



Mount Prospect Village Newsletter

Spring 2008

Direct Debit Program

Mount Prospect is now offering a new payment option for your Water/Sewer and Refuse utility bill. You may now opt to pay through direct debit of your checking or savings account. The funds will be withdrawn on the due date, thus avoiding late fees. Authorization forms are available on our website, www.mountprospect.org. Listed below are some FAQs about the program. If you still have questions after reading this, please contact utility billing at 392-6000.

Q. Is there a fee to utilize the Direct Debit Program?

A. No; there is no fee associated with the Direct Debit Program.

Q. When will my initial Direct Debit occur?

A. Once your completed enrollment form is received, it will undergo a "pre-notification" process where a test transaction (zero dollar amount) is created and used to verify the accuracy of the account information provided. Should the pre-notification test fail (due to an incorrect account number or bank transit routing number) you will be notified and asked to provide the correct information prior to commencing automatic payments. Each pre-notification test takes approximately ten (10) working days to complete. You will know when automatic direct debit payments are scheduled to begin when you receive your utility bill and it indicates "Bank Draft - Do Not Pay". Please continue to make payments until that time.

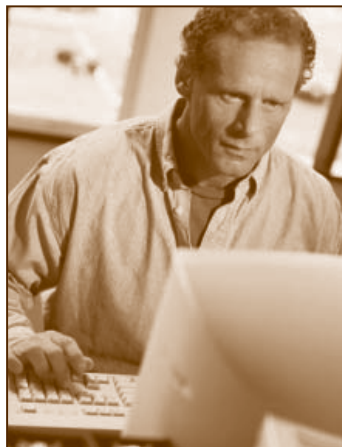
Q. When will funds be debited from my account?

A. The determined amount will be transferred from your bank account on the due date listed on the utility bill. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, your account will be debited on the following business day.

Q. Who is responsible for the availability of funds?

A. You are responsible for having enough money in the designated account on your payment date for the actual or estimated usage billed. Usage will be estimated based on previous history if an actual reading was not received. It is your responsibility to review your bill prior to the automatic bank draft date. If you foresee an issue with the amount to be debited, it is necessary for you to contact us at 392-6000 at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled bank draft date. As with checks returned for non-sufficient funds, there is a \$20 NSF charge on all returned items. Direct Debit Pay will be canceled if two payments are returned within a twelve (12) month period.

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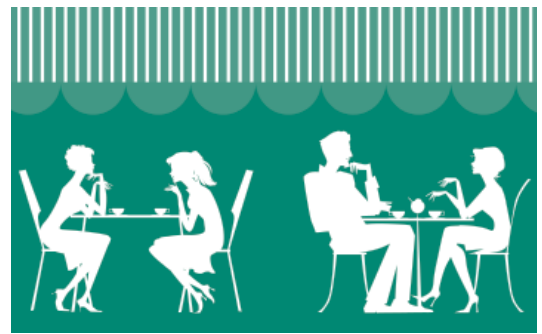
Economic Development Update

Rauland-Borg

Rauland-Borg will be relocating their corporate headquarters to 1802 W. Central Road bringing over 300 engineering and sales jobs to Mount Prospect. Rauland will join the Robert Bosch Tool Corporation as a tenant in the former 3Com facility on Central Road. Rauland is a leader in the communications industry, specializing in educational and health communication systems. They anticipate opening their new location by mid summer.

Downtown Restaurants

Two new eateries are scheduled to open this spring in the downtown area; Boulevard Café and Canta Napoli. Boulevard Café will be located at the corner of Prospect Avenue and Pine Street and will offer a variety of specialty sandwiches and light fare. Canta Napoli will open in The Emerson at the corner of Busse Avenue and Emerson Street and will feature wood burning oven pizzas and other Italian specialties.



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

Web Site: www.mountprospect.org

E-Mail the Village at pio@mountprospect.org.

Village Board Meetings

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

Committee of the Whole (COW)

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.



Village Phone Numbers

Emergency	9-1-1
Village Hall	392-6000
TDD	392-6064
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 Newsletter are (847) area code unless otherwise noted.

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 Coffee with Council Dates:

April 12

May 10

June 14

Sign up for E-NEWS

Subscribe to the Village's E-Newsletter to receive the latest news and updates from the Village. We also have an "Experience Mount Prospect" E-Newsletter featuring shopping, dining and events highlights in the community. Sign up today! Just go to www.mountprospect.org and click on "Sign up for E-News" on the left side of the page.

