13 on Sunday, September 29 from 8 a.m. - noon with all proceeds going to support fire and life safety education programs. For more information, go to www.mountprospect.org.

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**FALL FESTIVAL
OKTOBERFEST
OCTOBER 12**

NEWS & NOTES

A Centennial Gift for the Fire Department

On August 21, the residents of Centennial Apartments presented the Fire Department with a check for \$2,300. Centennial Apartments, subsidized housing for seniors, is owned by Urban Innovations. Two hundred and fifteen people reside in the two-building community.

Urban Innovations Resident Manager Darcy Nichols said that the tradition began about 14 years ago. "One resident was so impressed with how the paramedics treated her, she went door-to-door collecting donations."

They have continued it ever since. Residents offer anonymous donations and Urban Innovations matches the donation. The donation will be used to purchase paramedic equipment.



Pictured from left to right: Deputy Chief Henry Dawson, EMS Coordinator Wendy Selen, Urban Innovations President Mike Scilingo, Fire Chief John Malcolm, Urban Innovations Resident Manager Darcy Nichols, and Urban Innovations Chairman Howard Conant.

Recent Amendments To Illinois Election Code

House Bill 2418 "Omnibus Elections Bill" includes:

On-line voter registration

Eligible Illinois residents can register to vote on-line.

Residents can still register to vote in person at Mount Prospect Village Hall (50 S. Emerson Street) and the Mount Prospect Public Library (10 S. Emerson Street) during normal business hours.

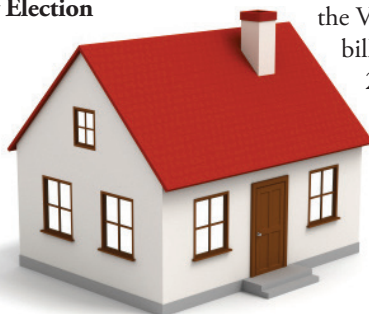
House Bill 226

17-year-olds to vote in Primary Elections – Effective January 1, 2014
Allows a 17-year-old the ability to vote during a primary election if he or she will be 18-years-old on the date of the immediately following general election.

March 18, 2014 **Gubernatorial Primary Election**
November 4, 2014 **General Election**

For additional election/voter registration information, visit: www.cookcountyclerk.com.

For information on voter registration hours at Village Hall and the Library, visit:
www.mountprospect.org
www.mppl.com



Share an Email Address to Learn About Important Seminars

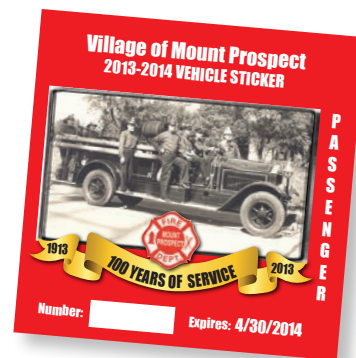
On Thursday, August 22, the Human Services Department held a seminar "Accessing Public Transportation" that attracted residents of a variety of ages and interests. For those who missed it, MPTV will be showcasing the seminar.

Several important events and seminars are scheduled throughout October, which is dedicated as Senior Health Month. The Department is committed to offering valuable information on a variety of topics that is of special interest to senior citizens (see the Human Services section on page 6 for a list of October Senior Programs).

For timely notification of these programs, please reach out to the Department and share an email address. Simply email humanservicesdept@mountprospect.org expressing interest. If a resident does not have an email address, please send the email address of a relative or friend who can pass along the information. If residents prefer phone or mail, they may submit an address or phone number. For more information, please contact the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680.

Vehicle Stickers Required

The deadline for displaying the 2013-2014 vehicle stickers was April 30. The Police Department issues citations to drivers of locally registered vehicles if the 2013-2014 vehicle sticker is not displayed. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late payment penalty. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased replacement vehicles after May 1. In these situations, there is a 30-day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Proof of move-in or vehicle purchase date is required to ensure that a penalty is not imposed. If you change vehicles during the year, call the Finance Department at 847/392-6000 for more information.



Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2013 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than: \$22,980 for one person; or \$31,020 for two or more people. The rebate is equal to 50 percent of the Village's portion of the total 2012 Cook County real estate tax bill. Residents should only apply after receiving and paying the 2nd installment of their 2012 tax bill.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS



Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market

Sundays through October 20
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Mount Prospect Metra Lot
Northwest Hwy. & Rte. 83

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

Daddy-Daughter Date Night "Party Animals"

Friday, September 27
6 - 8:45 p.m.

Friendship Park Conservatory
395 Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines

Fee: \$50R/\$55NR per couple/additional girl \$20R/\$25NR

Must pre-register

The Mt. Prospect Park District's Dad/Daughter Dance is the cat's meow! There'll be dinner, crafts and activities for girls ages 4-12 with their favorite guy-dad. Wear your dancing shoes, 'cause the deejay will keep the action rockin' all night long. Every couple gets a photo to remember their special date.

Colorful South Asia: India and Beyond

October 1 - October 31

Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.

