



MOUNT PROSPECT Village News

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER OPENS

On Saturday, August 29, the Community Connections Center officially opened its doors to the community. The Center's purpose is to provide the coordinated delivery of information and municipal, library, and referral services to underserved area residents and businesses.

Located at 1711 West Algonquin (southwest corner of Busse and Algonquin Roads), the Center occupies 2,400 square feet in the Crystal Court Shopping Center. It has a front reception area, three private offices, a community room, and a branch of the Mount Prospect Public Library. The Library's South Branch is stocked with over 7,000 materials in several different languages.

The Village of Mount Prospect, Mount Prospect Public Library, District 214 Community Education, Community Consolidated School District 59, and Northwest Community Hospital have partnered together to provide the following services at the Center:

- Business Development
- Adult Education and Family Literacy
- Adult ESL Classes
- Advocacy, Case Management, Counseling
- Books, Movies and Music



Community Connections Center Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening Celebration - August 29

Mayor Pro Tem Arlene Juracek (center) is joined by State Rep. Mark Walker, State Sen. Susan Garrett, Cook County Commissioner Tim Schnieder, State Senator Dan Kotowski, Juracek, Trustee Steve Polit, Trustee Michael Zadel, Trustee Paul Hoefert, Karen Baker of Northwest Community Hospital and Mike Field of District 214

- Chronic Disease Management
- Citizenship Preparation/ Naturalizations Application
- Crime Prevision
- Fair Housing, Landlord, Tenant Education
- Financial Assistance
- GED and ELL materials
- Health Screenings and Information
- Homework and Reading Assistance

- Internet Connected Computers
- Parent Education Workshops
- Preschool Story Time
- Public Benefits Application Assistance
- Youth and Teen Programming

Please stop by and visit the Center!

See Page 6 for more on the Center.

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VILLAGE PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Village Hall	392-6000
(includes Finance, Village Administration)	
TDD	392-6064
Village Clerk	818-5355
Television Services	870-5685
Community Development	
Building Division	870-5675
Environmental Health	870-5668
Planning Division	818-5328
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)	870-5666
Human Services Dept.	870-5680
Police Dept. (non-emergency)	870-5656
Crime Line	870-5649
Crime Prevention	870-5650
Records	870-5655
Public Works Dept.	870-5640
Water Billing	392-6000

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

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

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

Village Hall

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

Web site: www.mountprospect.org

E-Mail the Village at
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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:

OCTOBER 10
NOVEMBER 14
DECEMBER 12

News, Notes and Reminders



Village Implements Emergency Notification System

Registration begins November 2

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

Should an emergency occur, Village personnel can notify residents in a matter of minutes. The Everbridge system delivers messages across all communication platforms, including, cell and land line phone numbers, e-mail addresses, instant messaging, fax, personal data assistants (PDA's), and pagers listed within the system. If phone lines are busy, the system will redial a predetermined number of times to make contact. If an answering machine picks up the call, the emergency message will be left on the machine. If the telephone rings without an answer, after a predetermined number of attempts, Everbridge will use the next contact path that has been supplied by each resident. You do not have to purchase any new equipment, and will only be notified of urgent situations that affect the area in which your home is located. The Everbridge system is currently loaded with every listed land line phone number from existing 9-1-1 data. Once residents register their preferred contact information, the Everbridge system will contact thousands of people in a matter of minutes. **Registration begins Nov. 2.** To register, go to www.mountprospect.org. Those without internet access can register at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Flu Shots

The Human Services Department will administer seasonal flu vaccinations on October 7 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. or until supplies have been depleted. The location is the Village Hall Community Center, 50 South Emerson. No appointments are necessary.

Seniors who have Medicare A and B will not be charged for the shot, but must bring their Medicare card and their supplemental insurance card with them in order for the Village to file their insurance claim. Individuals with Medicare HMO, Railroad Retirement, or who are under age sixty-five and do not have Medicare, will be charged \$20.00 for the shot. Shots are available to anyone eighteen years of age and over with some exceptions. The Village is not authorized to vaccinate anyone with the following conditions: allergy to eggs; history of Guillain Barre Syndrome; pregnant; acute illness with a fever or history of seizures/convulsions from fevers. Please contact your own physician if you have any of these conditions. For more information, call the Human Services Department at 870-5680.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Class

The Fire Department is offering a free 20-hour disaster preparedness course that will help you, your family, and your neighbors in the event of a local disaster. The training will give you a basic overview on disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, basic medical operations, light search and rescue and terrorism preparedness at no cost. The seven-week training course will begin October 7, and end on November 18. Classes will be held at Police Fire Headquarters, 112 E. Northwest Highway. For further information, please contact Jim Miller at the Fire Department, 818-5253.

Shining Star Awards

Each year the Village recognizes individuals and organizations that contribute to making Mount Prospect a better community at the Celestial Celebration. The event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 and the Special Events Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2009 Shining Star Awards. If you have a neighbor that would bend over backward for anyone in need, or know someone who is always there but asks nothing in return? Then you might know a Shining Star candidate. They can only win if they are nominated. Nomination forms and category descriptions are available on the Village's web site, www.mountprospect.org. Nominations must be received by November 16.

Overnight Parking

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



Upcoming Events

Trick-or-Treating Hours

3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on
Saturday, October 31

Halloween Safety

Halloween will soon be here, and here are some helpful tips to keep all of our little ghosts and ghouls safe.

