



# MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

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## Levee 37 Construction Begins

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the long awaited Flood Control Project called Levee 37 on March 13. This project will provide substantial flood protection to over 600 residential and business properties located near the Des Plaines River in Prospect Heights and Mount Prospect and eliminate the recurring need for sandbagging operations every heavy rain event. The project is a collaboration between the two municipalities (Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights), US Army Corps of Engineers, Illinois Department of Transportation, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the Cook County Forest Preserve District.

The levee will be an 8,500 foot long structure, 500' of earthen berm and 8,000 of concrete wall. It will be located on the east side of River Road and Milwaukee Avenue between Euclid Avenue and Palatine Road. The Army Corps has awarded a contract to Vistas Construction and it is anticipated that the project will be completed in 2011. The cost of the project is \$23 million. Questions about the project can be directed to Village Engineer Jeff Wulbecker at (847) 870-5640 or [jwulbeck@mountprospect.org](mailto:jwulbeck@mountprospect.org).

## Mount Prospect Is Shovel Ready

In March, the Village provided our state and federal legislators with a list of "shovel ready" projects for consideration under the Federal Stimulus Bill. Village staff will continue to monitor requirements and programs related to the bill as they evolve. The list below provides some examples of the proposed projects.

- Combined Sewer System Improvements
- Prospect Avenue Streetlight Improvements
- Neighborhood Drainage Improvements
- Ash Tree Reduction & Replacement
- Traffic Signal Improvements
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- Algonquin/Busse/Dempster area improvements
- Corridor Improvement Program

For the complete list of projects submitted, see the web site, [www.mounprospect.org](http://www.mounprospect.org).



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## VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

<b>Emergency</b> .....	911
<b>Village Hall</b> .....	392-6000
(includes Finance, Village Administration)	
TDD .....	392-6064
<b>Village Clerk</b> .....	818-5335
<b>Television Services</b> .....	870-5685
<b>Community Development</b>	
Building Division .....	870-5675
Environmental Health .....	870-5668
Planning Division .....	818-5328
<b>Fire Dept.</b> (non-emergency) .....	870-5666
<b>Human Services Dept.</b> .....	870-5680
<b>Police Dept.</b> (non-emergency) .....	870-5656
Crime Line .....	870-5649
Crime Prevention.....	870-5650
Records .....	870-5655
<b>Public Works Dept.</b> .....	870-5640
<b>Water Billing</b> .....	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](http://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.

**WEBSITE** [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org)

**E-MAIL** the Village at [pio@mountprospect.org](mailto: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)

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](http://www.mountprospect.org).

### UPCOMING DATES:

APRIL 11  
MAY 9  
JUNE 13



# News, Notes and Reminders



## New Look for Newsletter

We received quite a bit of feedback from residents regarding the new look of the newsletter. Many were concerned about the cost of upgrading to a 4-color publication. Recent upgrades in technology have resulted in cost savings for printing. Where several years ago, printing in 4-color was considered cost-prohibitive, today it is comparable to one or two color printing. We are happy to report that the new 4-color version of the newsletter is actually approximately \$1,500 less per issue than the previous 2-color version, due to cost savings on paper. We appreciate your feedback and hope you continue to use the Village News as an information resource for programs and services provided by the Village.

## 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. For your convenience, a form is included on Page 20 of the Newsletter. You can also submit the form electronically on the web site, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org).



## Sister Cities Visit Planned for May

The objective of the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission is to encourage and facilitate programs and exchanges between Mount Prospect and its sister city, Sèvres, France.

The Sister Cities Commission will be welcoming an official delegation from our Sister City, Sèvres France to town for a visit May 24 - 28. The delegation will include Mayor François Kosciusko Morizet and members of his government and staff. The last official delegation from Sèvres visited Mount Prospect in 2005.

Mount Prospect and its Sister City, Sèvres, France, officially entered into their relationship in May of 2000 when a delegation from Sèvres first visited Mount Prospect. Since then, several exchanges have taken place on individual and group levels. For more information about the Commission, visit our web site, [www.mountprospect.org/sistercities](http://www.mountprospect.org/sistercities) or call 847/392-6000.

### Bienvenue Sèvres/Welcome Sèvres - Wednesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to share a cup of coffee with members of our Sèvres, France, Sister City delegation. This is an opportunity for the people of Sèvres to get to know the people of Mount Prospect, and vice versa. No French required; we will be speaking the international language of peace and friendship. This program is cohosted by the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission and the Library. Please register at the Library by May 23 by going to [www.mppl.org/events](http://www.mppl.org/events), calling 847/253-5675, or stopping by the Library.

## Summer Positions Available at Public Works

The Public Works Department has several internship and seasonal maintenance positions open for the summer. These include Forestry Intern, GIS Intern, Engineering Intern, and seasonal maintenance. The pay rate for Public Works Interns is \$12.50 - \$14.50 an hour. The rate for seasonal maintenance workers is \$9.00 - \$12.50 an hour. For more details on these positions, visit the Village's web site, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org). Send completed applications for all of the above positions to the Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Phone: 847.870.5640, Fax: 847.253.9377, e-mail: [pwsummerjobs@mountprospect.org](mailto:pwsummerjobs@mountprospect.org).