Few places on earth engage the mind and the senses like the countries of the Indian peninsula. Join the Library for an exotic adventure and series of programs celebrating the sights, sounds, food, natural beauty, and religions of India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Bhutan. Visit the October calendar at www.mpppl.org for a complete listing of programs. The Library's annual Cultural Series, highlighting the diverse regions of the world, is funded through the generosity of the Elizabeth J. Clough Memorial Fund.

Mount Prospect Historical Society "Power of the Purse"

Thursday, October 10
7 p.m.

Village Hall
Community Room
(first floor)
50 S. Emerson St.

Tickets: \$10

Enjoy an auction of designer, handmade, and other purses and bags. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. RSVP by October 4. To register, call the Mount Prospect Historical Society at 847/392-9006 or visit www.mtphist.org.



Howlin' Halloween Fest

Saturday, October 19

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. (last ticket sale 2:15 p.m.)
Lions Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple St.
Fee: \$4 per child payable at the door; adults free

The Mt. Prospect Park District's hoppin' Halloween happening will take youngsters inside and out Lions Recreation Center for our famous arcade of games, Halloween hayride, moonwalk, crafts, face painters, the Hoot! Hoot! Express train ride and live entertainment. Kids, pick a pumpkin and take photos with your favorite kid-friendly characters. Concessions available for purchase will include hot cider, cold drinks, popcorn, hot dogs and other goodies. Make a day of it at this annual family favorite event.

Spooky Skate

Friday, October 25
7 - 9 p.m.

Central Community Center
1000 W. Central Rd.

Fee: \$3 youth/\$5 adult
(skate rental available \$5)

Have your costumes and skates ready for this fun-filled night of cosmic skating. Our deejay will set the mood with Halloween-themed musical hits sure to keep the whole family skating the night away. Concessions available for purchase.

Boooo To You!

Saturday, October 26
10 a.m. - noon

The Studio, 1326 W. Central Rd.
Ages 5-8

Fee: \$19R/\$24NR

Boys and girls, join the fun at The Studio and create several Halloween crafts and spooky projects just in time for the big day. For more information about these or any Mt. Prospect Park District programs, call 847-255-5380 or visit www.mppd.org.

Mt. Prospect Park District's Fall Craft Show

Saturday, October 12
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Friendship Park Conservatory
395 Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines

More than 25 exhibitors will be on hand in the serene setting of Friendship Park Conservatory for the Fall Craft Show. Artisans will display dried florals, metal work, jewelry and much more. Admission and parking are free. For additional information, call 847/298-3500.



Monster's Bash! FREE

Saturday, October 12
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Weiss Community Center
1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Come dressed in your favorite costume to welcome the start of the Halloween season! From tricks to treats, the River Trails Park District offers activities for the whole family, including:

- Bounce in the Castle moonwalk
- Awe at the 700 pound carved pumpkin!
- Pumpkin carving demos from noon - 2 p.m.
- Trick-or-Treat Town
- Children's Games
- Amazing Maze
- Learn about bats from the "Incredible Bat People" and have your picture taken with a live bat! 12:30 p.m. showtime.





Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!

It's Football Season!
10th Hole Bar & Grill
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Prospect Heights

Flat screen TVs + sports channel package = football! Add delicious food, snacks, tasty beverages and your Sunday is complete! The 10th Hole Bar & Grill is open at 11:30 a.m. on Sundays during football season. We'll have chili, charcoal grilled burgers, hot dogs, onion rings and more. Wash it all down with a nice cold beverage. For more information, call 847/463-3726.

Toy Drive

November 1 – December 14
The Mount Prospect Police, Fire and Human Services Departments are once again conducting their annual Christmas Toys for Kids program. Only NEW, UNWRAPPED toys will be accepted at any Mount Prospect Fire Station from November 1 – December 14.
Fire Station Locations:
Station 12 – 1601 W. Golf Rd.
Station 13 – 112 E. Northwest Hwy.
Station 14 – 2000 E. Kensington Rd



Sister Cities Wine-Tasting Fundraiser

Thursday, November 7
6 - 9 p.m.

World Market, Randhurst Village
151 E. Euclid Ave.

Come sample a selection of French wines and light appetizers. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. All proceeds go to community activities and programs sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission in celebration of Mount Prospect's relationship with our Sister City, Sèvres, France, and to promote French culture in the community. For more information, call Marianthi Thanopoulos at the Village of Mount Prospect at 847/392-6000.



The Mt. Prospect Community Band Fall Concert

Sunday, November 17
3:30 p.m.
St. Paul Lutheran Church
100 S. School St.

The 70-member adult concert band will perform its Fall Concert "Wunderbare! Die Musik von Deutschland." Tickets for the program can be obtained either at the door or in advance from the Mt. Prospect Park District by calling 847/640-1000.

Gift of Reading

Monday, November 11– Sunday, December 8
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.