- Make sure kids trick or treat during the suggested times of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Avoid dark colored costumes that make children harder to see during dusk.
- During the evening hours make sure your kids carry a flashlight, glow stick or wear a reflective belt or vest to help ensure they are seen.
- Avoid wearing masks as they restrict vision, face paint is a safer alternative.
- Trick or treaters should cross at cross walks and never cross from in between parked cars.
- Children should always trick or treat in a group or be accompanied by an adult. It's always safer in a group and more fun.
- An adult should always check all candy and treats before they are eaten.

Officer Friendly will be happy to speak to your children's group or class on Halloween safety. Call 870-5650 to schedule a visit from Officer Friendly.



Lions Club Farmers' Market

Sundays Through October 25

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Commuter Parking Lot (northwest corner of Northwest Hwy. and Rte. 83)

For a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies, stop by and check it out!

Fall Festival & Oktoberfest

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Fall Festival)

4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. (Oktoberfest)

Saturday, October 17

Emerson St. & Busse Ave.

Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association. The family will enjoy hayrides, candy lines, macaroni soup, and entertainment. Following the Fall Festival, stay for the 2nd Annual Oktoberfest - Live entertainment featuring the German Band Phenix, great food, and dancing are expected to bring in the crowds for a fun night out in downtown Mount Prospect!

Veterans' Day

Wednesday, November 11

10:30 a.m.

Lions Park - Veterans' Band Shell

The procession will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Lions Park recreation center and will march around to the band shell where a ceremony will be held. Please come out to honor and support our veterans.

Community Band Fall Concert

November 15, 2:00 p.m.

Forest View Educational Center

The Mt. Prospect Community Band presents its Fall Concert entitled "Flights of Fancy" - and will feature a musical tribute to all things that fly. Tickets can be obtained in advance by calling The Rec Plex at 640-1000, or at the door.

Holiday House Decorating Contest

December 2 - 8

If your holiday lights are on the evenings of December 2 through 8, your home will be considered for the Village's Holiday Decorating Contest. Judges will be touring the Village on those dates to scout all the beautifully decorated houses of Mount Prospect. Winners will be announced at the December 15 Village Board Meeting. Award categories include Best Use of Lights, Best Block, Simple yet Elegant, and more.

Winter Festival Parade

Saturday, December 5

5:00 p.m., Prospect Ave.

The parade will feature live reindeer, marching bands, floats, choral groups and Santa and Mrs. Claus. A refreshment tent will be located at Prospect Avenue and Wille Street. Choral groups will be stationed along the parade route to add to the holiday spirit. The Village is looking for interested participants to join in the celebration. For more information, please call 392-6000 or visit the web site, www.mountprospect.org.

Toys for Kids

Donations accepted through Dec. 12

The Mount Prospect Police, Fire and Human Services Departments are once again conducting their annual Christmas Toys for Kids program. Only NEW, UNWRAPPED toys will be accepted at any Mount Prospect Fire Station from November 27 until December 12.

Junior Women's Club Luminaria

December 12, 2:00 p.m.

Weiss Community Center, 1500 E. Euclid

Luminaria are \$4 for a set of 5 kits which includes the bags, candles and sand. All proceeds benefit various Mount Prospect charities and families in need. Any questions or pre-orders, please email jrsluminaria@comcast.net or call 414-5813.

Upcoming Events



Mount Prospect Public Library

www.mpppl.org

Annual Cultural Series: An American Sampler: Oct. 1 – 31

Every October the Library presents a series of programs that offers insight into the cultures of people across the globe. This year we are turning the spotlight inward to examine the culture, landscape, and art forms that are unique to America. For a full list of programs, visit www.mpppl.org.

Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. – Noon

Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and see nationally known story-performer Chris Fascione act out best-loved stories. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march to the Village Hall to welcome the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by our own Mount Prospect Fire Department. Registration is required. To sign up, visit www.mpppl.org/events, call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

Mount Prospect Historical Society

www.mtphist.org

Eating Your Way Into History

Dine at these local restaurants and support the Historical Society at the same time. Help the Society's efforts to preserve its historical house museum and the Central School, located at 101 and 103 South Maple Street.

Oberweis – Oct. 17

Sub Express – Oct. 29

El Sombrero – Nov. 16

Oct 2009 – New Exhibit at Museum

"They felt it had prospects for the future: The Story of Early Mount Prospect."

Part Two: The Wille Family. This exhibit, second in a series, will highlight the contributions of the Wille family to the early settlement of Mount Prospect. At the exhibit room in the Dietrich Friedrichs Historic Home.

22nd Annual Holiday Housewalk - December 4

Featuring the historic area of North Pine Street. The housewalk will start at St. John's Episcopal Church. Homes are open from 3:30-9 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase Nov. 2.

Mt. Prospect Park District

www.mppd.org

Howlin' Halloween Fest

October 24 • 11am-3pm, Lions Rec Center, Children 3-8

Fee: \$4 per child payable at the door

Calling all little ghosts and goblins. There will be a moonwalk, crafts, face painting and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fall Craft Show

Saturday, October 10 • 10am-3pm

Friendship Park Conservatory, FREE Admission

Visit a wide variety of crafters and artisans offering handmade items, jewelry and much more.

Gigantic Indoor Garage Sale

Saturday, November 7 • 9am-1pm, RecPlex

Come shop 'til you drop for bargains and treasures galore.

E-Cycle at Friendship Park Conservatory

November 12 thru 15, 11am-3pm

For more information call 847-298-3500.

