



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

WINTER 2010

Randhurst Village Redevelopment Update

Construction activity continues on the Randhurst Village project. The former Egg Factory outlet building on Kensington Road has been redesigned and is now home to Chipotle, Five Guys Burgers, Jersey Mike's and T-Mobile. Construction is underway for the new Sports Authority facility located next to Bed Bath and Beyond which is expected to open in August. Plans have been submitted for the new state of the art AMC Theater that will be located near the Jewel Foods building and anchor the main street redevelopment. The Theater and Main Street retail area are expected to open for business in April 2011. Casto has completed filling the former Mall basement area and will finalize compacting this area so that it is ready for construction next spring. Over 150,000 yards of clay of clay was transported from the I-294 construction project to fill the former basement area. In addition, Casto crushed all of the concrete from the old mall structure on site and is using the resulting 38,000 tons of stone to construct the new retail development. These are a few of several recycling efforts being implemented by Casto throughout the redevelopment project. They anticipate obtaining a Silver LEEDS accreditation for the project.



Celestial Celebration - Saturday, Feb. 6

Each year, the Village honors our Shining Stars - the people that help to make our community a great place in which to live and work. They will be recognized at the 17th annual Celestial Celebration banquet to be held Saturday, February 6 at Bristol Court. Tickets are priced at \$45. This year's theme is "Masquerade Ball." See Page 16 for reservation information.

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Ball* 

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**COMMUNITY
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VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911

Village Hall 392-6000
(includes Finance, Village Administration)
TDD 392-6064

Village Clerk 818-5355

Television Services 870-5685

Community Development

Building Division 870-5675
Environmental Health 870-5668
Planning Division 818-5328

Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 870-5666

Human Services Dept. 870-5680

Police Dept. (non-emergency) 870-5656
Crime Line 870-5649
Crime Prevention 870-5650
Records 870-5655

Public Works Dept. 870-5640

Water Billing 392-6000

TDD numbers are for hearing-impaired callers only who must use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD or TTY).

All phone numbers in the Village News are (847) area code unless otherwise noted.

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Just go to www.mountprospect.org and click on "Sign up for E-News" on the left side of the page.

Village Hall

Village Hall hours are: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Village Hall is located at 50 S. Emerson Street, on the northwest corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue.

Web site: www.mountprospect.org

E-Mail the Village at
pio@mountprospect.org

Village Board Meetings

Village Board meetings are held in the Village Board Room of the Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

Committee of the Whole (COW) Meetings

Committee of the Whole meetings are held in the Village Board Room of the Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. Committee of the Whole (COW) meetings are held by the Village Board on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

MPTV – Channel 17

Village Board meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings are cable cast on MPTV – Channel 17. Consult your program schedule listings.

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COFFEE WITH COUNCIL

Meet informally with the Village's Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect that's on your mind. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For more information about Coffee with Council, please call the Village Manager's Office at 392-6000, or visit the Village's web site at www.mountprospect.org.

UPCOMING DATES:

JANUARY 9
FEBRUARY 13
MARCH 13

News, Notes and Reminders



Energy Efficiency Seminar

Energy360 Solutions, an energy efficiency consulting and home improvement contractor, is offering a free Energy Efficiency Seminar on January 14 at 7:00pm. in the Village Hall Community Center, 50 South Emerson Street. Join Energy360 Solutions to learn how to increase the comfort of your home while lowering your utility bills. They will address common home performance issues, what causes these issues, what can be done to fix them and how to claim the Federal Energy Tax credit that is available for 2009 and 2010. The Village's Community Development Department will also be present to discuss code related issues and Village programs that address Energy Efficiency and Weatherization. Please RSVP to the Community Development Department at 818-5306 or rkast@mountprospect.org by January 8, if you are planning to attend.

Landlord/Property Manager Expo

The Village's Crime Free Housing program requires owners of any building or dwelling unit (including a single family residence) that is rented to obtain a residential operator's license. In order to obtain the license, the landlord, or designated agent, must attend and successfully complete the Crime Free seminar. The goal of the Crime Free Housing Program is to reduce criminal activity within the Village and improve living conditions for all residents. Since the first seminar in May 2007, nearly 900 owners/managers/agents have completed the Crime Free Housing seminar (Phase I).

As a follow up to the seminars, the Village is holding a Landlord/Manager EXPO on March 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. The EXPO will be a one-day event, with the primary goal of reinforcing and updating the information provided in the seminars. There will be a special presentation on the Eviction Process by Judge Sandra Tristano as well as the latest information on fair housing, crime prevention, application process, gangs/drugs, association law, code enforcement, vendor displays, background checks, home security, legal assistance, fire protection, and legal documents. You can register via the web site, www.mountprospect.org, or call/email Coordinator Pat Lyons at 818-5301 or plyons@mountprospect.org.

Premise Alert Program

Effective August 28th, 2009, the Illinois Premise Alert Program Act (96-0788) became law. The intent of the Act is to ensure consistently high levels of public safety services are available to all members of the state, including people who may require special consideration in order to access emergency services.

The PAP (Premise Alert Program) consists of a database of individuals with special needs or disabilities stored in a computer aided dispatch (CAD) database maintained by Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS.) NWCDS provides dispatch service for Mount Prospect police and fire personnel. Entries to the database are made at the request of families, caregivers or individuals with disabilities or special needs. The PAP will assist police and fire personnel to identify individuals with special needs or disabilities, which will enable Mount Prospect police and fire personnel to have additional information at their disposal when responding for emergency services.

Residents with disabilities or special needs, or their families or caregivers may register residents with the Village's Premise Alert Program by completing both Premise Alert Program Notification forms. Once completed, the forms are to be forwarded to the Mount Prospect Police Records Section. To obtain the forms and for more information, please see the web site, www.mountprospect.org or call 870-5650.

Overnight Parking

Residents are reminded that overnight parking on Village streets is prohibited. All vehicles must be off the street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. This allows the Police Department to quickly notice suspicious vehicles in your neighborhoods and allow our Public Works Department to remove snow from the streets in the most efficient manner. On the occasion that you have overnight guests or work being done on your driveway, permission to park on the street can be received by calling the Police Department Front Desk at 870-5656.

Vehicle Stickers

The deadline for displaying 2009-2010 vehicle stickers was April 30, 2009. The Police Department issues citations to drivers of locally registered vehicles if the 2009-2010 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 purchase date is required to ensure that a penalty is not imposed. If you change vehicles during the year, call the Finance Department at 392-6000 for more information.

2010-2011 Vehicle Stickers

If you purchased a vehicle sticker in 2009, you should be receiving a renewal notice in the mail during the first week of February. If you have recently moved to the Village or if you do not receive your renewal notice by February 12, 2010 you must come to Village Hall to pick up an application. If you have any questions, please call the Finance Department at 392-6000.

Water Rate Increase

The Village Board recently approved a 4% increase to water and sewer utility rates. The current combined rate for water and sewer is \$6.19. Effective with all billings after January 1, 2010, the new combined rate will be \$6.44. For a Mount Prospect household that uses 15,000 gallons of water over a two-month period, their bimonthly water and sewer usage fee would be \$106.60, an increase of \$3.75. This includes the \$5 monthly sewer construction charge. There was no change in the sewer construction flat fee. For more information, contact the Water Billing Department at 392-6000.

Thank You for Caring and Sharing

Thanks to the generosity of Village residents, employees, local businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations, the Human Services department was able to provide assistance to a large number of needy residents, again in 2009. Recipients were given several bags of groceries, a turkey or ham, and a gift certificate for perishable foods. This year the need was greater than ever before. Thank you all.