Give the Gift of Reading this holiday season by bringing new or like-new unwrapped books for local children in need ages six and younger. Donations of books in English and Spanish are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Library. For more information, call the Mount Prospect Public Library at 847/253-5675.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, November 27
5 p.m.
Village Hall, West Entrance

Come celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season! We will light up the tree while enjoying a musical performance. This year's event will also include a Christkindlmarket (Holiday Market) featuring local artists. For more details, check out www.experiencemountprospect.org.

JOIN MOUNT PROSPECT'S DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION AND CELEBRATE MOUNT PROSPECT'S GERMAN ROOTS AT THE ANNUAL

Oktoberfest

4 - 11 PM

The band, Phenix, will be headlining the event with their mix of popular covers and traditional German music.

Fall Festival

1 - 4 PM

Enjoy a trick or treat line, pumpkin decorating, crafts, and entertainment! Come in costume!

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12

EMERSON STREET
BUSSE AVENUE
FREE ADMISSION

WWW.DOWNTOWNMOUNTPROSPECT.COM

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS



Holiday House Decorating Contest

December 1 - 5

If your holiday lights are turned on during the evening hours of December 1 - 5, your home will be considered for the Village's Holiday Decorating Contest. Judges will be touring the Village on those dates to scout all the beautifully decorated houses of Mount Prospect. Award categories include Best Use of Lights, Best Block, Simple Yet Elegant, and more.

Mount Prospect Historical Society 26th Annual Holiday Housewalk

Friday, December 6
3:30 - 9 p.m.

Tickets will be available for purchase throughout the community on Nov. 1. For more information on these and other Historical Society events, please visit www.mtphist.org.



Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday, December 7
10 a.m. - noon

Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.

Don't miss the ultimate BEAR BASH as the Library celebrates the 33rd Annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite teddy bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione. We will also sing along with Parents' Choice Gold Winner Mark Dvorak. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march over to Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. To sign up, visit www.mppl.org/events, call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.



Mount Prospect Community Band Concert

Sunday, December 8
4 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
605 W. Golf Rd.

"Tis the Season to Be Jolly!" This free concert is sponsored by the Fine Arts Committee of Trinity United Methodist Church and is held in conjunction with the Trinity United Methodist Women's Annual Christmas Cookie Walk. Donations welcome to support Journeys from PADS to Hope, the program in which local churches provide shelter for the homeless. For information, contact 847/439-0950 or www.trinitymp.org.

Polar Express

December 17, 18 & 19
1:20 - 4 p.m.

\$14 per person • Must pre register
River Trails Park District

Ride on the Polar Express! Meet at the Prospect Heights train station & board our very own Polar Express. We'll stop at the North Pole's train station for winter fun! Each child will receive a little gift to remind them of the River Trails Polar Express! Please don't be late! An adult must accompany all children. Additional parking fee of \$1.50 in CHANGE is needed at the Prospect Heights train station. Min. 10; Max. 75. Designed for all ages.

New Year's Eve-Eve

Monday, December 30
11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

\$12 per person
Victoria in the Park Banquets

Hosted by the Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission, this special family event includes a DJ, dancing, food, entertainment and a balloon drop. Tickets will go on sale at the Tree Lighting Ceremony, November 27. After November 27, you may purchase them at the Mount Prospect Public Library. For more information, visit www.mountprospect.org under the "About Us" tab within the "Special Events" category.



Mount Prospect
Tree Lighting

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Wednesday
NOV.
27

PLUS!
Christkindlmarket
Holiday Market
with goods from
local artists
and vendors.

5PM @ **Keystone Plaza**
50 S. Emerson St. (west entrance of Village Hall)
www.experiencemountprospect.org

Refreshments
provided by the
Mount Prospect
Lions Club

Mount Prospect
Be a part of it!

Shining Star Awards - Celestial Celebration

Friday, February 7 - Mark your Calendar!
Victoria in the Park Banquets

Each year, the Village recognizes its Shining Stars - individuals and organizations that contribute to making Mount Prospect a better community at the Celestial Celebration. The Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Shining Star Awards. Nominations must be received by November 15. Forms and categories are available at www.mountprospect.org under the "About Us" tab within the "Special Events" category.



HUMAN SERVICES



DRIVER REFRESHER CLASS

This course is intended to give drivers the information and confidence they need to pass their license renewal examination. The next class will be held on Wednesday, November 20, at 1:30 p.m. To register, call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680.



1711 W. Algonquin Rd.,
847/506-4930

Learn More about the New Health Care Law & the Health Insurance Marketplace

Access Community Health Network (ACHN) will help uninsured and underinsured adults apply for the no-cost Illinois Medicaid CountyCare Program on Friday, October 4, from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Community Connections Center.

Participants will also learn about discount programs offered by ACHN, the new health care law, and insurance exchanges. To register contact Ramon Sanchez, ACHN's community representative, at 773/315-0270.

October is Senior Health Month

Several events will be held in October related to health and wellness. Programming will include educational opportunities, health screenings and a senior health fair.

Life Line Screenings will be provided at St. Cecilia's Church. Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care will present "Making Sense out of Memory Loss" at Village Hall.