News, Notes & Reminders

Parking Spaces Available

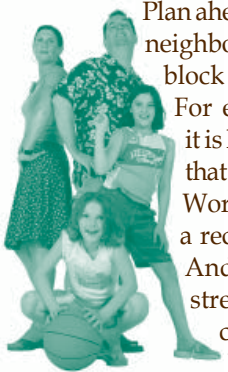
Business/Commuter Spaces

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.

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.

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.

MPTV Available on the Web

In an effort to reach all of Mount Prospect, residents who don't have cable will now be able to watch MPTV on their computers! MPTV programs are now available on the internet via the Village's web site, www.mountprospect.org.

MPTV, Channel 17 will be streamed live 24/7 via a link that can be found on the front page of the Village web site. For those who want to see replays of Village Board Meetings, the website will have links to meetings via Video On Demand (VOD.) These VOD meetings will be fully indexed.

If you don't have an internet connection or computer at home, you can view the site at the Mount Prospect Public Library. For additional information, visit see the web site, www.mountprospect.org or call the Television Services Division at 870-8685.



Pedestrian Consideration

In a Village where "Friendliness is a Way of Life," one sure way to show friendliness to your neighbors is to make sure you don't block the public sidewalk when parking in your driveway. It is prohibited by Village Code to park across the sidewalk. So please, give neighbors room to use the sidewalk and make your neighborhood user friendly to those strolling by.

Mentors Needed

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 one night a week from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. We are now accepting applications for the fall semester. There will be an orientation for new volunteers in August, 2008. If you are interested, please contact Judith Rosen, LCSW at 870-5680.

Direct Debit (continued from Page 1)

Q. Will I Have A Record of Payments?

A. Your monthly bank statement will indicate the amount and date of your automatic transfer. If a question arises regarding your transfer or if the amount differs from your bill, you must notify us and your financial institution within sixty (60) days of the date of the questioned statement. Your financial institution will advise you of your rights concerning the error.

Q. How Do I Terminate My Direct Debit Authorization?

A. Your direct debit service will remain in effect unless we receive written notice from you ten (10) days prior to the next scheduled billing date. Additionally, you must provide the same notice if you are closing or have closed your account.

Q. How Do I Submit My Water Meter Reading?

A. If you choose to take advantage of the direct debit program, it is still necessary to provide a water meter reading. You may submit the reading via our website @ www.mountprospect.org by clicking on quick links and scrolling down to water meter reading; or submit the reading via your bill stub; or submit the reading verbally by calling 392-6000.

Upcoming Events

April 24

Sister Cities Pot Luck Dinner

The Sister Cities Commission invites you to their annual Pot Luck Dinner to learn about the Sister Cities organization. The dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Village Hall Community Center. Bring a dish to share - French recipes encouraged. To register, call 392-6000.

April 26

Fun & Fitness Artwalk

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants' Association, the walk begins outside of Village Hall and will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Local artists will be on hand displaying their work in local merchants stores. Prizes for participants who complete the walk. See www.mpdma.org for more information.

May 16, 17 & 18

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 or call 259-8600.

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 for more information.

May 26

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.

June 8

Farmers' Market Begins

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market will be held every Sunday, June 8 - Oct. 26 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 21

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.

New this year - Blues Fest

Stick around on June 21 for our first ever Blues Fest (sponsored by the Blues Bar) in downtown Mount Prospect. More details to come - check the web site for more information.

Mt. Prospect Park District 2008 Summer Concerts

Concerts are held at the Veterans' Memorial Bandshell at Lions Park

Mt. Prospect Community Band Concerts Monday evenings June 16 - July 28, 7:30 p.m.

Shows include: (6/16) *Tunes from Toons (A Concert for Children)*; (6/23) *Leroy Anderson Celebration*; (6/30) *A Patriotic Celebration with The Messmers*; 7/7 *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik (Music for a Summer Eve)*; (7/14) *A French Bastille Day Celebration (Honoring our Sister City, Sèvres, France)*; (7/21) *Dancing Under the Stars (Tribute to Big Bands)* (7/28) *Do-It-Yourself Sousa*.

Thursday Concerts - June 19 - Aug. 2, 7:00 p.m.

This year's series features Tribute Bands. Performers include *Barefoot Hawaiiin (Tribute to Don Ho)*, *Piano Man (Tribute to Elton John and Billy Joel)*, *Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band (Tribute to Jimmy Buffett)*, *Abba salute (Tribute to ABBA)*, *British Export (Tribute to the Beatles)* and *Popology (Tribute to Sinatra, Vegas and all the Swings!)*

For more information, go to www.mppd.org.

