



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

WINTER 2015
JANUARY-MARCH

CELEBRATE THE SHINING STARS OF MOUNT PROSPECT



From businesses to organizations to ordinary people, there are plenty of wonderful gems in Mount Prospect that make it a great community in which to live and work. The 22th Annual Celestial Celebration, celebrating this year's Shining Stars, will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015, at The Cotillion Banquets, 360 S. Creekside Drive in Palatine. A "Shining Star" is an individual or organization that helps to make our community a great place in which to live and work.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost of the evening is \$45 per person, which includes dinner, dancing, live entertainment, a silent auction and more. It is truly a heartwarming evening.

This tradition started when the Village celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Following that event, a group of citizens approached the Village leadership encouraging them to continue the event on an annual basis. Thus, under the leadership of Mayor Gerald "Skip" Farley, the Special Events Commission was formed, charged with coordinating social events that would bring Village residents together in enjoyable settings. It has been going strong ever since.

Join the celebration! Online reservations are now available on the Village website, mountprospect.org/celestialtickets

For more information, go to mountprospect.org and click on the Shining Stars logo in the lower left hand corner or call 847/392-6000.

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IRISH FEST APRIL 25

NEWS & NOTES

Water Rate Increase

The Village Board recently approved a 9 percent increase to water and sewer utility rates. The larger-than-usual increase to the utility rate is necessary to cover the higher cost expected for water purchases. The City of Chicago, which provides water to the Village through the Joint Action Water Agency, has scheduled a series of excessively large rate hikes. A 15 percent rate increase took effect on January 1, 2014. Another rate hike of 15 percent by the City of Chicago is planned for 2015. The current combined rate for water and sewer is \$9.22. Effective with all billings after January 1, 2015, the new combined rate will be \$10.05. A Mount



Prospect household typically uses 8,000 gallons of water during a one-month billing period. Based on this estimate, the household's monthly water and sewer usage fee would be \$85.40, an increase of \$6.64. This includes the \$5.00 monthly sewer construction charge. There was no change in the sewer construction flat fee. For more information, please contact the Water Billing Department at 847/392-6000.

Vehicle Stickers

The deadline for displaying the 2014-2015 vehicle sticker was April 30, 2014. The Police Department may issue citations to drivers of locally registered vehicles if the 2014-2015 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.

2015-2016 Vehicle Stickers

Residents should look for a renewal notice in the mail during the first week of February 2015. Residents who recently moved to the Village or those who do not receive a renewal notice by February 9 should come to Village Hall (50 S. Emerson St.) to pick up a renewal application. For more information, please call the Finance Department at 847/392-6000.



Where Do Property Taxes Go?

The Village of Mount Prospect provides a complete range of services for its residents and business community. These services include police and fire protection, emergency ambulance service, street and highway maintenance, health and social services, refuse disposal, public improvements, planning and zoning, engineering and inspection, water and sewer utility service and general administrative services.

To pay for all this, the Village obtains revenues from a number of sources, including property taxes. Property taxes accounted for 19.7 percent of the Village's total revenues expected for 2014. Sales tax, service charges, licenses, fees, state income and motor fuel taxes, and several other revenues sources make up the balance. The Village is using the money received from the 2013 property tax for four basic purposes: police and fire protection, public safety pensions, public improvements and refuse disposal.

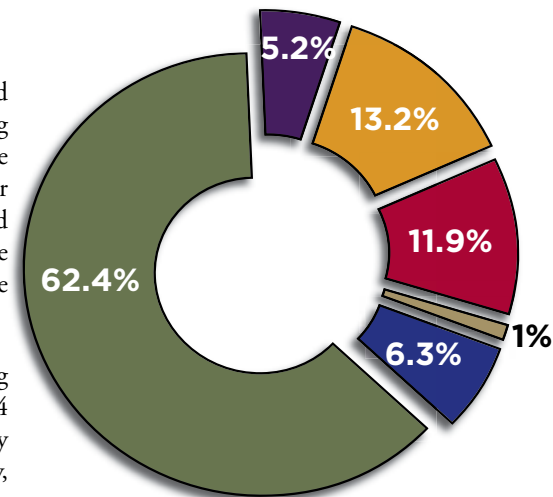
The owner of a residential property in Mount Prospect having an equalized assessed value of \$98,200 (approximate market value of \$350,000) will pay the Village about \$1,111 in property taxes as a result of the final 2013 levy (payable in 2014). Of this amount, \$600 is for police and fire protection, \$343 is for funding public safety (police and fire) pensions, \$146 is for public improvements and \$22 is for refuse disposal.

This estimate assumes only the standard homeowner exemption when determining taxable value. Homeowners may also be eligible for the senior citizen exemption, senior freeze or other property tax exemption offered by the Cook County Assessor's Office. These programs work to provide further relief to the annual tax bill.

Other Taxing Districts - Within and including the Village of Mount Prospect, there are 34 separate and independent taxing districts. They include the Mount Prospect Public Library, Cook County governments, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, six public school districts, five park districts, and fourteen other tax districts, plus Elk Grove and Wheeling townships.

With the exception of the Village and Public Library, the taxing districts in Mount Prospect do not share common boundaries. As such, not all of the 34 tax levies appear on every tax bill for a Mount Prospect resident or business. Typically, there are 16 or 17 districts on each individual tax bill.