A dietician from Mariano's will offer a senior demonstration cooking class, "Cooking for One: Economical, Easy, Tasty Meals" at the Arlington Heights store.

There will be a presentation at Village Hall, "Helping Seniors Drive Safer and Longer." For more information and to register for any of these programs, call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680 or visit www.mountprospect.org: Government tab>Village Departments>Human Services.



Senior Health Fair

State Representative David Harris will host a Senior Health Fair, from 9 a.m. until noon on Thursday, October 17, in the Village Hall Community Room. The event will feature many services, including flu shots, glucose testing, hearing screening and 35 local health agencies. For additional information, contact Human Services 847/870-5680.



MEDICARE D PRESCRIPTION DRUG OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Open enrollment for Medicare D begins October 15 and goes through December 7. Every year brings changes of premiums, co-pays, deductibles and drugs covered for all drug plans. Residents who wish assistance with enrolling or reviewing their current plan should call 847/870-5680 to make an appointment.

THANKSGIVING & HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The holidays are approaching and help is available to low-income residents who live in Mount Prospect and may need assistance. Once again, through the generosity of the community, the Human Services Department plans to bring happiness to those who would otherwise not have the items that help to make holiday time special. In order to allow time for packing and distribution, all food items should be dropped off at the Human Services Department, on the second floor of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. Thanksgiving Program donations should be received by November 18. December Program donations should be received by December 16. For additional information, please call the Department at 847/870-5680.

SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Mount Prospect Senior Advisory Council Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 8, at Atlantis Banquets, 1273 N. Rand Rd., Arlington Heights. This party is open to all senior citizens. There will be a cash bar from noon - 1 p.m. Lunch is served at 1 p.m. Entertainment and door prizes will be available. The cost is \$25 per person, paid in advance at the Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department, 50 S. Emerson St. Reservation deadline is Tuesday, December 3. For further information, please call 847/870-5680.

Got Drugs?

The Mount Prospect Police Department will be participating in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration sponsored National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day, which will provide a venue to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired prescription medications – including



controlled substances. Additionally, the Mount Prospect Police Department will also be collecting used and unused needles/syringes for proper disposal.

Items can be dropped off at the Mount Prospect Public Safety Building (112 E. Northwest Hwy.) on Saturday, October 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside the main lobby. A uniformed police officer will be present to answer any questions.

Firearm Safety

Firearm accidents in the home can be prevented simply by making sure firearms are kept unloaded and safely stored, with ammunition secured in a separate location. The Police Department has a supply of FREE gun lock safety kits available to residents provided by Project ChildSafe. Any resident interested in picking one up can contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 847/870-5650.



Lock Your Doors

The Police Department has received reports of suspicious subjects attempting to gain entry into homes by checking for unlocked doors. In the past, Mount Prospect Police have taken reports of residential burglaries where entry was gained to the home through an unlocked door or window.

Residents should lock their doors, not only when they are away from home, but also while at are home. The same goes for locking vehicles, even if they are stored in the garage. Report all suspicious activity immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Halloween Safety

Halloween will be here soon. Here are some helpful tips to keep all of our little vampires and princesses safe.

- Make sure kids only trick-or-treat during the suggested times of 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Avoid dark colored costumes, they are much harder to see at night. If dark costumes are worn, make sure kids carry a flashlight, glow stick, or wear a reflective belt or vest to make sure they are seen.
- Avoid wearing masks as they restrict vision, use face paint instead.
- Make sure kids trick-or-treat in groups, and an adult should always tag along for extra safety.
- Trick-or-treaters should always cross at the crosswalks and never go between parked cars.



- A quick note to the drivers out there... make sure you drive a little bit slower in the residential areas and watch for those kids that forgot the last tip and run out from between parked cars.
 - And finally, an adult should always check all candy.
- Try to keep these tips in mind and it will help make this a safe and happy Halloween.



Traffic Enforcement "Street Of The Week"

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

September 23 – September 29
Elmhurst Rd./Main St. (RT 83)

September 30 – October 6
Central Rd.

October 7 – October 13
Rand Rd. (RT 12)

October 14 – October 20
Lincoln St.

October 21 – October 27
Northwest Hwy. (RT 14)

October 28 – November 3
Golf Rd. (RT 58)

November 4 – November 10
Burning Bush Ln.

November 11 – November 17
Busse Rd.

November 18 – November 24
Wolf Rd.

November 25 – December 1
Euclid Ave.

"LIKE"

The Police Department

Remember you can now follow the Police Department on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for news, safety tips and other information:

www.facebook.com/mountprospectpolice

www.twitter.com/mountprospectpd

www.youtube.com/mountprospectpolice

A LOOK AT THE PAST 100 YEARS



HUMBLE BEGINNINGS (1913 - 1939)

On September 29, 1913, community leaders met at the Central School to form the Mount Prospect Volunteer Fire Department. Their goal was to protect residents from the very real possibility of a destructive fire. Within the first year, the Department was equipped with six lanterns, eight buckets, an extension and a roof ladder and a hand pumper (purchased for \$60 from the Niles Centre Fire Department). Over the next two decades, the Department would purchase numerous pieces of equipment including: a bell, and later an electric siren, to notify the volunteers in the event of a fire, three fire trucks, first aid kits and smoke masks.

