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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATES ITS **100TH BIRTHDAY!**

The Village of Mount Prospect officially turns 100 on February 3, 2017 and the Village's Centennial Commission and Special Events Commission are teaming up to bring residents an exciting weekend to mark the anniversary.

On February 3, a number of special events are planned for the community including:

- Dinner specials at many downtown restaurants.
- 7:30 p.m. | Complimentary hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Mount Prospect Lions Club in a heated tent at the Village Green in front of Village Hall.
- 8:15 p.m. | Mayor Arlene Juracek and the Village Board will formally re-dedicate the Village Green as *Centennial Green*.
- 8:30 p.m. | Unique winter fireworks show, synchronized to music, will be launched from the top of the downtown parking garage. Fireworks sponsored by Randhurst Village.

“This will be a wonderful opportunity for all families, residents and businesses to join as a community to celebrate the 100th birthday and dedicate a lasting memorial to our heritage,” explained Juracek. “Fireworks synchronized to music is something we have never done before so it will be really special and fun for the family.”

In the weeks to come, watch MPTV for a re-enactment of the founding events including the incorporation vote (sponsored by B&E Accounting and Busse Automotive), the election of trustees and the first trustee meeting. The re-enactments will be

recorded in the recently-restored 1896 Central School using local residents in the portrayal.

On Saturday, February 4, the Special Events Commission invites all Mount Prospect residents and families to honor the past, celebrate the present and embrace the future at the Centennial Celebration Dinner Dance from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at The Cotillion Banquets in Palatine. The evening will include dinner, an open bar and dancing to the Orchestra 33 Band.

Reservations are \$65 per person before January 20 and \$75 per person after January 20. Visit www.mountprospect.org for more information or to purchase tickets.



Festive holiday lights in Downtown Mount Prospect honor Centennial
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State of the Village

As we begin our Centennial year, I am proud to share with you some of our community's successes and achievements in 2016. Our Vision for Mount Prospect is to *Represent the best of suburban communities – thriving, proud, diverse, and connected, having a rich heritage, strong values, and a timeless yet contemporary atmosphere.* I am pleased to report progress this past year towards achieving our future.

Our Village financial position is strong; conservative fiscal practices have resulted in a surplus of more than \$830,000. While using a portion of our reserves to mitigate a tax levy dollar increase, we plan to maintain a sufficient general fund reserve to enable us to weather the State of Illinois financial crisis, which could eventually impact our State shared municipal revenues. Building our fund balances was a factor contributing to a recent reaffirmation of our AA+ bond rating by S&P Global. Sales growth for our Mount Prospect businesses is at record levels, and our sales tax revenues have exceeded property tax revenues for the first time. Our focus on economic development allows for less reliance on property taxes to fund operations. The Village proportion of the total property tax bill for residents and businesses remains at 12 percent.

Our key commercial corridors are doing exceptionally well. Randhurst Village is more than 95 percent occupied and plans to develop additional retail and restaurant space along Main Street and where the former Chase Bank building is located on Euclid Avenue. Kensington Business Center has experienced substantial growth this year with the addition of the Mount Prospect Ice Arena, Sam's Beauty, Northland Laboratories and others, bringing vacancy rates in the center down to single digits. Overall industrial vacancy across the Village now stands at 3.7%, down from 14% in just two years. We are advancing a more proactive approach to economic development to ensure investors choose Mount Prospect for their business ventures.

A series of recent and proposed annexations in the southern area of Mount Prospect are allowing for life safety service consolidation to enhance Police and Fire/Paramedic services. The annexations, which will eventually include the United Airlines campus, also enhance the Village's Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). This aids in reducing the tax burden on existing Village property owners. The planned annexations will add over \$50 million in EAV to the Village, an overall increase of 3.5% for the Village. Newly annexed properties add to our overall economic base by capturing new sales and property taxes. In turn, we strengthen and improve services to those newly incorporated areas at minimal additional cost - resulting in more complete and efficient operations for key service providers, including our police and fire departments.

