



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

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Reasons to Shop (and Dine) Locally

You can make a difference. When you shop in our community, you simultaneously create jobs, fund more services through sales tax, invest in neighborhood improvements, and promote community development.

Your sales tax dollars come back home. Of your sales tax dollars, 2% on most goods sold comes back to Mount Prospect to help support public services like public safety (police and fire), street improvement and flood control, and various social and educational programs. That may not seem like a lot, but an estimated \$15 million in sales tax revenue came back into Mount Prospect in 2008 from Mount Prospect businesses.

Shopping, dining and services are diverse, easy and close by. And parking is free. If you're already a big supporter of local businesses, you know this. But if you're not, go out and explore your Village. You'll discover something new and wonderful that you didn't know existed. Could there be more? Shop local and more businesses will come to Mount Prospect.

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Fine Arts Festival - June 19

Attention Artists - This is the last chance to get your application in - applications are due May 1.

Applications available at Village Hall or on the web site, www.mountprospect.org. Open to fine artists exhibiting paintings, sculpture, pottery, graphics, photography, glass, jewelry and mixed mediums. For more information contact Teresa at 847/463-3713.



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Village Hall 392-6000
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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

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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:

APRIL 10
MAY 8
JUNE 12

News, Notes and Reminders



Metropolitan Alliance of Police Annual Telephone Solicitation

The Metropolitan Alliance of Police (M.A.P.) is the labor union representing Patrol Officers and Sergeants employed by the Mount Prospect Police Department for collective bargaining and legal representation purposes. Typically, M.A.P. solicits Mount Prospect residents and businesses once a year. The Village would like to remind everyone that solicitations made on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police are, without exception, made by employees of professional fund raising enterprises or others and not Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants. No Mount Prospect police officers or sergeants are involved in the practice of soliciting money from residents or businesses over the telephone for any purpose, as this practice is expressly prohibited by department policy. Telephone solicitors working on behalf of M.A.P. who claim to be Mount Prospect police officers are simply misrepresenting themselves. Donations requested in the name of M.A.P. fund raising efforts go to support union activities and are not given directly to the Mount Prospect Police Department. A good way to identify this type of solicitation is when the solicitor offers to send a representative to your business or home to collect your donation.

Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is looking for a few good men and women to sit on the board of directors as they launch a Mount Prospect Crime Stoppers program. If you are interested in being a part of this community based crime solving program, please contact Jim Bertucci at 847/454-0230.



"Our French Connection" April 14-17

The "Sew-Bee-It" quilters will host a six day visit from the Patchwork quilters of Sèvres, France, Mount Prospect's Sister City. A highlight of their visit will be to participate in "Our French Connection" Quilt Show, April 14 -17 at the Historical Society's Dietrich Friedrich Home and Education Center. Featured will be the works of the two groups, special exchange and antique quilts. For more information on the "Our French Connection" Quilt Show, please call the Historical Society at 847/392-9006.

A Community Potluck Dinner, sponsored by Sister Cities Commission, will be held on Thursday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center at Village Hall. The Patchwork group with their leader Renée Quinn and Deputy Mayor Rolande Sarinelli will be honored and exchange quilts of the two groups will be displayed. There will also be musical entertainment. If you would like wine with your dinner, please bring a bottle to share. Reservations are required - call Maura at 847/392-6000.



Sew -Bee-It quilters Mary Lenge, Marcia Lucia, Rita Adamczyk and Alice Tucker work on one of the quilts to be exchanged with the group from Sèvres, France.

Blood Drive

A regular monthly blood drive is held at the Village Hall (50 S. Emerson Street) in the Community Center on the first Thursday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Donors must be healthy, 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs. No appointment is needed and walk-ins are welcome.

Block Party Permits

Plan ahead - are you and your neighbors planning to hold a block party this summer? For emergency purposes it is highly recommended that Police, Fire and Public Works Departments have a record of block parties. And in order to get the street blocked, you must complete and turn in a Block Party Request Form. You can submit the form electronically on the web site, www.mountprospect.org or pick up a form at Village Hall.

Document Destruction Event

The Village in association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will be hosting a document destruction event Saturday, May 22, from 9 - 11am. at the at the Public Works facility, 1700 W Central Road. The event is open to all Mount Prospect residents.

A company will be onsite to shred paper documents at no cost. A sample of the following items that can be brought:

- Bank Statements
- Medical Forms
- Personal Files
- Retired Tax Forms
- Receipts

Staples and paper clips do not need to be removed, but please remove binders. This service is for paper waste generated from residents. No business waste accepted.



Upcoming Events

May 14, 15 & 16

Mount Prospect Garage Sale Weekend

The Mount Prospect village-wide Garage Sale will be held the weekend of May 14-16. For more information, go to www.MountProspectGarageSale.com or call 259-8600.

May 15

Public Works Open House

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Public Works Facility,
1700 West Central Road

FANTASTIC – Displays, equipment and literature highlighting the many functions of the Public Works Department!

FUN – Games, rides, trucks, food and balloons!

Meet P.W. Paws – the Public Works mascot!

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays, May 15 - Sept. 25

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants' Association. Located in the Metra West Lot at Northwest Highway and Route 83, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. See www.downtownmountprospect.com for more information.

May 31

Memorial Day Parade

Parade begins at 9:35 a.m. at Emerson & Busse. Parade proceeds south on Emerson to Lincoln to the Veterans' Memorial Band Shell at Lions Park where a ceremony will be held. Anyone can march in the Parade, Veterans are especially encouraged to join in. Call Parade Coordinator Bob Fey, 299-3510, for more information.



Big James & The Chicago Playboys
2009 Blues Fest

June 13

Farmers' Market Begins

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday, June 13 - Oct. 24 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Mount Prospect Train Depot West Commuter Parking Lot (corner of Northwest Hwy. & Rte. 83). For a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies, stop by and check it out!

June 19

Fine Arts Festival

Over 50 local artists displaying oil painting, watercolor, photography, pottery and jewelry from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in front of Village Hall. Truly a unique festival.

June 19

Blues Fest

The third annual wildly popular Blues Fest (sponsored by the Blues Bar) follows the Fine Arts Festival in downtown Mount Prospect. The fest features some of Chicago's hottest blues acts. Fun for all ages, the Village green will be rockin'! Check the web site for more information and a complete listing of performers. Once again this year, we will be collecting donations for the Mount Prospect Food Pantry.