PROGRESS (1940 - 1959)

In the 1940s, the Village approved pay for firefighters and the Department constructed its first permanent building, which cost \$112,600. In the '50s, the Department purchased an American LaFrance Fromite fire engine for \$22,000 and responded to two plane crashes – the first a B-26 bomber that made an emergency landing in a Mount Prospect cornfield and the second a Navy jet that crashed near Weller Creek.



1913

Community leaders form the Mount Prospect Volunteer Fire Department at the Central School.



1928

First fire truck purchased – an American LaFrance 500 gallon pumper.



1914

Vintage 1850s hand pumper purchased for \$60 (remained in service until 1932).



1946

Land at Maple St. and Northwest Hwy. purchased for combination Village Hall and Fire Department.

1961

Full-time Fire Department established by Mount Prospect Village Board.

GROWING WITH THE COMMUNITY (1960 - 1979)

In 1961, the Mount Prospect Village Board voted to make the Department full-time but “supplemented by ‘paid on call’ (volunteer) firemen as needed.” Within just a few short years, and to accommodate the full-time personnel, the Fire Department would add a second story to the downtown fire station and build a second station at Golf and Busse Roads. The Department also purchased its first ambulance and welcomed a mascot—a dalmatian named Smokey.

In the early 1970s, the Department grew again when the Village annexed land and took over the Forest River Fire Protection District, adding a third fire station. The ‘70s saw the start of the Fire Cadet Program and the paramedic program through Northwest Community Hospital. After serving as the beloved mascot, Smokey died in 1972. In February 1977, Goldblatt’s department store caught fire, requiring the assistance of many neighboring departments. The Department’s first full-time public education officer was also hired in the ‘70s, which led to the start of the annual Children’s Fire Safety Festival in 1979.

EXPANDING RESPONSIBILITIES (1980 - PRESENT)

The 1980s and ‘90s saw the formation of specialized response/rescue teams, greater resource sharing with neighboring departments through the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and the replacement of the downtown fire station, which opened in 1993. Following the attacks on 9/11 and disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, the Department further expanded its responsibilities into emergency management, helping to better prepare the Village and its residents for natural and manmade emergencies. Only time will tell what additional duties the future may hold for the Fire Department.

1977

Firefighters respond to a fire at Goldblatt’s department store at Mount Prospect Plaza. Crews are unable to save the building and the store never reopened.



1972

Paramedic program started through Northwest Community Hospital (one of the first in the country).

2013

The Mount Prospect Fire Department celebrates its 100-Year Anniversary! The Department currently has 3 fire stations, 3 fire engines, 1 truck, 3 ambulances and 88 personnel.



1964

Fire Station 12 at Golf Rd. and Busse Rd. is built.



2010

Replacement Fire Station 14 on Kensington Rd. is built.

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Change the Clocks, Change the Batteries

When residents change their clocks on November 3, they should remember to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors!

According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of reported home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms provide a necessary early warning, especially when people are asleep. If a fire occurs, having a working smoke alarm reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by 50 percent. The leading causes of smoke alarm failure are missing, dead, or disconnected batteries.

The Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends the following guidelines for installing and maintaining smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors:

- Install new batteries at least twice a year and immediately if the alarm “chirps” warning of a low battery.
- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Choose a device that bears the label of a recognized testing UL laboratory.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Smoke alarms should also be installed in every room where people sleep.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years and carbon monoxide detectors every five years. An easy way to remember is to write the install date on the base of the device.

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

Christmas Tree Safety

Christmas trees account for approximately 200 fires annually, resulting in 13 deaths, 27 injuries and more than \$16.7 million in property damage. Tree fires typically occur as a result of shorts in electrical lights, and/or open flames from candles. Well-watered trees are generally not a problem, however dry and neglected trees can cause issues.

To eliminate a potential fire hazard this holiday season, the Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends residents use an artificial Christmas tree. If residents elect not to use an artificial tree, then the purchase of a fresh cut tree will reduce the risk of fire. When checking for freshness, residents should look for:

- A tree is that is completely green.
- Needles that are difficult to pull from branches and do not break when bent between fingers (when the trunk is bounced on the ground a shower of needles should not occur).
- A trunk that is sticky with resin.

Once the tree is home, follow these guidelines to ensure a safe holiday season:

- Place the trunk in a bucket of water to maintain freshness until they are ready to bring it inside.
- Cut off about two inches of the trunk before bringing it indoors, then mount it in a sturdy stand with wide spread legs. Use thin wire or fishing line to fasten large trees to walls or the ceiling to prevent the tree from toppling over.
- Place the tree at least three feet from fireplaces, radiators or other heat sources.
- Treat the tree like it is fresh flowers, making sure the water cup is filled at all times. Heated rooms tend to rapidly dry out trees, creating fire hazards.
- Do not rely on chemical coatings or sprays to flameproof trees.
- Never put lit candles on a tree.
- When decorating, make sure all electrical light cords are not frayed or split. Test lights before putting them on the tree.