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# Upcoming Events

**May 15, 16 & 17**

## Mount Prospect Garage Sale Weekend

The Mount Prospect village-wide Garage Sale will be held the weekend of May 16-18. For more information, go to [www.MountProspectGarageSale.com](http://www.MountProspectGarageSale.com) or call 259-8600.

**May 16**

## 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!*



**May 23**

## Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Saturdays, May thru September

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.mpdma.org](http://www.mpdma.org) for more information.

**May 25**

## 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.



*2008 Blues Fest Headliner Magic Slim and the Teardrops*

**Weekend of May 30-31**

## Fun & Fitness Walk

The Downtown Merchants Association is excited to announce a new format for the Fun and Fitness Art Walk. The event will be held the last weekend in May and, this year, the community will join Mount Prospect businesses in a 2-mile walk followed by a business and art expo. Visit [www.downtownmountprospect.com](http://www.downtownmountprospect.com) for more information.

**June 14**

## Farmers' Market Begins

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday, June 14 - Oct. 25 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 20**

## 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 20**

## Blues Fest

The second 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 Saturday, 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.

### July 1 - 5: 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](http://www.mountprospect.org) for updates.

**July 25**

## 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.mpppl.org](http://www.mpppl.org)

### National Library Week: Worlds Connect @ your library® - April 12 - 18

National Library Week is a weeklong celebration recognizing the contributions made by our nation's libraries. National Library Week programs include:

- NASA Astronaut Landing @ MPPL: Meet Daniel Tani  
*April 14, 4:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.*
- It's a Tinkertoy® and Duct Tape Happening: For Teens  
*Wednesday, April 15, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.*
- Create-a-Craft: Recycled Art  
*Friday, April 17, 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.*

Most Library programs require registration. To sign-up, visit [www.mpppl.org/events](http://www.mpppl.org/events), call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

## Mount Prospect Historical Society [www.mtphist.org](http://www.mtphist.org)

### Eating Your Way Into History

Dine at these restaurants on the dates listed below and they will make a donation to the Historical Society.

- April 23 - Canta Napoli Pizzeria
- May 7 - Buffalo Wild Wings
- May 18 - El Sombrero

### Historical Society Fundraiser @ Vino100

April 23, 6-9 p.m.

110 S. Emerson St.,

Admission at the door is \$10 per person, and 5% of all wine sale proceeds will be contributed to the Society.

### MP Community Wide Garage Sale

May 16, 17 and 18

It's that time of year ... think spring cleaning! The Historical Society is accepting donations for the community garage sale. We'll be collecting garage sale items the last week in April. Thanks for your support!

## Mt. Prospect Park District [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org)

### Easter Egg Hunt

April 4

9:30-11:30am

RecPlex

Fee: \$4 pre register/\$6 at the door  
Kiddies between the ages of 3 and 8 years old are invited. The Easter Bunny will be available for photos. Bring a basket.

### Strive for 5K Race

Saturday, June 20 • 9am

Lions Memorial Park

Awards to top finishers

Free t-shirt, goodie bags and snacks

Kiddie ¼ Mile (5-10 year olds)

50 Yard Dash (3-5 year olds)

For additional information visit [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org) or contact Julie Lechtenberg at 847-640-1000 ext.224.

## River Trails Park District [www.rtpd.org](http://www.rtpd.org)

### Woodland Trails Pool Passes on Sale!!

Early Bird Discount through May 11!

### Earth & Arbor Day Celebration -

April 18

1-4pm FREE!!

Woodland Trails Park/ Weiss

Community Center

1500 E. Euclid Ave., Mount Prospect

### Electronic Waste drop off

For more info please call us at

847/255.1200

### 10th Hole Bar & Grill

Rob Roy Golf Course 847.483.5099

Easter Brunch -April 12

Mother's Day Brunch -May 10

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Reservations Required

Adults \$19.95 Under 10 \$9.95

## Mt. Prospect Park District Concerts in the Park

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 Center and are held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. The "Themes" for the 2009 concerts are as follows:

- 6/15 - "Mt. Prospect - A Great Place to Raise Kids"
- 6/22 - "Broadway's Best featuring Wayne and Kathleen Messmer"
- 6/29 - "Star Spangled Concert"
- 7/ 6 - "A Summertime Serenade"
- 7/13 - "Swingin' and Singin' with the Big Bands"
- 7/20 - "One Small Step for Man - One Giant Leap for Mankind"
- 7/ 27 - "Do-It-Yourself" Sousa Concert

## Music, Movies and More!

The Park District also offers Thursday night concerts. All concerts begin at 7pm at Veterans Memorial Band Shell, movies begin at dusk. It's all free!

*June 18 - July 30 (no concert/movie 7/2)*

Concerts include: Roots Rock Society, ABBA Tribute Band, Soda, Seventh Heaven, Heartache Tonight, Members Only.

Movies include: *Madagascar II, Mamma Mia!, Curious George, Journey to the Center of the Earth, Open Season II, Igor.*

For more information, check out the web site, [www.mppd.org](http://www.mppd.org).