Village's Share - The pie chart above shows the breakdown of property taxes for the Village of Mount Prospect in Elk Grove Township from the 2013 tax bill (payable in 2014). The Village is to receive \$17.3 million or 11.9% of the total. The percentages vary depending



Distribution of 2013 Property Taxes

(Example of resident who lives in Elk Grove Township)

- Education
- Village of Mount Prospect
- Cook County
- Culture & Recreation
- Elk Grove Township
- Water & Sewer District

on the area of the Village and the taxing districts included.

For more information on property taxes and the Village budget, visit the website at mountprospect.org (under Quicklinks in the upper-right hand corner of the home page, Select BUDGET), or contact the Finance Department at 847/392-6000.

Village Centennial Vehicle Sticker

The Village of Mount Prospect is pleased to introduce the latest vehicle sticker honoring the anniversary of an important Village entity. In the run-up to the 2017 Village Centennial, the Village began by honoring the 100th anniversary of the Mount Prospect Fire Department in 2013. In 2014, the founding of High School District 214 (which celebrates 100 years) was commemorated.

The 2015 vehicle sticker will honor the five different park districts which serve the residents of Mount Prospect. Three of them are celebrating major anniversaries in 2015, thus it is an appropriate year to highlight them on the vehicles of Village residents.

Many citizens of Mount Prospect probably do not realize that many of their fellow residents may live within the boundaries of different park districts. While the Mt. Prospect Park District, which turns 60 in 2015, serves the vast majority (17,755 households), others are served by the River Trails Park District (4,616 households), the Prospect Heights Park District (1,192 households), the Des Plaines Park District (336 households) and the Arlington Heights Park District (279 households). In 2015, the River Trails Park District celebrates 50 years of serving the community and the Arlington Heights Park District turns 90.

Upcoming stickers will honor:

2016: The 120th anniversary of the Central School

2017: The 100th anniversary of Mount Prospect

2018: The 75th anniversary of the Mount Prospect Public Library

The 2015 sticker was designed by Harper College graphic design and web design student Tatsuya Kurihara. He was one of three student members of the Harper Graphic Arts Club who volunteered to help the Mount Prospect Centennial Commission design a logo for the 2017 celebration. During the course of that logo search, Kurihara came up with this design which was immediately seized upon for the 2015 Village vehicle sticker tribute to the park districts.



2017 vehicle sticker design commemorating the Village's Centennial.

Consolidated Election — Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Units of Local Government Conducting Elections

Village of Mount Prospect Board of Trustees

Village of Mount Prospect Public Library

Park Districts • School Districts

Community College Districts • Townships

Voter Registration

- To be eligible to vote in the April 7th Consolidated Election, you must be registered to vote by March 10. (If you have moved or changed your name since the last election, you need to re-register).

Voter Registration Requirements

- United States Citizen
- **At least 18 years of age by the Consolidated Election – April 7, 2015**
- A resident of your precinct for at least 30 days prior to an election.
- You must present two forms of identification with at least one showing your current address.

** High School Students - if you are 18 or will be 18 by April 7, 2015, be sure to register to vote and be a part of the electoral process.*

Resources for additional election/voter registration information including:

- On-line voter registration
- Grace period voter registration and voting
- Mail voting
- Early voting dates and locations
- Sample ballots

cookcountyclerk.com

mountprospect.org

Mount Prospect Village Clerk's office at 847/818-5355

Don't Forget to Register and Vote

Last Day To Register – March 10, 2015

Village of Mount Prospect Village Hall

50 South Emerson Street

Mount Prospect Public Library

10 South Emerson Street

Cook County Election Information

cookcountyclerk.com

mountprospect.org

Mount Prospect Village Clerk's Office – 847/818-5355

Know your elected officials. District maps/elected official information is available on the Village's website: mountprospect.org (Under the "About Us" tab, select "Elected Officials.")



Skip the Lines at the Commuter Parking Lot

Purchase a Permit for \$30/month at Village Hall

Instead of paying for parking at the automated pay machines on a daily basis, commuters are able to purchase a monthly pass through the Finance Department for a cost of \$30. Permits will remain \$30 a month regardless of the number of parking days in the month.

Mount Prospect Commuter Lot

**EASY
PARK**

DEDICATED PARKING AREA FOR PERMIT HOLDERS

To learn more, visit mountprospect.org/easypark or call 847/870-5640.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

12/30

New Year's Eve-Eve

Tuesday, December 30

11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

\$12 per person

Bristol Palace

828 E. Rand Rd.

Hosted by the Village of Mount Prospect Special Events Commission, this special family event includes a DJ, dancing, food, entertainment and a balloon drop. The event usually sells out. Any tickets still available may be purchased at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St. The Kids Pantry will be onsite collecting gently used baby items for the organization's outreach efforts.



NOW-
2/27

Holiday Light Recycling Program

Now - February 27, 2015

Mondays – Fridays, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Mount Prospect Public Works

1700 W. Central Road

Hosted by the Village of Mount Prospect and Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County. All holiday string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off at Public Works. Garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclables are NOT accepted in this program. For more information, visit swancc.org/programs/holiday-light-recycling or call Public Works at 847/870-5640.



1/23

Sister Cities Commission Trivia Night

Friday, January 23

7 p.m.