Save the Date

4th of July Parade

The Special Events Commission is looking for participants for this year's 4th of July Parade, to be held on Sunday, July 4 at 1:00 p.m. The Parade begins at the corner of Prospect Ave. and Emerson Street and ends at Melas Park. To register your group, contact Jill Friedrichs at 590-8201.

June 30-July 4: Lions' Village Fair

Watch for the Summer issue of the Newsletter for more information. As the date gets closer, call the Lions' Village Fair hotline at 870-6622 for a complete schedule, or check the web site, www.mountprospect.org for updates.

July 24

Midsummer Downtown Block Party

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Emerson Street and Busse Avenue.
Local food and beverage vendors, live music and tons of kids activities.

Community Events/Programs



Mount Prospect Public Library

www.mppd.org
847/253-5675

National Library Week: Communities Thrive @ Your Library - April 11 – 17
Today's libraries are modern community centers where everyone is invited to explore, dream, and learn. During National Library Week, we invite you to visit the Library, either in person or online. Join us for "Get to Know Your Community Organizations," April 12 – Friday, April 16, 3 - 7:30 p.m.

For a complete list of programs being offered in honor of National Library Week, call the Library at 847/253-5675 or visit www.mppd.org for full details.

Money Smart Week

Saturday, April 17 – Saturday, April 24
The Library is offering a series of financial seminars as part of Money Smart Week. Call 253-5675 or visit www.mppd.org for more details.

Mount Prospect Historical Society

www.mtphist.org
847/392-9006

Community Wide Garage Sale May 14, 15 and 16

The Historical Society is seeking donated items for the sale such as small appliances, dishes, decorative items, furniture, etc. If you have items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the museum.

"Mount Prospect Stories: A History of the Mount Prospect Police Department"
Thursday, May 20, Village Hall
Historical Society Executive Director Greg Peerbolte will discuss the formation of the Mount Prospect Police Department, the story behind P-1's infamous "Bluesmobile" distinction, and many other fascinating stories. For more information call 392-9006.

Mt. Prospect Park District

www.mppd.org
847/255-5380

Clean Up the Parks - April 24, 10am-3pm

Neighbors, friends, civic groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts gather together to clean up a park. Call Friendship Park Conservatory at 298-3500 for details.

Earth Day Celebration - April 24, 1-3pm Friendship Park Conservatory

Get tips on going green, composting, lawn care and much more. Games and crafts for the little ones. For information call 847-298-3500. FREE!

Spring Plant Sale - May 8, 10am-2pm Friendship Park Conservatory

A great selection of colorful annuals and perennials as well as assorted vegetables and herbs will be available for purchase.

Strive for 5 5K Race - June 19, Lions Park

Start Time 8am, Kiddie Race follows at 8:45am. Info Call Julie Lechtenberg at 847-640-1000.

River Trails Park District

www.rtpd.org
847/255-1200

Summer Pool Passes on SALE!!

Hurry this SALE is good through May 10th! Woodland Trails Pool Opens June 4 at 1pm!

Mother's Day Brunch – May 9

Treat that special person to our delicious champagne brunch! \$19.95 person, 3-10 years \$9.50. Rob Roy Club House – 847-483-5099

Woodland Trails Driving Range and Mini Golf NOW OPEN!

Rob Roy Golf Course Opens April 1!

Community Band Concerts

The Mt. Prospect Community Band proudly presents its series of free "Concerts in the Park." All concerts are performed at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park and are held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The concert themes this summer are as follows:

June 14 "Music Through a Child's Eyes"

June 21 "Viva Mexico" - Celebrating Mexico's Bicentennial

June 28 "Cruising the Caribbean"

July 5 "Our Fourth on the Fifth"

July 12 "Those Magnificent Messmers"

July 19 "Singin' & Swingin'" With the Big Bands"

July 26 "Do-It-Yourself Sousa" with Dr. Michael Golemo



Visit Sèvres, France:

Mount Prospect's Sister City

District 214 Community Education Travel (CET) is offering a trip to Paris and Normandy, with a special visit to Sèvres, during the tenth anniversary of the town's status as Mt Prospect's Sister City. The dates of the trip are September 24-October 1, 2010. Sèvres is a city of 23,000 residents located on the Seine River, southwest of Paris. There are many beautiful parks and forests in and around Sèvres. Sèvres is well known for La Manufacture de Céramique, which continues to make porcelain using methods developed in the 18th Century and applying them to contemporary creations. Other highlights of the trip include four nights in Paris with visits to Notre Dame Cathedral, Eiffel Tower, Louvre Museum, a Parisian Dinner and a Bateaux Mouche ride along the Seine. A two-night stay in Caen is also included with visits to the Normandy Beaches and the American Cemetery. For details, call 847/718-7709 or cettravel@d214.org.



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. 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 847-392-6000.

Submit your 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 847-392-6000.

Vehicle Stickers

2010-2011 Village of Mount Prospect vehicle stickers went on sale February 1. The new vehicle sticker must be displayed by May 1. Passenger vehicle stickers are \$36, motorcycle and motorbicycle stickers are \$24, and trucks with B plates, \$54. There is an additional price schedule for trucks based on their individual weights. There is no increase in fees this year.

If you bought one or more stickers last year, you should have received a renewal application during the first week in February. If you received a renewal application, you'll be able to conveniently purchase your new stickers by mail. If you did not receive an application, please pick one up at Village Hall. If you had a vehicle sticker in 2009 and did not receive a renewal application in the mail, this does not absolve you of the responsibility for buying a new sticker.

If the vehicle(s) you have now isn't the same as the one you had when last year's sticker was purchased, the application form will contain information about the former vehicle. In that case, just cross out those details and print the current information on the application.

To purchase your new sticker(s) in person instead of by mail, you can do so at the Village Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For your convenience, the Village Hall will be open the following Saturdays in April: April 10, 17 and 24 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Beginning May 1, escalating late purchase penalties will be added to the cost of your sticker. If you receive a Police Department citation for not having an up-to-date sticker, you may have to (1) pay a fine, (2) pay the basic cost of the new sticker, AND (3) pay the late purchase penalty. You can avoid all that by buying your sticker on time.