For more information, contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253.

Fire Prevention Week: October 6 - 12

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2013, October 6 - 12, urging residents to “Prevent Kitchen Fires.” This year’s theme focuses on spreading the word that more fires start in the kitchen than in any other part of the home.

Each year, over 2,500 people die as a result of home fires and, according to NFPA, unattended cooking is the leading cause of house fires. Two out of every five home fires begin in the kitchen – and cooking fires are the leading cause of home fire-related injuries. Residents are reminded to never leave cooking unattended, to keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and to clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops after each use.

In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the Mount Prospect Fire Department will once again be conducting its Annual Poster/Essay Contest for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. All Mount Prospect schools have been given the guidelines for the contest and we encourage each student to participate in this educational activity. For more information, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253.





Mount Prospect to Host a Document Destruction Event

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) sponsors Document Destruction Events (DDE) to assist residents with recycling out-dated or sensitive documents. There is no cost to participate, but residents must live in one of SWANCC's member communities and ID's will be checked for proof of residency.

On Saturday, September 28, the Village of Mount Prospect will host a DDE at its Public Works Facility, 1700 W. Central Rd., from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Typical documents to shred include medical forms, bank statements, personal files and retired tax forms. Staples and paper clips are acceptable, but binders should be removed. Residents will be limited to six file-size boxes or paper shopping bags per vehicle. Do not bring paper in plastic bags. At the end of the event, the shredded documents are transported to Groot's recycling facility in Elk Grove Village and baled before being recycled into new paper.

For more information on SWANCC's DDE or other programs and resources, please contact the Agency at 847/724-9205 or visit swancc.org.



FREE SMOKE ALARMS FOR SENIOR HOMEOWNERS

Mount Prospect residents 65 years or older who own their own home can now receive **FREE** smoke alarms through a FEMA Fire Prevention and Safety Grant.

Only the first 350 applicants will be eligible to participate in the Senior Fire Safety Program. Each home will receive a minimum of two smoke alarms.

Take advantage of this limited program today! Call the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at: 847/818-5253 or visit www.mountprospect.org/smokealarm.



A Veterans' Tribute

On Friday, June 14, the Cook County Recorder of Deeds office celebrated the dedication of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Veterans Service Office. The office's main objective is to record military discharge documents (DD-214's). The office also aids veterans in obtaining DD-214's for those who have previously recorded their documents with the Recorder's office. For more information on the Veterans Service Office, contact 312/603-5788 or at www.cookrecorder.com.



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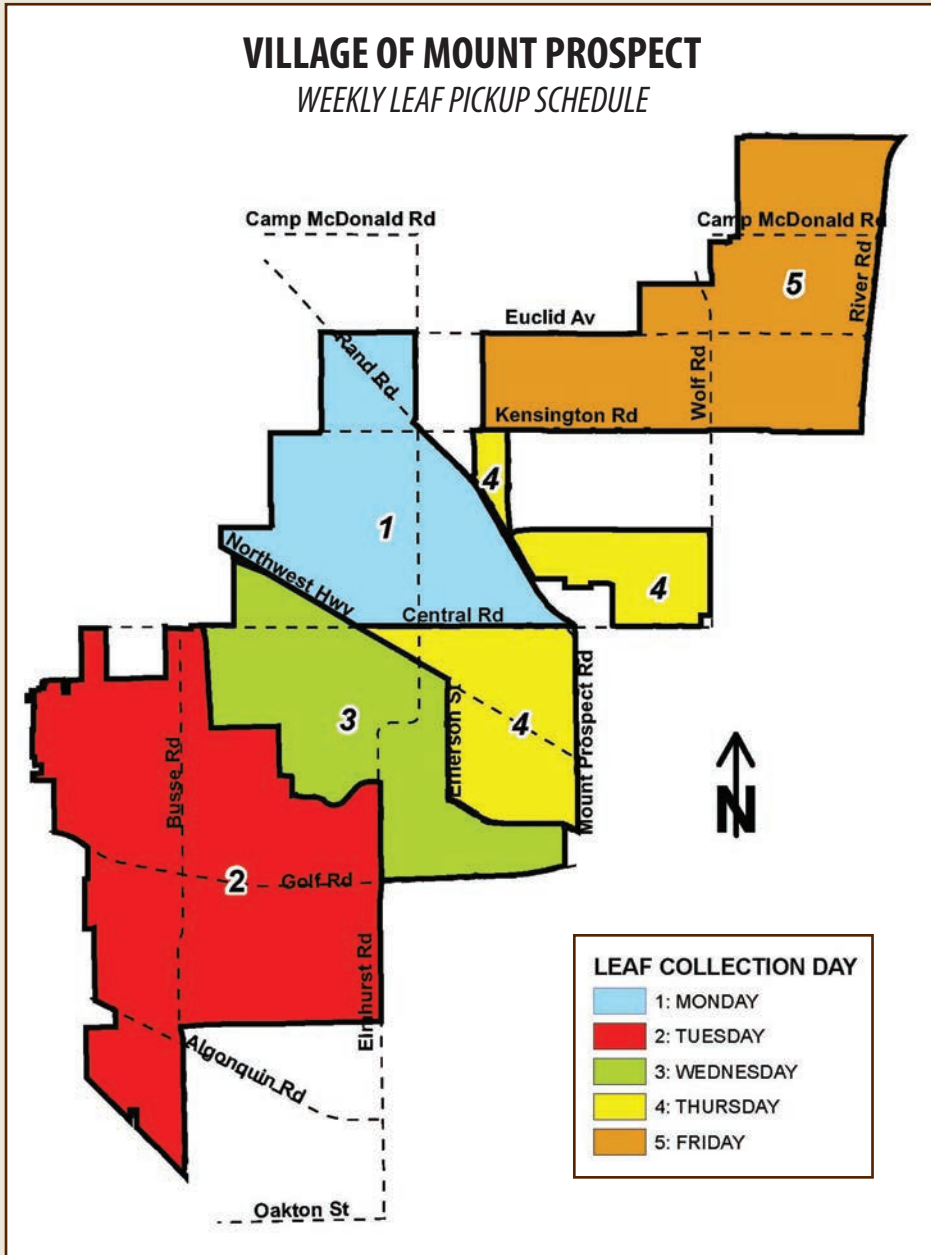
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PUBLIC WORKS

Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Village's fall leaf collection program provides residents with two methods to conveniently dispose of leaves at no cost. The program allows residents to set out loose leaves at the curb for collection by Public Works crews from October 7 - November 22. Additionally, bagged leaves will be collected from November 25 through December 13.



BURNING LEAVES IN MOUNT PROSPECT VIOLATES ORDINANCE 24.115

Loose Leaf Collection

The loose-leaf collection program is for LEAVES ONLY and will take place from October 7 - November 22. Any leaf pile containing grass clippings or other yard material will NOT BE COLLECTED.

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

Bagged leaf collection

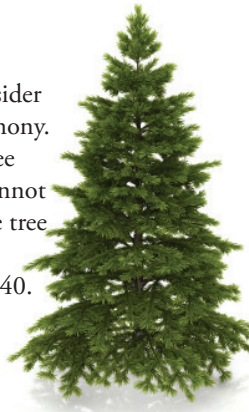
ARC Disposal will conduct the extended leaf collection program for bagged leaves on each resident's regularly scheduled refuse collection day from November 25 - December 13.

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

Yard waste and brush collection ends December 13. Please make sure to place all properly prepared yard waste and brush at the curb prior to December 13. Yard waste or brush placed at the curb after December 13 will not be collected. Please visit the Village website in the spring for the start date of the 2014 yard waste program at www.mountprospect.org, click: Government tab>Village Departments>Public Works.

Holiday Tree Wanted!

Do you have a fir or spruce tree in your yard that is no longer wanted? Consider donating the tree to the Village to be used for the 2013 Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Village will entertain requests from residents that have a fir or spruce tree with a minimum height of 30 feet that has uniform and full growth (tree cannot be trimmed up from the bottom). The Village will remove and transport the tree at no cost to the resident. Interested individuals should contact the Public Works Department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or 847/870-5640.



Christmas Tree Collection

January 6 - 17, 2014

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

Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris such as:

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



Please do not cut or trim trees for collection; place trees at the curb whole. Trees may be placed at the curb prior to January 6 and after January 17, but these trees will be collected as regular refuse and will not be composted. Wreaths will also be collected at no additional cost on residents' regular refuse collection day, but are considered refuse due to the metal frame. Please place your wreath in your green refuse cart for disposal. In addition, artificial wreaths are not recyclable. Artificial wreaths should be placed in the green refuse cart for disposal not the blue recycling cart.

Caring for Your Vehicle and the Environment

Proper car care and maintenance is a very important part of efforts to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways. Whatever is dumped into storm drains or onto pavement will wind up in local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, it is very important that it is disposed of properly. Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works at 847/870-5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations.

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

No Parking Reminder

There is no parking on Village streets between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. at any time of the year. There is no parking permitted on any Village street at any time within a 24-hour period of a snowfall of two inches (2") or more (Ordinance 2963). This ordinance cancels any overnight parking permission that previously may have been granted. The Village will tow parked vehicles not removed in time by their owner. Cost of the towing will be borne by the vehicle owners.

It is each vehicle owner's responsibility to monitor the weather conditions and to avoid problems if a snowfall of two-inches or greater occurs anytime. For more information about permission to park overnight on Village streets, call the Police Department at 847/870-5656.

Want to Make Extra Holiday Money? Public Works Needs Snow Plow Drivers.