Village Hall Community Room
(50 S. Emerson St., 1st floor)

Bring a friend, some snacks and beverages and enjoy a celebration of Mount Prospect's French American connection. Advanced tickets are \$10 per person or \$12 on the day of the event. To reserve and purchase tickets, email sistercities@mountprospect.org or call Tricia Fusilero at 847/721-6726. Students 17 years old and younger are invited to attend, but must be accompanied by an adult. Students are \$5 each. Tickets can be purchased at Busse's Flowers & Gifts (100 E. Northwest Hwy.) and StayFit Physical Therapy (127 W. Prospect Ave.). All proceeds support community activities and programs sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission.



mount prospect

IRISH
fest
2015

SAT. APRIL 25
1PM - 11PM

EMERSON STREET
BUSSE AVENUE AND

MPIRISHFEST.COM

entertainment:

Sullivan Irish Dancers • Trinity Irish Dancers
The Dooley Brothers • They Might Be Irish
The Larkin and Moran Brothers

IRISH FOOD AND DRINK



Mount Prospect
Chamber of Commerce

2/14

Spring It On!

Saturday, February 14

1 - 4 p.m.

Free Family Event

River Trails Park District
Weiss Community Center
1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Join River Trails Park District (RTPD) for family fun and experience all the RTPD has to offer. To kick off their 50th Anniversary Celebration, the RTPD is showcasing a variety of recreation programs and classes. There will games, such as: minute to win it, preschool obstacle course, family twister, cup stacking contests and more. There will also be entertainment and a ceramic painting station. Bring your ice skates for our outdoor rink, weather permitting. Gather your family and friends for a fun-filled day. All ages welcome. For more information, visit rtpd.org or call 847/255-1200.





02/16

Skate to Save History

Presidents' Day – Monday, February 16

Noon-5 p.m.

Central Community Center (CCC)

1000 W. Central Rd.

The Mount Prospect Historical Society and the Mt. Prospect Park District will be hosting a Skating Party to preserve local history with DJ music at the Central Community Center (CCC). There is a \$5 admission charge.

Inline skates can be rented at the facility or you can bring your own (with Park District's inspection). All the proceeds will go towards the many MPHS educational programs. For more information, visit mtphist.org or contact 847/392-9006.

02/27

Mount Prospect Trivia Night

Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

Friday, February 27

7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)

\$200 team table (8-10 persons)

Village Hall Community Room

(50 S. Emerson St., 1st floor)

Bring your own food and beverages. Winning team receives the Traveling Team Trophy and medals! Bring canned goods for Mount Prospect Food Pantry. Costumes are welcomed. Raffle prizes will be awarded. Enjoy a fun evening! For more information, contact the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce at info@mountprospectchamber.org or 847/398-6616.

03/14

Mini Golf at the Library

Saturday, March 14

11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Join the Library for a day of family fun and enjoy an 18-hole miniature golf course at the Library. This unique adventure will have golfers putting throughout the Library, between the stacks, through the reading areas, and down the stairs. There will also be a 19th Hole entertainment area for players with refreshments, entertainment, games, and a raffle for fun prizes.

This event is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation (MPPLF). The MPPLF provides funding to the Library for special programs and projects that are otherwise unattainable with tax dollars. For more information, visit mopl.org or contact 847/253-5675.

03/22

Mt. Prospect Community Band

Mt. Prospect Park District

Sunday, March 22

3:30 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

100 S. School St.

The Mt. Prospect Community Band is proud to announce its Spring Concert. The music will be varied and will feature a young virtuoso saxophone soloist performing a brilliant concerto by the Russian composer, Alexander Glazunov. For more information, call 847/640-1000.



ENTREPRENEUR'S CAFÉ

The Entrepreneur's Café connects new and prospective business owners to resources that help ensure success.

Programming includes quarterly educational events, networking, and professional guidance.



To learn more, or to sign up for our E-newsletter, visit mountprospect.org/Ecafe



DYNAMIC YEAR LUNCHEON

PLEASE JOIN FELLOW BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO KICK OFF ANOTHER DYNAMIC YEAR!

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:
"LOOKING AHEAD"
FROM MAYOR ARLENE JURACEK.
SUCCESS STORIES FROM OUR YEA!
YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY
STUDENTS WHO ARE CEOs
OF THEIR OWN COMPANIES.

THURSDAY 2015 JANUARY 8

11:30AM-1:00PM
LUNCHEON & PROGRAM

BRISTOL PALACE BANQUETS

828 E. RAND ROAD
MOUNT PROSPECT, ILLINOIS 60056

PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 29, 2014
847.398.6616 or meghan@mountprospectchamber.org

WITH THANKS TO OUR LUNCHEON SPONSORS



POLICE DEPARTMENT



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:

December 29 – January 4
Elmhurst Rd./Main St. (Rte. 83)

January 5 – January 11
Central Rd.

January 12 – January 18
Northwest Hwy. (Rte. 14)

January 19 – January 25
Lincoln St.

January 26 – February 1
Rand Rd. (Rte. 12)

February 2 – February 8
Golf Rd. (Rte. 58)

February 9 – February 15
Burning Bush Ln.

February 16 – February 22
Wolf Rd.

February 23 – March 1
Busse Rd.

March 2 – March 8
Euclid Ave.

March 9 – March 15
Lonnquist Blvd.

TEXT TO 9-1-1 NOW AVAILABLE

In an effort that began in the summer of 2014, AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon customers living in or traveling through Mount Prospect and the Northwest Central Dispatch System service area may be able to use their mobile phones to send a text message to 9-1-1 for emergency help.

It is the first 9-1-1 communications center in Illinois to accept text 9-1-1 messages, which officials say is especially important for residents with speech or hearing impairments.

Texting 9-1-1 should be an option only when calling is not possible. A voice call is still the most efficient way to access emergency services.