Community Events/Programs

Mount Prospect Public Library

www.mpppl.org
253-5675

Making the Switch to Office 2007

Word, Excel, and PowerPoint have changed. Microsoft introduced Office 2007 and it looks nothing like the 2003 version. If you have recently purchased or upgraded to Office 2007, let the Library help you make the transition. Beginning in January, the Library will be holding computer classes for the 2007 versions of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Be sure to sign up for the introductory class, Microsoft Office 2007: What Happened to My Toolbar?, to first learn about the Microsoft Office button, ribbons, tabs, and more. Our computer classes fill very quickly; registration for these programs begins the first day of the month prior to class. To register, go to www.mpppl.org/events or call the Library at 847/253-5675. In the spring, the Library will be upgrading its public computers to Office 2007.

Mount Prospect Historical Society

www.mtphist.org
392-9006

Presidents Day Skating Party - Feb. 15

The Mount Prospect Historical Society and the Mt. Prospect Park District will be hosting a Skating Party to preserve local history with music, a DJ and food at the Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Rd., on Monday, February 15, from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Pizza, candy and pop will be for sale and as much fun as you can have on eight wheels. In line skates can be rented at the facility or you can bring your own. All the proceeds will go towards the many MPHS educational programs. For more information call 847/392-9006

2010 Historical Society Calendar

For more information or to order your calendar today, please call 392-9006.

Mt. Prospect Park District

www.mppd.org
255-5380

Fitness Centers Membership Sale

Save \$50 on one-year fitness centers memberships through January 18, 2010. Tone up while our prices are down! Your membership includes two fitness facilities – RecPlex and Central Community Center. RecPlex features 23 new pieces of Life Fitness equipment. Come by and check it out!

Cooking with Dave

Dave Esau of Dave's Specialty Foods will conduct a class on Wednesday, January 27 from 7-9pm at Friendship Park Conservatory where he'll share some of his favorite recipes for ethnic stews. Tasty samples and Dave's recipes will be shared with all in attendance. Wine will be available for purchase. Register early, space is limited and Dave's last class filled quickly! Register at any Park district facility or call 847-956-5353 (Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm or Saturday 10am-3pm).

Spring Concert

The Mount Prospect Community Band will perform its Spring Concert on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the theater at the Forest View Educational Center located at 2121 S. Goebbert Road in Arlington Hts.

Tickets can be obtained by visiting the Rec Plex at 420 Dempster in Mt. Prospect, or calling (847) 640-1000. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door.

Spring Craft Show

Visit Friendship Park Conservatory on Saturday, March 20 from 10am-3pm for the annual Spring Craft Show. Admission is free and more than 25 exhibitors will be on hand with their specialties including dried florals, apparel, metalwork, jewelry and much more.

River Trails Park District

www.rtpd.org
255-1200

Rob Roy Banquets

505 E. Camp Mc Donald Road,
Prospect Heights

Rob Roy Banquets is pleased to provide you with a variety of room rental and food & beverage packages to meet your needs. Let our dedicated staff work hand in hand with you to make your event a success! Our facility accommodates up to 160 guests with a banquet setup and 260 with theater/meeting style set up. Floor to ceiling windows open to our beautiful landscaped Rob Roy Golf Course. Let us host your special event!

Trails Fitness Club

1500 E Euclid Ave – Mt. Prospect
847.255.1200

We've expanded! We're bigger! We're better! Same great location, same great membership, same great prices!

Fitness Club Specials

JANUARY – Bakers Dozen – Sign up for a 12 month membership and get a 13 month for free

FEBRUARY – 50% off all year memberships

MARCH – Spring Break – College students can get a two week membership for just \$10

Indoor Golf Lessons available year round

Forgetting about golf over the winter won't get you off to a great start next spring! Keep your game tuned up and keep learning and making improvements with indoor lessons. Call Gary at 463-3721.

Village Clerk

ACROSS THE BOARD

Since the last publication of the Mount Prospect Newsletter, the Village Board of Trustees has enacted the following ordinances from September 1, 2009 through November 17, 2009:

5756 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "F1" (Restaurant without Lounge) liquor license for Las Islas Marias, 1784 West Golf Road;

5757 grants a Map Amendment to rezone property from Limited Industrial (I1) to Conservation Recreational (CR) District, 1750 West Central Road, Dasom Community Center;

5758 authorizes sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Mount Prospect;

5759 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "F-3" (Restaurant with Lounge) for Mina Restaurant, 1724 West Golf Road;

5760 amends the Village Budget adopted for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009;

5761 prohibits the installation of video gaming terminals within the Village until such time the Village, by ordinance either adopts its own standards or adopts the rules promulgated by the Gaming Board, and reserves the Village's right to adopt an ordinance completely prohibiting video gaming;

5762 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "F1" (Restaurant without Lounge) liquor license for Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc. 102 East Kensington Road;

5763 amends Chapter 15 (Subdivision, Development and Site Improvement Procedures) of the Village Code by clarifying procedure requirements for lot line changes;

5764 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) of the Village Code in accordance with the recommendations from the Neighborhood Traffic Study Final Report, Zone 15;

5765 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) by repealing the parking restrictions on Can Dota Avenue between Council Trail and Shabonee Trail;

5766 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) by providing a two (2) hour parking limit on the north side of Prospect Avenue between William Street and Edward Street;

5767 establishes a binding referendum for the submission of a public question on the ballot for the February 2, 2010 election;

5768 amends Chapter 5 (Boards and Commissions) to increase the number of members on the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Board in compliance with Public Act 96-505;

5769 amends the official Comprehensive Plan of the Village of Mount Prospect to include the South Mount Prospect Sub-Area Plan;

5770 authorizes the disposal of certain personal property owned by the Village of Mount Prospect;

5771 amends the Village Budget adopted for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009.



GUBERNATORIAL PRIMARY ELECTION FEBRUARY 2

Voter Registration

To be eligible to vote in the February Primary Election you must be registered to vote by January 5th. (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 Election Day
- 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.

Voter registration is available in the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Please go to the Cook County Clerk's Office website at www.voterinfonet.com or call the Mount Prospect Village Clerk's office at 818-5355 for information regarding grace period voter registration and voting, absentee voting, early voting dates and locations and more.

Offices up for Election in 2010 Include:

U.S. Senator
U.S Representatives
Governor
Lieutenant Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
State Comptroller
State Treasurer
State Senators (some)
State Representatives
Cook County Board President
County Commissioners
County Assessor
County Clerk
County Treasurer
County Sheriff



Finance Department

PAY VILLAGE UTILITY BILLS ONLINE OR THROUGH DIRECT DEBIT

The Village offers several different payment options for your Water/Sewer and Refuse utility bill. In addition to coming into Village Hall or mailing in your payment, you can opt to pay online through the Village's website or direct debit of your checking account.

The online payment option, or E-Pay, is an easy to use process that allows for payment of the utility bills using a credit or debit card. E-Pay is secure and available 24 hours a day for your convenience. A minimal convenience fee applies. If you prefer direct debit, funds for payment on your utility account will be withdrawn on the due date, thus avoiding late fees. There is no fee for using this service. Authorization forms are available on our website at www.mountprospect.org. Utility customers may elect to end participation in the direct debit program at any time.

If you have any questions concerning either of these two programs, please contact Utility Billing at 392-6000.

SUBMIT WATER METER READING ON THE WEB

Mount Prospect is pleased to provide another option for residents serviced by Village water to submit their water meter reads. In addition to submitting your reads on the bill payment stub, phone, fax or e-mail, you can now submit electronically on the website www.mountprospect.org/watermeter. If you have any questions, please call 392-6000.

Where Do Property Taxes Go?

The Village of Mount Prospect provides a complete range of services for its residents and business community. They 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 14.0% of the Village's total revenues expected for 2009. Sales tax, service charges, licenses, fees, state income and motor fuel taxes, and several other revenues sources make up the balance. The Village uses the money it receives from property taxes for three basic purposes: public safety, refuse disposal and public improvements.