# Finance Department

## Parking Spaces Available

### Village Hall Deck Overnight Guest Parking Passes Now Available

Parking on Village streets between the hours of 2 am and 6 am is prohibited. Overnight guest parking is permitted in the Village Hall Parking Deck on Level 4 in Spaces 282-316. Parking passes for the Village Hall Parking Deck are available to any resident of Mount Prospect for their overnight guests.

Each guest pass is valid for 3 days (pass will be stamped with valid dates) and an applicant/household/vehicle may have 3 consecutive passes for a total of 9 consecutive days. Passes must be clearly displayed in the rear window of the vehicle. The passes will be administered on a first come, first served basis. They are available in the Finance Department on the first floor of Village Hall, Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

### Business/Commuter Spaces

Parking spaces are available for yearly rental in the Wille Street Parking Lot (near the downtown Metra Train station). Please note: overnight parking is not allowed. The spaces are available to Mount Prospect residents or Mount Prospect business owners/employees only. A specific space in the lot is assigned for one year and can be renewed annually. The cost per space is \$360 for residents.

### Overnight Residential Parking

There are also parking spaces available for a fee to residents of the Shabonee Trail and Mount Prospect townhome associations. Certain restrictions apply. For information or to purchase a parking permit, call Lisa in the Finance Department at 818-5277.

## Village Bond Rating Increase

The Village of Mount Prospect's bond rating was recently upgraded by Standard and Poor's Ratings Services (S&P). S&P assigned its AA+ rating and stable outlook for the Village's Series 2009 General Obligation bonds. The Village was previously rated by Moody's at Aa3. The new rating reflects a comparable upgrade of two steps.

The new rating by S&P "reflects their opinion of the Village's participation in the deep and diverse Chicago metropolitan area economy; strong income levels; good financial operations with very strong reserves; and moderate debt burden."

It is noteworthy that the Village would receive such an upgrade, especially in these troubling financial times. The ratings increase is a validation of the prudent budgeting practices and conservative financial planning of the Village Board and staff.

In a time where many communities and businesses are making significant cuts to personnel and service, Mount Prospect remains in a strong position due to sound budget decisions that were made over time.

The upgraded rating is expected to decrease the costs of borrowing for the series 2009 and future bond issues. "Elevating our bond rating has been a priority of staff and the Governing Body. Achieving this rating should decrease our costs of borrowing, which could equate to a savings of \$160,000 over the life of the bonds, resulting in a direct savings to our residents," said David Erb, Director of Finance.

## Village Financial Condition

As of the printing of this newsletter, the Village's financial condition remains strong. The Village Board and staff have procedures in place to regularly monitor finances throughout the year. This practice will continue during 2009 and into 2010 while indicators of the economic slowdown persist. If it appears that operations begin to be impacted by the weakened economy, the Village will adjust spending accordingly. The first regular review of the Village's finances is set for the financial planning workshop on April 28.

## Reasons to Shop Local

In these difficult economic times, we have been hearing a lot about shopping local. Take the time to consider patronizing your local merchants - the owners, managers and employees could be your neighbors.

### 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 dollars in sales tax revenue came back into Mount Prospect in 2008 from Mount Prospect businesses.



Artisan 133 Photo: Ralph Chermak

For more shop local reasons, visit [www.mountprospect.org/sde/shop\\_local.html](http://www.mountprospect.org/sde/shop_local.html).

# Finance Department



## Vehicle Stickers

2009-2010 Village of Mount Prospect vehicle stickers went on sale February 2. The new vehicle sticker must be displayed by May 1. Passenger vehicle stickers are \$36, motorcycle 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 2008 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 4, 18 and 25 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

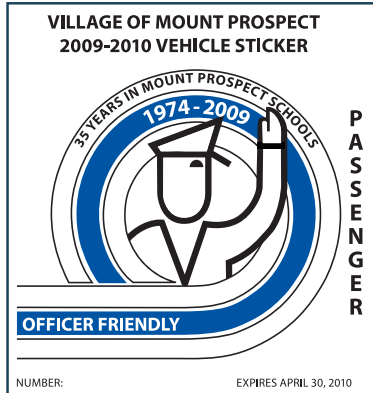
Beginning May 1, escalating late purchase penalties will be added to the cost of your sticker. If you receive a Police Department citation for not having an up-to-date sticker, you may have to (1) pay a fine, (2) pay the basic cost of the new sticker, AND (3) pay the late purchase penalty. You can avoid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

February 2 - April 30

Algonquin-Busse Currency

Exchange, 1725 W. Algonquin Rd.

Mt. Prospect Currency Exchange,  
905 E. Rand Rd., Suite 200

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

## 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](http://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](http://www.mountprospect.org/watermeter). If you have any questions, please call 847-392-6000.



# Community Development

## Current Plat of Survey Required

The Building Division will require an accurate Plat of Survey to process nearly all 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 Yourself During Home Repairs

### Common Home Repair Scams

Complaints received by the Office of the Illinois Attorney General demonstrate that unscrupulous home repair contractors use some common techniques to gain the confidence of home owners. In general, consumers should beware when a home repair contractor:

- Contacts you or comes to your home uninvited;
- Tells you that you need to make repairs immediately or your safety may be in danger;
- Pressures you to sign papers today or talks too quickly, attempting to confuse you;
- Quotes a price that's out of line with other estimates;
- Offers to drive you to your bank to withdraw funds to pay for his or her work;
- Can be reached only by leaving messages with an answering service;
- Drives an unmarked vehicle or has out-of-state license plates; or
- Asks you to pay for the entire job up front.