Texts should include clear location information with the first message, along with the nature of the emergency. Unlike voice calls, emergency personnel will not be able to determine location, nor will they be able to speak with the person sending the text to quickly ascertain their location. Abbreviations and slang should not be used.

If a text to 9-1-1 is not answered in a timely manner, customers should not hesitate to make a voice call to 9-1-1.



DRUG COLLECTION DROP BOX

The Police Department has been awarded a grant from CVS Pharmacy to install a Drug Collection Drop Box. The new drop box will be located in the lobby of the Police Department (112. E. Northwest Hwy.) and will provide residents with a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications, including controlled substances.

The new drop box is intended to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease prescription drug abuse, which has soared in recent years, especially among teenagers. More than 70 percent of teenagers say it is easy to get prescription drugs from their parents' medicine cabinets, according to a 2014 Partnership for Drug-Free Kids study.

The new drop box will also help the Village prevent the contamination of local landfills and water supplies from unused medication.



MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE DEPARTMENT



With COURAGE we protect

With COMPASSION we serve

WWW.MOUNTPROSPECT.ORG/POLICE

WWW.JOINMPPD.ORG



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INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU DONATE TO CHARITIES

There are more than 25,000 legitimate charitable organizations registered in Illinois. Unfortunately, there are some solicitors attempting to sell a product or collect donations for charities that may not be legitimate.

All legitimate charities are required to register with the Illinois Attorney General's Office Charitable Trusts Bureau. You can check to see if a charity is registered with the Illinois Attorney General's Office by visiting the online resource at illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/charities/search

If you suspect a solicitor may not be soliciting for a legitimate charity, do not give them any donations or purchase any of their products. Check with the Illinois Attorney General's Office Charitable Trust Bureau (website above) to verify if they are properly registered.

The people soliciting for alleged charities may carry form NFP 102.10 from the State of Illinois Office of the Secretary of State. This form in itself is not evidence enough that the charity is legitimate. You can check if the organization is in good standing with the Secretary of State by researching online at cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/corp.html

You then go to the Search button and enter the charity's name. The website will tell you if the organization is in "Good Standing" or "Not in Good Standing." An organization "Not in Good Standing" means the organization has not paid their annual fees and/or is past due in filing their annual report with the Secretary of State.

The Mount Prospect Police Department offers these additional tips to donate smart:

- Find out if the solicitor is a paid fund-raiser. If the solicitor is paid, a portion of your contribution will pay the salary. Illinois law requires paid fund-raisers to identify themselves as such and to name the charity for which they are soliciting.
- Ask how much of your contribution will go to the charity. Illinois law requires professional fund-raisers to disclose this information if asked.
- Request written information. A legitimate charity will provide you with information outlining its mission, how your donation will be distributed, and proof that your contribution is tax-deductible.



- Pay attention to names. Some phone charities intentionally use names that sound or look like those of respected, legitimate organizations to mislead you.
- Contact the charity. Find out if the organization has authorized the use of its name. If it is not aware of the solicitation, you may be dealing with a sham solicitor.
- Be skeptical if a solicitor thanks you for a pledge that you don't remember making. Check your records and don't pay for a pledge you didn't make.
- Refuse high pressure solicitations. Legitimate charities won't push you to give on the spot.
- Be wary of charities that offer to pick up your donation.
- Don't feel obligated. If charities send you unsolicited goods such as labels and note cards in the mail, you are under no obligation to contribute and may keep any unsolicited merchandise without donating.
- Never pay in cash. For security and tax record purposes, pay by check. Write the official name of the charity on your check; do not use initials.

Solicitors are not required to register with the Police Department prior to soliciting in the Village. Solicitors are only allowed to solicit by ordinance Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. during daylight savings time and Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. during Central Standard Time. Soliciting is not allowed on Sundays (with the exception of religious organizations) or on any State or National holiday. If any solicitors come to your door outside of solicitor hours or you suspect they may not be soliciting for a legitimate charity, please contact the Mount Prospect Police Department by calling 9-1-1 immediately.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fire Department Gives Back

The Fire Department was busy throughout 2014 finding ways to give back to the community.

March 3 – The Fire and Human Services Departments team up for Feed the Children.



April 21 – Firefighters participate in the St. Baldrick's Foundation Fundraiser, including shaving their heads to show support for children with cancer.



Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear-Twitter Contest!

Help the Mount Prospect Fire Department locate fire hydrants this winter by joining the Fire Hydrant Twitter Contest! When it snows, clear an area at least three feet around a fire hydrant near one's home. If possible, please make a path from the hydrant to the street.

Post a picture of the cleared hydrant to the Fire Department's Twitter page to enter into a contest to win a Fire Truck Ride to School! Residents can post multiple times (but only once for each snowstorm) and the person with the most posts wins.

The Mount Prospect Fire Department Twitter Page: @MountProspectFD, Use #MPFDHydrantContest when posting.



Tips for Residents

With colder weather, it's important to take a moment and clean out the lint that is captured from drying clothes and check the dryer vent on a regular basis. In the late fall, the Fire Department was called to a dryer fire. It was a minor fire, but it could have been much worse.

June 30 – Fire Administration prepares "Meals from the Heart" at the Ronald McDonald House.



August 27 – Union Local 4119 donated eighteen backpacks filled with supplies to the Village's school supply drive.



October 18 – Over \$12,000 in food and cash was collected at Randhurst Village for the Village Emergency Food Pantry.



December 20 – Firefighters sponsor a toy drive for families in need.