The owner of a residential property in Mount Prospect having an equalized assessed value of \$101,000 (approximate market value of \$350,000) will pay the Village about \$695 in property taxes as a result of the final 2008 levy (payable in 2009). Of this amount, \$373 is for police and fire protection, \$148 is for funding public safety (police and fire) pensions, \$88 is for public improvements and \$86 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

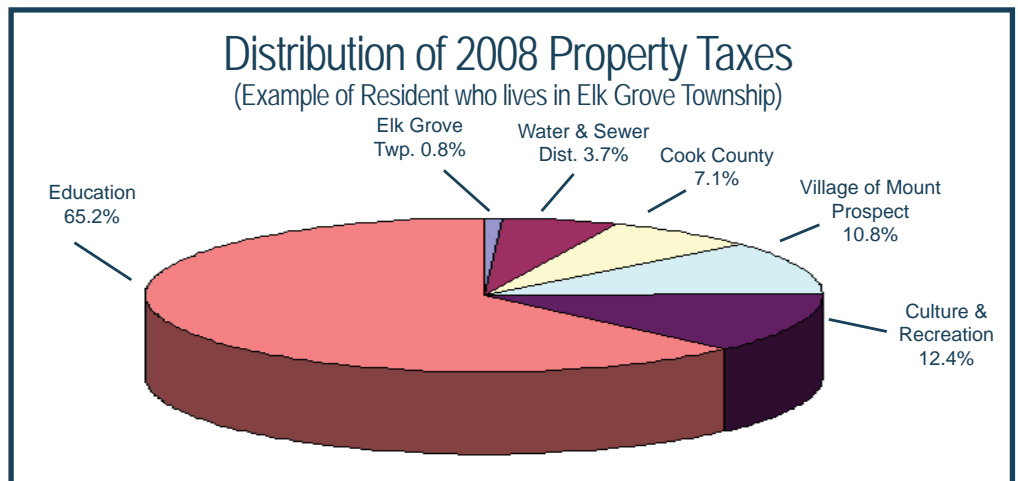
Within and including the Village of Mount Prospect, there are 34 separate and independent taxing districts. They include the Mount Prospect Public Library, Cook County, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, six (6) public school districts, five (5) park districts, and fourteen (14) other tax districts, 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 below shows the breakdown of property taxes for the Village of Mount Prospect in Elk Grove Township from the 2008 tax bill (payable in 2009). The Village is to receive just over \$14.4 million or 11.2% of the total. The percentages vary depending on the area of the Village and the taxing districts included.

The Mayor and Board of Trustees have made a determined effort to keep property taxes as low as possible while enabling the Village to provide a wide range of high quality services. For more information on property taxes and the Village budget, visit the web site at www.mountprospect.org, or contact the Finance Department at 392-6000.



Community Development

Be Counted!

In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The Census is extremely important to the Village of Mount Prospect since the survey helps determine how the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to state and local governments. The funding is based on population counts and affects numerous funding decisions and allocations, including college grant/loan programs, public transportation, public health services and hospitals. Census population totals also determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. The count includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian as well as language guides in 59 languages will be available on request.

Your information is used to produce statistics. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court. All information is confidential and, by law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses, with other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

United States® Census 2010

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about how we live as a nation - our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more - are now covered in the American Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at www.census.gov.

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Complete Count Committee

The Village of Mount Prospect is coordinating a Complete Count Committee with representation from faith based and community organizations, schools, businesses, and other governmental agencies.

If you are interested in participating in the Complete Count Committee, please contact Clare O'Shea at 818-5312 or coshea@mountprospect.org.

2010 Census: It's in Our Hands



Timeline for the 2010 Census

- Fall 2009: Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010
- February-March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households
- April 1, 2010: Census Day
- April-July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail
- December 2010: By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to President for apportionment
- March 2011: By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states

How Does it Work?

In March of 2010, census forms will be delivered to every residence in the United States and Puerto Rico. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and then mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you don't mail the form back, you may receive a visit from a census taker, who will ask you the questions from the form.





Community Development

Current/Accurate Plat of Survey Required

The Building Division will require an accurate Plat of Survey to process a variety of permits. The purpose in requiring the Plat of Survey is to ensure the work is occurring on the applicant's property and to review zoning conformance; including the land use and density of the project, setbacks from the property line, and lot coverage. Calculating lot coverage is important because the more impervious the surface, more water is displaced into the stormwater maintenance system, contributing to flooding in high rain events.

Property owners should receive a Plat of Survey at the time they purchase a property. If you do not have a copy of your Plat, a good place to start may be the financial institution that holds your mortgage. If you are unable to locate a copy of your Plat, you will need to consider having a new Plat made. Your Plat is the legal document that shows exactly what land you own. It should also accurately reflect the structures and impervious surface on your lot. If you need to have a Plat made of your property, there are several local surveyors listed in the yellow pages.

If an application is made for a building permit and the applicant is seeking permission to replace an item already on the survey, a new plat of survey will not be required; the applicant will sign an affidavit that the survey being used accurately reflects existing conditions. For property alterations not built at the time the survey was taken, a plat of survey no older than 1 year is required; again, the applicant will sign an affidavit that the survey being used accurately reflects conditions.

Questions may be directed to the Permit Coordinator at 818-5396.

Protecting Your Investment: The Importance of Building Permits and Inspections

People sometimes ask why it is important to get building permits for construction work, but avoiding permits can create life safety hazards and even affect the value of your property. Frequently, we hear concerns about the Village requiring permits for items such as water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, and generators. While it may seem tedious, the Village specifically requires permits on any project that involves gas, electricity, and/or water for our resident's safety. Final inspections are performed to ensure that your contractor performed the work and/or installed your new mechanicals correctly.

Most importantly, inspections are conducted to protect life safety; however, permits and inspections are also important in protecting the value of your investment. For instance, if you install a gas fireplace without a mechanical permit and your house burns down because of faulty installation, your insurance may not cover the damage.

When it comes time to sell your home, permits and inspections can help validate the value of your home. Many times appraisers ask for verification that the improvements were, in fact, done with permit. If the sellers can't substantiate that the work was done with permits, the appraiser might not give full value for the improvements. If the house doesn't appraise for the sale price, your sale could be in jeopardy.

The Building Division is here to protect the citizens and ensure the safety of the properties in the Village. If you have questions regarding work requiring permits, please do not hesitate to call us at 870-5675 or email us at building@mountprospect.org

Final Inspections Required

Please note ALL permits issued by the Village require final inspection. Permits are valid for one year and must pass all required inspections within that time. The Village inspectors will NOT automatically come to the job to perform inspections; it is your responsibility to call and schedule all required inspections. Failure to complete the required work within the one year time limit will result in citation for an expired permit, forfeiture of any inspection deposits and a hold being placed on your real estate transfer stamp. It is important that you maintain communication with the Building Division throughout your project; just like you, the Building Division wants to see your projects completed safely, within code standards, and in a timely manner.

New Codes Adopted

As of August 26, 2009 we have adopted the following codes:

- 2006 International Building Code with local amendments
- 2006 International Residential Code with local amendments
- 2006 International Energy Code with local amendments
- 2006 International Mechanical Code with local amendments
- 2006 International Fuel Gas Code with local amendments
- 2005 National Electric Code with local amendments

For more information, please see the Village Website under Building Permit Information.

Public Works



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees and wreaths will be collected by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day; no stickers required.

Christmas tree composting program

Clean Christmas trees will be collected at no additional charge on your regular refuse collection day from January 4 through January 15. Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris.