If you have experience driving large trucks, have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, can be available whenever needed and could use some extra money, the Public Works Department wants you! The Department is currently looking for supplemental snow plow drivers, an orientation class must be attended by all first year drivers. For more information, please call 847/870-5640.

Street Plowing Procedures

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

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

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

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

GRAND OPENINGS



Myers Place

On June 3, community leaders, project partners and local residents celebrated the grand opening for Myers Place, a new \$13.2 million mixed-use supportive housing development located at the intersection of Dempster Street and Busse Road. It is the first supportive housing development in the northwest suburbs providing affordable housing for people with mental illness and disabilities.



The BallPark

On July 2, The BallPark had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at their newly renovated, climate-controlled facility located at 604 W. Central Road. The BallPark camps and clinics are designed and led by professional athletes to meet the needs of athletes at any skill level. For more information, call 847/873-0480 or visit www.theballparkmp.com.



Seattle Sutton Healthy Eating

On July 10, Seattle Sutton Healthy Eating had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 718 E. Northwest Hwy. They offer a variety of healthy, freshly prepared meals. For more information, visit www.seattlesutton.com or call (847) 791-7874.



Jelly Cafe

On July 16, Jelly Cafe had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1784 W. Golf Road. The restaurant is open from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily, and serves an array of breakfast favorites, as well as lunch sandwiches, paninis and wraps, salads, desserts and smoothies. For more information, visit www.jelly-cafe.com or call 847/ 979-8989.



Free-cigs.com

On August 15, Free-cigs.com had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 141 W. Prospect Avenue. The new storefront specializes in providing the latest trends of electronic cigarettes, which are electronic devices that vaporize a liquid solution to create an alternative to smoking traditional cigarettes. For information, visit www.free-cigs.com or call 224/223-7418.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CVS Caremark

On August 20, CVS Caremark held a grand opening event at its new state-of-the-art mail service pharmacy and customer center, located at 1780 Wall Street. The new \$67 million facility serves 60 million people across the U.S., and currently employs 400 people.



Fresh Thyme Market will open in the former Sports Authority storefront at 211 W. Rand Road. The grocery is the first of 50 locations planned in the Chicagoland area over the next five years and will provide residents with an additional grocery option on the north end of town.



Dahn Yoga

On August 29, Dahn Yoga had a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 W. Rand Road. The programs are designed to alleviate stress while creating peace of mind. For more information, visit www.dahnyoga.com/mtprospect or call 847/749-1584.



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ARRANGEMENTS

Edible Arrangements is now open in the downtown district next door to Emerson Ale House and the UPS Store on Emerson Street. Edible Arrangements is the leader in fresh fruit bouquets and they create fresh fruit arrangements and gourmet chocolate dipped fruit to order, for pick-up or delivery, seven days a week.

Mount Prospect's Entrepreneur's Café Returns

Potential and existing business owners are invited to a presentation and open discussion about the Entrepreneur's Café series on November 13, at 9 a.m. in the Village Board Room, 50 S. Emerson St., 3rd floor. The Village has teamed with the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Development Center at Harper College, Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association and the Mount Prospect Public Library to help new businesses get established in Mount Prospect by providing a package of innovative resources useful to new or small businesses.



The Entrepreneur's Café has held several successful events on topics such as "first steps" to opening a business, social media and marketing, and networking sessions. The November meeting will include an overview on Entrepreneur's Café program and information on small business workshop opportunities. Prospective and current business owners are welcome to attend—we will be seeking feedback from attendees that will help guide future meetings.

The goal of the Entrepreneur's Café is to provide future or new business owners with tools to help ensure their success in Mount Prospect—education, mentoring, marketing opportunities and networking will be available through the Entrepreneur's Café. For more information, please contact Nellie Beckner at 847/818-5312 or via email at nbeckner@mountprospect.org.



FOUNDED BY FIREMEN

Firehouse Subs is now open at the Randhurst Crossing Shopping Center at the northwest corner of Rand and Kensington roads. Featuring a variety of steamed sub sandwiches and a commitment to the communities they serve, Firehouse Subs is a daily affirmation that serving good food and doing good belong together.

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

- 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
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8am-12PM

Fundraiser to support fire and life safety education programs.

ADULTS	6-12 years	5 & under
\$6	\$4	FREE

*The actual date of the Fire Department's 100th Anniversary (founded on Sept. 29, 1913)



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NEW! EASY PARK - COMMUTER PARKING PROGRAM

Save time - Skip the lines

This fall, the Village will be implementing a new parking option for the Metra commuter parking lots. Rather than paying at the parking machine each day, commuters will now have the option of purchasing a parking permit (monthly or quarterly) and parking in a dedicated section of the lot. The cost of the permit will be \$30 Monthly, \$90 Quarterly.

Mount Prospect Commuter Lot



DEDICATED PARKING AREA FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

Visit the website, www.mountprospect.org/easypark for details. Watch for announcements about the limited time sale of permits at the train station, as well as information on how to purchase permits at the Finance Department at Village Hall or by mail.

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 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For more information about Coffee with Council, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847/392-6000, or visit www.mountprospect.org.