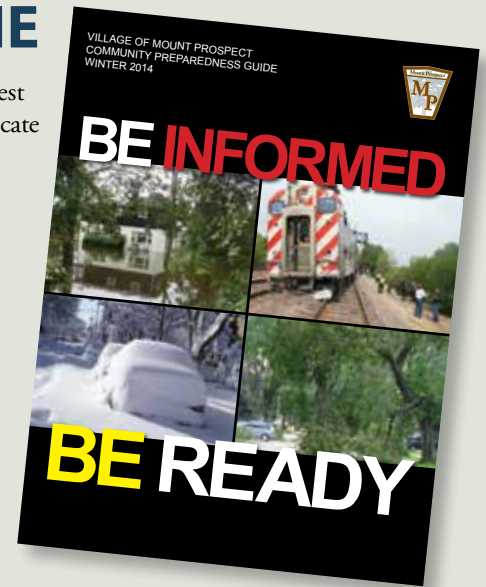
COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE

In times of emergency, one of the Village's greatest challenges is finding ways to effectively communicate with residents and business owners. We have numerous communication methods already in place—both high and low tech. The 2014 Community Preparedness Guide is available online at mountprospect.org/ema

Check the Village's Facebook and Twitter pages for regular updates during local emergencies.

 Facebook: [facebook/mountprospectIL](https://facebook.com/mountprospectIL)

 Twitter: [MountProspect](https://twitter.com/MountProspect)



Top 10 Space Heater Safety Tips

- 1 Look for a space heater equipped with a guard around the heat source to keep children and pets safe.
- 2 Select a heater approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- 3 Follow manufacturer instructions for proper use and safety measures.
- 4 Only use space heaters in well-vented areas and at least three feet away from any objects such as curtains, clothing or furniture.
- 5 Always place a space heater on a flat, level surface.
- 6 Do not use an extension cord to power the space heater.
- 7 Use K-1 kerosene only for kerosene space heaters. Do not use gasoline, camp stove fuel, or any other flammable liquid.
- 8 Store all fuel outdoors. Never refuel the heater inside the home.
- 9 Never leave a space heater on overnight or unattended.
- 10 Never place objects on the space heater to dry.

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

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Announcing the 2015 Shining Stars:

Best Business Award

StayFit PT – Diana Sahakian

To recognize a business in Mount Prospect that has gone out of its way to be a good corporate citizen. The contribution this business has made to the community makes Mount Prospect a better place in which to live and work. The hard work of the employees and generosity of the firm can serve as an example to others that Mount Prospect is a vibrant community with potential for new residents and new businesses.

Good - Better - Best Neighbor

Bob and Louise Kubycheck

To recognize a resident of Mount Prospect who exemplifies the meaning of a good neighbor.

Home Town Award

Russ Bechtold

To recognize a group or individual who has done something special to promote the feeling of community or to further unify the diverse groups within our community and who exemplifies the Village's motto, "Where Friendliness is a Way of Life."

Stand and Deliver Award

Karen Gubbins

To recognize an individual in a higher position who leads by example as a positive influence to his or her staff members and as part of his or her job or its professional responsibilities, enriches the lives of young people in Mount Prospect in some meaningful way.

Rising Star Award

Nolan Hahn

To recognize a junior high or high school student who goes beyond that which is expected of them. This is a young person who deserves to be honored for the example he/she sets for others and for his/her leadership — not just for the positions he/she may hold. This person is the Shining Star of tomorrow.



There Ought To Be More Like You Award

Janice Farley

To recognize a person(s) that is virtually indispensable in the life of a group or organization. The person takes on multiple tasks, helps wherever a hand is needed or takes charge when the occasion demands it. The Village of Mount Prospect and the world in general is a better place just because this individual is alive.

The Star Spangled Award

John "Dutch" DeGroot

This Mount Prospect resident demonstrates pride in America through service, attitude and commitment. This resident may never have served in the armed forces, but has assisted this country, or a veteran, in some meaningful way.

Champion for Youth Award

Jeremy Morton

To recognize an individual, organization, or program that, as part of his or her job or its professional responsibilities, enriches the lives of young people in Mount Prospect in some meaningful way. Through special or unique techniques or simply through enthusiastic effort, this person, organization, or program is a true advocate for the next generation. This Award is for a professional individual or group as opposed to a volunteer. See Stand and Deliver Award for volunteers who champion the cause of youth.

Open Arms Award

Jeanne Foster

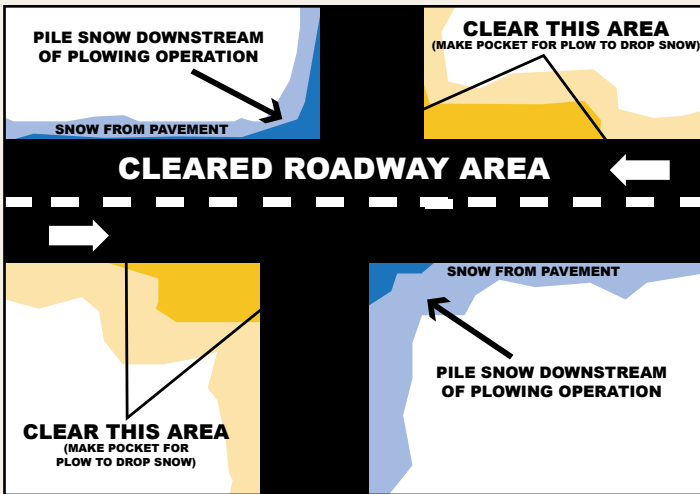
To recognize an individual or organization that has readily opened its arms and its heart to the needy, lonely or less fortunate.