Trees may be placed at the curb prior to January 4 and after January 15, but these trees will be collected as regular refuse and will not be composted.

Wreaths are considered refuse due to the metal frame and will be collected as refuse. Please place your wreath in your green refuse cart for disposal. In addition, artificial wreaths are not recyclable. Artificial wreaths should be placed in the green refuse cart for disposal not the blue recycling cart.

2010 Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no garbage, recycling or yard material collection on the following holidays:

- New Years Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day (Falls on a Sunday, no garbage collection the following Monday)
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day falls on a Saturday, so there is no affect on the collection schedule.

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. The following week will return to the regular collection schedule.

Prescription Drug Disposal

The Village of Mount Prospect in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is providing a prescription drug disposal program to Mount Prospect residents. The Prescription Drug Disposal program ensures environmentally safe disposal and guards against potential theft associated with disposing of old medications.

Acceptable items can be dropped off at the Public Works facility, 1700 W Central Road, Monday through Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm. See www.swancc.org for a list of acceptable/unacceptable items.

The program is for residentially generated unused prescriptions and expired over-the-counter drugs. No commercial or institutional waste will be accepted and IDs will be checked to confirm residency. Please keep medications in their original containers, as it is necessary to know what medications the contractor is dealing with. Personal information may be blacked out for safety.

Please note that NO pharmaceutical controlled substances will be accepted.

General tips:

- Prescription drugs that are more than a year old should be disposed of properly.
- Turn in non-prescription medicines without an expiration date that are more than six months old.
- Keep pharmaceuticals in their original containers with labels to identify contents.

For more information, see www.swancc.org/recycling/medicinedropoff.html.

Sidewalk Replacement

Every year the Village of Mount Prospect endeavors to properly maintain its infrastructure. One of the more noticeable maintenance programs involves the public sidewalk and the Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. This program has proven to be a successful partnership between the Village and the property owners. Each year, between January and April, applications are accepted by the Engineering Staff from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. The Village selects a contractor in May through a competitive bidding process and the sidewalk replacement work continues across the Village throughout the summer.

The good news is the Village will continue to offer this program in 2010. However, funds will be limited. Applications will be accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. The last day applications will be accepted is April 30, 2010.

This year the resident's share of the cost is \$55.00 for a typical sidewalk square. This represents half of the anticipated bid cost of a sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount. The contractor's work includes removing the existing square, replacing it with new concrete, and backfilling along the edges with topsoil.

Applications are available online at www.mountprospect.org or at the Public Works Department located at 1700 W. Central Road.

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



Public Works

Invasive Insects Threaten Mount Prospect's Trees

The Village is continuing its preparations for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) while moving on to our second year battling Gypsy Moth. Both are introduced exotic insects that have the potential to wreak havoc on Mount Prospect's trees.

Emerald Ash Borer Is Moving Closer

As of the writing of this article in October 2009, EAB has not yet been found in Mount Prospect. However, it has continued to spread into nearby suburbs and nationally. The closest find to Mount Prospect was less than a mile from the Village's borders. Twenty one Illinois counties, including Cook, are included in the state quarantine which restricts movement of ash material within those counties. The Forestry/Grounds Division wishes to remind residents that it is extremely important not to move firewood or any ash debris for fear of spreading this pest, which has killed millions of ash trees since its arrival in the U.S.!

In 2009 the Village continued monitoring its ash tree population for EAB by closely examining and peeling bark from ash trees that were scheduled for removal. The Village continued its detection trapping by placing seventeen EAB detection traps throughout the Village this past summer. They were checked periodically throughout the summer and taken down at the end of the flight season. Fortunately, no adult beetles were found during this trapping period. The Forestry/Grounds Division also continued its Ash Reduction project this past fall, whereby selected low quality ash trees were removed from Village parkways. They will be replaced next Spring, where appropriate, with a variety of underutilized tree species.

Over the past couple years, the Illinois Department of Agriculture has acknowledged that EAB cannot be completely eradicated in Illinois. Their view is that the best Illinois can hope for is to slow the insects' spread through selective management practices. It has now been accepted that insecticidal treatments may prevent losing all of our ash trees.

The Village continued treating a small group of high quality parkway ash trees in 2009. Individual homeowners who have high-value private ash trees may want to investigate treatment options and start treating their trees in Spring 2010. Helpful information about how to make treatment decisions has been prepared by a collaboration of University Extension Offices; this document is available on the Village website at www.mountprospect.org. (Click on "Departments," then "Public Works," to find this and other helpful EAB related information.)

The Village of Mount Prospect will continue to follow the Compliance Agreement guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. These guidelines include restrictions on moving ash wood/debris out of the quarantined area, using licensed tree care contractors who have signed a Compliance Agreement, and limiting non-emergency ash removals to the beetle's non flight season (September 1 to April 30). If you think you have an ash tree that may be infested, call the Public Works office at 847- 870-5640. We will be happy to inspect any suspect ashes, whether on public or private property.

Gypsy Moth Finds Have Increased

As we continue to prepare for the arrival of EAB, Gypsy Moth has emerged, and it looks as if it will become a perennial pest in Mount Prospect. Gypsy Moth has long been present in the eastern United States and is now becoming problematic in parts of northeastern Illinois. Although the pest has been found in parts of our state for a number of years, it was first spotted in Mount Prospect in 2008, at several locations. Gypsy moth larvae feed on a number of host trees; repeated attacks can stress trees and in some cases cause tree death, especially of evergreen trees.

As in 2008 the Forestry/Grounds Division continued to set out traps last summer in order to detect the extent of the infestation. Again, gypsy moths were present throughout the Village and the numbers in 2009 appear to be higher. Village staff will continue to work with members of the Morton Arboretum to conduct egg mass surveys during the winter of 2009-2010. Egg mass scouting will hopefully lead to better indicators as to where this pest is a problem, and help determine the best treatment options for 2010.

Residents can assist by inspecting their property for the presence of egg masses. Egg masses can range in size but are generally 1"-2" long by 1" wide, are tan in color and consist of hairs from the female. Any egg masses that are found should be destroyed by removing and soaking them in soapy water for a minimum of two days.

The Village can send a free homeowner's guide to residents concerned about gypsy moth. The guide covers some methods homeowners can use to control the pest on individual trees. It also covers insecticide treatments for high populations. Note that if using an insecticide for control, a professional licensed arborist should be consulted. The Gypsy Moth guide can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department. at 847-870-5640.

Movement of Firewood Spreads Invasive Pests

Residents can help prevent the spread and introduction of pests by not moving tree debris or firewood from where it originated. For residents who use firewood, the Village encourages you to burn all of the wood before April. For future firewood purchases, ask for the source. Ideally, use firewood from locally grown trees. If the wood may have crossed state lines, look for a USDA shield on the packaging to insure that it has been properly inspected.

Public Works



WINTER & SNOW TIPS

Please remember that it is hazardous to shovel, plow, or blow snow onto any public street. All shoveled, plowed, or blown snow should be piled in your yard or parkway.

- Shovel the snow to the side, in the direction of traffic, and clear a pocket of snow on the opposite side of your driveway.
- 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 your driveway.

When will my street be plowed?

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

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 2- inch accumulation of snow.
3. Feeder streets and dead ends are plowed last.

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

MAILBOX POLICY AND DAMAGE

Mailboxes physically hit by a Village snowplow or truck, will be replaced by the Village at no charge. The Village will not replace mailboxes that are hit by snow thrown from snow plowing operations and damaged. The Village will provide a temporary mailbox until weather permits the resident to make the repairs in the spring. The only mailboxes considered for reimbursement must be installed per Village ordinance, which can be found on the Village Website at www.mountprospect.org. If your mailbox is damaged during snow plowing operations, please contact the Public Works Department at 870-9540.