The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who purchase replacement vehicles on or after May 1. In either case, you'll have 30 days in which to purchase your sticker. During the grace period, proof of purchase or move-in date will be required to assure that a surcharge penalty is not imposed.

If you change vehicles during the year after having bought a current sticker, a replacement sticker may be obtained within 30 days (with original receipt) in order to qualify for the \$5 transfer fee. If you are purchasing new license plates, you should purchase the sticker within the 30-day limit and write "applied for" in the space on the application for license plate information. When you receive the plates, call the Finance Department and provide the plate numbers.

Senior citizen rates are available for residents 65 and over (with proof of age). However, just one reduced rate (\$12) sticker per household is allowed and the vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a non-commercial purpose. Senior rate stickers can only be purchased at Village Hall. Certain individuals with disabilities may be eligible to receive a sticker at no charge. Please contact the Finance Department for more information.

For more information about vehicle stickers, utility bills or anything having to do with Village licenses and services, call the Finance Department at 392-6000.



Purchase Locations

All types of vehicle stickers
Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street

Passenger stickers only
Passenger Stickers ONLY can also be purchased February 1 - April 30 at the following alternate locations :

(\$2 Service Fee applies to stickers purchased at alternate locations.)

Algonquin-Busse Currency Exchange,
1725 W. Algonquin Rd.

Mt. Prospect Park District
- RecPlex, 420 W. Dempster Street
- Central Community Center,
1000 W. Central Road

Community Development

Economic Development Update

Randhurst Village:

The Randhurst Village redevelopment project remains on schedule to open in April of 2011. Casto Lifestyle Properties has been busy throughout the winter completing the demolition and restoration of the former mall structure and installing new utility infrastructure throughout the property. Chipotle, Five Guys Burgers, Jersey Mike's and T-Mobile have opened for business in the former Egg Factory outlot building along Kensington Road to rave reviews. The building shell for the Sports Authority (located next to Bed Bath and Beyond) has been completed and they expect to occupy it this August. Casto will begin constructing the new AMC Theater, Hampton Inns and Suites Hotel and main street retail this spring and we greatly anticipate their grand opening in 2011.



Holiday Inn:

Holiday Inn is renovating the long-shuttered hotel located at 200 E. Rand Road and plan to open for business by late summer. Holiday Inn is investing over \$2 million on the rehab of the hotel that will include banquet facilities and a restaurant/bar operation.



True Value Hardware:

True Value Hardware will be locating in the former Great Escape retail storefront between Kohl's and Hobby Lobby at the NW corner of Dempster Avenue and Elmhurst Road. They will occupy the space by the end of April.

Social Security Administration Facility:

The Social Security Administration has announced that they will be relocating from their Prospect Heights offices to the SW corner of Kensington and Wheeling Roads. They expect to occupy the 15,000 square foot facility by mid-summer.

Reasons to Shop Local

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More of the money you spend stays in our community. Locally owned businesses spend 45% of their revenue in the surrounding area vs. 14% that comes back to the local economy from national retailers. Economic impact of dollars spent at independent businesses are 2-3 times that of spending at national chains. Those are very persuasive statistics.

Local businesses support your schools, sport teams and charity fundraisers. Your children's schools and sport teams, your family's churches and charities depend heavily on local businesses for donations of money, goods and services.

The owners, managers and employees could be your neighbors. Local businesses are owned by Mount Prospect residents who usually employ local folks. They care about the community; the money they earn tends to come back into the community. Local owners manage the day-to-day business while working directly with customers. When you shop in your hometown, you bump into your friends, neighbors, and see friendly faces all around.



ExMPTV

Catch your favorite local business on Experience Mount Prospect Television, MPTV Channel 17, or on the web www.experiencemountprospect.org.



Community Development

Building Division Utilizing Administrative Adjudication

Over the past year the Building Division has utilized a more pro-active approach in notifying property owners that their building permits were approaching their one-year expiration date without passing a final inspection. An initial letter is sent out 30 days prior to permit expiration; this letter allows sufficient time for the owner to schedule an inspection or request a permit extension if the work cannot be finished in the allotted time. If the property owner fails to respond, a second letter, allowing an additional 14 days for compliance is sent. Failure to respond to the 14-day courtesy letter results in a Notice of Violation being issued to the property owner for an expired permit. Fines for failure to comply with Building Permit regulations range from \$250 to \$1000 per issue of non-compliance. To date, the Building Division has issued approximately 20 Notices of Violation and continues its monthly enforcement efforts.

Your Building Division

Spring means home improvement season is getting ready to bloom! The Building Division's mission statement is to exceed community service expectations in a fiscally responsible and efficient manner while ensuring quality development that protects and invest in the lives and safety of the community.

Why do I need a Building Permit?

A Building Permit grants legal permission to begin construction of a project. While some homeowners view the Building Permit process as tedious and unnecessary, the permit process ensures that the job is completed in a workman-like manner and according to Building Code standards.

That means that the work on your property is safe for you, your family, and the community while at the same time maintains the value of your property. Work that is done safely and meets Building Code standards is an investment in your property.

A Building Permit also helps the Village protect the community. By signing a Building Permit, the property owner agrees to protect parkway trees, maintain the property during construction, and minimize disturbance to neighbors.

What types of projects require a permit?

A good rule of thumb is that if the electrical, plumbing, structural, or lot coverage will be affected in anyway by your project, you will need a permit AND the subsequent inspections. Some examples of common projects that require building permits are: water heaters, furnaces, air conditioners, generators, sheds, fences, patios, roofs, swimming pools, driveways, and other flatwork. Of course, large projects such as demolition, new construction, remodeling, or additions also require permits. The Building Division offers a free-of-charge pre-submittal meeting, so when in doubt, give the Building Division a call at 870-5675.

Inspection Deposit (Bond)

When you obtain a Building Permit, you are also agreeing to call for necessary inspections. The inspection process is where the Building Division is able to protect our community and your investment. Building Division Inspectors check work throughout the project to ensure safety and building code standards are being met. Most permits require an "Inspection Bond." An Inspection Bond is a deposit of money to cover the cost of any re-inspections after an inspection has failed the first time. If your project progresses and passes all necessary inspections, you will receive the entire bond amount back. However, if the initial inspection fails, the inspector must return for a re-inspection. In 2006, the Building Division raised the re-inspection fees on an increasing scale, beginning at \$50 per trade for the first re-inspection and increasing an additional \$25 for each subsequent re-inspection.