Volunteers Volunteer Award

Jack and Eloise Decarlo

To recognize a person or couple that exemplifies the idea of a volunteer. This organized person or couple makes himself and/or herself available and is often thought of as a "go to" person who takes on multiple tasks volunteering to help whenever needed.

PUBLIC WORKS



Snow Shoveling

Please remember that it is hazardous and illegal to shovel, plow, or blow snow onto any public street. All shoveled, plowed, or blown snow should be piled in the yard or parkway. Please follow the suggestion below to minimize windrows in the driveway opening.

Snow in the driveway opening should be shoveled, in the direction of traffic, and deposited on the opposite side of the driveway. Then clear a pocket to the right of your driveway (when facing driveway from street).

The accumulated snow in the plow will dump into the pocket and NOT in your driveway. This simple procedure will minimize the amount of residual snow being plowed from the street into a driveway.



Mailbox Damage Policy

Mailboxes physically hit by a Village snowplow or truck will be replaced by the Village at no charge. Mailboxes that are damaged by snow thrown from snow plowing operations are the responsibility of the homeowner to repair, but the repair costs are eligible for reimbursement by the Village. To be eligible for reimbursement, the mailbox must be installed per Village code. The Village will provide a temporary mailbox until weather allows for repairs to be made. If a mailbox is damaged during snow plowing operations, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 before making any repairs. To view the Village Mailbox Policy online, visit mountprospect.org. Go to Government > Village Departments > Public Works > Streets > Mailbox Policy

Holiday Light and Extension Cord Recycling Program

For those residents who have purchase a new set of holiday lights this year, there's no need to throw away old lights in the garbage. Residents can recycle them free of charge. The same is true for extension cords that no longer work.

Residents can drop off their unwanted holiday string lights and extension cords at the Public Works Department located at 1700 West Central

Road between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. The program started November 3, 2014, with a tentative end date of February 27, 2015. Call 847/870-5640 for more information.

Keep in mind: The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclable materials.



Movement of Firewood Spreads Invasive Pests

For residents who use firewood, the Village encourages them to burn all of the wood before April. Gypsy Moth, EAB and other invasive pests are easily spread by firewood movement. Residents who purchase firewood to heat their home should make sure it comes from a vendor certified by the Illinois Department of Agriculture or has a compliance label from the USDA. Also, make sure any tree care company hired to work on private ash trees can produce a signed Illinois Department of Agriculture "EAB Compliance Agreement."



2015 Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

There will be **NO Solid Waste** collection on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

Please Note: If a holiday falls on a weekday and the regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, the pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday.

Winter's Here – Prevent Frozen Water Lines By Taking Precautions Now

With last year's winter bearing extremely harsh, cold temperatures and conditions, several properties in the Village experienced frozen water service lines outside and frozen pipes inside. These residents are urged to take steps to prevent it from happening again this winter. Most water services lines (pipes) going into the home are not going to freeze. Only a handful of properties experienced this problem, but it is always good to be prepared.

Residents who will be out of town over the winter are requested to ask someone — a friend, relative, neighbor or handyman - to check on their home during the cold spells. ALL residents are encouraged to make sure that the inside water shutoff actually works and that one knows where this important valve is located.

If a resident has experienced a history of frozen water pipes, consider leaving a spigot of dripping water, as this keeps water circulating in the pipes. However, residents will be charged for the water used. Therefore, if a resident runs the water at a rate of about one gallon every five minutes—about the stream width of a pencil or drinking straw—the flow would total about 500 gallons per day.

Other suggestions include:

- Wrapping any exposed pipes in the home with foam pipe insulation or with a heat tape.
- Turning the temperature up in those areas where there is exposed water piping; do not turn the heat lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit in areas with exposed piping.

All of these items are available at local plumbing or hardware stores. If unsure, consult a plumber or handyman for advice.

If a water line freezes, please contact Public Works at 847/870-5640. Public Works can assist in determining if the pipes are frozen in the home or at the service connection to the water main. If it is determined that the pipes are frozen internally after the water meter, the responsibility to thaw the pipes falls with the homeowner. Please consult with a licensed plumber before attempting to thaw frozen pipes. Improper thawing could cause pipes to burst, adding to the problem. Do not use open flames; consider using a heat tape to wrap around pipes. A hair dryer, heat tape, heating pad or heat gun may help thaw the line but this can take hours. Be careful and do not leave these items unattended. If the water lines are frozen for an extended period, this may indicate an issue with a water heater or boiler. In these cases, please consult a professional.



Lonnquist / Busse Pedestrian Crossing Improvements

The Village of Mount Prospect, in cooperation with the Cook County Department of Transportation & Highways, installed a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) at the intersection of Busse Road and Lonnquist Boulevard to improve pedestrian safety. RRFB is a fairly new technology that uses an irregular flash pattern of LED lights directed at traffic when a button is pressed by a waiting pedestrian or bicyclist. In national studies, the RRFB system has proven to have a much higher rate of compliance by motorists compared to standard flashing beacons. This, in turn, is expected to make it safer for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing Busse Road. In addition to the RRFB system, the project included new signs, pavement markings, and improved sidewalk ramps to accommodate both pedestrians and bicyclists.

Motorists are reminded to stop for pedestrians in the crosswalk per Illinois law. Please be aware the Police Department is monitoring the intersection to make sure motorists comply with this law. After pressing the button, pedestrians and bicyclists should wait for traffic to stop before entering the crosswalk. The RRFB system is programmed to flash for enough time to complete your crossing.