Holiday Open House

Friendship Park Conservatory

Saturday, December 5 • 11am-3pm

Join us for hot cider, cookies, children's crafts and, of course, Santa. You'll enjoy holiday music throughout the day, hayrides, seasonal floral displays and live reindeer. Bring your camera for those special holiday photos.

River Trails Park District

Children's Festival of Art

Saturday, October 3, 10am-Noon

FREE!!

**Clayground Art Studio, 550 Business Center Drive
847.342.6653**

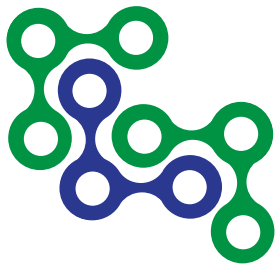
Adult Trips (pre-registration required)

November 10 – Legacy Girls

December 2 – Plaid Tidings

December 3- Annual Water Tower Shopping Spree

December 10- The Second City's Exceedingly Dysfunctional Holiday Revue



community connections center

The Center's hours of operation are:

Monday	8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday	10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Wednesday	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday	8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
<i>except when Center open on second Saturday of month*</i>	
* Friday before second Saturday of month 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	
*Second Saturday of the month	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Meet the Staff

THOMAS E. TUCKER

Community Connections Center Coordinator

Role at the Center: As the Center's Coordinator, I am primarily responsible for the Center's day-to-day operations and ensuring that the needs of each visitor are being met. Additionally, as the lead social worker assigned to the Center, I meet with individuals and families who are in need.

These services are limited to residents of Mount Prospect. Since the Center is partnering with several agencies to provide services and additional programming at the Center, I also collaborate with each partner to identify the community's needs and ways to bring new services to the Center.

Education and Career Summary: I was educated in Catholic seminaries in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. I was ordained a Catholic priest in 1971 and for 20 years I worked Hispanic parishes as well as trained other men preparing to be priests. I left ordained ministry in 1991. I then obtained my Masters in Social Work at Loyola University and worked for 17 years in hospice work. I began working for the Village in January 2009.

Languages Spoken: Spanish, Italian, French

My hope for the Center: I want the Center to be a welcoming place for those in need; a place where people care and want to help others. Additionally, I want the Center to be a place where children and adults will grow in a love of learning and reading.



JACQUELINE LARAMIE

Mount Prospect Public Library - South Branch Coordinator

Role at the Center: As the Coordinator for the South Branch of the Mount Prospect Library, I'll be doing a bit of everything, including helping people find any information they're looking for, signing people up for library cards, helping with computers, recommending books and movies, planning and presenting programs, and making sure that everything runs smoothly.

Education and Career Summary: I graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration, and a couple of years later I received a Masters Degree in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois/Springfield. I am currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science, which I will complete this December. I began working for Mount Prospect Public Library in my current position in April of this year.

Languages Spoken: English and Spanish

My hope for the Center: That it will become a community hub for people of all ages where they can pursue their informational, educational, recreational, and lifelong learning needs.



Finance Department



Preview of the 2010 Village Budget

The Village Board and Staff have started the 2010 budget process even though there are several months left in 2009. The 2010 budget is shaping up to be one of the most challenging years in Village history in terms of matching revenues and expenditures. The economic downturn has effected all businesses and residents in a number of different ways. Mount Prospect has benefited from fiscal conservative management and a diverse revenue stream; however, as the economic crisis has continued Mount Prospect is not immune from the impact of the crisis.

One of the most visible revenue sources for the average resident or business is the Village property tax levy. The Village share of the total property tax levy historically has been about 10%. Unfortunately the projected levy increase for 2009 and payable in 2010 is anticipated to increase by 9.89% or \$825,406 more than the previously anticipated rate increase.

What has caused this substantial increase?

The general economic downturn has impacted all municipal operations. However, as mandated by state law public safety pensions must be funded through the property tax levy and the combination of investment losses and state mandated funding requirements has created the need for the substantial property tax levy increase.

What can be done to address this substantial increase?

The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the non-public safety pension provider, has offered municipalities the option to cap the annual increase to 10% over the previous year pension contribution for the next two years. Unfortunately this option was not extended to public safety pensions which directly impact the levy. Mount Prospect community leaders and the Northwest Municipal Conference sought to address this issue through legislation. Illinois Senate Bill 2011 was passed by the state senate with the help of Senators Susan Garrett and Pam Althoff. However, the bill was opposed by the State-wide police and fire unions in the Illinois House and did not proceed during the spring session.

What can I do to help change this situation?

There is one more opportunity this legislative session to offer relief to taxpayers during the fall veto session. The session will occur on October 14-16 and October 28-30. To minimize the impact on taxpayers caused by not considering at least temporary relief during this economic crisis, please contact the following Mount Prospect state senators and representatives and urge them to support Senate Bill 2011.

Property Tax Relief Grant

The Board of Trustees has approved funds to provide 2009 Mount Prospect real estate tax relief for qualifying owners of single-family residences. This opportunity is available to households having a gross annual income equal to or less than: \$21,660 for 1 person; or \$29,500 for 2 or more persons. The Village will rebate 50 percent (to a maximum of \$100) of its portion of the total 2008 Cook County real estate tax bill. Please apply after you have received and then paid the 2nd installment of your 2008 tax bill.

Assistance in completing the application will be available at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street in the Finance Department, between 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. on November 5, 10, 17 and 19 and December 3. Applications must be submitted by December 4. For more information or to obtain an application, please contact Lisa in the Finance Department at 818-5277.

