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SHINING STAR AWARDS RETURN TO CELESTIAL CELEBRATION IN 2018

Each year the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission honors individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place in which to live and work. We celebrate them as Shining Stars and recognize them at a gala banquet. In 2017, there was not a Shining Star Award Ceremony due to the Centennial Celebration, where the Village itself was considered the Shining Star. This year however, we return to honoring Shining Stars with the 25th Annual Shining Stars Gala to be held Saturday, February 3, 2018 at The Cotillion Banquets.

The Shining Star Awards winners are chosen through a nomination process. Nominations can come from community leaders, business people, residents, people who work here, and people who simply want to make Mount Prospect a better place to live. The categories cover a wide range of interest areas and are designed especially to seek out individuals who do things that often go unnoticed by the public. There are thirteen suggested categories, but if the person you are thinking of doesn't fit one of the categories, don't worry, the last category can be whatever you think it should be. Please refer to the web site, www.mountprospect.org for a detailed list of categories and previous winners.

You may download a nomination form from the Village of Mount Prospect's website at mountprospect.org, simply follow the Shining

Stars Awards link on the homepage. You may also pick one up in person at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

Nominations must be in writing and received no later than midnight, November 27, 2017. The winners are selected in early December and will be announced shortly thereafter.

Mail completed forms to:
SHINING STAR AWARDS

Mount Prospect Special
Events Commission
PO Box 69
Mount Prospect | Illinois 60056

If you have questions or need more information email:
SpecialEvents@mountprospect.org



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Community Events

NOVEMBER
1

Sister Cities Commission Info Night

Wednesday | November 1
7-8:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street

Learn about the Sister Cities exchange programs with Sevres, France: Summer Home-stay Exchanges and Pen Pal Program. Find out more about growing a global friendship! For more information contact Liz Theiss at sistercityfrenchconnect@mountprospect.org.



NOVEMBER
7

A World Gone Mad: World War I

Tuesday | November 7
7:30-9 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street

As part of Mount Prospect's Centennial Celebration, VFW Posts 1337 and 525, along with the Mount Prospect Public Library, present historian Jim Gibbons to guide you through one of the most catastrophic wars in our nation's history, World War I. Gibbons will highlight significant events that thrust the United States into this unwanted war in 1917, including the assassination of the Arch Duke Ferdinand, the sinking of the luxury liner Lusitania, and the eventual rise of Adolph Hitler to supreme power leading into World War II. See how new weapons for war – the airplane, the submarine, the aircraft carrier, and the tank – were invented to achieve absolute victory. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the Library.



NOVEMBER
8

The Garden Club of Mount Prospect

Milk Jug Seed Starting by Ed & Regina Stremich
Wednesday | November 8
11:30 am Social Hour
12:00 Business Meeting
1 pm Program
FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY

395 Algonquin Road - Des Plaines
For information visit gcmp.weebly.com



NOVEMBER
11

Veteran's Day Program

Saturday | November 11
10:30 am
LIONS RECREATION
CENTER

411 South Maple Street
School children, scouts and parents are invited to participate in the VFW's Veteran's Day ceremony. A guest speaker will discuss the



significance of honoring veterans on this day. Local veterans will play Taps, fire a 21-gun salute, and answer questions from attendees. Sponsored by the Prospect V.F.W. 1337 & American Legion 525.



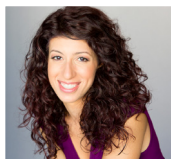
NOVEMBER
12

A Fall Fantasy Concert

Sunday | November 12

3:30 pm
TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
605 West Golf Road
Music Director Monty Adams conducts music of

the season including Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven. Soprano soloist and 2016 Opera Idol winner Angela De Venuto performs, and the band salutes our veterans with patriotic selections. The Mt. Prospect Community Band is a program of the Mt. Prospect Park District. Advance tickets are available for \$7 at the RecPlex or for \$9 at the door.