### Finding a Contractor

You should find out as much as you can about a contractor before hiring him or her. You can do this by calling the Illinois Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau. Get written estimates from several firms – but don't automatically choose the lowest bidder. Ask the contractor if subcontractors will be used on the project. If yes, ask to meet them, and make sure they have current insurance coverage and licenses. Also ask them if this contractor has paid them on time in the past.

### Contracts for Home Repair in Illinois

Before signing any home repair or remodeling contract over \$1,000, a person engaging in the business of home repair and remodeling is required in Illinois to provide the customer with a copy of the "Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights" pamphlet.

### Mechanic's Liens and Lien Waivers

A mechanic's lien protects a subcontractor in the event that the general contractor fails to pay for the subcontractor's services or supplies. In that event, the subcontractor can ask a court to put a lien, or hold, on your property until the debt is paid. As the property owner, you are responsible for the debt, and you will not be able to sell or finance your property until all liens are paid or lifted.

### Lien Waivers

By giving you a signed lien waiver, a supplier of materials or services for your home repair project acknowledges that he or she has no right to file a mechanic's lien against your property. In other words, the supplier acknowledges having been paid in full for those materials or services. It is important that you get these written and signed waivers from every subcontractor who has worked on your home in the course of the project. Do not make the final payment to the contractor until you are satisfied with the work and have obtained signed waivers showing that every subcontractor has been paid. You can find blank "waivers of lien" forms at home stores, print shops, and on the Internet.

*Please visit [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homerepair\\_construction.html](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/consumers/homerepair_construction.html) for the complete article published by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.*



# Community Development

## Protecting Yourself During Home Repairs

### Protecting Yourself During the Project

Keep all paperwork related to your home repair project in one place. This includes copies of the contract, change orders (approving a substitution of materials or services), and correspondence with your contractors and suppliers. Keep a log of all phone calls, conversations, and activities associated with the project. You also might want to take photographs recording the work's progress. These records will prove important if problems arise with your project, during or after construction.

Before making the final payment and signing off, make sure that: the work meets the standards spelled out in the contract; the job site has been thoroughly cleaned up; you have written warranties for materials and workmanship; and you have written proof that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid.

### If the company won't put its promises in writing, look for a company that will.

Do not sign the contract until you read it carefully. If the salesperson pressures you to sign before you've had a chance to read and understand all of the contract, **DO NOT SIGN IT**. Never rely on the salesperson to read or explain the contract to you. If you do not understand the contract, ask a trusted friend or lawyer to help you. Never sign a contract that has blank spaces. Finally, be sure to get a copy of everything you sign when you sign it.

**Remember, you have three business days to cancel any contract, if the sale is made and signed at your home.** The contractor **CANNOT** take this right away from you by initiating work, selling your contract to a lender, or any other tactic.

### What to Do if you are the Victim of a Home Repair Scam

If you have a problem with your home improvement project, first try to resolve it with the contractor. Many disputes can be resolved at this level. Follow any phone calls with a letter summarizing the conversation. Send the letter to the contractor by certified mail, return receipt requested. The receipt will be your proof that the contractor received your letter. Keep a copy of the letter and receipt in your files.

If you can't get satisfaction through personal negotiation or cooperative mediation, consider consulting a lawyer to explore what options you have for resolving your dispute in court. Keep in mind that there are time deadlines to cancel sales contracts and pursue legal claims. The Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act (815 ILCS 505/) allows you to sue if you have been damaged by unfair or deceptive acts or practices. You may be able to file a lawsuit for monetary damages and your attorney's fees.

### Contact the Office of the Illinois Attorney General

- [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov)
- Consumer Fraud Hotline:  
(800) 386-5438



### Inspection Deposits (Bond Money)

The Building Division collects inspection deposits on nearly every permit issued. This deposit is used to cover the cost of failed inspections. If you pass your required inspections, no money is taken out of this deposit and the entire deposit will be refunded to whom ever paid it; however, failed inspections are taken out of the deposit, reducing the amount of the refund.

Inspections ensure that the work your contractor is doing meets or exceeds the code requirements. In other words, a failed inspection is the responsibility of who ever did the work. For this reason, it is a good idea for the homeowner to keep track of any failed inspections and ask that the contractor reimburse them for failed inspections. Many contractors will pull a permit for their work; however, the deposit amount may be added to the homeowner's final bill. In all instances, the homeowner should track their project to ensure they are not being penalized for failed inspections of work performed by others.



# Village Clerk

## 2009 Consolidated Election: Tuesday, April 7, 2009

### DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

For election information including early/absentee voting and precinct location, please visit the Cook County Elections website at [www.voter.infonet.com](http://www.voter.infonet.com), call 312.603.0906 or contact the Mount Prospect Village Clerk's office at 847/818.5355.