Vehicle Stickers Required

The deadline for displaying 2009-2010 vehicle stickers was April 30, 2009. The Police Department issues citations to owners of locally registered vehicles on which 2009-2010 stickers are not displayed. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late payment penalty. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased replacement vehicles after May 1. In these situations, there is a 30 day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Proof of move-in or purchase date is required to ensure that a penalty is not imposed. If you change vehicles during the year, call the Finance Department at 392-6000 for more information.

Contact your State Legislators:

To find out who your representatives are, go to www.voterinfonet.com

State Senators

Matt Murphy (R) - Dist. 27
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Susan Garrett (D) - Dist. 29
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Dan Kotowski (D) - Dist. 33
dan@senatorkotowski.com
(847) 797-1192

State Representatives

Sidney Mathias (R) - Dist. 53
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Elaine Nekritz (D) Dist. 57
enekritz@repnekritz.org
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Rosemary Mulligan (R) - Dist. 65
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(847) 297-6533

Mark Walker (D) Dist. 66
repmarkwalker@gmail.com
(847) 640-8645



Village Clerk

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Program

If you are currently involved in a neighborhood dispute that appears to have little hope for positive resolution, the Village's Alternative Dispute Resolution, Mediation Program may be the answer. The mediation process allows participants to identify and discuss issues of mutual concern, explore solutions and develop mutually acceptable agreements. The sessions are facilitated by a neutral third party trained in mediation techniques.

- Mediation is a voluntary process available at no cost to participants; proceedings are private and confidential.
- Mediation gives participants an opportunity to tell their stories, and talk about the personal and emotional impact of the dispute.
- Mediation can preserve the relationship between participants far better than litigation. It is a cooperative process, not an adversarial one.
- Mediation agreements have a high rate of compliance as participants maintain control of the outcome of the mediation.

Mediation is a viable approach to resolving a number of civil disputes including but not limited to:

- Neighbor to Neighbor Disputes
- Landlord/Tenant Disputes
- Contractor/Homeowner Disputes
- Consumer/Business Disputes

Disputes of a criminal nature, code violations, issues already in litigation or with another governmental entity will not be mediated. If you are interested in participating in the ADR program, please call Lisa Angell at 818-5333.

ACROSS THE BOARD

Since the last publication of the Mount Prospect Newsletter, the Village Board of Trustees has enacted the following ordinances from May 20, 2009 through August 18, 2009:

5740 amends Chapter 13 of the Village Code by adding one (1) Class "F3" (Restaurant with Lounge) liquor license for EDITH'S PLACE, 1064 Mount Prospect Plaza;

5741 amends Chapter 20 (Animals) of the Village Code by limiting the number of dogs, cats or combination thereof per dwelling;

5742 grants a Conditional Use permit to operate a gymnastics school for property located at 520 Business Center Drive;

5743 adopts the prevailing wages established by the State of Illinois for public works projects provided by contractors;

5744 amends Chapter 19 (Health Regulations) of the Village Code by exempting governmental entities from the Village's solid waste service contract;

5745 amends Chapter 8 (Village Government), Chapter 21 (Building Code) Chapter 23 (Offenses and Miscellaneous) and Appendix A of the Village Code regarding Crime Free Housing and Enforcement Fees;

5746 amends Chapter 21 (Building Code) of the Village Code by adopting the 2006 International Building Code, 2006 International Mechanical Code, 2004 Illinois Plumbing Code, 2006 International Residential Code, 2005 National Electrical Code, 2006 International Fuel Gas Code, 2006 International Energy Conservation Code, 2006 International Property Maintenance Code, with local amendments;

5747 amends Chapter 24 (Fire Prevention) of the Village Code by adopting 2006 International Fire Code with local amendments;

5748 amends Chapter 1 (Village President) of the Village Code by certifying that the Mayor Pro Tem also assumes the duties of the Local Liquor Commissioner;

5749 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) of the Village Code by modifying the parking schedule for the municipal parking lot bounded by South Main Street (Elmhurst Road), West Busse Avenue and West Northwest Highway. Authorizes police enforcement of posted parking restrictions;

5750 amends Chapter 7 (Sign Regulations) of the Village Code by making updates to Village sign regulations;

5751 amends Chapter 14 (Zoning) of the Village Code by making numerous updates to Village zoning regulations;

5752 grants a Variation (front yard setback) for property located at 927 South Busse Road;

5753 amends Chapter 4 (Appointive Village Officers) and Appendix A, Division I of the Village Code relating to the functions and duties of the Village Manager;

5754 amends Chapter 9 (Public Utilities, Pavement and Tree Regulations) of the Village Code by relocating provisions relating to licenses for the placement of private lawn sprinkling systems in the public right-of-way from Chapter 4 to Chapter 9 of the Village Code;

5755 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by deleting (1) Class "F-3" (Restaurant with lounge) liquor license for SRSA Enterprises d/b/a Vita Mia, 1724 West Golf Road.

Community Development



Building Permits and Bond Refunds

The Building Division would like to remind residents that ALL permits require a final inspection. Building Permits and any bond monies paid for that permit are valid for one year from the date of issuance. Failure to schedule and pass a final inspection on your project results in forfeiture of applicable bond money, a hold being placed on your real estate transfer stamp, and issuance of a Notice of Violation resulting in citation.