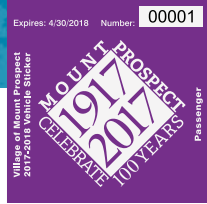
We have a refocused strategy for downtown revitalization. The recent dissolution of Downtown Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District #1, established in 1985, resulted in \$18.6 million of new real estate value being released to taxing districts such as School Districts 57 and 214. Properties redeveloped in TIF District #1 have increased their EAV 620%, compared to an overall Village increase of 2.6%. However, redevelopment opportunities still exist throughout downtown, which would be captured in the creation of the new Prospect and Main downtown TIF. This will be considered by the Village Board in January 2017. The demolition and environmental clean-up at Central and Main was a major step in our efforts to complete the foreclosure process and begin redevelopment activities; this key site would be included in the proposed Prospect and Main TIF. The Village has been a judicious steward in the administration of its TIF and its value creation demonstrates how tax increment financing can be a vital economic development tool.

The Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI), a joint effort between the Village, Library, Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Merchants Association, celebrated its one-year rebranding anniversary in 2016. The program, which was honored with a bronze award for Entrepreneurship programs from the International Economic Development Council in 2016, provides support, advice and direction to entrepreneurs in our community. It has grown significantly since first established in 2012. The success of MPEI is demonstrative of the Village's enthusiasm and support of our small business owners.

We are looking forward to a very productive 2017. We have built a high performing team and our organization is positioned to advance our quality of life through adaptive leadership and leading edge customer service. We know that the keys to continued growth are continuing financial stewardship, building and supporting a diverse business community, open communications with businesses, residents and other governmental entities, and an unwavering commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all who live and work in Mount Prospect. We are proud of our 2016 accomplishments and are confident our path leads toward continued success in 2017.



Mayor Arlene A. Juracek



2017-2018 Vehicle Stickers

Residents should look for a renewal notice in the mail during the first week of February 2017 for Mt. Prospect vehicle stickers. The deadline for displaying the stickers will be April 30, 2017. If you had a 2016-2017 vehicle sticker and do not receive a renewal application in the mail, you are still required to purchase and display a sticker by the due date. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late penalty payment. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased vehicles after

May 1; in these situations, there is a 30-day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Stickers may be purchased online at www.mountprospect.org or at the Finance Department in Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

The deadline for displaying the 2016-2017 vehicle sticker was April 30, 2016. The Police Department may issue citations to drivers of locally registered vehicles if a current vehicle sticker is not displayed. For more information, please call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.

Water Rate Increase

The Village Board recently approved a 4% increase to water and sewer utility rates for 2017. Effective with all billings after January 1, 2017, the new combined rate will be \$10.97/thousand gallons, an increase of \$.42/thousand gallons. Based on a Mount Prospect household that uses 8,000 gallons of water during a one-month billing period, the monthly water and sewer usage fee will be \$92.76, an increase of \$3.36; 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.



Ribbon Cuttings



September 8, 2016
NEURORESTORATIVE
1471 East Business Center Drive
Suite 300
Kensington Business Center
847.635.6480



November 2, 2016
AMITA HEALTH CARE
1754 West Golf Road
Grand Opening Open House
224.265.9000



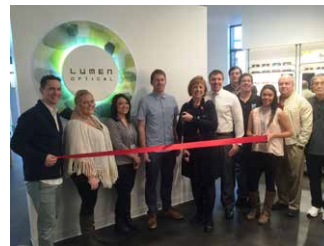
October 5, 2016
INNATE CONCEPTS CHIROPRACTIC
668 East Northwest Hwy.
10 Year Anniversary
847.577.2660
www.innateconceptschiro.com



November 4, 2016
ELITE INSURANCE
930 East Northwest Hwy.
One Year Anniversary
847.749.3187



October 6, 2016
NATIONAL TECHNICAL SYSTEMS (NTS)
1660 Wall Street | Suite 100
Grand Opening
847.934.5300 | www.nts.com



November 10, 2016
LUMEN OPTICAL
182 Randhurst Village Drive
Randhurst Village
Grand Opening
847.306.7044
www.lumenoptical.com



October 21, 2016
CANTA NAPOLI
90 East Busse Avenue
Grand Opening
847.670.1440
www.cantanapolipizza.com

Community Events

JANUARY 17 The Shakespeare Project of Chicago

Tuesday | January 17
7:00 p.m.