## New Numbers

The Village Clerk's Office has new numbers:

818-5335 - General Number  
392-6022 - Fax Number

## Honoring Representative Carolyn Krause



State Representative Carolyn Krause retired this year from the Illinois House of Representatives, ending a long career of public service. She was honored at the Village Board meeting in March.

The Village of Mount Prospect thanks Carolyn H. Krause for her tireless and unselfish devotion to public service and the betterment of Mount Prospect and the State of Illinois 66th District, and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

*Mayor of Mount Prospect - 1977 - 1989*  
*State Representative - 1993 - 2009*

## Across the Board

Since the last publication of the Mount Prospect Newsletter, the Village Board of Trustees has enacted the following ordinances from December 2, 2008 through February 17, 2009:

5716 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) of the Village Code by implementing components of the Village's "Residential Intersection Traffic Control" and "Residential Speed Limit" program for Zones 3, 4 and 10;

5717 amends Appendix A, Division II entitled Fees, Rates and Taxes of the Village; establishes an increase in water (4%) and sewer (3.4%) rates effective January 1, 2009;

5718 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, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008;

5719 authorizes the levy and collection of taxes for the municipal purposes of special service area number five (5) of the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008;

5720 makes certain amendments to the annual budget adopted for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008;


5721 adopts an annual budget for the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2009 in lieu of passage of an appropriation ordinance;

5722 amends Chapter 4 "Appointed Village Officials" of the Village Code to authorize the Village Manager to delegate any duty or obligation assigned to the office of the Village Manager to any other employee or agent of the Village;

5723 grants certain variations (front yard, side yard, height and lot coverage) for property located at 1924 and 2000 East Kensington Road, Fire Station #14;

5724 provides for the issuance of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2009, of the Village of Mount Prospect, Cook County, Illinois, and providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax for the payment of the principal and interest on said bonds;

5725 amends Chapter 5 (Boards and Commissions)," Article XVIII, entitled "Citizen Corps Commission" of the Village Code by increasing the number of commission members to eight (8) to include representation from a not for profit organization.



### U.S. Department of State - Travel Documents

As of June 1, 2009, U.S. citizens must present a passport book, passport card, or other travel documents approved by the U.S. government to enter the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land borders and sea ports of entry.

The Village Clerk's Office is a Passport Acceptance Facility. For more information about the services we offer, please call 818-5335.

# Public Works

## Gypsy Moth: Another Insect Pest Threatens Mount Prospect's Trees

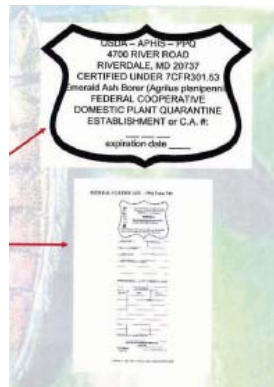
As we brace ourselves for the arrival of Emerald Ash Borer, another pest has recently emerged for the first time in Mount Prospect. Gypsy Moth has long been present in the eastern United States and is now becoming problematic in parts of northeastern Illinois. Although the pest has been found in parts of our state for a number of years, it was first spotted in Mount Prospect in 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.

The 2008 finds prompted the Forestry/Grounds Division to set out traps last summer in order to detect the extent of the infestation. Trapping indicated that gypsy moths were present throughout the Village. Over the winter Village staff worked with members of the Morton Arboretum to conduct an egg mass survey. This scouting resulted in several additional finds, all around the original sites. Fortunately at the time of this writing in February 2009, the Forestry/Grounds Division does not believe that large scale eradication efforts, such as aerial spraying, will be necessary this year. On March 10, Forestry/Grounds staff reviewed treatment recommendations for 2009 with the Village Board at a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Currently it appears that only spot treatments of trees containing egg masses will be needed.

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. 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, 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 Department at 870-5640.



## Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 1

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](http://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 no cost, at all locations selling the Village yard waste sticker. Each rigid container and/or compost bag placed at the curb cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

## Unlimited Brush Collection Starts April 1

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-day Household Hazardous Waste Collections through the state this spring. Check the 2009 IEPA Household Hazardous Waste Collection schedule for a complete list of locations and dates.

[www.epa.state.il.us](http://www.epa.state.il.us)  
217.785.8604



# Public Works

## Solid Waste Services 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 Village website, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org).

## 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 7:30 – 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 870-5640.

## Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants throughout the Village-owned water distribution system will be flushed Tuesday, April 21 through Friday, April 24. 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. If your laundry becomes stained when washed immediately after hydrant flushing, do not add bleach as the bleach may set the stain permanently into the fabric.

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.

## Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

The Shared Cost 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 deadline for accepting applications this year is May 1, 2009.

The Village selects a contractor in May through a competitive bidding process and the sidewalk replacement work continues across the Village throughout the summer. This year the resident's share of the cost is \$49.00 for a typical sidewalk square. This represents half of the anticipated bid cost of a sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount. This cost 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](http://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.



## Digging? Remember 811

If you are planning to dig for an outdoor project, Illinois law requires that you contact the local one-call service or JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) to locate underground utilities. You can call 811 to ask for underground utility locates. Whenever possible pre-mark the proposed excavation area with white paint or white flags prior to your call. Please remember to call at least 48 hours before the start of any excavation, not including Saturdays, Sundays or holidays. For more information, visit [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).