Final inspections are your insurance that a job was completed in accordance with building codes. Upon successful completion of your final inspection, your permit is automatically processed for any applicable bond refund. Bond refunds are issued to the party who paid for the permit at the time of issuance. Important things to remember:

- ALL permits require final inspection
- Permits are valid for one year from issuance date
- Bond money expires with the permit
- Expired Permits are subject to citation

Building Division Inspections

The Building Division has remained extremely busy this year and we continue to book 48-72 hours out for inspections. If your project will need an inspection, we encourage you to schedule your inspection as far in advance as possible. We make every effort to accommodate requests for inspections within 48 hours; however due to high demand, this is not always possible. Please have your permit number, address and a contact phone number when you call to schedule your inspection. Inspections can be scheduled by calling the Building Division at 870-5675.

New EPA Requirements

Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children.

To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, the EPA issued a rule requiring the use of lead-safe practices and other actions aimed at preventing lead poisoning. Under the rule, beginning in April 2010, contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities, and schools built before 1978 must be certified and must follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination.

Until that time, EPA recommends that anyone performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools follow lead-safe work practices. All contractors should follow these three simple procedures:

- Contain the work area.
- Minimize dust.
- Clean up thoroughly.

Read more at www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm

Reminders for Pet Owners

Please be considerate to your neighbors and follow these pet regulations:

- Dogs must be leashed or enclosed by an adequate fence.
- Do not permit your dog, cat or other pet to stray onto others' property.
- Do not permit your pet to disturb the peace.
- Bring a device to remove dog waste and remove the waste when walking your dog.
- Keep your property free of accumulations of animal waste.
- No more than a total of three dogs and cats are permitted.

Economic Development

Randhurst Village

The former mall structure was demolished on August 28 making way for the construction of Randhurst Village. Casto Lifestyle Properties will spend the next several months filling in the basement area of the old mall and preparing the site for construction next spring. Randhurst Village will open in the spring of 2011 and will include a new AMC theater, a hotel and over 200,000 square feet of prime retail and restaurant space. 5 Guys Burgers and Chipotle are planning grand openings in early November in the former Egg Factory outlot building on Kensington Road. Costco, Carsons, Bed Bath and Beyond and all the existing outlot businesses will remain open during the construction period.

New Eateries

Las Islas Marias Restaurant, featuring Mexican seafood, opened its' doors in early September at the Mount Prospect Commons center at the NW corner of Golf and Busse.

Edith's Place Restaurant opened at the MP Plaza at Rand/Central. They offer Philippine cuisine, a large dance floor and live entertainment.

Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria opened its' sixth Chicagoland location in Mount Prospect. Formerly Famous Freddie's Roadhouse, the new Moretti's brings to the neighborhood an entirely new, yet celebrated concept specializing in pizza and Italian fare.

Stay Fit Food Market

A new specialty grocer has opened in the downtown area on Prospect Avenue. Stay Fit Food Market will initially sell dairy products, pre-packaged foods, natural and organic products and European and Mediterranean breads. Later this fall they will introduce a "fresh" grocery and baked goods.



Public Works

Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Village's fall leaf collection program provides residents with a no-cost, convenient way to get rid of leaves. The program allows residents to set out loose leaves at the curb for collection by Public Works crews from October 5 through November 20. Additionally bagged leaves will be collected from November 23 through December 11.

Loose Leaf Collection

The loose-leaf collection program is for LEAVES ONLY. Any leaf pile containing grass clippings or other yard material will NOT BE COLLECTED.

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

Bagged leaf collection

ARC Disposal will conduct the extended leaf collection program for bagged leaves on your regularly scheduled refuse collection day from November 23 through December 11.

- Biodegradable compost bags containing leaves only will be collected without the Village-imprinted sticker.
- All other yard material and/or leaves in rigid containers must have the Village-imprinted sticker affixed to pay for collection and disposal of the yard material. Bags and/or containers must not exceed 50 lb. Rigid containers must also have the yard waste decal affixed.