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project of Chicago back with *King John* then *The Changeling* on February

28. Following each play is a discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the Library.

JANUARY 31 Preschool/Child Care Information Night

Tuesday | January 31
7:30-9:30 p.m.

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



Speak with teachers and directors of the more than 20 preschools and child care

centers located in Mount Prospect. No registration necessary. For information, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the Library.

FEBRUARY 1 Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle

Wednesday, February 1 -
Sunday, February 12

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



Event takes place in the lobby of the Library and features sumptuous baskets

designed for the chocolate lover in us all. **Proceeds benefit the Foundation, which raises funds for special programming and events at the Library.** Call 847.253.5675 for more information.

FEBRUARY 1 The Rotary club of Mount Prospect Rotary Classic 5000

Wednesday | February 1
5:30 pm - 9:30 pm

ATLANTIS BANQUETS



Buffet dinner, three hour open bar. For tickets contact dawn@mountprospectchamber.org.

FEBRUARY 3 Centennial Celebration

Friday | February 3
7:30 p.m.

VILLAGE GREEN IN FRONT OF VILLAGE HALL



Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies and the formal re-dedication of the Village Green as Centennial Green. Finish off the evening with winter fireworks synchronized to music.

FEBRUARY 4 Centennial Celebration Dinner Dance

Saturday | February 4
6:00 p.m.

THE COTILLION BANQUETS IN PALATINE



Dinner, an open bar and dancing to the Orchestra 33 Band. Reservations are \$65 per person before January 20 and \$75 per person after January 20. Visit www.mountprospect.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

FEBRUARY 11 Friends Cookbooks Only Sale

Saturday | February 11
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



Stock your pantry with new recipes from our stellar collection of gently used

cookbooks. **Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.** For information, call 847.253.5675.

FEBRUARY 11 Mommy and Me Valentine Tea

Saturday | February 11
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE



Put on your party clothes and come for a delicious afternoon of *high tea*. Real tea in real china with all the typical assortment

of sandwiches and goodies to enjoy. \$11R/\$13N 15 yrs and up, \$8R/\$10N 2-14 yrs. Register at rtpd.org by Feb 3.

FEBRUARY 11 Laura Ingalls Wilder 150th Birthday

Lunch Pail Book Discussion | Grades 4-6
Saturday | February 11
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE



Children in grades 4-6 are invited to celebrate the birthday and teaching career of American pioneer girl Laura Ingalls Wilder in Mount Prospect Historic Society's newly restored original one-room schoolhouse. Attendees will discuss Ingalls' book *These Happy Golden Years* while snacking on lunch provided in a tin pail, just like Laura would have eaten. Participants need to read the book beforehand and come ready to chat about the story. (The book has a Lexile level of 840L and an AR book level of 5.6.). \$20 with book, \$15 without book per child. To register for this event visit our website at www.mphist.org or call us at 847.392.9006.

FEBRUARY 11 Mardi Gras Family Night

Saturday | February 11
4-8pm
RECPLEX



Visit the Bourbon Street Boutique, take a look into the future with the fortune teller, tap your feet to the

Dixieland band then join the parade. Meet Bubba, the 14ft. alligator and learn first-hand about reptiles with the show at 5:30. Don't forget your swim suit - you can splash in the pool. We have games including a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a bounce house, crafts, dancing and more! \$5 for residents/\$7 for non-residents. Adults are free. Register at mppd.org.

FEBRUARY 24 Freeze Fest

Friday | February 24
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
THE ZONE



Join us at The Zone for a fun-filled night of activities, games and entertainment. Free event and all ages welcome! For more information go to rtpd.org.