Save the Date

4th of July Parade -

The Special Events Commission is looking for individuals, groups and organizations to participate in this year's 4th of July Parade, to be held on Wednesday, July 4 at 1:00 p.m. The Parade begins at the corner of Prospect Ave. and Emerson Street and ends at Melas Park. Every year the Parade is bigger and better than the year before; let's keep that tradition going. Make 2008 the year you get involved. It's a great way to meet and celebrate with fellow residents. If you or the group you are a member of would like to be involved in this year's 4th of July Parade start planning today. Contact Jill Friedrichs at 590-8201.

July 2 - 6: Lions' Village Fair

Watch for the Summer issue of the Newsletter for more information. As the date gets closer, call the Lions' Village Fair hotline at 870-6622 for a complete schedule, or check the web site, www.mountprospect.org for updates. Fireworks will be held on July 2 and 4.

July 26 - Midsummer Downtown Block Party

Co-sponsored by the Village and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, the Midsummer Downtown Block Party will take place from 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. along Emerson Street and Busse Avenue. There will be several local food and beverage vendors,

live music and tons of kids activities. For more details, contact the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce at 398-6616.



Around Town



Mount Prospect Public Library

847/253-5675
www.mpppl.org

Celebrate National Library Week: April 13 – 19

Join the “Circle of Knowledge” during National Library Week. Enhance your awareness of services available through the Library’s Web site, enjoy a range of programs geared towards community members of all ages, and spin the “Wheel of Knowledge” for a chance to win great prizes during MPPL’s celebration of National Library Week.

National Library Week programs include:

- Living History: R.J. Lindsey Portrays Chicago Architect Daniel H. Burnham, Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 p.m.
- Take the Teen Jeopardy Challenge! Wednesday, April 16, 7 – 8 p.m. (Grades 6 – 8); 8 – 9 p.m. (Grades 9 – 12)
- Broaden Your Knowledge With FACTS.com, Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m. Space is limited to 14.

Most Library programs require registration. To sign-up, visit www.mpppl.org/events, call 253-5675, or stop by the Library.



Mount Prospect Historical Society

847/392-9006
www.mtphist.org

Buffalo Wild Wings Fundraiser

Everyone is invited to participate in a fun fundraising event on Sunday, April 6th. On this day, 15% of all food purchases will be donated to the Mt. Prospect Historical Society if you bring a copy of this certificate with you. Certificates can be printed from our web site www.mtphist.org or call us up and we will mail you one 392-9006.

Looking for the Seven Wonders of Mount Prospect!

What is it in Mount Prospect that you think is really amazing? The Historical Society is looking for nominations for the Seven Wonders (past and present) of Mount Prospect and we would like to hear from you. If you have an idea of something you would like to nominate, forms are available at the Historical Society and the Mount Prospect Public Library and on the Historical Society web site, www.mtphist.org. Nominations will be accepted through May 15. The winners will be announced at our Back to School Bash at Bogie’s on August 22, 2008. For more details, see the web site, www.mtphist.org.



Mt. Prospect Park District

847/255-5380
www.mppd.org

Earth and Arbor Day - April 26, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Join your friends and neighbors for an Arbor Day celebration at Hill Street Nature Center. There will be lots for the whole family to enjoy including kids activities, recycling tips, information on trees and how to plant them, recipes for making eco-friendly household cleaning products.

Spring Craft Fair - April 12, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friendship Park Conservatory hosts a craft show featuring more than 25 exhibitors.

Strive for 5 - June 14, 9:00 a.m.

The Mt. Prospect Park District Strive for Five 5K race starts at the Lions Recreation Center and takes participants through a runner-friendly neighborhood route. Early registration, through June 6, is \$20 after that \$25.

10th Annual Golf Classic - Friday, June 13

Tee off at 9am and spend a great day on the links while raising some money for the Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation and the District 214 Community Education Foundation.



River Trails Park District

847/255-1200
www.rtpd.org

Golf Expo -FREE, Saturday, April 12, 9am-Noon

Putting Contest, Mini-golf Contest, Beat the Pros, Golf Tips, Raffles, Food, Great for the entire family!!

Hops-Barley-Malt & Savors – May 3

Taste beers from different breweries and food that compliment it! Pre-registration required. For more information call 255.1200. 21Y and up. Rob Roy Golf Course \$15 per person.