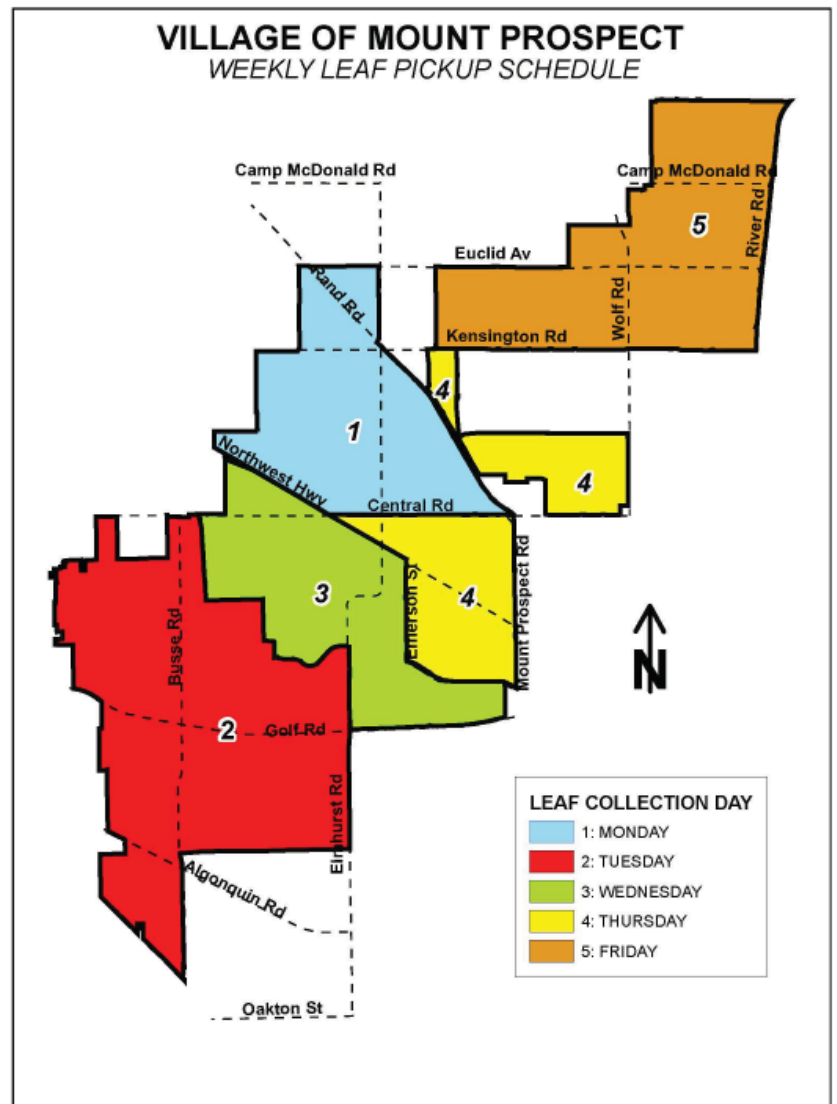
Keep your leaves

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

And more leaves

Every year some residents ask about ordering truckloads of free leaves to use as mulch and compost. However, to order a supply, you must order a whole truckload. If that's too much for your needs, get together with your neighbors and share it. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 870-5640.

BURNING LEAVES IN MOUNT PROSPECT VIOLATES ORDINANCE 24.115



Public Works

Road Salt and Winter Driving

Salt is spread the entire length of all streets, but more heavily at intersections. Drivers should be aware, however, that the effectiveness of salt is affected by several factors. These include traffic volume, type of street surface (concrete vs. asphalt), shade patterns and most importantly temperature.

When the thermometer dips below 25 degrees F, salt effectiveness begins to diminish. Currently the Village does put an environmentally friendly beet juice additive on the salt to make it more effective in colder temperatures, but at zero degrees F and below even the additive has its limitations.

Salt effectiveness also is reduced, or even eliminated altogether, by freezing rain because it's washed off the pavement surface and dissolved.

When you're driving in slick, wintertime conditions, a good idea is to imagine there's no salt on the pavement at all. Allow longer distances between you and the vehicle ahead, drive more slowly, and begin stopping well before you would in warmer weather.

Supplemental Snowplow Drivers Wanted

If you have experience driving large trucks, have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, can be available whenever needed and could use some extra money, the Public Works Department wants you!

The Department is currently looking for supplemental snow plow drivers, an orientation class must be attended be all first years drivers, please call 870-5640 for details.

Street Plowing Procedures

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

- Principal intersections are plowed and salted first.
- Primary collector streets are then plowed enough to allow two-way traffic to pass safely. Cul-de-sacs are plowed after a 2- inch accumulation of snow.
- Feeder streets and dead ends are plowed last.

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

Remember, it is hazardous and illegal to shovel or blow snow into any public street once the street has been plowed. All shoveled or blown snow should be piled in your yard or parkway. Shovel the snow to the side, in the direction of traffic, and clear a pocket for snow on the opposite side of your driveway. The accumulated snow in the plow will dump into the pocket and NOT in your driveway.

Keep Sidewalks Free of Snow

Sidewalks covered with snow and ice are a particular safety concern for the elderly and people with disabilities. Imagine trying to walk with a cane or maneuver a wheelchair through an un-shoveled sidewalk. Sidewalks that are not shoveled can make it almost impossible for some to get around and have the potential to cause serious injuries.

If you are a healthy person who is comfortable shoveling snow, please help out your neighbors. If you are unable to clear your own sidewalks, is there a neighbor, caretaker or family member who could offer assistance?



Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees and wreaths will be collected by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day from January 4 - 15, 2010, no stickers required.

Christmas trees set out for composting must be free of all decorative debris. Please remove all decorative items from the tree including lights, tinsel, ornaments or bulbs and strings or wires.

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

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

Holiday Solid Waste Schedule

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

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

Except:

- Christmas Day (Falls on a Saturday, no effect on the collection schedule)

If a holiday falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one (1) day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday.



Police Department

Chat With the Chief

Mount Prospect Police Chief John Dahlberg will be holding several informal citizen discussion sessions on Thursday evenings during the fall at the Mount Prospect Public Library.



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 as you are. These meetings will provide residents with a great opportunity to meet Chief Dahlberg and converse with him in a relaxed and open atmosphere. The meetings will be conducted at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 50 S. Emerson Street, Meeting Room 130, on the following dates: **Saturday, September 26th from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 A.M., Thursday, September 24th and Thursday, October 1st from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

Protect Yourself from Phone Scams

Across the nation, increases of phone scams have been popping up all over. The Police Department wants to remind everyone of these ideas to keep you from being a victim of this type of a scam:

- Do not wire money to anyone unless you are absolutely sure it is someone you know and trust. Don't send a check, cash, or money order or give out your account information to anyone insisting on immediate payment.
- Always check out unfamiliar companies with your local consumer protection agency, Better Business Bureau, state Attorney General, the National Fraud Information Center, or other watchdog groups.