SNOW REMINDER

After a minimum 2-inch snowfall, parking is not permitted on Village streets for at least 24 hours.

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 borne by the vehicle owners.

It is each vehicle owner's responsibility to monitor the weather conditions and to avoid problems if a 2-inch or greater snowfall occurs, regardless of the time of day



Mount Prospect Receives Salt Institute Storage Excellence Award

The award recognizes high standards of the environmental consciousness and effective management of winter materials storage. Sixty three (63) facilities were cited for "continuing excellence" for sustaining award-winning programs during the 19 years of this program.

"With more than 60 years operating experience in salting roads to maintain winter safety and mobility, we've learned that environmental problems are potentially severe, always local entirely preventable," explained Salt Institute president Richard L. Hanneman, in announcing the award winners. "Over the years, we've learned that inadequate salt storage is the likeliest path to environmental contamination. These agencies are doing an outstanding job of environmental protection in salt storage, establishing a standard to which other agencies aspire. The investments represented here are the paying rich dividends."

The excellence in Storage Award is part of the Salt Institute's Sensible Salting Program – an educational program for salt customers on how to store and apply salt in an environmentally sound manner.

Every year about 15 million tons of salt is applied to roadways in the U.S. and another five million tons in Canada. Applying salt reduces injury accidents by 88% and pays for it self in a half hour in terms of avoided crashes.

Mount Prospect will also be continuing it's use of a beet juice, calcium chloride and salt brine solution to minimize the amount of salt used and maximize the results of keeping roads clear of snow and ice this winter season.



Fire Department

HELP KEEP HYDRANTS CLEAR

Every winter fire hydrants become buried by the snow. This creates a situation where it becomes difficult for the fire department to locate and use the hydrants.

You can help the fire department 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.



SPACE HEATER SAFETY

With proper use, portable heaters provide warmth and comfort but they need space around them. Keep anything combustible at least three feet from a space heater. Never use any kind of space heater as a drying rack.

A kerosene space heater might reduce your heating bill, but it can be dangerous if not used correctly. Be sure the space heater is used in a well-vented area. For fuel, use K-1 kerosene only. Do not use gasoline, camp stove fuel, or any other flammable liquid. Store kerosene outdoors in approved containers, and refuel the heater outdoors.

- Buy a space heater equipped with a guard around the flame or heating coil to keep children, pets, and combustibles from the heat source.
- When selecting a heater, make sure a nationally recognized testing laboratory has approved it. (It will bear a label indicating approval.)
- Never leave a space heater on overnight.

For more information, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 818-5253.

WINTER FIREPLACE SAFETY

Chimney Maintenance Vital

Proper maintenance of a chimney reduces the buildup of creosote, a black tarry substance that can block passageways or ignite. Begin with carefully selecting the kind of wood you will burn. The harder the wood, the smaller the creosote release into the chimney. Then curing that wood becomes important. Wood that is allowed to cure for three to six months after cutting and splitting will yield more heat and less creosote.

Maintaining proper flue temperatures is also a part of good chimney maintenance. Creosote condenses on to cold chimneys while properly heated chimneys will trap much less. So burn an open fire until good flue temperatures are achieved, then make sure the fire burns hot enough to maintain those temperatures.



Clean Chimney at Least Once a Year

Any chimney should be thoroughly cleaned at least once a year. Chimneys that get a lot of use will require more frequent cleaning. Remember, soot and creosote buildup in the chimney is what flue fires are made of. Keep it clean, and you have protected yourself from this danger.

Carefully Inspect the Flue

As part of the chimney-cleaning process and following any chimney fire, the flue should be carefully inspected inside and out. Specialized equipment is now available which permits detailed internal inspection of the entire flue. The yellow pages list a number of companies (under "Chimney Cleaning") that are equipped to provide this inspection.

Other fireplace safety tips include:

- Keep flammable and combustible articles a safe distance from the open fire.
- Never burn paper or rags. If you use artificial logs, burn only one at a time.
- Do not burn charcoal in your fireplace at any time.
- Always use a fireplace screen in front of your fireplace.
- Do not leave your house or go to bed with the fireplace still burning.
- Put ashes in a metal container when you clean your fireplace.
- Make certain your smoke detectors are working.
- Make certain that children are always supervised when the fireplace is lit.

If you follow the above suggestions, you should have a safe and cozy time in front of your fireplace all during the cold weather season.

Police Department



“Chat with the Chief”

Police Chief John Dahlberg will be holding several informal citizen discussion sessions on Thursday evenings and one Saturday morning this spring at the Mount Prospect Public Library.



Chief Dahlberg and members of his command staff will make themselves available to answer resident's questions, take their comments and/or hear their concerns. No advance notification of your attendance is necessary – just come as you are. These meetings will provide residents with a great opportunity to meet Chief Dahlberg and converse with him in a relaxed and open atmosphere. The meetings will be conducted at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 50 S. Emerson Street, Meeting Room 130, on the following dates: Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 25 and Thursday, April 1 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit

On October 14th, Detective David Behun received the Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit. Pictured left to right: Chief Dahlberg and Detective Behun



Officers of the Quarter

Police Department honors two officers as "Officer of the Quarter" for the 3rd quarter of 2009 (July 1 - September 30). Detective Mike Landeweer (L) and Detective Mark Recker (R).



Police Department Welcomes New Officer

The Mount Prospect Police Department welcomes Officer Zach Falco and congratulates him on his successful completion of the police academy. Officer Falco graduated from the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on September 10, 2009. The Police Training Institute's Basic Law Enforcement course is a twelve week program that meets the minimum training requirements of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for all police officers in the State of Illinois. After completing an 18 week long field training program, Officer Falco will assume solo patrol duties with the Mount Prospect Police Department.



Traffic Unit

The Police Department's Traffic Unit employs unmarked police vehicles, each of which are equipped with three different state-of-the-art speed detection (radar) systems that afford officers a great deal of flexibility when deploying radar in the field. To find out where the Traffic Unit will be concentrating their efforts in the coming months, visit the web site, www.mountprospect.org. Contact Sergeant Mike Eterno at 818-5248 with your traffic law enforcement concerns or questions.

Drive Safe Near Schools

School districts throughout Mount Prospect invest heavily in security hardware, video cameras and hall monitors in an attempt to keep your children safe. Staff receives training pertaining to lock down drills and how to report suspicious vehicles or persons in and around the schools. However, the greatest threat to your child's well-being and safety is a parent dropping off and picking up their child.

Every parent who drops off or picks up a child at school knows the streets and neighborhoods surrounding schools get very congested during these times. The Mount Prospect Police are asking parents to schedule after school events and appointments accordingly so that you have the time to park safely and drive away from the school at a safe speed. If we all obey the traffic and parking laws and follow the school's pickup and drop off procedures, we can prevent the injury or death of a child.



Human Services Department



Community Connections Center

Since opening nearly six months ago, the public has enthusiastically welcomed the Community Connections Center (the Center). As word spread, more and more people are making use of the services offered through the Village and our partner agencies.

The partner agencies have identified specific objectives to accomplish at the Center. The Mount Prospect Library's South Branch averages 200 people a day utilizing books, tapes, music, computers, as well as homework and reading help. Northwest Community Hospital's "Promotoras de Salud" provides critical health education to key community members. Consolidated School District 59 provides parent education workshops and focuses on younger children who have not yet entered the school system. District 214 Community Education provides family literacy programming, ESL and parent-child interactive literacy activities.

The Village's Social Worker and the Community Outreach Police Liaison have been involved in a wide range of social services, health and police related concern. Family turmoil, untreated chronic illnesses and financial matters continue to be the predominant issues facing many of the residents frequenting the Community Connections Center.