How long is my Building Permit good for?

Most Building Permits are valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. This also means the Inspection Bond money is "good" for one (1) year from the date of Permit issuance. When it appears a project will exceed the scope of that year, the property owner or project manager is allowed to ask for an extension of the permit. This extension request must be made in writing to the Village Manager's Office. If the Building Permit is allowed to expire, the bond money is forfeited to the Village and a new permit must be applied for and new fees will be assessed. This is why calling for your required inspections is so important: aside from ensuring safe construction, it keeps the lines of communication open with the Building Division.

Community Development

Front Porches



The Village is very supportive of proposals to improve a home by adding a porch. Porches can serve as a desirable entrance and increase the aesthetics of the front elevation of a home. In the past few years, the Village has made the approval process easier for residents desiring to install a porch on their property. If the porch meets all applicable zoning setback and other bulk regulations a building permit is all that is required. For homes that are currently constructed up to the required front yard setback, Conditional Use approval is required prior to the issuance of a building permit for the porch.

A porch can be added to the front of a home, but requires a Conditional Use if it breaks the “front yard setback”, an invisible line, typically 30 feet back from the property lot line. With approval of a Conditional Use, a porch may encroach to no more than five feet (5’) into the required front yard and requires the front porch to be unenclosed.

To ensure that the porch meets the standards for a Conditional Use, you must file an application with the Community Development Department. Applications are available on the Village website and at the Community Development Department in Village Hall.

The Conditional Use review process for an unenclosed porch in the front yard is an administrative review process that includes: 1) Staff review of the Conditional Use Application, 2) A public hearing, and 3) Approval by the Director of the Community Development Department. This can take up to 30 days from submittal.

If you are interested in installing an unenclosed porch on your home and have questions regarding the Conditional Use process you can contact the Community Development Department’s Planning Division at (847) 818-5328. For questions about construction and building codes contact the Building Division at (847) 870-5675.

Vacant Properties

The current economic conditions and the resulting residential foreclosures have impacted communities throughout the United States. While Mount Prospect has fared better than other local communities in regards to the number of foreclosed properties the Village has not been immune to this issue. Foreclosures are expected to continue and the resulting vacant properties remain a concern if they are not properly maintained. Neglected vacant properties can be an eyesore, attractive location for vandalism, and have a negative impact on property values.

To prevent these problems many banks are taking a pro-active approach and hire property preservation companies to inspect and maintain their vacant properties in foreclosure. Unfortunately, in some instances properties do become neglected and when the Village discovers these properties the bank and other responsible parties are notified to correct the problems. Typical problems are long grass, accumulated debris, or securing doors and windows to prevent entry. If problems are not corrected the Village hires contractors to correct the violations and then bills the responsible party for all costs incurred including penalties. The costs to abate are recovered upon billing or when the property is sold. To date Mount Prospect has been fortunate and most vacant properties are being maintained; however, staff needs your assistance.

If there is a neglected vacant property in your neighborhood, please report the location to 870-5668 so that staff can begin work to remedy the problems as quickly as possible.



Village Clerk

PUBLIC ACT 96-0542

Illinois General Assembly Effective January 1, 2010

In 2009 the Illinois General Assembly adopted Public Act 96-0542, making extensive amendments to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and changes to the Open Meetings Act (OMA) concerning the training for municipal personnel and the review of alleged violations

Open Meetings Act (OMA)

The general purpose of the Open Meetings Act, is to provide public access to meetings of public officials, and input into and review of decisions made at such meetings.

In compliance with the OMA the Village of Mount Prospect posts all public meeting notices on the Village's web site and outdoor marquees at Village Hall. All approved meeting minutes are also posted on the Village's web site.

Village Board Meetings (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month) and Committee of the Whole Meetings (2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month) are broadcast live on the Village's cable channels and on the Village's web site (Video Stream).

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The FOIA is designed to promote transparency and accountability of public bodies by ensuring public access to records, assembled, gathered, produced and disseminated by public bodies, except for certain statutory exemptions.

Information regarding the Village's FOIA program including request forms are on the Village's web site (www.mountprospect.org) and Village Hall and the Public Safety Building.

If you would like additional information regarding public meetings or FOIA procedures please call the Village Clerk's office at 847.818.5355.

ACROSS THE BOARD

Since the last publication of the Mount Prospect Newsletter, the Village Board of Trustees has enacted the following ordinances from November 1, 2009 through February 16, 2010:

5772 authorizes the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the Village of Mount Prospect and paying for certain capital project, namely the construction of a fire station, expansion of the Public Works facility and relocation of the emergency operation center;

5773 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by deleting one (1) Class "F3" (Restaurant with Lounge) liquor license, HANA LEE CORPORATION d/b/a Wu Sung Korean Restaurant, 1747 West Algonquin Road;

5774 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "P-3" (wine and beer only package) liquor license for Walgreen Co. d/b/a Walgreens #00209, 1028 South Elmhurst Road;

5775 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "P-3" (wine and beer only package) liquor license for Bond Drug Company of Illinois, LLC d/b/a Walgreens #05107, 1701 East Kensington Road;

5776 authorizes the levy and collection of taxes for the corporate and municipal purposes of the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009;

5777 authorizes the levy and collection of taxes for the municipal purposes of special Service Area Number Five of the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year Beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009;

5778 abates a part of the taxes levied for corporate and municipal purposes of the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009;

5779 adopts an annual budget for the Village of Mount Prospect for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010 in lieu of passage of an appropriation ordinance;

5780 designates Mount Prospect Business District No. 1 (Randhurst Business District) Southeast Corner of Euclid Avenue and Route 83 on the Randhurst Mall property;

5781 establishes a Business District No. 1 Business District Municipal Retailers Occupation Tax by establishing a quarter percent Business District Retailer's Occupation Tax on Randhurst only;

5782 amends Appendix A, Division II of the Village Code by increasing the current Village-wide Hotel Tax from 3% to 6%;

5783 amends Chapter 8 (Village Government Miscellaneous Provisions) of the Village Code by establishing a 25 cent Amusement Tax on the sale of movie tickets Village-wide, effective May 1, 2011;

5784 amends water and sewer rates set forth in Appendix A, Division II of the Village Code by increasing the combined sewer rate by 4% effective January 1, 2010;

5785 amends the Village Budget adopted for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009;

5786 amends Chapter 21 (Building Code) of the Village Code by prohibiting nighttime construction between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;

5787 authorizes the Village of Mount Prospect to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement to participate in the Natural Gas Franchise Consortium; model Natural Gas Franchise Agreement;

5788 amends Chapter 23 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Regulations) of the Village Code by limiting the number of street solicitation permits to any organization to one (1) per year.