FEBRUARY 24 Mount Prospect Trivia Night

Friday | February 24
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
VILLAGE HALL



A fun night with lots of raffle prizes! This is a community event, open to the public. \$200 per table of 8-10 people. Bring your own food/snacks/beverages (no on-site sales of any food or beverages). Be creative and have fun choosing your team name/theme, bring decorations for your table and wear costumes! Contact dawn@mountprospectchamber.org or 847.398.6616 for event registration.

FEBRUARY 28 The Shakespeare Project of Chicago

Tuesday | February 28
7:00 p.m.

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



The Mount Prospect Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project of Chicago back to Mount Prospect with *The*

Changeling. Following the play is a post-show discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.

MARCH 10 Sister Cities Commission Trivia Night

Friday | March 10
7 p.m.

VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY ROOM (1st Floor)



\$Bring a friend, some snacks and beverages and enjoy a friendly game of trivia on all things French! \$10/adult, limit 10 or would like to reserve some seats, please contact sistercities@mountprospect.org. Walk-ins welcome. **Proceeds support community activities and programs sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission.**

FIRED UP! Round Two Coming in 2017



After the rousing success of September's *Fired Up!* Fire Hydrant Decorating Contest, the Centennial Commission is planning Round Two for 2017. While this version will not

Voting for Fire Up! Round One started ran from October 15-November 15, 2016. The winner was determined based on the number of Facebook likes each hydrant received. At midnight there was a tie, with each hydrant having 420 votes! Kelly Snoble painted the Monsters Inc. themed hydrant and Lara and Margaux Cummings painted the hydrant a gumball machine.

be a contest, we encourage residents and businesses to join in the fun. To see the nearly 70 hydrants that were decorated in 2016, visit facebook.com/mpcentennial.

The deadline to register for the second round of *Fired Up!* is March 31, 2017. The rules and application form can be found at www.mountprospect100.com.

All hydrants painted must be first approved by the Centennial Commission and painted in accordance with the rules attached to the application and approval letters. The

actual painting will take place during the month of June. There is a \$50 per hydrant fee. All applications and fees must be submitted to the Centennial Commission at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street. For questions about the project, email hydrants@mountprospect.org.



Don't forget to check out the Centennial Store! Commemorative pins, posters, silver coins & even baby onesies! All items sold help support the Centennial Celebration. www.mountprospect100.com

Celebrate Mount Prospect's 100th Anniversary!

Check out Centennial events, contests, history & interesting facts!

mountprospect100.com | facebook.com/MPCentennial

Event Highlights

Centennial Reenactment & Centennial Green Dedication

(including special fireworks at Village Hall)

Friday | February 3

Celestial Celebration

Saturday | February 4

100th Anniversary Time Capsule Burial

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday | October 14

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

PROVIDING KEY VILLAGE-WIDE EXPOSURE INCLUDE:

Overall Sponsorship of the Centennial Celebration

Sponsorship of the Incorporation Re-Enactment & Celebration!

Go to mountprospect100.com and click on sponsor tab.

Be a Part of the Centennial Celebration!

Church Bells Ring in Centennial

Church bells at St. Paul Lutheran, St. Raymond de Penafort and St. Cecilia Catholic Churches rang in Mount Prospect's Centennial year of 2017 at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 2017 at the request of the Centennial Commission. As neighbors celebrated New Year's Eve, the Centennial Commission wanted to bring in the New Year with a special commemorative touch.

"It seemed only fitting that the three churches in town that still have bells, ring them to announce and herald the official start of Mount Prospect's anniversary year. We thank residents for their understanding and support for this once-in-a-lifetime *beautiful noise* at midnight," stated Centennial Commission Co-chair Jean Murphy.

The official anniversary weekend – with a host of activities including fireworks and the Celestial Celebration dinner dance – will be held February 3 and 4 with further events throughout 2017.

To keep abreast of Centennial activities, visit mountprospect100.com. Be sure to periodically check the website to be informed of timely announcements, news and events. Residents can also "Like" the Mount Prospect Centennial Commission on Facebook at facebook.com/MPCentennial.