Mentor Program Seeks Volunteers

During the school year, volunteers are paired in a school-based, one-on-one relationship, with the aim of helping a child toward a more promising future. Volunteers meet one night per week at a local school, and participate in one-on-one and group activities. We are currently looking for additional volunteers for the Spring 2010 Semester with Wednesday evening availability. Call Kimberly Sheagren at 870-5680 for additional information on how to apply for this exciting volunteer opportunity.

Social Services Assistance

Human Services Department Social Workers are available to assist residents with a variety of social service needs. Through Case Management, the Social Worker may coordinate programs offered by the department and/or other social services agencies to ensure the client is tapping into all the available services and not overusing the system. The Social Worker may provide Advocacy by using knowledge of the social services system to cut through the frustrating red tape. Practical Assistance with paper work is available whereby the Social Worker may assist residents with completing applications for many local, State and Federal economic programs, such as Circuit Breaker Grants, Public Aid, Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Access to Care, Veterans Administration and other assistance programs. Through Information and Referral, residents are provided with access to information in many areas such as housing, legal advice, financial assistance, etc. To access these and any other department programs, please call the department at 847-870-5680.

Financial Planning Classes

A new series of classes will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning January 12 for 4 weeks, for pre-retirees and retirees. The topics include Retirement Planning, Fixed Income (CD's, Bonds, etc.) Annuities and Insurance, Stocks, and Mutual Funds. Classes will be held at the Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson Street, 1st floor Community Center, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge; however, advanced registration is requested. There must be a minimum of ten people registered to hold the class. Please call 847-870-5680 to reserve a space.

SENIOR NEWS

INCOME TAX TIME IS HERE

Free Income Tax assistance will be available for seniors over the age of sixty. Trained volunteer counselors will assist in preparing Federal and State tax forms. Appointments must be made in advance by calling the Human Services Department at 847-870-5680. Tax preparers are trained to complete standard forms, individuals with very technical tax situations are advised to seek the services of a professional preparer.

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The State of Illinois offers a grant program to help individuals sixty-five years of age and older and disabled citizens who pay taxes on their homes, or to refund some of the taxes paid as part of their rent. Illinois residents who qualify for this grant may also participate in the Pharmaceutical Assistance Program*, and will receive a discount on their State of Illinois license plates. If you are interested in this program, please call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680, for assistance and/or the application.

DRIVER REFRESHER CLASSES

The Secretary of State sponsors Rules of the Road driver refresher classes for senior citizens who need to renew their driver's license. It is designed to reinforce knowledge of rules of the road and cover any changes in the driving laws. Classes are held every other month, with the next one being January 27, 2010 and the spring class will be March 24, 2010. Classes begin at 1:30 p.m. and are located in the Village Hall first floor Community Center, 50 S. Emerson Street. You do not need to wait until your license expiration date; you may take the test ahead of time if you hope to avoid bad weather or conflicts with travel plans. Call 847-870-5680 to register.

Business Page



New Business/Change of Ownership/Address

About Automotives, Inc.
Auto Repair
2058 S. Elmhurst Rd
545-2000

Anixter Inc
1601 Feehanville Dr
390-7700

Arlington Towing & Repair
Inc
Auto Repair
2034 S Elmhurst Rd
409-3750

Auto Techs of Illinois Inc.
Retail
2070 S Elmhurst Rd
803-8000

Blick & Associates
Service
300 W Golf Rd
342-0500

Bright Horizons
Child Care
1020 Hunt Club Dr
956-6222

Chipotle Mexican Grill
Restaurant
102 E Kensington Rd
483-5033

Dgea Lee School, Inc.
1228 River Rd
909-3432

Fireflyer, Inc.
Retail
117 S Emerson St
769-7415

Five Guys Operations, LLC
Food Service
118 E Kensington Rd

Flores & Rosales Family
Corp.
Food Service
1699 Wall St

JC Auto Repair Inc.
Service
2076 S Elmhurst Rd
258-4582

Johanson Corp.
Painting
211 E Rand Rd
577-6900

John's Dental Lab
Dental Lab
101 S Pine St
392-2272

K & P Towing, Inc
Service
2020 E Euclid Av
971-5085

Las Tres Estrellas Bakery
Bakery
1835 W Algonquin Rd
640-6990

Miss Millie's Catering
Food Service
1699 Wall St
364-4443

MMP Medical Services Inc.
Office
479 Business Center Dr
390-8939

New Coin Laundry Depot
Laundromat
1759 W Algonquin Rd

Niagara Educational Services
Service
501 Midway Dr
640-7272

Northshore Imaging Services,
Inc.
Service
401 E Prospect Av
670-8070

Primary Care Home Health
Home Care
431 Lakeview Ct
663-9481

Quality Labor Services LLC
Service
2320 S Elmhurst Rd

David Roe, Attorney At Law
Law Office
800 W Central Rd

Ronald B. Bosack, P.C.
Service
350 W Kensington Rd
590-0800

Stanley Tulchin Associates
Midwest
411 Business Center Dr
800/782-2340

Synergy Home Healthcare, Inc.
Home Health Agency
411 Business Center Dr
430-6771

Taiyo America, Inc
Sales
238 E Lincoln St

Technology Management
Assoc.
Consulting Services
1699 Wall St

T-Mobile Central LLC
Retail
114 E Kensington Rd

Wirexpress, Inc.
Retail
1601 Feehanville Dr
321-3550

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Food Service
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 (Name and Mailing Address or E-mail Address required for response).

Date: _____ As a citizen of Mount Prospect, it is my opinion that: _____

"Speak Out" provides a way in which YOU can communicate with Mount Prospect elected officials and administration. Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated and will receive response. If you need more space, please attach a separate sheet.

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Letter from the Mayor

The Village of Mount Prospect is publishing the Second Edition of its Community Preparedness Guide to help you and your family plan for possible emergencies. In addition to offering steps you can implement in your home or business, it also outlines measures taken to assure our police, firemen, public works employees and other personnel are able to do their jobs.



Take a look at the “Top 10 Ways to Prepare.....” Listed are 10 simple suggestions encouraging you to develop plans which should make you self-sufficient for a minimum of three days --- the duration of most emergency events.

Over the past year the Village of Mount Prospect worked to improve communication with residents during emergencies. We put into place the following:

- Installed 13 Village Information Centers (green boxes) in neighborhoods;
- Created a website dedicated to emergency preparedness; and
- Implemented a new mass notification system.

The Village also took steps to prepare employees and increase volunteer resources. This year we issued all full-time personnel an “Employee Go Kit” filled with supplies they will need when they report to work during an emergency. We also recruited volunteers for the Village’s newly established Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and continued monthly training with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We truly appreciate these dedicated individuals.

I wish to acknowledge the State of Illinois, specifically the Illinois Citizen Corps Grant Program for its financial support as we publish Mount Prospect’s second edition of the Community Preparedness Guide. During these difficult economic times this grant program offers communities like ours the resources necessary to educate our residents and businesses about emergency planning. We could not offer this Guide without the program’s financial assistance!

For more information on emergency preparedness go to www.mountprospect.org/ema.

Irvana K. Wilks
Mayor

Top 10 Ways to Prepare.... in Case of Emergency

More detailed information on the “Top 10” can be found on the Village’s website at www.mountprospect.org/ema.



Build a Home Kit - Have enough supplies at home to sustain your family (two and four legged) for at least three days.



Join a Team – Check out Mount Prospect’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)



Build a Car Kit - Be prepared for everyday road emergencies and an evacuation situation.



Develop a Family Communication Plan (make sure to include extended family members) - Do you know how you and your family will stay in touch during an emergency?



Get Trained - Sign-up for a First Aid/CPR class or Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training. Contact the Village for information on how to sign-up at (847) 870-5648



Build a Grab & Go Kit - Plan and prepare for a quick evacuation. Make sure and include important paperwork.