NOVEMBER
13

Best Children's Books of 2017

Monday | November 13
7-8:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street



Of the thousands of children's books published each year, deciding which ones are right for your young reader can be difficult. Join Youth Services staff as we rave about some of our favorites to help you select the best books to give this holiday season or to add to your classroom library. We will share fabulous fiction and nonfiction titles for preschoolers on up through 6th graders. Join us for an informative discussion complete with snacks and prizes. This program is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mopl.org, call 847.253.5675 or stop by the Library.

NOVEMBER
15

Rules of the Road Class

Wednesday | November 15
1:30 pm

VILLAGE HALL
COMMUNITY ROOM
50 South Emerson Street



If you'd like a refresher in advance of taking your written exam for driver's license renewal, join us for this review. Call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to register.

NOVEMBER
15

BIDDING A PROJECT: Is being your own general contractor the right choice for your home?

Wednesday | November 15
6-8 pm
VILLAGE HALL
COMMUNITY CENTER



50 South Emerson Street
While you may have some experience and are looking to control costs, managing your home construction project on your own might not be the best choice. Let Village personnel explain the pros and cons in this free workshop. To reserve your seat e-mail building@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5289.



NOVEMBER
22

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christkindlmarket

Wednesday | November 22
Tree Lighting | 5 pm
Christkindlmarket | 4-7 pm
VILLAGE HALL



50 South Emerson Street

Bring friends and family to witness the lighting of a tree donated by a Mount Prospect resident. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and carols. Stay and explore the Christkindlmarket in the Community Room, which welcomes an array of local vendors with creative gifts just in time for the holidays. For those interested in vendor opportunities, please email specialevents@mountprospect.org. Tree Lighting is sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect Christkindlmarket is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission.



DECEMBER
2

Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday | December 2
10 am-Noon

**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 South Emerson Street

Don't miss the ultimate
BEAR BASH as the Library

celebrates the 37th annual Teddy Bear Walk! Bring your favorite teddy bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. We will also sing along with Parents' Choice Gold Winner Mark Dvorak as he brings some of your favorite tunes to life. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march over to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. To register, visit www.mppd.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.



DECEMBER
2&6

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday | December 2
Wednesday | December 6
10-11:30 am

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE

505 East Camp McDonald
Road, Prospect Heights

Santa is joining us to
celebrate the season with a

breakfast buffet! Drop off a small, wrapped gift with your child's first and last names to the Weiss Center by November 30 and Santa will give it to your child at the breakfast. Gift amount should not exceed \$10. Registration will run until November 24 or sooner if maximum capacity is reached. Children under 1 are free but please list child on registration form. Complete the family seating request form at rtpd.org, or at the Weiss Center. Tickets are \$9 for residents and \$11 for non-residents ages 1 – 15, and \$13 or \$16 for those over 16. Call 847.255.1200 for more information.



DECEMBER
2

Holiday Open House

Saturday | December 2
11 am-3 pm

**FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY**

395 West Algonquin Road
Des Plaines

The Mt. Prospect Park
District sponsors a whole



day of fun with musical performances, hay rides, crafts and face painting. Santa will be waiting to hear what children are hoping to find under the tree. Bring your camera for a special photo, buy a home-grown poinsettia and enjoy our holiday displays. The Open House is free to everyone. For more information, visit www.mppd.org.

DECEMBER
2

Mount Prospect Craft Beer & Wine Walk

Saturday | December 2
2-5 pm



Participating businesses, restaurants and shops in downtown Mount Prospect will be offering craft beer and wine tastings to those who preregister. Includes souvenir glass.

\$25 Early bird rate through 11/15. \$30 11/16 through day of the event. Visit mountprospectchamber.org for details and registration.

DECEMBER
3

Holiday Housewalk

Sunday | December 3
Noon-5:30 pm



The 30th Annual Holiday Housewalk features tours of six private homes, all of which date to before Mount Prospect's 1917 incorporation. Each home will be decorated for the

holidays by their owners, with additional floral arrangements and décor provided by area florists. Tickets go on sale November 1 for \$28. Tickets purchased on the day of the walk will be \$30. Purchase at various locations in town or at mtphist.org. Members can purchase tickets at the Historical Society for \$26.