Extreme Weather

Unpredictable and extreme winter weather can provide a number of health and safety hazards both inside and outside your home. Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe this winter.

Fireplace Safety

Keep Fireplaces Clean

- Have your chimney thoroughly cleaned and inspected at least annually. Make sure that the flue is carefully inspected both inside and out.
- Burn only hard woods as they contain smaller amounts of creosote, a black tarry substance that can block passageways and/or easily ignite.
- Put cool ashes in a metal container when you clean out your fireplace.

Safely Burn Fuel

- Never leave a fire in your fireplace unattended.
- Burn only seasoned firewood.
- Never burn paper, charcoal or rags.
- When using artificial logs, burn only one at a time.

Protect Your Home

- Keep flammable and combustible articles at least three feet away from the open fire.
- Make certain that your smoke detectors are working.
- Always use a fireplace screen in front of your fireplace.
- Supervise children at all times when using your fireplace.

Space Heaters

If certain rooms in your home are not well served by your furnace and you utilize a space heater, be sure to carefully follow these safety procedures:

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

For any questions about winter safety tips for your home, contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

Keep a Clear Path

When the snow flies, please help us out by ensuring the fire hydrant near your home or business is kept free from snow on all sides.

Please keep a clear path from the street to the hydrant as well. Unimpeded access to a fire hydrant can make a huge difference in our ability to control a fire.



Mount Prospect Fire Chief Brian Lambel gathers with all of the DON'T WAIT-CHECK THE DATE! REPLACE SMOKE ALARMS EVERY 10 YEARS poster contest winners prior to the village board meeting December 6. The students were honored by elected officials that evening.

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Police Department

Reminders for Drivers and Pedestrians

The Police Department would like to remind drivers of their lawful obligations when approaching pedestrians in marked or unmarked crosswalks:

- Drivers must stop their vehicles to allow pedestrians in any marked or unmarked crosswalk to walk across the roadway safely when the pedestrian is on their half of the roadway or so close from the opposite half to be a danger.
- A driver of a motor vehicle approaching from the rear may not pass another vehicle stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk.
- Whenever stop signs or red flashing lights are in place at an intersection or at a crosswalk in between intersections, drivers will give the right of way to pedestrians.
- When signs are posted warning of pedestrians, bicyclists, or school crossings, drivers must exercise greater caution and be aware of the presence of people crossing the roadway.

Also, the Police Department reminds pedestrians and bicyclists of their lawful responsibilities:

- Bicyclists on the roadway must follow the rules of the road like any motor vehicle including stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, and using the right hand side of the roadway.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists using marked or unmarked crosswalks at intersections controlled by traffic signals must follow the *walk* and *don't walk* signals.
- Pedestrians and cyclists using marked or unmarked crosswalks at locations not controlled by traffic signals or stop signs may not walk, ride, or run off a curb or place of safety into the path of a moving vehicle which is so close as to present an immediate danger.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are reminded to look for traffic in every direction as they cross any roadway to increase their safety as they cross.



Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police will concentrate traffic enforcement on designated roadways for one week periods. Here is the winter schedule:

Jan 16-22 Lincoln Street	Feb 6-12 Burning Bush Lane
Jan 23-29 Elmhurst Road/ Main Street (Rte. 83)	Feb 13-19 Wolf Road
Jan 30-Feb 5 Golf Road (Rte. 58)	Feb 20-26 Busse Road
	Feb 27-March 5 Euclid Avenue



Being a Nosey Neighbor

When people hear someone say they have a *nosey* neighbor, it is usually thought of as a bad thing. But is having a *nosey* neighbor all that bad? With the majority of residential burglaries taking place during the daytime while most people are out of their homes, we need to rely on those neighbors to watch out for us. Our neighborhoods could benefit from everyone being a little more nose-y and calling 911 whenever they see or hear any suspicious people or activity.