The Public Works Department is currently evaluating the new RRFB system to determine if it may be appropriate at other locations within the Village. Questions about the new system can be directed to the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640.



Snow Parking Reminder

After a minimum 2-inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on any Village street for at least 24 hours. This ordinance supercedes any overnight parking permission that previously may have been granted. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed by the Village to allow for snow removal crews to plow the streets. The cost of the towing will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner. The responsibility falls on the vehicle owners to monitor weather conditions and to avoid problems if a snowfall two inches or greater occurs, regardless of the time of day.

When will my Street be Plowed?

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

1. Principal intersections are plowed and salted first.
2. Primary collector streets are then plowed enough to allow two-way traffic to pass safely. Cul-de-sacs are plowed after a two-inch accumulation of snow.
3. Feeder streets and dead-end streets are plowed last.
4. When all roads have been opened, repeat passes will be made to clear them curb-to-curb, and intersections also will be cleared completely.

HUMAN SERVICES



Thank You for Caring and Sharing

The Human Services Department operates a food pantry year-round which provides monthly food assistance to eligible residents. The Holiday Meal Basket Program provided assistance in November and December to 125 families. The generosity of Village residents, employees, local businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations helps to sustain this program. Thank you to all those who made donations throughout 2014.

Upcoming Appointments Needed for Senior Citizens' Programs

- Real Estate Senior Exemptions and Tax Freeze Applications (Senior Tax Freeze applications no longer need to be notarized; however, income from 2013 must be itemized on the back of the form.)
- Income tax appointments being made for residents 60 years of age and older. (Tax preparers are trained to complete standard forms, individuals with very technical tax situations are advised to seek the services of a professional preparer.)
- State of Illinois Benefits Access Program License Plate Discount, Seniors Ride Free and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free benefits.



(Please note: if you applied for the Benefits Access Program in 2014, you do not need to apply until 2016. People should apply three months before their license sticker is due to expire, and not before.)

Driver Refresher Course

March 25 at 1:30 p.m.

The Secretary of State sponsors Rules of the Road driver refresher classes for senior citizens. To register or for more information, contact Human Services 847/870-5680.

Call Check

As the weather gets colder, we would like to remind residents of a program for individuals who are elderly or have health-related concerns and do not have family support in the area. The Call Check Program initiates a well-being check by phone during extreme weather conditions. 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 during power outages lasting an extended period of time. Conditions must be widespread so that the Village is aware of the problem. Please call 847/870-5680 to register or for additional information.

Nurse's Lending Library

The Human Services Department has a lending library of books residents may borrow for up to two weeks. The majority of the library includes books on Caregiving and Memory Loss written by professionals and those experiencing this journey personally. Books may be checked out at the front desk of the Human Services Department (2nd floor of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.).



1711 W. Algonquin Rd., • 847/506-4930



Play and Learn

A parent-child interactive early childhood program is coming to the Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Road. Parents and their children (between the ages of three and four) are invited to the Center's new 'Play and Learn' program being held Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The Village Human Services Department and the Mount Prospect Public Library South Branch are collaborating to offer arts and crafts, exercise, reading and music to parents and their children who are not enrolled in a pre-school program. English, Spanish and Polish-speaking families are welcome! Child care for younger siblings is available. Please call 847/506-4930 to register. Space is limited!

Diabetic Education Class and Support Group

During the months of January, February and March, the Village nurse will host a series of classes for people with diabetes. The 90-minute classes will include education as well as fellowship and support for those who are challenged by this disease. Classes are offered without charge to Village residents and babysitting will be provided. Class size is limited. Please call 847/506-4930 to register.

English Diabetes Program

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
January 9, February 6, March 6

Spanish Diabetes Program

Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
January 23, February 20 and March 20

Special Thank You to the Little Family for Donating the Tree for the Entire Village to Enjoy

The Village of Mount Prospect's 4th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was held Wednesday, November 26 at 5 p.m. at Village Hall in Keystone Plaza.

The Colorado Blue Spruce, donated by the Little Family, was moved on November 20. It measured 45 to 50 feet in height. Homer Tree Care generously donated their services and equipment for the harvesting, moving and installation of the tree. In preparation for the festivities, the tree was decorated on Friday, November 21. Decorations on the tree included over 5,000 lights.

The official Tree Lighting ceremony began at 5 p.m. with Mayor Arlene A. Juracek leading the program. The Madrigal Singers of Prospect

High School, directed by Jennifer Troiano, provided festive songs. The Mount Prospect Lions Club served hot cocoa. Cookies were donated by Central Continental Bakery and donuts were donated by 7 Eleven & Shell Gas Station.

"This community event is one that many residents look forward to each year," said Mayor Juracek. "It's a great reason to get together in downtown Mount Prospect and kick off the holidays."

The 3rd annual Christkindlmarket also took place on Thanksgiving Eve from 4 - 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Room. It featured a variety of vendors with unique items just in time for the holidays.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Senior Handyman Program is Up and Running

Are you 65 years of age or older and a resident of Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Palatine or Rolling Meadows? These 5 communities are working together to make home repairs and maintenance jobs easier and more affordable for its residents. The Senior Handyman Program was implemented in the Spring of 2014 and the number of seniors taking advantage of the program continues to grow each month.

All repairs are done by insured, experienced and reliable professionals. Fees range from \$10-\$30 per hour depending on household income.