DECEMBER
6

The Garden Club of Mount Prospect

Happy Holly Days by Club Members

Wednesday | December 6
11:30 am Social Hour

12:00 Business Meeting
1 pm Program

**FRIENDSHIP PARK
CONSERVATORY**

395 Algonquin Road, Des Plaines

For information visit gcmp.weebly.com



DECEMBER
9

Holiday Book Sale

Saturday | December 9
10 am-2 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 South Emerson Street

Just in time for the Holidays, browse a selection of quality used books, music, movies, and games, all specially



selected to help you find the right holiday gift for the adults, teens, and children on your list. Funds raised will help the Friends of the Library support additional programs, events, and services. For more information, visit www.mppd.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.

DECEMBER
9

Gingerbread Open House

Saturday | December 9
1-4:30 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
DIETRICH FRIEDRICH'S
HOUSE**

101 South Maple Street

Celebrate a Gingerbread



Christmas with the Mount Prospect Historical Society at its annual Holiday Open House. Experience the gingerbread cookies, cakes and houses that were part of the German holiday tradition at the Friedrichs' home. Various holiday activities for the family will be held throughout the day. \$5 donation per family/group suggested

DECEMBER
9

Colors of Christmas Concert

Saturday | December 9
4 pm

**TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

605 West Golf Road
This Mt. Prospect



Community Band concert is a holiday tradition! Enjoy classic carols and contemporary selections at this free event. Santa himself never misses this concert! The Band is a program of the Mt. Prospect Park District. For more information visit mppd.org.

DECEMBER
13

Building Your Project to Code and Inspections

Wednesday | December 13
6-8 pm

**VILLAGE HALL
COMMUNITY CENTER**

50 South Emerson Street



Before planning your home construction project, make sure you understand Village code requirements and the inspection process. This free and interactive workshop will cover the basics and get you started on a safe and successful project. Secure your spot by calling 847.818.5289 or just e-mail us at building@mountprospect.org.

DECEMBER
30

New Years Eve Eve A Family Celebration

Saturday | December 30
5pm-7:30 pm

BRICK CITY TAVERN

34 South Main Street

Ring in New Years Eve Eve
with your family with a DJ,



dancing, entertainment, balloon drop and dinner! Adults \$15, Children \$12 (12 years and younger). Limited tickets available! Purchase tickets www.mountprospect.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission.

Coming January 11, 2018!

Mayor Arlene Juracek's *State of Mount Prospect* presentation at the DYNAMIC YEAR LUNCHEON.

Details available soon at mountprospectchamber.org.

Happy Holidays! MOUNT PROSPECT



MOUNT PROSPECT ICE ARENA PRESENTS

Northwest Lights

OUTDOOR SKATING UNDER THE LIGHTS
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT
NOVEMBER 22, 2017 THROUGH MARCH 4, 2018

Anticipated Hours of Operation
 Weekdays 4 PM-10 PM | Weekends 11 AM-10 PM

Anticipated Rates
 Public/Open Skate | \$5.00/Skate Rental
 Corporate/Birthday Parties | \$400.00

Anticipated Events
 Holiday Skates | Team Practices | MPAHL Games | *Winter Classic Games*
 Sponsorship/Advertisement | \$500.00



Centennial Auction!
 Bidding through 5pm
 December 3, 2017

Don't miss your chance to own a piece of Centennial history!
 Limited Edition items available on our Auction Site:
<http://www.biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=8997>

Bidding closes at 5pm on December 3, 2017
 (Immediately after Housewalk concludes)




MOUNT PROSPECT TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
 & CHRISTKINDMARKET
WED NOV 22

VILLAGE HALL
 50 SOUTH EMERSON STREET

TREE LIGHTING 5 PM
 HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES & CAROLS

CHRISTKINDMARKET
 4-7 PM
 COMMUNITY ROOM | LOCAL VENDORS WITH CREATIVE GIFTS
 JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Ribbon Cuttings

Sunday | October 8
 PAPILLON SALON & SPA
 66 East Northwest Highway
 847.749.4465 | papillonsalonspa.com



Wednesday | September 27
 NORTHLAND LABORATORIES/
 MATRIX SCIENCES
 1061 Feehanville Drive
 847.272.8700 | northlandlabs.com