Complete and keep on hand Pharmaceutical Distribution Forms - Make sure to have forms filled out for all family members.



Develop a Family Emergency Action Plan - Have you and your family talked through a plan?



Know your child’s School Crisis Plan – Do you know how to get information during a school emergency and the location of your child’s reunification site?



Get connected...Be informed – Know the various ways that the Village will communicate with residents and make certain you are registered to receive emergency notifications.

Emergency Preparedness by Season

Do you know what emergencies you should be planning for each season? Being prepared means being informed about the types of natural and manmade disasters we are susceptible to in this area.

Make sure that you and your family talk about how you can prepare for these types of emergencies. Spend some time developing Family Emergency Action and Family Communication Plans. Make sure that you're connected to the latest information so you can stay informed!

<p>Winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winter storm • Power outage/utility loss • Extreme cold 	<p>Spring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding • Power outage/utility loss • Tornadoes • Thunderstorms • Windstorms
<p>Summer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme heat • Thunderstorms 	<p>Fall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windstorms • Influenza

Not Season Specific

- Earthquakes
- Fires
- Airplane crash
- Biological, chemical, or hazardous materials release
- Train accident
- Health emergency

Warning Sirens

Outdoor warning sirens are located throughout the Village to notify the public of tornado warnings. These warning sirens are activated by the Fire and Police Department's emergency call dispatcher. The primary purpose of warning sirens is to notify residents that are outdoors at the time a tornado warning is issued. They are not designed to penetrate the walls of homes or businesses. The best means of notification indoors is a NOAA weather radio, which can be purchased on-line or at many electronic stores.

If you hear the warning sirens tune to your local radio and television stations, or your NOAA weather radio, for further information. Do NOT call 9-1-1 as it only ties up resources reserved for emergency situations. Over the past several years the Village's dispatch center has noticed a large increase in the number of 9-1-1 calls regarding the activation of warning sirens. These calls tie up the dispatch center's resources when true emergencies may be occurring.

While years ago warning sirens were activated to notify the public when the severe weather had passed, that is not true. The warning sirens are no longer used to issue an "all clear" as it added confusion to the situation. Today, you must stay tuned to local weather reports to determine when it is no longer necessary to seek shelter. Please note that tornado warnings are usually issued for a specified amount of time, specified by the National Weather Service.





Standardized School Crisis Program

Do you know how the Mount Prospect schools have prepared in case of an emergency?

In 2007 the Mount Prospect Fire and Police Departments began working with all sixteen schools in the community on standardizing their approach and response to emergency situations. Every school and/or district in Mount Prospect was using a different crisis plan prior to this time, which made it difficult for emergency responders to know what to expect when arriving on the scene of an incident. All of the schools in Mount Prospect agreed to work with the Fire and Police Departments on developing a standardized program that would incorporate best practices used every day by emergency responders, as well as address the unique needs of schools that have to ensure the safety of children.

Out of this cooperative effort grew the Standardized School Crisis Program, a comprehensive emergency management program for schools. The key component of this program is a standardized school crisis plan which addresses a wide range of potential emergencies and outlines the roles and responsibilities of school administrators and staff members. The plan itself is then accompanied by additional components designed to improve the self-sufficiency of a school during a crisis. A few of the components that will be visible to you in the schools include:

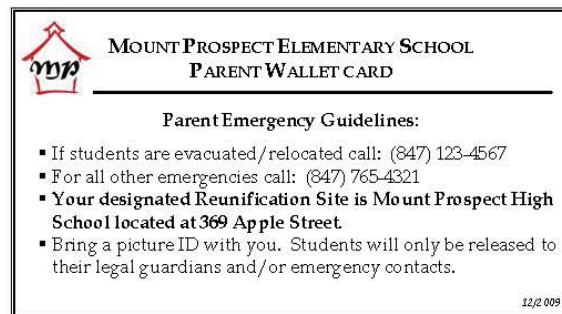
- **Flipcharts** - The crisis response guidelines included in the crisis plan are posted in every classroom on a Flipchart. These flipcharts are there to ensure that all staff members are aware of the established procedures.



- **Classroom Emergency Backpacks** - Every classroom in Mount Prospect is equipped with a backpack filled with emergency supplies such as food snacks, water, and a first aid kit.



- **Parent Emergency Notification Letters and Wallet Cards** - All parents receive a copy of their school's Emergency Notification Letter, as well as two quick reference Wallet Cards, at the beginning of each school year. The letters and cards contain emergency contact phone numbers and information on the school's designated reunification site.



All of the program components work together to provide the framework for school staff members to effectively manage crises. The last part of the puzzle, however, is training and practice. The Fire and Police Departments work every year with schools to conduct necessary drills and table top exercises.



Putting the established procedures and practice to the test during a real emergency is the true test of the program. Many of the Mount Prospect schools had an opportunity to “test” the system this past September, when a convicted criminal escaped from two officers and was “at large” in the northwest suburbs.

Several Mount Prospect schools spent the good part of two school days in soft lockdown – meaning classroom activity runs as normal, but students remain inside the building. Students’ safety was ensured by locking all exterior doors and constantly evaluating the situation through communication with local police and fire officials. At the end of the day, the “test” of the system validated the program’s quality and turned out to be a valuable learning experience.



Standardized School Crisis Program

Do you know how the Mount Prospect schools have prepared in case of an emergency?

Relocation & Reunification

There may be incidents that occur at your child's school where, for safety reasons, the relocation of students to another facility is necessary. Following a relocation school administrators may decide to "reunite" parents and students with your child at this facility. Specific information regarding the reunification of your child's school is located on the Parent Emergency Notification Letters and Wallet Cards you received from your child's school. A summary of that information for all of the Mount Prospect schools can be found in the table below.

As stated in the Parent Emergency Notification Letters and Wallet Cards, anytime an emergency occurs at your child's school you need to follow these instructions:

1. **DO NOT** go to your child's school - While your instinct will be to go to your child's school you may in fact make the situation worse by doing so. Ten years ago at the shootings at Columbine High School parents immediately drove to the school, parked their cars on the street, and ran to the school. They not only added to the overall chaos of the situation, but their parked cars prevented emergency responders from reaching the scene. In many cases there is also a good chance that by the time you get to the school your children will no longer be at that site.
2. Use the phone numbers provided on the Parent Wallet Cards for further information/instructions - Every school has provided you with two emergency contact phone numbers to call for further information – one for evacuation/relocation scenarios and one for all other emergencies. Your first action upon learning of an emergency should be to call one of these numbers for the most current information and instructions.
3. If instructed by your child's school to do so, report to the designated reunification site and make sure to bring picture identification - If your child's school determines that a reunification is necessary make sure to report to the designated site with some form of picture identification. Remember that students will only be released to their legal parent or guardian, or those emergency contacts you have given the school.