# Public Works



## Summer Projects

Three street maintenance programs will be starting in late spring.

- The line-stripping 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.
- Our catch basin cleaning program will focus on the areas located between Euclid Avenue and Central Road, Wolf Road to Rand Road.
- The catch basin repair program will involve various locations throughout the Village.

## 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 leaves 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.

## Pothole Repairs

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. If you have a pothole that needs immediate attention please contact Public Works at 870-5640. We will inspect your 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 Village of Mount Prospect Building Department located at the Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For a list of potential problems and how to solve them, see the web site, [www.mountprospect.org](http://www.mountprospect.org).

## Cross-Connection Control

To protect the public drinking water supply, the State of Illinois requires that the following plumbing systems have additional protection:

- Lawn irrigation sprinklers
- Residential or commercial fire protection
- Boilers
- Chemical feeders
- Carbonated beverage dispensers
- Outdoor water fountains
- Private wells located on properties that also have a public water connection.

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. Copies of the annual certifications need to be sent to the Public Works Department as part of the monitoring requirements imposed on the Village by the State regulations.

For more information, please contact Public Works at 1-847-870-5640 or click on the cross connection link on our web site at: [http://www.mountprospect.org/services/public\\_works/publicWorks.html](http://www.mountprospect.org/services/public_works/publicWorks.html).

# 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.

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



# Public Works

## FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION

### 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 retrofitting. 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.

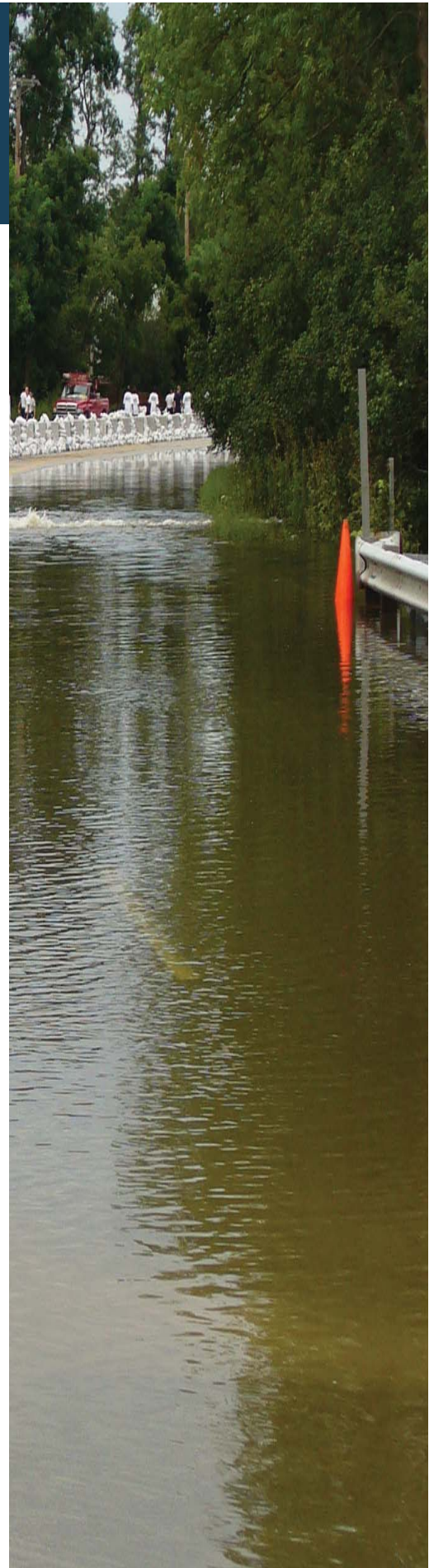
### Floodplain Development Permit

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

To obtain any information concerning flooding, just stop by or call the Public Works Department at 870-5640 and ask for the Engineering Division.

For additional information, see the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) web site, [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).





# Police Department

## Chat with the Chief

Mount Prospect Police Chief John Dahlberg will be holding several informal citizen discussion sessions during the spring. Chief Dahlberg and members of his command staff will make themselves available to answer residents' questions, take their comments and/or hear their concerns. No advance notification of your attendance is necessary – just come. These meetings will provide residents with a great opportunity to meet Chief Dahlberg and his staff and converse with them in a relaxed and open atmosphere. The meetings will be held at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson Street, in Conference Room 130 on the following dates:

Thursday, March 26 – 6:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Saturday, March 28 – 10:00am - 11:30am  
 Thursday, April 2 – 6:30pm - 8:00pm



## Police Department Welcomes New Officers



Officer Michael Angorola



Officer William Ryan

The Mount Prospect Police Department's newest Officers graduate from Police Academy - Officer Michael Angorola  
 Officer William Ryan

Officer Angorola and Officer Ryan will be returning to join the ranks of the Mount Prospect Police Department after successfully graduating from the University of Illinois Police Training Institute on January 15, 2009.

At the graduation ceremony, Officer Michael Angorola was awarded two out of the four key honors bestowed upon officers from a graduating recruit class; the Clifford W. Van Meter Scholastic Achievement Award and the Ervin H. Warren Award. The scholastic achievement award is bestowed upon the Basic Police Officer Recruit who attains the highest overall scholastic average for the Basic Law Enforcement Course. Officer Angorola achieved a 96.3 % academic average during the twelve week training period.