Public Works

Gypsy Moth: Another Insect Pest Threatens Our Trees

Village Scouting for Gypsy Moths

As we brace ourselves for the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer, another pest has recently become a concern for the first time 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 2004 at one location, and again in 2008 at multiple 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.



The Forestry/Grounds Division set out traps in the summers of 2008 and 2009 in order to detect the extent of the infestation. Trapping indicated that gypsy moths were present throughout the Village. During the winter months, Village staff worked with members of the Morton Arboretum to conduct egg mass surveys. Although widespread gypsy moth infestations are often suppressed by aerial spraying of an insecticide known as Btk, egg mass counts thus far have not supported this approach in Mount Prospect. In 2009 the Village Board approved spot treatments of individual infested trees on public and private property; a contractor hired by the Village applied these treatments as needed.

It is unlikely that this program will continue in the same format in 2010 due to budget considerations. On March 23, Forestry/Grounds staff will review treatment recommendations for 2010 with the Village Board at a Committee of the Whole Meeting.



Gypsy moth is readily spread by the movement of firewood and other outdoor materials where the moths have laid eggs. Residents can help by refraining from moving in wood from other locations. If firewood is bought, it should come from local trees or a certified source. Certified wood will display an APHIS shield within the package. Additionally, any firewood should be burned prior to egg hatch, which occurs in late April through May. During the winter, residents can also check the vegetation and structures around their homes for egg masses. Egg masses can range in size but are generally 1"-2" long by 1" wide; they are tan in color and consist of hairs from the female. Any egg masses that are found should be treated with Golden Pest Spray Oil, or 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 Dept. at 870-5640.



Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants throughout the Village-owned water distribution system will be flushed Tuesday, April 19 through Friday, April 23. This annual task is necessary to ensure that every fire hydrant works properly and to clear the water distribution system of unwanted debris and sediment to assure that the quality of the Village's water is as good as it can be.

After the hydrants in your neighborhood have been flushed, please check your tap water before using it for cooking, drinking or laundry as some rust or other stain-producing particles may remain. These stain-producing particles remain only briefly in the water, giving your water a slightly rusty tinge and though the rusty-looking water may be upsetting, the water is completely safe to drink. The rusty tinge should disappear within a few moments if you leave the tap on. Be careful as these particles may stain your laundry. For information about hydrant flushing in the Illinois American Water Company system, please call 630-739-8800. For more information about the hydrant flushing in the Village-owned system, call 847-870-5640. Notice signs will be placed in neighborhoods as flushing occurs.

Cross-Connection Control

To protect the public drinking water supply, the State of Illinois requires that certain plumbing systems have additional protection. These plumbing systems usually need to have a cross-connection device, called a backflow preventer, installed to protect the public water supply from backsiphonage or cross-connections. These devices must be checked, tested and certified annually, even if the system is not being used. For more information, please contact Public Works at 870-5640 or click on the cross connection link on our web site at: www.mountprospect.org.



Public Works

Need to Fix or Replace your Mailbox?

Mailboxes are allowed to have only two types of support systems: a 4 X 4-inch wood post, or a 2-1/2 inch O.D. metal post. The wood or metal posts can be set into the ground or anchored by a concrete slab set at grade level. However, the slab may not exceed 24 inches square nor be more than 18 inches deep. This would also be a good time to check the condition of the wooden post, as rotting posts are another reason mailboxes get knocked down by snow. The Post Office and the Village request that if you have not changed your mailbox or plan on installing a new mailbox, please install per these regulations.

When installed, the front face of the mailbox must be set back 12 inches from the back of the curb, or if there is no curb, 24 inches back from the hard surface of the pavement edge. The bottom of the mailbox must be 48 inches above grade level. At this height and distance from the curb the snow and snow plow blade should go under the mailbox and it will be at the proper distance to allow the mail to be delivered from the mail truck. See the web site, www.mountprospect.org for an illustration.

Public Works GIS Intern

The Village has an opening for a GIS intern. Work involves updating GIS databases, shapefiles, and applications utilizing ESRI ArcGIS 9.3. Trimble GPS equipment is also utilized. The successful applicant will be pursuing a course of study leading to a BS or BA in Geography, GIS, Computer Science, Engineering, or related field. Applicant must be in school; we are not accepting applications from recent graduates. For further information, see Village website at www.mountprospect.org/general/employment or contact Public Works (847.870.5640 or jputra@mountprospect.org). Pay Rate: \$12.50 - \$13.50 per hour DOQ. EOE

Public Works Summer Projects to Begin

Three street maintenance programs will be starting in the month of April or May. They will include pavement marking/line striping, catch basin cleaning and catch basin repairs. These projects will be done in various locations throughout the Village.

The line-striping program will be on the north end of the Village. Typically, pavement-marking life expectancy is about two years in this region of the country due to wear and tear caused by salting and plowing operations.

The catch basin repair program will involve various locations throughout the Village.

Pothole Repairs Underway

As soon as the asphalt plants open, crews will be making permanent repairs to potholes. Our first priority will be street openings from utility repairs during the winter months. Other potholes are caused by freezing-thaw cycles. In the daytime, water seeps into cracks and crevices in pavement and freezes when the temperature drops at night. Potholes are created when water expands upon freezing and weakens the pavement. It takes crews about 2-3 weeks during the first pass to do all Village Streets, so please be patient. It's also possible that we may service your street, and then a pothole pops up the next day. If you have a bad pothole that needs immediate attention please contact Public Works at 870-5640, as it is important to us. We will inspect you street and try to schedule service as soon as possible.