Relocation and Reunification Information

School Name	Reunification Site	Reunification Site Address	Evacuation/ Relocation Phone Number	Other Emergency Phone Number
Frost Elementary (Dist. 21)	Indian Grove Elementary School	1340 Burning Bush Lane	(847) 537-8270	(847) 803-4815
Euclid Elementary	Marvin S. Weiss Community Center	1500 E. Euclid Avenue	(847) 297-4120	(847) 259-3303
Indian Grove Elementary	St. Thomas Becket Church	1321 Burning Bush Lane	(847) 297-4120	(847) 298-1976
River Trails Middle	Northwest Assembly of God Church	900 N. Wolf Road	(847) 297-4120	(847) 298-1750
Fairview Elementary	Prospect High School	801 W. Kensington Road	(847) 394-7300	(847) 394-7320
Lincoln Middle	St. Raymond Catholic Church	301 S. I-Oka Avenue	(847) 394-7300	(847) 394-7350
Lions Park Elementary	Lions Recreation Center	411 S. Maple Street	(847) 394-7300	(847) 394-7330
Westbrook	King James Bible Baptist Church	123 S. Busse Road	(847) 394-7300	(847) 394-7340
Forest View	Holmes Junior High School	1900 W. Lonquist Boulevard	(847) 593-4390	(847) 593-4359
Holmes Junior High	Forest View Elementary School	1901 Estates Drive	(847) 593-4359	(847) 593-4390
John Jay	Forest View Educational Center	2121 S. Goebbert Road	(847) 718-7600	(847) 593-4385
Robert Frost (Dist. 59)	Mount Prospect Park District's RecPlex	420 W. Dempster Street	(847) 640-1000	(847) 593-4378
Prospect High	Forest View Educational Center	2121 S. Goebbert Road (AH)	(847) 718-7605	(847) 718-5200
St. Emily Catholic	St. Emily Catholic Church	1400 E. Central Road	(847) 824-5049	(847) 296-3490
St. Paul Lutheran	St. Paul Lutheran Church	100 S. School Street	(847) 255-0332	(847) 255-6733
St. Raymond Catholic	Lincoln Middle School	700 W. Lincoln Street	(847) 394-7350	(847) 253-8555

H1N1 Care & Prevention

Q. What is the 2009 novel H1N1 (swine) flu?

- A. 2009 novel H1N1 is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. It was first detected in the U.S in April 2009 and has now spread worldwide. The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Cook County Department of Public Health are coordinating the response to this new flu outbreak in our area.



Q. What should I do if I get sick?

- A. If you develop flu-like symptoms, and are worried/concerned about them, contact your health care provider. Stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to prevent the spread of the illness.

The CDC is currently recommending that you stay at home for at least 24 hours after your fever has subsided (without the use of any medication) unless you need to obtain medical care or other necessities.

Q. What are the symptoms of H1N1 flu?

- A. The symptoms are very similar to seasonal flu. They include: cough, fever, sore throat, headache, chills, fatigue, and body aches. Some people may complain of diarrhea, nausea and vomiting.

Q. How can we keep our families and ourselves healthy?

- A. Cough or sneeze into a tissue and discard it immediately after use. If you don't have a tissue cough or sneeze into your sleeve. Wash your hands often; especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol based hand cleaners are effective when hand washing facilities are not available. Avoid touching your face; eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread easily through this type of contact. If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.

Q. What about children and the elderly population?

- A. It appears that healthy elderly people may have some immunity to this virus however, this is not a documented fact. People that have other medical conditions such as diabetes, respiratory, or cardiac problems may have more severe symptoms if they acquire the virus.

Children and pregnant women appear to have more severe symptoms when they acquire this new flu virus. They need to be watched closely. If you have any concerns regarding the severity of symptoms in a child or pregnant woman you are advised to seek medical care immediately.

Flu Vaccine Facts

The CDC recommends that you get vaccinated for both the seasonal flu and the novel H1N1 flu.

High risk groups will be vaccinated first for H1N1. This will be expanded as more vaccine becomes available. Contact your physician or medical provider for vaccination.

Children under 9 years old will most likely require 2 vaccinations while adults may only require one dose of the vaccine.

Medical Reserve Corps

The Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) was established in April 2009. The purpose of the MRC is to create an organization of volunteers drawn from the ranks of active and retired professional healthcare providers (i.e. doctors, nurses, pharmacists, EMTs) as well as those with administration and data collection skills. When called into service, the MRC volunteers will augment and support the work of emergency responders and other Village personnel. If you are interested in learning more about the MRC program contact Carol Lively, RN, Public Health Nurse at clively@mountprospect.org or (847) 870-5680. Additional information is available on our website at www.mountprospect.org/ema

Get Connected - Be Informed

Village Implements Emergency Notification System

The Village of Mount Prospect is teaming up with Everbridge Mass Emergency Notification System with the goal of providing essential information quickly in a variety of emergency situations (flooding, tornadoes, or other disasters). The system will also improve public awareness in non-emergencies such as city events, road closures, and special services.



Should an emergency occur, Village personnel can notify residents in a matter of minutes. The Everbridge system delivers messages across all communication platforms, including, cell and land line phone numbers, e-mail addresses, instant messaging, fax, personal data assistants (PDAs), and pagers listed within the system. If phone lines are busy, the system will redial a predetermined number of times to make contact. If an answering machine picks up the call, the emergency message will be left on the machine. If the telephone rings without an answer, after a predetermined number of attempts, Everbridge will use the next contact path that has been supplied by each resident. You do not have to purchase any new equipment, and will only be notified of urgent situations that affect the area in which your home is located. The Everbridge system is currently loaded



with every listed land line phone number from existing 9-1-1 data. Once residents register their preferred contact information, the Everbridge system will contact thousands of people in a matter of minutes. To register, go to www.mountprospect.org. Those without internet access can register at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Emergency Information Resources

Resident Hotline

(847) 870-6622

During a large-scale disaster, the Village will open a call center to answer non-emergency phone calls from residents. During these emergencies residents should call 870-6622 for all information.



Cable TV

MPTV Channel 17

Through Mount Prospect Television (MPTV), the Village can transmit live voice announcements as programming is running. The Village can also post slides on the MPTV electronic bulletin board with emergency information.



Web Site

mountprospect.org

In times of disaster or emergency, the Village will post pertinent information and or instructions for residents on the web site, www.mountprospect.org. During the event, check back for updates.



Village of Mount Prospect
Emergency Management

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How to get information during an emergency:

1. Resident Hotline: 847/870-6622
2. Web: www.mountprospect.org/ema
3. MPTV Channel 17

In case of emergency, Dial 911

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IMPORTANT WEB SITES

- www.ready.gov
- www.weather.gov
- ready.illinois.gov
- www.cookcountypublichealth.org

GET CONNECTED CARD

Cut this card out and keep it in your wallet, on your refrigerator or somewhere easy to find - it's how you can get information in case of an emergency.

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Village Information Centers

Getting information to our residents is a constant challenge and in an emergency situation, the challenge is even greater. The web site and cable channel are excellent channels of communication, however not everyone has access to the internet or subscribes to cable television. And, as we learned from past experience, we cannot depend on those types of mediums as options when the power is out.

The Village has identified a low-tech way to distribute information to the community, through the "Village Information Centers." The green boxes will be placed in strategic locations throughout the community (see map at right and list below) and in times of emergency will be stocked with information bulletins to give residents the latest status reports on the situation.

We encourage you to find the location nearest to you and remind your neighbors about this program.



Village Info Center Locations

In times of emergency, the Village will post information bulletins in green "information center" boxes throughout the community.

Find the location nearest you and save this card!

1. Robert Frost School, School District 21
(1805 Aspen Dr.)
2. Weiss Center, River Trails Park District
(1500 E. Euclid Ave.)
3. Costco, Randhurst
(999 N. Elmhurst Rd.)
4. Kensington Business Center,
(Business Center Dr. & Wheeling Rd.)
5. Prospect High School, School District 214
(801 W. Kensington Rd.)
6. Garden Fresh
(Mount Prospect Plaza)
7. Central Community Center, Mt. Prospect Park Dist.
(1000 W. Central Rd.)
8. Village Hall/Library
(Emerson St.)
9. Train Station
(Northwest Hwy. & Rte. 83)
10. Lincoln Middle School, School District 57
(700 W. Lincoln St.)
11. Fire Station 12
(1601 W. Golf Rd.)
12. Rec Plex, Mt. Prospect Park Dist.
(420 W. Dempster St.)
13. Plaza United Shopping Center
(1640 E. Algonquin Rd.)



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