Don't Leave Your Car Running

During the winter months many residents start their vehicles and let the engines run while sitting in the driveways or parking lots unattended. Last year several cars were stolen or taken for a joyride. This behavior is not only dangerous but also illegal regardless if the car is locked or not. You can also be held responsible in civil court for damages or injuries if your car is taken and involved in an accident. The bottom line is, never leave your car running unattended.

Winter Driving Tips

Winter driving can be dangerous especially on slick roads when visibility is low.

Please consider these suggestions for safe travel:

- Keep your gas tank full
- Reduce glare and reflection to help with visibility by NOT using high beam headlights during a snowstorm
- Completely clean all ice and snow from windows before driving
- When ice or snow are present, allow for more space between you and the car in front of you; pump brakes slowly and gently to prevent skidding
- Allow for more travel time
- Be aware that bridges and less utilized roads will freeze more quickly than main roadways
- If you are involved in a minor accident, attempt to relocate your vehicle before exiting
- Remain a safe distance behind snow plows and do not pass while they are plowing or salting
- Of course, follow all driving laws – buckle up, turn headlights on when windshield wipers



Mailboxes Damaged by Snow Operations

Residential mailboxes that are damaged during Village snow and ice control operations are eligible for repair or replacement under the mailbox replacement policy. Examples of damage that demonstrate eligibility for replacement may include a resident's mailbox that is struck by a Village snowplow or equipment and other snow-related impact from Village snow and ice control operations.

Upon notification of damage, the Village will verify eligibility and provide residents with a temporary, barricade-mounted mailbox until weather permits repairs or replacement. If the damaged mailbox is identified as beyond repair by the Village, then the resident is provided with two methods for replacement:

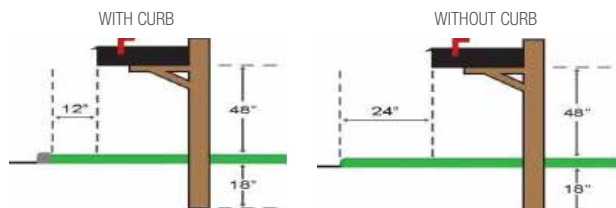
Option 1 – Village Replacement

Replacement by the Village will include a wood post with post anchor stake and a standard black or white steel mailbox in compliance with Village Code. Image below represents the mailbox that will be installed. Residents that prefer to have a different style mailbox will need to install the mailbox on their own.

Option 2 – Resident Replacement

Residents have the option to replace their own mailbox and are eligible to receive up to \$125 in reimbursement. To be eligible, the mailbox must be installed according to specifications defined in the Village Code.

For more information contact the Public Works department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or 847.870.5640



Holiday Light and Extension Cord Recycling Program

The Village is accepting unused and non-working holiday string lights and extension cords to be recycled free of charge. The materials will be reclaimed and reprocessed into new products; most importantly they will be kept out of landfills.

Residents can drop off their unwanted string lights and extension cords at the Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road between the hours

of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. The program tentatively ends April 3. Call 847.870.5640 for more information.

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



2017 Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

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

- Memorial Day**
- Independence Day**
- Labor Day**
- Thanksgiving Day**
- Christmas Day**
- New Year's Day 2018**

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

2017 Comprehensive Plan Update

The Village of Mount Prospect is updating our Comprehensive Plan and your input is of great value in the process. A Comprehensive Plan sets goals, policies and strategies for addressing a wide range of issues in a community, including growth, mix of uses, facilities and service needs, mobility, community character, quality of life, economic vitality, health, recreation, and environmental conservation. While not a legal document, the Plan creates a road map for the future of our community. Originally adopted in 1965, the Plan undergoes periodic review with the most recent taking place in 2007.

Recent activity has included extensive community engagement via focus group workshops, open houses and a community survey. You can learn more about the process, contribute your ideas, and sign up to receive updates by visiting www.envisionmp.org.



Village Code Updates

The Village Board recently approved updates to several chapters of the Village Code. The updates were needed to better address current development trends, resolve code conflicts, and to make the regulations easier for the public to understand. The updates to the zoning and sign codes specifically were comprehensive in nature and included the following:

Sign Regulations (Chapter 7)

The sign regulations were revised to address the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Reed v. Town Gilbert. The ruling prompted staff to initiate a thorough review of its sign code to ensure that it does not violate constitutionally protected free speech.