Driveway Culvert Pipe Maintenance

The drainage pipe that runs under your driveway is the homeowner's responsibility to keep clear and flowing and repair if need be. The Village is responsible for the culvert pipes that run under the streets at intersections. Before attempting any modification to your culvert pipe you must obtain a permit from the Building Department. See the web site, www.mountprospect.org for more details.

Crack Sealing

Crack sealing is done to prevent moisture from getting under our new pavement and ruining the base, thereby increasing the rate of road deterioration.

Streets are usually crack sealed four years after resurfacing or reconstruction to minimize additional cracking and prevent further cracking. Many of the older streets with severe cracking are beyond the stage for an effective crack-sealing program.

Crack sealing is a messy job. Before applying the sealant, workers must make certain that any loose dirt or debris is removed from the crack. This is usually accomplished by blowing the debris out of the crack with an air compressor. Once the cracks are filled, it only takes an hour for the filler to set so it can be driven on. We like to give the sealer an additional 24 hours to bond before sweeping it to avoid pulling the newly applied material out of the crack. This process can sometime leave streets looking messy for two to three days. Please be patient! The street sweeper will return to clean your street. If you have any questions about crack sealing, please call Public Works at 870-5640.

Public Works



Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 5

All containerized yard waste, bags and/or rigid containers must have the Village imprinted sticker affixed for collection. Stickers are \$2.25 and are available at Village Hall, Public Works and other locations (see web site, www.mountprospect.org)

Acceptable yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush and twigs ONLY. Yard waste should be placed out for collection in either a 32 gallon maximum capacity rigid container or in a biodegradable compost bags. If you use a rigid container, you affix the "Yard Waste" decal (in addition to the Village imprinted sticker) to the sticker. "Yard Waste" decals are available, at not cost, at all locations selling the Village yard waste sticker. Each rigid container and/or compost bag placed at the curb can not exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Unlimited Brush Collection Starts April 5

Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush. Properly prepared brush bundles will be collected at no cost; no sticker is required. Tree limbs/branches are not to exceed 3.5" in diameter, 5' in length or 50 pounds in weight and must be secured with a biodegradable material.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host a number of one - (1) day Household Hazardous Waste Collections through the state this spring. Please check the 2010 IEPA Household Hazardous Waste Collection schedule for a complete list of locations and dates: www.epa.state.il.us, 217.785.8604

The HHW collection is provided at no cost to participants. In addition there are two permanent collection facilities in the Chicago Metro area.

Chicago's Permanent Household Chemicals and Computer Recycling Facility

*Goose Island
1150 N Branch Street
Call (312)744-7606 for more information.*

Naperville Fire Station #4

*1971 Brookdale Road
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Saturday and Sunday
NO LATEX PAINT
Call for details at
(630) 420-4190*

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL) Recycling

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) have been in the media spotlight lately focusing on their environmental benefits. They do however contain mercury vapor, which makes disposing of the bulbs a concern.

In response to this issue the Village in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers a free recycling program to Mount Prospect residents. Residents can bring their CFLs and four foot fluorescents to the Public Works department during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 7:30AM - 5:00PM) for recycling. CFLs should be brought to Public Works unbroken and in a zip lock bag for proper recycling.

This program is for residentially generated CFLs and is not for commercial or industrial businesses. Please do not bring incandescent bulbs in for recycling. Incandescent bulbs are not hazardous and can be disposed of with your regular solid waste.

For more information on the program please visit the Village website or contact the Public Works Department at (847)870-5640.

Solid Waste Service Guide

All residents should have a copy of the Solid Waste Services Guide distributed by the Village. The guide details specific guidelines and restrictions that apply both to basic and user fee services. A copy can be obtained by contacting the Public Works Department or by visiting the website, www.mountprospect.org.

Construction Debris and Large Tree Limb Collection

- Construction debris must be bundled or containerized (32) gallon/50 pound weight limit; bundles not to exceed five (5) feet in length, nor fifty (50) pounds in weight. Construction debris is restricted to a maximum of one (1) cubic yard limit.
- Large tree limbs (in excess of 3.5 inches in diameter) must be bundled; bundles are not to exceed five (5) feet in length, nor fifty (50) pounds in weight. Large tree limbs are restricted to a maximum of one (1) cubic yard.
- The one (1) cubic yard limits on construction debris and large tree limbs will be strictly enforced! One (1) cubic yard is equivalent to a Total of 6 units; bags, containers or bundles.
- Loose debris and construction debris will not be collected if it is not bundled or containerized.

Public Works

Flood Preparedness and Protection

Local Flood Hazard

Five waterways carry stormwater into, through and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. Flood hazard areas are associated with each waterway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Engineering staff will help locate your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens. The most recent flooding event occurred in September 2008 when the Des Plaines River overtopped its banks in the northeast section of the Village.

Flood Preparedness

Floods always occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning. But, there are many things that you can do to prepare for a flood.

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood event. Keep backup records at other location such as at work or at a friend's house.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video record of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs of valuable items such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills, important telephone numbers in a location away from your home such as a safe deposit box.
- Talk to your insurance agent about protection against floods and sewer backups.
- Keep on hand cleaning supplies that will be needed to recover from a flood.

Flood Safety

If your basement or building has flooded, remember these precautionary steps:

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or lanterns.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Be careful after a flood because the floors are often covered with debris and mud which can lead to slipping or stepping on uneven or sharp objects.
- Flood water is often contaminated and can cause severe health threats, so clean everything that got wet.

Flood-proofing

There are many methods that have been successful to protect a building from flood damage. These measures to alter your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages, called retrofitting, include:

- Elevation – This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Relocation – Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
- Floodwalls – They work to keep water from reaching your home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry Flood-proofing – Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- Wet Flood-proofing – Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.



Public Works

Flood Preparedness and Protection (continued)

Important note: Any alteration to your building or land requires a permit from the Community Development Department. Even regrading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

Flood Protection

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are some things you can do to reduce damages.

- Regrading your lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help to keep water away from your building.
- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering through the doorways during a flood event. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.
- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering your building during a flood event.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for approximately \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called floodproofing and retrofiting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Important note: Always check with the Mount Prospect Building Division before you build on, fill, alter or regrade your property or make building alterations. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with our Village Code and does not create drainage problems on any other property.