Saturday | September 23
 AZ DENTAL
 701 West Golf Road
 224.999.9000 | azabdental.com



Thursday | September 7
 LANGUAGE STARS
 70 East Busse Avenue
 847.481.0126 | languagestars.com



Saturday | August 26
 KD MARKET Grand Opening!
 1046 South Elmhurst Road
 847.979.8494 | mykdmarket.com



Saturday | August 26
 GREAT CLIPS Grand Re-Opening
 1216 East Central Road | MP Plaza
 224.318.2901 | greatclips.com



Community/Economic Development

The Latest Update on the Comprehensive Plan

The 2017 Comprehensive Plan update has been completed! The Comprehensive Plan is a guide for planning and development policy, and is generally updated every ten years. Titled *Envision Mount Prospect - Planning our Future Together*, the updated Plan provides a blueprint of how the Village will develop and touches on key social and demographic issues that the Village anticipates facing in the coming years. Please visit the Village website (mountprospect.org) or the Community Development Department at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, to view the updated plan. If you have any questions, please contact Malika Hainer, Long Range Planner, at 847.818.5312 or Mhainer@mountprospect.org.



New Businesses Arrive in Mount Prospect

Our downtown welcomed two new shops recently as **The Collective** opened at 13 East Prospect Avenue and **Gathered** opened at 117 South Emerson Street. The Collective is a boutique gift shop dedicated to local products and artists. Gathered is also a boutique store that offers antiques, new handmade items, and workshops to the public. We hope you will stop by and visit both soon.

KD Market opened their new grocery store at 1046 South Elmhurst in the Golf Plaza II shopping center. KD Market carries a wide selection of deli meats, cheeses, prepared foods and bakery items. The store is open from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm Monday through Saturday, and from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Sundays.

Randhurst Village is gearing up for the opening of a new **Michael's** arts and crafts store and **Kiddie Academy**, an educational day care provider.

Lemons of Love, a cancer support center is working on plans to open at 406 West Central Road. Lemons of Love is a non-profit organization that creates and gives therapeutic goodie bags to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. They also host and participate in many local charity events.

To see the most up-to-the-minute list of new businesses in our community, visit mountprospect.org.



Workshop Series on Home Construction

The final two sessions of the Village's free 4-part workshop series focused on planning home construction projects are coming up. Light refreshments will be served at each of the workshops which are scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm at the Community Center on the 1st floor of Village Hall. The scheduled dates and topics are:

November 15 | *Bidding a Project – Is being your own General Contractor the right choice for your home?*

December 13 | *Building your Project to Code and Inspections*

You can reserve a spot by calling 847.818.5289 or e-mailing building@mountprospect.org.



Finance

If you have a question regarding real estate transfer stamps or your water, sewer or refuse bill simply log onto the Village website, mountprospect.org to submit your request through the easy-to-use Customer Service Request portal.

Recycling Event for Pumpkins!

We know what happens with all of your Halloween candy, but what about your pumpkins? The Village of Mount Prospect will host a pumpkin recycling event on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00 am to noon at the Public Works Facility at 1700 West Central Road.



Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted and used for composting programs. Any pumpkin decorations such as candles, yarn, stickers or other items should be removed prior to drop-off. Pumpkins painted with acrylic paint are acceptable. No other drop-off materials will be accepted at this event. Pumpkins will only be accepted from Mount Prospect and SWANCC member community residents (no businesses). Republic Services will provide roll-off containers for the pumpkin collection event and will transport the pumpkins to the composting site at Organix Recycling, LLC of Chicago.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 or visit www.mountprospect.org.

Village Adds Organics Collection Program

The existing yard waste program is being rebranded as the Organics Program. In addition to the collection of yard waste, the Village will now accept organic material such as fruits and vegetables. All yard waste and organics material will be collected in unlimited quantities for no additional charge, but residents must provide their own rigid container for collection or obtain one through the Village's cart rental program. Organics service will be provided April through mid-December.

Households producing a large amount of organics or yard waste may be interested in the Village's optional waste cart rental program which features a monthly fee of \$3.58 paid directly to the Village. To participate, please contact Republic Services directly 847.981.0091.