Zoning (Chapter 14)

Notable changes included the allowance for brighter parking lots, the addition of a *Unique Use* to the Land Use Table for uses not currently in existence or defined in our code, and bringing driveway and parking pad regulations in line with current development trends. The landscape requirements were simplified without reducing the amount of landscape required and prohibited and recommended plant lists were reintroduced.

The updated Village Codes can be viewed at www.mountprospect.org under the Government tab.



Tips to Keep Your Home Healthier During the Winter Months

Here are some tips to keep you and your home healthier during the ever-changing conditions of Chicagoland winters.

- Ensure that duct work for exhaust fans that vent through the ceiling is routed to the exterior of the home and not inside your attic. This will keep moisture out of your attic and reduce chances of ice dams and moisture related damage.
- Make sure that you run the fan during, and for 10-15 minutes after your shower to reduce moisture.
- Run your kitchen exhaust fan while cooking.
- Purchase a hygrometer

(humidity gauge) to measure the humidity level in your house. According to the North Dakota State University, recommended maximum levels of humidity in

the winter is 30-40 percent in cold climates.

- Check your roof for ice dams after heavy snows and especially after several days of freezing. Ice dams are caused by warm and dry air leaking from inside a home into the attic space or roof overhangs, and can damage a roof surface or cause water leaks into the home. The warm air melts the snow on the roof which then 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 the process repeats.
- Do not attempt to remove snow from the roof yourself. Contact a licensed roofer to remove the snow and repair your exhaust fan ductwork so that it exhausts to the exterior of the home.

For further questions, email us at building@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5289.

Thank You for Sharing and Caring

The Human Services Department operates a food pantry which provides monthly food assistance to eligible residents. The Holiday Meal Basket program provides assistance to 125 families in November and December. Your generosity helps sustain this program. Thank you to everyone who made donations throughout 2016.



Community Programs

For more information on any of the following programs, please call Human Services at 847.870.5680

Upcoming Appointments Needed for Senior Citizens Programs

- Real Estate Senior Exemptions and Tax Freeze Applications. Senior Tax Freeze applicants will need to bring proof of 2015 income.
- Income tax appointments being made for residents 60+. (Tax preparers are trained to complete standard forms, individuals with very complicated 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. Application when approved is good for two years. (Please note: if you applied for

the Benefits Access Program in 2015, you will need to reapply this year. People need to apply about ninety days before their license sticker is due to expire, and not before.)

Call Check

The Call Check Program initiates a well-being check by phone during extreme weather conditions for individuals without family or friends to check on them. This program starts when extreme weather conditions occur: frigid temperatures or when heat indexes over 105 degrees exist or during power outages expected to last an extended period of time. Conditions must be widespread so that the Village is aware of the problem.

Senior Assessment Program

Homebound seniors who are

finding it difficult to remain in their homes due to a variety of circumstances can contact the Human Services Department for a free private assessment in their home by a social worker and nurse to receive resources to improve their situation.



Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps

Are you the first person to jump to the aid of a stranger in an emergency? Are you a health care

professional? Consider joining your neighbors to serve residents of Mount Prospect in the event of a natural disaster, terrorist event or public health emergency. Be a volunteer, get trained by emergency management officials, learn a new set of skills, and protect your loved ones and your neighbors when they need you most.

Diabetic Education and Support Group

The Village Nurse conducts monthly meetings for people with diabetes, prediabetes, and their caregivers. The 90 minute group session held the second Friday of each month provides information and support for those challenged by this illness. Classes are held at the Community Connections Center 1711 W. Algonquin Road. Please call 847.506.4930 to register.



Community Connections Center

You can see the Community Connections Center's monthly calendar, view current happenings and decide which programs you would like to attend through the Center's new Facebook page!