Drainage System Maintenance

Any debris that is deposited into any part of our drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and it is against our Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage and other unwanted material into creeks and ditches can decrease the ability of our drainage system to carry water away from our properties. Contact the Public Works Department if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

Flood Insurance

Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Contact your insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance. And because of the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 15% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

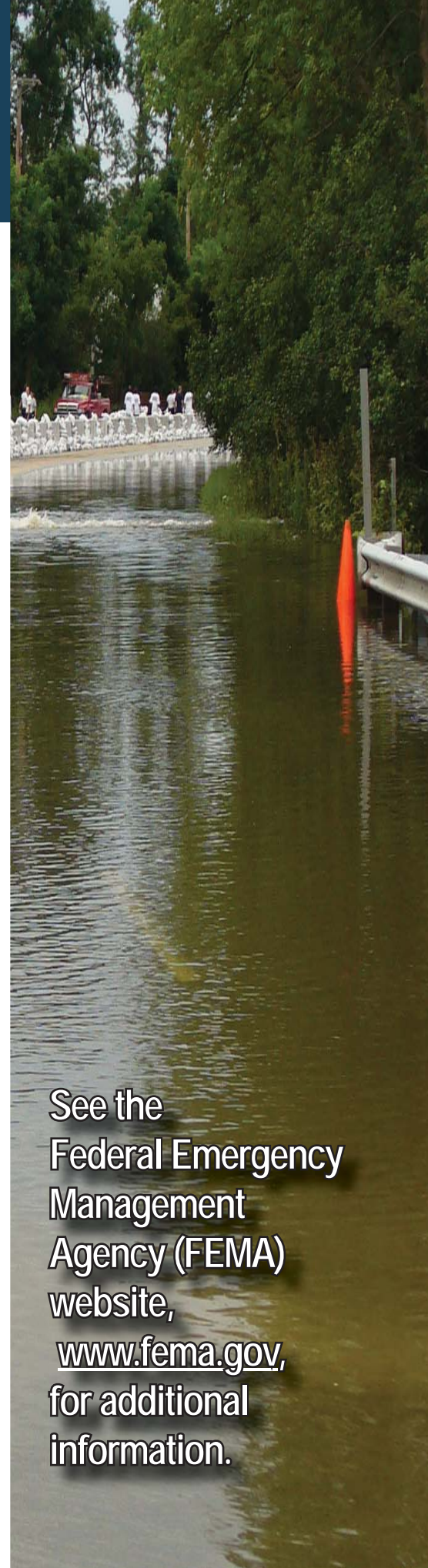
Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added on to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.

Floodplain Development Permit

The Village of Mount Prospect has adopted Floodplain Regulations (Chapter 22 of the Village Code). The regulations help to minimize the potential losses due to periodic flooding. All construction activity within a floodplain requires a Floodplain Development Permit.

More Information

For more information concerning flooding preparedness, stop by or call the Public Works Department at 870-5640 and ask for the Engineering Division.



See the
Federal Emergency
Management
Agency (FEMA)
website,
www.fema.gov,
for additional
information.

Police Department

NEW LOOK SQUAD CARS, SAME GREAT POLICE DEPARTMENT

As you may have noticed, some Mount Prospect Police squad cars have a different look to them. As new squad cars are cycled into the fleet, they are getting an updated paint and decal scheme. The new look will feature black hood and trunk lids, unlike the old color scheme with its white hood and trunk lids. The decals employed on the new squads are of a highly reflective material designed to enhance officer safety and the public's ability to recognize our squad cars. The new exterior paint scheme is actually less expensive than the previous paint scheme. Advanced LED light bar technology is being employed on all new squad cars to increase their visibility when responding to emergency calls or when blocking lanes of traffic or roadways. Push bars will be standard on the front bumpers of all marked patrol squads to assist in the removal of vehicles stalled in traffic. The last time the police department modified the appearance of its squad cars was in 2000.



DEPARTMENT HONORS 2009 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



(Left to Right: Detective Mark Recker, Officer Michael Angarola, Tactical Officer Anthony Lietzow, Chief John Dahlberg, Officer Alison Teevan, Officer Richard LaBarbera.)

At the February 2nd Village Board Meeting, the Village honored the 2009 Officer of the Year as well as four runner-up candidates. Tactical Officer Anthony Lietzow was awarded the Officer of the Year for his tireless efforts as an undercover officer. Throughout 2009, Officer Lietzow and the Tactical Unit made 24 felony arrests, 35 misdemeanor arrests, and participated in a highly successful F.B.I. national prostitution sting. Officer Lietzow and the Tactical Unit also seized large quantities of narcotics; including cocaine, cannabis, LSD, and illegal steroids. Officer Lietzow was the Department's "Co-Officer of the Year" in 2007 and "Officer of the Year" in 2005. Those officers receiving "Runner-Up Officer of the Year" for 2009 were Detective Mark Recker, Officers Michael Angarola, Richard LaBarbera, and Alison Teevan.



Bicycle Safety

With the nicer weather, we will soon be back on our bicycles. Here are some tips to make bike rides enjoyable and safe.

Bike Inspection

Make sure your bicycle is in good working order. First, check to make sure your bicycle fits you well. Look at the tires for proper air pressure and make sure they are free from defects and debris. Next, check the brakes and make sure they stop your bicycle. Finally, check the chain. A clean, properly lubricated, and adjusted chain is essential.

Wear a Helmet

When riding a bicycle, the most important piece of equipment we use is a helmet. A properly fitted helmet should sit level on your head, should not easily shift from front to back or side-to-side, and the chin strap should be tight and unable to come off.

Register Your Bicycle with the Police Department

Registering all of the family's bicycles with the Police Department greatly raises the chances of you getting your bike back if it's lost or stolen. Bicycles can be registered at the Police Department or online at www.mountprospect.org.

Traffic Unit

Each week the traffic unit focuses on a "Roadway of the Week." For a complete schedule of where the Traffic Unit will be concentrating their efforts in the upcoming months, visit the web site, www.mountprospect.org. Please contact Sergeant Mike Eterno at 818-5248 with your traffic law enforcement concerns or questions.