For more detailed information regarding the new Organics Program, please visit the Village's website at mountprospect.org or contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.



Curbside Leaf Pickup Updates

The Village's fall leaf collection program allows residents to set loose leaves at the curb for collection by Public Works crews from October 9 through December 1. There will be no loose leaf collection the week of Thanksgiving (November 20 - November 24).

The loose-leaf collection program is for leaves only. Any leaf pile containing grass clippings or other yard material will not be collected. To participate,

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

Did you know that leaves make terrific mulch? Instead of raking them into the street this year, consider packing them around your perennials and on your flowerbeds as insulation against the cold. If you have a vegetable garden, spread the leaves on top of it, then rototill them into the soil to enrich it for the next year's crop. Leaves are also a valuable addition to a well-maintained compost pile.

Weekly Yard Waste Collection Schedule

Weekly collection dates for yard waste in bags or brush placed at the curb will continue through December 15. Materials placed at the curb after December 15 will not be collected.

Please visit the Village website (www.mountprospect.org) in the spring for the start date of the 2018 organics/yard waste program.

Know the Right Way to Winterize Your Water Service

The Village receives numerous inquiries on the proper process to winterize residential water service from individuals who may be heading to a warmer climate for the winter, doing some renovations, or moving before their current home has sold.

In order to comply with the Village Code and ordinances, here are the steps to properly winterize your water service:

- Please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 at least 48 hours in advance to schedule a water service shutoff at the b-box. If Public Works finds any problems with the operation of the b-box, the property owner will be notified. Sometimes debris or age will make a b-box inoperable.
- After the water service is shutoff by Public Works, you will need to drain the interior plumbing by shutting off the water heater and opening the water heater drain port or by draining the lowest faucet or spigot in the system. Expect to drain several gallons of water from this spigot so have a bucket handy. Contact a licensed plumber to properly drain piping, water heaters, toilets, and traps to prevent damage from freezing.
- Turning off the heat to a property is not advisable during the winter months as pipes can freeze or worse, burst and cause flooding. Lower your thermostats to maintain a minimum temperature to keep pipes from freezing. Contact an HVAC contractor to install a programmable thermostat if needed.

The Village Code does not allow a property to be winterized by the removal of the water meter. Removal of a water meter is considered tampering with the water system and is prohibited by Village Code. B-boxes, round-ways or road boxes should only be operated by Public Works. Improper use of these devices by untrained persons can result in damage, including main breaks or service leaks causing service disruption to the property and others. Also, fines and fees can be imposed per the Village Code.

Do not use an air compressor to blow out the private service piping. Using an air compressor allows grit, oils and other contaminants to enter the private and public water supply posing a potential health risk to you and others who drink the water. Adding chemicals or antifreeze to your system may contaminate the piping and require expensive cleanup. This practice is unsafe and unsanitary, and is not allowed by Village Code.

Winterizing your property does not relieve you from paying sewer, cross-connection device and refuse flat fees. These are applicable whether there is water usage or not. Be safe, be smart – winterize the proper way.

Caring for your Vehicle and the Environment

Proper car maintenance not only keeps your vehicle running more efficiently, it is also a very important way to protect the local environment. Vehicle fluids like used oil and anti-freeze present a health hazard if allowed to enter into local waterways. Whatever is dumped into storm drains or even onto the pavement will wind up in local creeks and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own oil, it is very important that you dispose of it properly. Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations in the area.

Antifreeze contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife so it should be treated in the same manner as waste oil. In the case of a spill involving any of these types of materials, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill. Sweep up the absorbent material after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit the Village website (www.mountprospect.org).

Reforestation Efforts Continue Across the Village

In the wake of damage to Village trees caused by the Emerald Ash Borer, the Village is progressing with reforestation efforts. The goal is to replace every tree lost to the attack. The Village is also working through the backlog of non-ash trees that have been removed, and replacing those. As the fall work concludes, efforts will resume in the spring 2018 with trees being replaced in the order in which they were removed. Residents who have lost a parkway tree should expect to receive notification regarding the replacement.