The Ervin H. Warren Award was created in 1967 by the Alumni Association and is given to the one officer in each Basic Law Enforcement Class who best exemplifies today's concept of tomorrow's police officer.

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, both officers will assume solo patrol duties with the Mount Prospect Police Department.

The Mount Prospect Police Department welcomes Officers Michael Angarola and William Ryan and congratulates them on their successful completion of the police academy. "All of Mount Prospect, and particularly the members of the Mount Prospect Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, can be proud of Officers Angarola and Ryan's excellent representation of this police department and the community at large during their academy experience," said Police Chief John Dahlberg.

### Traffic Unit

The following is the schedule of where the Traffic Unit will be concentrating their efforts in the upcoming months:

#### Roadways of the Week

Northwest Hwy	March 30 - April 5	Lincoln Street	May 11 - May 17
Elmhurst Road	April 6- April 12	Euclid Avenue	May 18 - May 24
Golf Road	April 13 - April 19	Central Road	May 25 - May 31
Seminole Lane	April 20 - April 26	Rand Road	June 1 - June 7
Busse Road	April 27 - May 3	Burning Bush Ln	June 8 - June 14
Wolf Road	May 4 - May 10	Elmhurst Road	June 15 - June 21

Please contact Sergeant Mike Eterno at 818-5248 with your traffic law enforcement concerns or questions.



# Fire Department

## Children's Fire Safety Festival

The Mount Prospect Fire Department invites you and your children to the 30th annual Children's Fire Safety Festival, May 4 through May 8, 2009, at Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) in Glenview. Please visit [www.nipsta.org](http://www.nipsta.org) for map and driving directions. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily.

The goal of the festival is to provide area children with an entertaining and educational experience about fire safety practices. During a child's trip through the festival they will learn how to Stop Drop and Roll, practice Exit Drills In the Home (E.D.I.T.H.), the sound a smoke detector makes and how to stay low and go. Children will also see an ambulance up-close, meet a fire fighter and see them dressed in all their protective clothing.

If you have a home school group or you are a child care provider and would like to attend, please contact us to schedule a visit. For more information contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 818-5253.

## Emergency Preparedness

The next time disaster strikes, you may not have much time to act. Prepare now for a sudden emergency. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. This checklist will help you get started. Discuss these ideas with your family, then prepare an emergency plan. Post the plan where everyone will see it – on the refrigerator or bulletin board.

### Emergency Checklist:

- Discuss what to do about power outages and personal injuries.
- Draw a floor plan of your home. Mark two escape routes from each room.
- Show family members how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches when necessary.
- Post emergency telephone numbers near telephones.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, police and fire.
- Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local friend or relative or family members to call if separated during a disaster (it is often easier to call out-of-state than within the affected area).
- Teach children your out-of-state contact's phone number.
- Pick two emergency meeting places.
  - 1) A place near your home in case of a fire.
  - 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after a disaster.
- Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
- Keep family records in a water and fire-proof container.

For more information about emergency preparedness, visit our web site, [www.mountprospect.org/ema](http://www.mountprospect.org/ema).

**3 DAYS 3 WAYS**



**BUILD A KIT**



**MAKE A PLAN**



**GET INVOLVED**

The Village recommends that all residents be prepared to be self sufficient in case of an emergency for three days. For more information about our "3 Days, 3 Ways" emergency preparedness campaign, visit the web site, [www.mountprospect.org/ema](http://www.mountprospect.org/ema).



## Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When you changed your clocks, did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors?

Working smoke alarms provide an early warning, especially when you are asleep. If a fire occurs, having a working smoke alarm reduces your risk of dying in a home fire by 50%. Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and practice your home fire escape plan.

Residents who cannot afford a smoke and/or carbon monoxide detector or have physical limitations that would hinder them from installing or maintaining their smoke detector should contact the Fire Prevention Bureau for assistance at 818-5253.

## Severe Weather Awareness

It is important to familiarize yourself with the different weather watches and warnings and review what you would do in the event of a tornado.

- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area.
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning:** A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.
- **Tornado Watch:** Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes in and close to the watch area.
- **Tornado Warning:** A tornado has actually been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar and is occurring or imminent in the warning area.



# Human Services Department

## Senior Celebration Day

### NEW DAY, NEW LOCATION!!!

The twenty-first annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Arlington Park Racecourse on May 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 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 from 10:30 to 3:30. You may even want to take in a few races so take advantage of the reduced admission for Senior Day. For additional information call 870-5680.

## 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 27, 2009, 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.

## Health & Wellness

### Health Screening

Public Health Nurses see residents for blood pressure screening and monitoring, medication review, diabetic testing, injections, and diet counseling, every Monday morning between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Community Center.

A rapid cholesterol test will be offered at all Monday morning screenings in the Community Center. The cost for the test is \$4.00, fasting is not necessary and the test measures Total Cholesterol only.

Health education sessions and other special health screenings are also offered to residents throughout the year. For more information, call 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. For information, call 870-5680.