Past examples of services include:

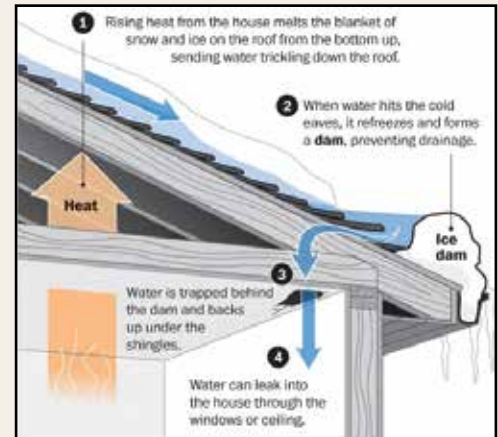
- Grab bars
- Hanging curtains
- Door locks
- Faucet repair
- Light fixture repair or replacement
- Drain clearing
- Hanging pictures
- Installing shelves
- Cleaning gutters
- Toilet repair
- Window repairs
- (Non emergency repairs)

The Senior Handyman Program is administered by the North West Housing Partnership (NWHP). To learn more, call 847/969-0561, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also, NWHP can be contacted via email at paulabush@nwHP.net or michellehill@nwHP.net.

Tips to Keep Homes Healthier During the Winter Months

Homes are subject to many swings of temperature, moisture, and snow during the winter months. Here are some tips to keep one's home healthier during the Chicagoland winters.

- If one's home is equipped with exhaust fans that vent through the ceiling, ensure that the exhaust fan duct work is routed to the exterior of the home and not inside to the attic. This will keep moisture out of one's attic and reduce chances of ice dams and moisture related damage.
- Make sure to run the fan during showers and for 15 minutes after a shower to reduce moisture. Don't forget about the kitchen; run the kitchen exhaust fan during any cooking.
- Purchase a hygrometer (humidity gauge) to measure the humidity level in one's house. According to North Dakota State University, recommended maximum levels of humidity in the winter is 30-40 percent in cold climates. Any humidity level above that may cause moisture issues.



- After heavy snows and especially after several days of freezing, check the roof for ice dams or moisture issues. Ice dams typically occur after a significant snowfall which is followed by several days of freezing temperatures. Ice dams are caused by warm and dry air leaking from inside a home into the attic space or roof overhangs. The warm air melts the snow on the roof. The melted snow drains along the roof and freezes when it crosses a cold roof overhang. An ice dam is created and may continue to increase in size as more ice accumulates. Dams can damage a roof surface or cause water leaks into the home.
- Do not try to remove snow from the roof on one's own. Contact a licensed roofer to remove the snow and repair the exhaust fan ductwork so that it exhausts to the exterior of the home.

For further questions, send an email to building@mountprospect.org or call 847/870-5675.

Apartment Heating

During the winter months, the heat in apartments is required to be kept at a minimum of 68 degrees throughout the day and night. If one's apartment is below 68 degrees, contact the landlord to correct the problem. To prevent fires and deadly build-up of carbon monoxide, do not use the stove or a space heater to heat the apartment.



To prevent heating problems and help the heating system warm an apartment efficiently and evenly; keep furniture away from heat registers, close all windows completely, and seal all openings weather-tight (such as air conditioner sleeves). All curtains and drapes should have space between them and the wall to prevent water damage to walls and window frames from the build-up of frost on windows. They should also be opened as needed. If one's windows remain drafty after closing completely or frost builds up regardless of efforts to move the drapes and curtains, the windows may need weather stripping or repairs. Contact the landlord for repairs. If the landlord does not make repairs or adjust the heat, call the Community Development Department at 847/870-5668.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Nothing Bundt Cake

1071 N. Elmhurst Rd. | Randhurst Village | 847/253-2253 | nothingbundtcakes.com
*Freshly-baked bundt cakes in a variety of flavors and unique cake designs.
Choose from an array of unique gifts, cards and inspired decorator items.
Ribbon Cut: September 11, 2014*

Central Continental Bakery

101 S. Main St. (Elmhurst Rd.) | 847/870-9500 | centralcontinentalbakery.com
*An assortment of cakes, pastries, cookies, breads and much more. The
Ribbon Cutting celebrated the grand re-opening following a winter 2014 fire.
The renovated bakery has new features including signage and lighting.
Ribbon Cut: September 19, 2014*



Anytime Fitness

1301 N. Wolf Rd. | 847/376-8887 | anytimefitness.com
*A 24-hour fitness center offers members the amenity to
exercise any time using members' own security-access key.
Ribbon Cut: September 19, 2014*

Orange Theory Fitness

1032 Center Drive | Randhurst Village | 847/737-5584 | orangetheoryfitness.com
*Offers 60-minute workout sessions using treadmill
interval training, indoor rowing and weight training blocks.
Ribbon Cut: October 16, 2014*



Alternative Health Center

800 E. Northwest Hwy. | 847/873-1490
*An holistic approach to wellness that focuses on
the entire person: mind, body and spirit.
Ribbon Cut: November 1, 2014*

Dimple's Beauty Salon

405 E. Euclid Ave. | 847/749-4042 | dimplesbeautysalon.com
*A full-service salon featuring Mehndi art, hair care,
eyebrow threading, body wax, makeup and more.
Ribbon Cut: November 13, 2014*



Salon 710

710 E. Northwest Hwy. | 847/345-2006 | Salon710.com
*Clients can enjoy a full-service salon specializing in hair
color and styling, manicures and pedicures plus waxing.
Ribbon Cut: November 13, 2014*

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 - Building Division870-5675
 - 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

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