Woodland Trails Pool Pass are now on SALE!!

Sign up by May 12 and receive an early bird discount!

Adult Trips

Sign up today!! Pre-registration required!

- U-505 Submarine Tour – April 6
- Starved Rock Theatre Plus – April 17
- Harrah’s Casino and Opera in Focus – April 23
- Anything Goes @ the Fireside – May 1



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www.mountprospect.org/experiencemp

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Vehicle Stickers Now on Sale

2008-2009 Village of Mount Prospect vehicle stickers went on sale February 1. The new vehicle sticker must be displayed by May 1. Passenger vehicle stickers are \$36, motorcycle 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.

Stickers by mail

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.

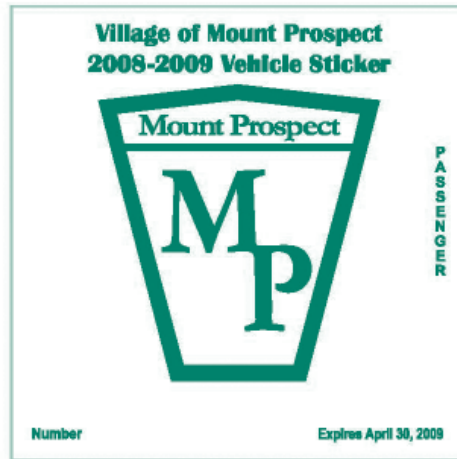
NOTE: If you had a vehicle sticker in 2007 and did not receive a renewal application in the mail, this does not absolve you of the responsibility for buying a new sticker.

Different vehicle than last year?

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.

Sticker buying in person

If you'd rather buy 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 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.



Purchase Locations

All types of vehicle stickers

Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street
Any Time

Passenger stickers only

February 1 - 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

Late purchase penalty

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.

Penalty exception

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 must be obtained within 30 days in order to qualify for the \$5 transfer fee. Bring a legible portion of the original sticker and your receipt. 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 discount

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.*

People with disabilities

Certain individuals with disabilities may be eligible to receive a sticker at no charge. Please contact the Finance Department for more information

More Information

More information about vehicle stickers, water bills or anything having to do with Village licenses and services, can be obtained by calling the Village's Finance Department at 392-6000.

VILLAGE CLERK

ACROSS THE BOARD

Since the last publication of the Mount Prospect Newsletter, the Village Board of Trustees has enacted the following ordinances from November 7, 2007 through February 19, 2008:

5655 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding (1) Class "S" (restaurant with a lounge) liquor license for Café Boulevard, 143 West Prospect Avenue;

5656 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) of the Village Code by implementing components of the Village's Residential Intersection "Traffic Control" program and "Residential Speed Limit" program, Zones 9 and 15;

5657 amends Chapter 6 (Telecommunications) and Chapter 9 (Public Utilities, Pavement and Tree Regulations) of the Village Code to add appropriate requirements for local right-of-ways usage, public access programming, consumer protection and fees;

5658 amends Chapter 6 (Telecommunications) and Appendix A, Division II, (Telecommunications) of the Village Code to add appropriate requirements for local right-of-ways usage, public access programming, consumer protection and fees;

5659 amends Chapter 6 (Telecommunications) and Appendix A, Division III, (Telecommunications) of the Village Code to add appropriate requirements for local right-of-ways usage, public access programming, consumer protection and fees;

5660 amends Chapter 8 (Village Government Miscellaneous Provisions) by deleting in its entirety the definition of "Telecommunications," and inserting a new definition of "Telecommunications," in Section 8.1501 of Article XV;

5661 grants a variation to allow a parking pad for property commonly known as 1407 Small Lane;

5662 amends the Annual Budget adopted for fiscal year commencing January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007;

5663 amends Chapter 9 (Public Utilities, Pavement and Tree Regulations) Article IV "Water Supply System", Chapter 19 (Health Regulations) Article II, "Solid Waste Collection" and Appendix A of the Village Code to reflect changes in water and solid waste service fees;

5664 amends Section 11.1105 of Appendix A, Division I (Bonds, Salaries, Insurance and Miscellaneous) of the Village Code to comply with State of Illinois Certificate of Insurance requirements for taxi cabs;

5665 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by deleting (1) Class "W" liquor license (restaurant, wine and beer only) issued to Rico's Tacos, 1742 East Kensington Road;

5666 amends Appendix A, Division I, (Fees, Rates, and Taxes) of the Village Code to establish a 5% increase in water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2008;