Unlocked Vehicles “Open Invitation” for Criminals

Car burglaries are very difficult cases to solve as there is usually very little physical evidence left behind after one has occurred. Recently, thefts have been occurring in single family home neighborhoods and driveways. These crimes usually occur in the late evening hours or early morning hours when it is less likely the thieves will be seen. In order to help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a car burglary we are providing some easy tips to follow:

- Always close your windows and lock your doors.
- Remove loose valuables from your vehicle. If you must leave valuables in your car place them out of sight in the trunk or under the seats.
- Park in well lit area. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of door ding, a criminal looks for cars parked out of the way in order to help ensure less attention is drawn to them.

If you would like any more information on car burglaries or other police matters, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 870-5650 or email us at crimeprevention@mountprospect.org.

Winter Driving Tips

With winter upon us, it is important we remember safe winter driving tips. Even experienced drivers can find their nerves and skills tested by the winter road conditions in the Chicagoland area. Here are some tips to help you drive safely as the weather turns cold and nasty.

- Keep your vehicle properly maintained. A properly functioning vehicle is key to surviving winter driving.
- Be prepared for the unexpected emergency and always carry a First Aid kit, ice scraper, snow brush, matches, candles, flashlight, warning triangles or flares, bag of sand, blanket, gloves, emergency HELP sign, and cell phone in your vehicle.
- Watch for hazardous road conditions.
- Use your headlights during overcast and gloomy fall days.
- Remove all snow and ice from all windows of your vehicle before starting your drive.
- Keep your windshield washer reservoir full to help keep your windshield clear.
- Finally, SLOW DOWN! Most car accidents are caused by excessive speed.

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

September 28 - October 4	Elmhurst Road	November 9 - November 15	Burning Bush Lane
October 5 - October 11	Northwest Hwy	November 16 - November 22	Elmhurst Road
October 12 - October 18	Wolf Road	November 23 - November 29	Euclid Avenue
October 19 - October 25	Busse Road	November 30 - December 6	Seminole Lane
October 26 - November 1	Rand Road	December 7 - December 13	Northwest Hwy
November 2 - November 8	Central Road		

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

Fire Department



Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When changing your clocks on November 1, remember to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Department recommends the following guidelines for installing and maintaining your smoke detectors.

- Install new batteries at least once a year. Immediately install a new battery if the detector “chirps” warning of a low battery.
- Test your smoke detector monthly.
- Choose device that bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Install detectors on every level of the home and outside all sleeping areas. Smoke detectors should also be installed in every room where people sleep.
- Replace your smoke detectors when they are 10 years old. The fire department recommends writing the install date on the base of the device.

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 detectors and practice your home fire escape plan.

Residents who cannot afford a smoke 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.

Winter Fire Safety

As winter approaches, remember and heed these few but precious life saving tips to help you keep warm and safe this winter season.

- Have your fuel burning appliances professionally checked once a year.
- Keep all combustibles away from any heating device. All space heaters must have ample space, at least three feet away from any combustible object or wall, and remember to unplug it when not in use.
- If you have a fireplace, keep the fires small and always use a fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying into the room. Never burn trash or paper in a fireplace. Remove ashes in a metal container and store them outside. Never leave children unattended in the presence of fire.
- Have a fire escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room and designate a meeting place outside of your home. Share the plan with your family members and practice it regularly.
- Carbon monoxide is also a serious problem this time of year. The Mount Prospect Fire Department urges everyone to have a working carbon monoxide detector in their home.

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

Fire Prevention Week 2009

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) for Fire Prevention Week 2009 – October 4 thru 10, urging Mount Prospect residents to “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.” This year’s campaign focuses on ways to keep homes fire safe and prevent painful burns. By following simple safety rules, you can “Stay Fire Smart! Don’t Get Burned.”

- Keep hot foods and liquids away from tables and counter edges so they cannot be pulled or knocked over.
- Have a 3-foot “kid-free” zone around the stove.
- Never hold a child in your arms while preparing hot food or drinking a hot beverage.
- Be careful when using things that get hot such as curling irons, oven, irons, lamps, heaters.
- Never leave a child alone in a room with a lit candle, portable heater, lit fireplace or stove, or where a hot appliance might be in use.
- Wear short or close-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Set your hot water temperature no higher than 120 degrees.
- Install anti-scald valves on shower heads and faucets.
- Install tamper-resistant receptacles to prevent a child from sticking an object in the outlet.

In conjunction with the Fire Prevention Week theme, the Fire Department will be conducting their annual poster contest for elementary school students and essay contest for junior high school students. Every Mount Prospect school is given the guidelines for the contest and we encourage your child to participate in this educational activity. If you have any questions about participating, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 818-5253.



Human Services Department

Senior Citizen Programs

Members of the senior programs are always looking for new friends to join their activities. Stop in at the Village Hall Community Center to pick up a monthly calendar. Activities include Sentimentalists Senior Chorus, Men's Club, Young At Heart Club, Senior Citizen's Advisory Council, Pool, Bingo, Bridge groups, and more.

Computer Partners

This program matches seniors (55+) who reside in Mount Prospect with teenagers or adults who are skilled in computer science. Meetings are held at the Mount Prospect Public Library and there are no charges for the instruction. Meetings are held weekly for one hour each. For more information, contact the Human Services Department at 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. The next class at the Village of Mount Prospect Community Center will be held on November 18 at 1:30 p.m. Call 870-5680 to register.