Find us at: www.facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter



January 2017



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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

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

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911
Village Hall 847.392.6000
(includes Finance & Village Administration)
Village Clerk 847.818.5355
Television Services 847.870.5685
Community Development
Building Division 847.870.5675
Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
Fire Department *(non-emergency)* 847.870.5666
Human Services 847.870.5680
Police Department *(non-emergency)* 847.870.5656
Public Works 847.870.5640
Water Billing 847.392.6000

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Steven S. Polit, Richard F. Rogers,
Colleen E. Saccotelli, Michael A. Zadel
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Mount Prospect E-News

Sign up to receive the latest information on community events, news and alerts at www.mountprospect.org.

No Parking on Village Streets

2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Village Hall CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Special Meeting of the Village Board, 6pm, Village Hall Village Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall	11 Spotlight on Success Film Series - The Startup Kids, 6:45 - 8:30pm, Mount Prospect Public Library	12 Annual Dynamic Year Luncheon, 11:30am - 1:00pm, Bristol Palace Banquets	13	14 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Community Room
15	16 Street of the Week Program, Lincoln Street	17 The Shakespeare Project of Chicago, 7pm, Mount Prospect Public Library Village Board Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall Board Room	18	19 Sister Cities Commission, 6pm, Village Hall Community Room	20	21
22	23 Street of the Week Program, Elmhurst Road Main Street (Rte. 83)	24 RTPD Freeze Fest, 5-8pm, The Zone Village Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall	25	26	27	28
29	30 Street of the Week Program, Golf Road (Rte. 58)	31 Unbelievable Chocolate Raffle, Mount Prospect Public Library, through February 12				



At a special ceremony held December 16 students and staff at District 59 Robert Frost Elementary School present Mayor Arlene A. Juracek and Centennial Commission Co-Chairs Leo Floros and Jean Murphy with a beautiful tribute!

Don't Forget to Vote!

2017 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION

TUESDAY | APRIL 4, 2017

Units of Local Government Conducting Elections:

Village of Mount Prospect Mayor

Village of Mount Prospect Board of Trustees

Village of Mount Prospect Public Library

Park Districts | School Districts

Community College Districts | Townships

Resources for additional election/voter registration information including:

Grace period voter registration and voting

Mail voting

Early voting dates and locations

Sample ballots

For more information:

www.cookcountyclerk.com

www.mountprospect.org

Mount Prospect Village Clerk's

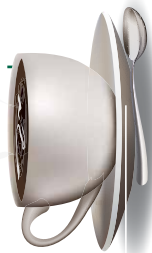
office at **847.818.5332**



Coffee with Council

Meet informally with the Village Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9 to 11 am at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

For more information, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847.392.6000 or visit mountprospect.org.



February 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Rotary Classic 5000, 5:30-9:30pm, Atlantis Banquets	2	3 Centennial Celebration, Dance, 6:00 pm, The Cottillon Banquets in front of Village Hall	4 Centennial Celebration Dinner 6:00 pm, The Cottillon Banquets in Palatino
5	6 Street of the Week Program, Burning Bush Lane	7 Village Board Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall Board Room	8 Master Internet Marketing - A SCORE Event hosted by MPEI, 8:30 -10:00am, Mount Prospect Public Library	9	10	11 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Friends Cookbooks Only Sale, 10am-2pm, Mount Prospect Public Library Laura Ingalls Wilder Birthday Lunch, 11am-1pm, Historical Society Mardi Gras Family Night, 4-8pm, RecPlex Mommy & Me Valentine Tea, 12:30-1:30pm, Rob Roy Golf Course
12	13 Street of the Week Program, Wolf Road Lane	14 Village Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall	15	16	17	18
19	20 Street of the Week Program, Busse Road	21 Village Board Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall Board Room	22	23	24 Mount Prospect Trivia Night, 6-9pm, Village Hall	25
26	27 Street of the Week Program, Euclid Avenue	28 The Shakespeare Project of Chicago, 7pm, Mount Prospect Public Library Village Committee of the Whole Meeting, 7pm, Village Hall				