Residents who have not lost a tree, or would like to choose their replacement tree, should contact the Public Works Department. Property owners with suitable planting sites can request that a tree be planted on the parkway in front of their home. New parkway plantings generally range in size from 2" to 2 ½". These trees will be hand-selected by Village staff at a regional nursery, and planted by a landscape contractor with a one-year guarantee. Generally eight to ten different species are planted each season. All requests for spring 2018 planting must be received at Public Works no later than March 1, 2018.

Property owners can also beautify Village parkways by planting a tree on their own, with an approved Village permit. Planting permits are available through Public Works at no cost. All Village code requirements must be met, including having a suitable planting site and choosing an approved species.

Please contact the Public Works office to request a full cost order form or a planting permit at 847.870.5640.



Fire Department Receives Grant to Participate in Smoke Alarm Program

The Illinois Fire Safety Alliance awarded the Mount Prospect Fire Department 50 Photoelectric smoke alarms to be provided to local residents. Recognizing that the best protection comes from having a combination of Photoelectric and Ionization smoke alarms, Mount Prospect Firefighters Local 4119 stepped up to match the award by providing 50 Ionization smoke alarms. The criteria for consideration to receive a smoke alarm through the program is as follows:

- You own and live in your Mount Prospect residence, and
- Your current battery operated (not hard-wired) smoke alarms are more than 10 years old, or
- You currently have no smoke alarms.

If you meet the above criteria, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253 for more information.

Smoke alarms will be available to eligible residents while supplies last.



Keeping Your Kitchen Safe on Thanksgiving

Did you know that Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment? Safety in the kitchen is important; especially when there is a lot of activity in the home. To ensure a safe family get-together, adhere to the following guidelines.

- Stay in the home when cooking a turkey and remember to check on it frequently.
- Make sure smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the Test button.
- Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen during the busy cooking time.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.

Winter Holiday Safety

Nearly half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. As winter approaches, residents should remember these few, but critical, life saving tips to help keep everyone safe.

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Make sure Christmas trees are at least three feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Carbon monoxide is also a serious problem in the winter. Check carbon monoxide detectors regularly to ensure they are working properly.

Help Keep Hydrants Clear

Every winter, fire hydrants become buried by the snow, creating situations in which it is difficult for the Fire Department to locate and use the hydrants.

You can help by ensuring the 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.



Tips for Christmas Tree Safety

Christmas trees account for approximately 200 fires annually, resulting in an average of 6 deaths, 16 injuries and more than \$16 million in property damage. Tree fires typically occur as a result of shorts in electrical lights, and/or open flames from nearby candles. Well-watered trees are generally not a problem. Dry and neglected trees, however, can cause issues.

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

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

Once residents get their tree home, they should follow these guidelines to ensure a safe holiday season:

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

For more information, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

Police Department

2017 Citizen Survey

The Mount Prospect Police Department is committed to transparency and accountability. From November 1, 2017 through February, 2018, the department will conduct a citizen survey. We are seeking your input on officer responsiveness, perception of crime in neighborhoods, awareness of department objectives, programs and overall transparency. Your responses will assist our department in ensuring our community continues to receive the highest level of police service. To access the survey, please go to <http://bit.ly/mppdsurvey>.



Don't Leave Your Car Running While Unattended

During the cold winter months many residents start their vehicle and let the engine run to get it warmed up before driving. Unfortunately, it is common for people to leave the car running unattended in driveways or parking lots with the key in the vehicle. Last year several cars were stolen under these conditions. This behavior is not only dangerous but also illegal regardless of whether 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. Please, regardless of the cold, never leave your car running unattended.



Being a *Nosey* Neighbor

When people hear someone say they have a *nosey* neighbor, it is usually thought of as a bad thing. A simple internet search on the topic resulted in hundreds of thousands of hits on how to get rid of one, but not many praising them for watching out for everyone. But is having a *nosey* neighbor all that bad? Often times we fall into the routine of our own lives and do not pay a whole lot of attention to what is going on around us. 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 nosier and calling 911 whenever they see or hear any suspicious people or activity.



Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police officers will concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts by implementing the Street of the Week program on designated roadways for one week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the program in the months ahead:

November 5-11 Wolf Road	December 3-9 Lonquist Boulevard
November 12-18 Rand Road	December 10-16 Elmhurst Rd/Main St (Rt. 83)
November 19-25 Central Road	December 17-23 Golf Road
November 26-December 2 Northwest Highway	December 24-30 Burning Bush Lane



Human Services

Thanksgiving and Holiday Programs

Once again, through the generosity of the community, the Human Services Department plans to spread holiday cheer to those who would otherwise not have the items that make holiday time special. In order to allow time for packing and distribution to low-income families in Mount Prospect who may need assistance, all food items should be dropped off at the Human Services Department, on the second floor of Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street. Thanksgiving Program donations should be received by November 15. December Program donations should be received by December 15. For additional information, please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

Senior Assessment Program

The Human Services Department is offering a free private assessment for homebound individuals who may be having difficulty living independently. A social worker and nurse will help assess the situation for those dealing with decreased mobility, medication management problems, chronic illnesses, transportation or meal preparation, or lack of family members living nearby. For more information call Human Services at 847.870.5680.

Senior Walking Club

The Mount Prospect Senior Walking Club, conducted by volunteer nurses of the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps, will move from its outdoor weekly walking location on Centennial Drive to the winter indoor location at the Mount Prospect Park District facility on Central Road beginning November 1. All seniors are welcome to walk on the in-line skating rink, Tuesdays from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.



Community Connections Center

Parents are invited to bring toddlers and pre-school age children to our Play and Learn program every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We'll read books, dance to music and make fun crafts. The Center is located at 1711 West Algonquin Road. For information, call 847.506.4930.



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1711 West Algonquin Road
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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am - 7:30pm
Friday prior to the 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm
2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm



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Mount Prospect | Illinois 60056
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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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No Parking on Village Streets

2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

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- MPHist** Mount Prospect Historical Society
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November 2017



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT www.experiencemountprospect.org					
5	6	7 A World Gone Mad: World War I, 7:30-9pm, MPPL	8 The Garden Club of Mount Prospect: Milk Jug Seed Starting, 11:30am Social Hour, 12:00 Meeting, 1pm Program, FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY	9	10	11 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Community Room Veterans Day Ceremony 10:30am, Lions Park
12 Mt. Prospect Community Band Fall Concert, 3:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church	13 Best Children's Books of 2017, 7-8:30pm MPPL	14	15 Rules of the Road Class 1:30pm, Community Room VH BIDDING A PROJECT: Is being your own general contractor...?, 6-8pm VH	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Tree Lighting Ceremony 5pm, VH Christkindlmarket 4-7pm, VH	23 Thanksgiving	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Holiday HOUSEWALK

SUNDAY | DECEMBER 3 | NOON-5:30 PM

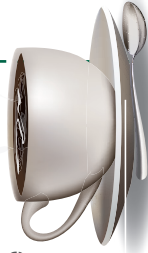


The 30th Annual Holiday Housewalk features tours of six private homes, all of which date to before Mount Prospect's 1917 incorporation. Each home will be decorated for the holidays by their owners, with additional floral arrangements and décor provided by area florists. Tickets go on sale November 6 for \$28. Tickets purchased on the day of the walk will be \$30. Purchase at various locations in town or at miphist.org. Members can purchase tickets at the Historical Society for \$26.

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.



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3 Holiday Housewalk 12-5:30pm, Various Locations, MPHist	4	5	6 The Garden Club of Mount Prospect: Happy Holly Days, 11:30am Social Hour, 12:00 Meeting, 1pm Program, FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY	7 Blood Drive, 3-8pm, VH Walk ins>Welcome	8	9 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, VH Community Room Friends Holiday Book Sale 10am-2pm, MPPPL Gingerbread Open House 1-4:30pm, DIETRICH FRIEDRICHS HOUSE, MPHist Colors of Christmas Concert, 4pm Trinity United Methodist Church
10	11	12	13 1st Day of Chanukah Building Your Project to Code and Inspections 6-8pm, VH	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Last Day of Chanukah	21 Winter Begins	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa	27	28	29	30 New Year's Eve: A Family Celebration, 5-7:30pm, Brick City Tavern
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