Advisory Council Party

The Advisory Council Christmas Party will be held on December 13 at the Wellington of Arlington. The cost is \$20 per person and the entree choices are prime rib, chicken or salmon. Doors will open at 12:00 noon, luncheon will be served at 1:00 p.m. and entertainment will follow. A cash bar will be available. Reservations can be made in person at the Mount Prospect Village Hall, Human Services Department, or by mail. For more information, please call 847/870-5680. Reservations must be made by December 8.

Medicare D Prescription Drug Open Enrollment Period

Open enrollment for Medicare D takes place November 15 - December 31. For assistance with the Medicare D program, call Northwest Community Hospital's SHIP program at 618-7440 or the Human Services Department at 870-5680. Information is also available at www.socialsecurity.gov or www.medicare.gov.

Pharmaceutical Assistance

The deadline for filing your application for the 2008 Circuit Breaker and Pharmaceutical Assistance Program is December 31, 2009. The State of Illinois can assist people 65 years of age and older or disabled individuals with prescription drugs. Income guidelines are:

- \$25,532 one-person household
- \$33,877 two-person household
- \$42,220 three-person or more household

The State of Illinois also offers a grant program to help individuals sixty-five years of age and older and disabled citizens who pay taxes on their homes, or to refund some of the taxes paid as part of their rent. Illinois residents who qualify for this grant will, also, receive a discount on their State of Illinois license plates. Income guidelines are:

- \$22,218 one-person household
- \$29,480 two-person household
- \$36,740 three-person or more household

If you are interested or have not applied yet for 2008, please call the Human Services Department at 870-5680, for assistance and/or the application.

Presentation - Death and Dying as a Human Experience

Rose Mary Meyer, RN, MS will present information and strategies to help people gain an understanding of responses to life-limiting illness, loss, and critical elements of advance directives. Oct. 1, 10:30 am, Village Hall Community Center, 50 S. Emerson.

Transportation to Medical Appointments

TRIP (Township Riders Initiative Pilot) provides rides to medical appointments for residents who are sixty years of age and older or eighteen years of age and disabled. Individuals are able to cross township boundaries, plus the townships of Maine and Barrington, go to Cook County Hospital, and the Veteran's Hospitals in Maywood and Elgin for a nominal fee.

The ETS/NW (Escorted Transportation Service) provides rides by volunteers for medical appointments. In addition, the volunteers act as escorts by remaining with the individual. On the way home, if a prescription needs to be filled, the volunteer will make a stop at the desired pharmacy. A small donation is requested. The person requesting the ride must be sixty years of age or older. For more information, or to register, request a ride, or to volunteer call 222-9227. For additional information, call the Human Services Department at 870-5680.

Holiday Programs

Help is available to low-income individuals living in Mount Prospect who need assistance during the Holiday Season. For additional information or to schedule an appointment to apply for the Holiday assistance, please call the Human Services Department at 870-5680.

If you would like to donate, non-perishable food items should be dropped off at the Human Services Department, 50 S. Emerson Street between November 1 and November 18 for the Thanksgiving program, and by December 16 for the Christmas program. We are also looking for volunteers to help sort the items or package the food. For more details, call 870-5680.



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

Las Islas Marias
1784 W Golf Rd
Restaurant

Alvaro Mercado Md.
601 W Central Rd 10
(847) 222-0030
Doctor's Clinic

Atosa Sarrafi DMD PC
259 E Rand Rd 107
(224) 735-3364
Dental Office

Better Care Home Health
1699 Wall St 104a
(847) 758-1773
Home Health Agency

Connolly Consulting
1699 Wall St 407
(847) 357-9417
Office

Edith's Place LLC
1064 Mt Prospect Plaza
(847) 222-9203
Food Service

Edward Jones Investments
2 E Northwest Hwy
(847) 398-0747
Financial Planner

Electrolysis By Berta Ltd
325 W Prospect Av 5
(847) 394-8670
Electrolysis

El Tosch America, Inc.
1890 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 472-2626
Other

Engineering Export
411 Business Center Dr 103
(847) 297-8500
Other

Family Medicine Specialists
930 Mt Prospect Plaza
(847) 797-1962
Medical Clinic

Hess Innovative Products,
1864 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 676-3260
Office

J.P. Construction, Inc.
300 W Golf Rd 207
Office

Jong Gajip
1827 W Algonquin Rd
Restaurant

JT Venture Group LLC
2088 S Elmhurst Rd
(847) 640-7721
Service

K C Abrasives
800 W Central Rd 113
(847) 749-0173
Distribution Facility

Little Bangkok Thai Cuisine
1652 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 956-0509
Restaurant

Mamma Enterprises, Inc.
606 W Northwest Hw 2
(847) 392-3130
Retail

Mercury Auto Repair, Inc.
1881 W Algonquin Rd
(847) 722-1067
Auto Repair

Mount Prospect Oil, Inc.
2 E Rand Rd
(847) 577-8755
Gas Station/Mini Mart

Paris 2000 Blanfe Enterp.
1627 S Busse Rd
(847) 427-1833
Other

Stay Fit Physical Therapy &
Food Market
133 W Prospect Av
(847) 255-2348
Retail

Surplus One Inc
301 W Central Rd
(847) 253-6800
Pet Supplies

Untamable Shrew, Inc.
1730 W Golf Rd
(847) 357-1930
Other

Ribbon Cuttings/Grand Openings

Walmart - Grand Re-Opening

930 Mount Prospect Plaza



The much-anticipated re-opening of Walmart took place in August. The store reopened after an extensive renovation and saw record-breaking crowds. There were reports that it was the best grand opening ever of a Walmart store. Thousands of customers had passed through the front door by mid-day.

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