### Cholesterol Screening

Cholesterol Screening Clinics are held the second Thursday of each month between 8:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the Human Services Department on the second floor of Village Hall. Appointments should be scheduled in advance by calling the Human Services Department at 870-5680. The cost of the test is \$20.

## 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, 2009. If you are interested, please contact Thomas Tucker, LCSW at 870-5680.

## Financial Planning Classes

A new series of classes will be held on Tuesday evenings May 5, 12, 19 & 26 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.

# Business Page



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

Americana Foods, Inc.  
Wholesale  
2206 S Busse Rd  
(847) 640-8279

Emma's Restaurant Inc.  
Restaurant  
401 E Euclid Av  
(847) 342-0102

McGovern & Associates  
Chiropractic  
425 E Euclid Av  
(847) 255-2225

RAO Immigration Services,  
Immigration Service  
1699 Wall St 122a  
(847) 357-1600

Aramark Corporation  
Food Service  
1802 W Central Rd  
(847) 679-0900

Hobby Lobby Stores, Inc.  
Retail  
1500 S Elmhurst Rd  
(847) 357-1762

Northshore Imaging  
Service  
15 N Elmhurst Av 105  
(773) 750-7099

Roberto Loza  
Restaurant  
1660 Feehanville Dr  
(847) 375-0789

Best Auto Care, Inc.  
Auto Detailing  
2028 S Elmhurst Rd  
(630) 479-8851

Hunter Tax Services, Inc.  
Service  
55 E Euclid Av 425  
(847) 259-0030

Northwest Pediatric  
Doctor's Clinic  
1715 W Algonquin Rd  
(224) 535-7105

Touchstone Culture L To  
Service  
874 E Northwest Hw  
(847) 553-5637

Chaudhari Insurance  
Insurance Sales  
1699 Wall St 122b  
(847) 545-1111

Kamb Co  
Health Club  
106 S Emerson St  
(847) 212-0821

William J Payne, Attorney At  
Law  
Attorney  
1100 W Northwest Hw 103  
(847) 827-5117

WGS Financial Corp  
1140 S Elmhurst Rd  
(847) 439-0799

China Garden  
Restaurant  
1625 S Busse Rd  
(847) 472-9810

KWB, Inc.  
Health Club  
1710 W Golf Rd  
(847) 956-8267

Quality Car Detail  
Service  
101 E Rand Rd  
(847) 338-9979



## Downtown Merchants Association

The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association is pleased to announce the 2009 events and new members!

### Downtown Events

Spring/Summer Event - Date TBD

Cruise Nights - Saturdays May through September

Fall Festival and Oktoberfest - October 17, 2009

Family New Years Eve Party - December 31, 2009

### Newest members:

Boulevard Caffe - 143 W. Prospect Avenue

Comix Revolution - 115 W. Central Road

Downtown Mount Prospect Businesses,

### Meetings - Join Us

Join us at our Monthly meetings: 8:30 a.m. every Third Tuesday of the month at the Mount Prospect Public Library (10 S. Emerson Street). It's a great chance to become involved and promote your events! Visit [www.downtownmountprospect.com](http://www.downtownmountprospect.com) for more information!



# SPEAK OUT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mail to: 'Speak Out', Village of Mount Prospect, 50 S. Emerson Street, Mount Prospect, IL 60056 OR Email to: [speakout@mountprospect.org](mailto:speakout@mountprospect.org)  
 (Name and Mailing Address or E-mail Address required for response).

"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.  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_ As a citizen of Mount Prospect, it is my opinion that: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Help Us Make the Honor Roll

There is no other building in Mount Prospect with the historical significance of the 1896 Central School. The building was purchased by the Mount Prospect Historical Society in 2002 with the intention of preserving this building and moving it to a new permanent home. Thanks to the community's generous donations, the Mount Prospect Historical Society was able to move the building in 2008 to the new permanent site, next to the Dietrich Friedrichs Museum on Maple Street.

Now, fundraising efforts are focusing on restoring the Central School to its historically mixed role as an educational building, a meeting place, and center for the community.

Mid-Term Report Card Central School Project	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saving the 1896 Central Schoolhouse and moving it to a permanent location	A+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Placing the Central Schoolhouse on a basement foundation	A+
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Constructing outside access to the basement storage area	A+
<input type="checkbox"/> Demolishing later interior finishes and removing asbestos	Incomplete
<input type="checkbox"/> Updating the structure's electrical, plumbing and heating systems	Incomplete
<input type="checkbox"/> Restoring the school's original interior finishes	Incomplete
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping the exterior	Incomplete
<input type="checkbox"/> Opening the Central Schoolhouse to the public	Incomplete

We still have \$160,000 of work ahead of us and in this tough economy, that could take years unless you are willing to dig deep and contribute to the effort. Please consider donating to Phase II of the Mount Prospect Historical Society's effort to make Central School a contributing member of the community once again. For more information, call Greg Peerbolte, executive director, at 392-9006.

**Please send your donation to:**  
 The Central School Fund 101 S. Maple St., Mount Prospect, IL 60056-3229 or visit [www.yourcentralschool.org](http://www.yourcentralschool.org) and donate online through PayPal.



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