Human Services Department



**community
connections
center**

1711 W Algonquin Road
847/506-4930

The Community Connections Center serves as a satellite office for many Village services, a branch for the Mount Prospect Public Library, and offers services from District 214 Community Education, Community Consolidated School District 59 and Northwest Community Hospital. Services provided at the Center focus on information and referral. Upcoming events include:

Parenting Classes

The Community Connections Center is sponsoring a series of classes for parents on parenting issues which will cover children of various age ranges. These classes will be in Spanish and will take place February, March and April of 2010. The purpose of the classes is to assist and support parents with the challenge of parenting when many do not have the support of extended families in this country. If you would like more information, please call the Center at 847/506-4930.

"Evenings at the Movies"

The Center is sponsoring a series of "Evenings at the Movies" with some first class Spanish-language movies. The movies have been chosen with adults in mind. These weekly movies will take place on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Additional information is provided by calling 847/506-4930.

Senior Financial Survival in Tough Economic Times

The Village of Mount Prospect Human Services Department is hosting a seminar at 1:30 P.M., on Thursday April 15, 2010, put on by a local representative of National Aging in Place Council. The program will cover Federal and State Programs for seniors, Loan Modifications, Reverse Mortgages, and Bankruptcy. This is a starting point if you have questions or are uncertain about how to solve your financial problems. Please call 847-780-5680 to register for the seminar.

Senior Celebration Day

The twenty-second annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Arlington Park Racecourse on Thursday, May 13 from 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be many free health screenings and senior services information booths. The Secretary of State Photo ID and License Unit, "Ask the Doctor" Panel, Entertainment Galore, Information and Give-Aways from Local Businesses, and Door Prizes will abound. You may even want to take in a few races so take advantage of the free admission for Senior Day.

Anyone wishing to take advantage of the Secretary of State services and are over the age of sixty-five should arrive before 2:00 to make sure you receive their services. These services include: State ID Renewal, Driver License Renewal, Corrected License, Duplicate License, Vision Screening, Written Examination, and License Plate Renewal Stickers (Previous, Present and Next Month Only). Two forms of identification are required, that proves date of birth, identity and Social Security number.

For additional information about the day's activities, call the Human Services Department at 847-870-5680.

Mentor Program

The Mount Prospect Mentor Program has been serving the community since 1993. This program pairs school-age children with volunteers. Each year, teachers and social workers from five area schools identify at-risk children who are paired in a school-based, one-on-one relationship with a volunteer. The curriculum includes creative learning games, noncompetitive sports, guest speakers and hands-on projects. The program meets twenty times a year, one night a week from 7:00PM – 8:30PM. There are ten sessions from September to December and ten sessions from January until April. We are now accepting applications for the fall semester. There will be an orientation for new volunteers in August. If you are interested, please contact Kimberly Sheagren, LCSW at 847-870-5680.

Community Outreach Nursing

The Public Health Nurse provides nursing care, under the order of a physician, to homebound residents, regardless of age. This care is provided at no charge, to residents who do not have the services paid for by Medicare or private insurance. The nurse can offer the same services offered to residents who visit her at the Human Services Department, plus additional medical care that is necessary in order for the patient to remain in the home.

Driver Refresher Class

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 class being May 26, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. 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. Call 847-870-5680 to register.



New Business (Includes Change of Ownership/Change of Address)

A Caring Touch
1100 W Northwest Hw 209
(847) 590-0027
Fitness Facility

Alchenvy Gemstones, LLC
200 E Evergreen Av 114e
(630) 306-9156
Retail

Alliance Global Markets
321 W Prospect Av
(847) 797-1997
Other

American Family Insurance
1100 W Northwest Hw 208
(847) 392-3600
Insurance Sales

Anderson Tax & Accounting,
800 W Central Rd 104
(847) 704-1602
Accounting

C3D Architects LLC
101 Spine St 9
(847) 797-8422
Architect

Carol A Ziolo Counseling,
200 E Evergreen Av 105
(847) 651-8553
Other

Creative Horizons
800 W Central Rd 142
(847) 577-7100
Office

Daniel Alvarez
1843 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 364-5020
Retail

Edward Jones
409 E Euclid Av A
(847) 797-1745
Service

Gallup Family Practice Ltd
250 W Kensington Rd 1a
(847) 843-0200
Medical Services

Glenview State Bank
20 E Northwest Hw
(847) 729-1900
Banks & Financial Inst

Iappz Solutions Inc.
1699 Wall St 211
(847) 340-9949
Other

International Gymnastics
520 Business Center Dr
(847) 824-4720
Other

ITT
500 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 296-4200
Other

Janusz Mejer, MD SC
601 W Central Rd 6
(847) 342-8956
Doctor's Clinic

JED Investment Holdings,
1734 E Kensington Rd
(847) 803-6633
Printing

Magnificent Smile P.C.
259 E Rand Rd 113
(847) 409-6688
Dental Office

Mina Restaurant Inc.
1724 W Golf Rd
(847) 364-9400
Restaurant

Mt Prospect Wireless, Inc.
905 E Rand Rd 500
(847) 222-0200
Retail

Paragon Performance
411 Business Center Dr 115
(847) 795-8400
Office

Perfect Tax & Accounting,
101 Spine St 10
(773) 592-3523
Service

PNC Bank, NA
1150 W Northwest Hw 2
(847) 624-6884
Mortgage

Polish & Slavic Federal
1044 Mt Prospect Pz
(917) 589-3075
Banks & Financial Inst

Reveal Design & Build LLC
66 E Northwest Hw
(847) 749-0321
Other

Russell S Pollina D.D.S.P.C.
601 W Central Rd 4
(847) 392-2457
Dental Office

Tamarack Software, Inc
601 W Golf Rd 103
(231) 352-9071
Service

Valentino Law Firm
18 W Busse Av 6
(847) 577-8674
Attorney

Vital Therapy Services, Inc.
259 E Rand Rd 209a
(773) 469-9188
Staffing Agency

Voknivas, Inc.
1772 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 364-6673
Retail

Xttrium Laboratorie, Inc.
1200 Business Center Dr
(773) 268-5800
Manufacturing



Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association

www.downtownmountprospect.com

The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association is pleased to announce our 2010 events!

Cruise Nights – Saturdays, May 15 through September 25, 6-9 p.m.

Fall Festival and Oktoberfest – October 16

Family New Years Party – December 30

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Downtown businesses: Call us today and find out about how to get involved in the DMA and community! Join us on the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Mount Prospect Public Library to find out more.

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