5667 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding (1) Class "E" (catering) liquor license for Emerald Banquets, Inc., 1070 South Elmhurst Road;

5668 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding (1) Class "W" liquor license (restaurant, wine and beer only) for Tortas Locas, 1839 West Algonquin Road;

5669 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, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007;

5670 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, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007;

5671 abates a part of the taxes levied for corporate and municipal purposes of the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007;

5672 adopts an annual budget for the Village of Mount Prospect for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2008 in lieu of passage of an appropriation ordinance;

5673 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by adding (1) Class "W" liquor license (restaurant, wine and beer only) for Breezes of Mexico, 1742 East Kensington Road;

5674 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) of the Village Code by implementing components of the Village's Residential Intersection "Traffic Control" program and "Residential Speed Limit" program, Zones 14 and 17;

5675 amends Chapter 13 (Alcoholic Liquors) of the Village Code by deleting (1) Class "S" (restaurant with a lounge) liquor license issued to Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, 999 North Elmhurst Road;

5676 amends Chapter 18 (Traffic) of the Village Code by prohibiting parking at all times along the north side of Milburn Avenue and limits parking to 2 hours along the south side of Milburn Avenue;

5677 grants a Conditional Use permit to operate a day care center, St. Dominick Day Care, at property commonly known as 2020 Camp McDonald Road;

5678 amends the Conditional Use permit for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for property commonly known as 3401 South Busse Road, Arrow Road Construction.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Your Building Division

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

Why do I need a Building Permit?

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

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

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

What types of projects require a permit?

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

Inspection Bonds

When you obtain a Building Permit, you are also agreeing to call for necessary inspections. The inspection process is where the Building Division is able to protect our community. Building Division Inspectors check work

throughout the project to ensure safety and building code standards are being met. Most permits require an "Inspection Bond." An Inspection Bond is a deposit of money to cover the cost of any re-inspections after an inspection has failed the first time.

If your project progresses and passes all necessary inspections, you will receive the entire bond amount back. However, if the initial inspection fails, the inspector must return for a re-inspection. In 2006, the Building Division raised the re-inspection fees on an increasing scale, beginning at \$50 per trade for the first re-inspection and increasing an additional \$25 for each re-inspection.

How long is my Building Permit good for?

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

For More Information....

Home improvement projects can be a daunting task whether you do the work yourself or hire an outside contractor. To help you better understand what the Village looks for when reviewing plans and inspecting construction projects, the Building Division has assembled residential and commercial information packets. Packets can be downloaded from the Village web site at www.mountprospect.org (select the "Quick Links" menu on the right hand side of the screen, and select "Building Permits").

EMAIL US!

In addition to the application packets, the Building Division has also set-up two new e-mail accounts to better serve residents:

- buildingcodequestions@mountprospect.org - For questions relating to the construction and permit process.
- buildingfeedback@mountprospect.org - Provide us with feedback regarding services the Building Division provides.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Spring Cleaning - Property Maintenance

As spring approaches the unsightly problems in your neighborhood become more apparent. Maintained homes and properties beautify the community, keep the community safe, and preserve property values. To preserve the Village, Mount Prospect routinely inspects the neighborhood for exterior code violations that detract from the communities' appearance and interfere with residents' safety and enjoyment of their home. This year, inspectors will walk the neighborhoods and take a closer look for problems. Inspections will begin where there have been the most frequent problems and will eventually cover the entire community. This new program helps to preserve neighbor relationships, property values, and keep developing situations from becoming worse. Inspectors will also maintain inventory of vacant homes and rental properties that if neglected can have a negative impact on a neighborhood. The following is a guideline to the regulations. If you have any questions or would like to report a problem in your neighborhood, please call the Environmental Health Division at 870-5668.



Sanitation

- Exterior areas must be maintained free of garbage and rubbish.
- Compost piles must have no obnoxious odors. They should be located behind the front of the house and at least five feet from the property line.
- Garbage and yard material containers must be set out after 4:00p.m. on the day before collection. After collection, the containers and improperly prepared or unaccepted waste must be removed from the curb.
- Garbage, recycling, and yard material containers must be stored in the garage or behind the front of the house.

Address Numbers

- Address must be numerals not less than two and one-half inches high and easily seen from the street.

Building Surfaces

- Siding, roofs, gutters, windows and doors shall be free of holes, rotting material, and where necessary painted for protection from the elements.

Accessory Structures

- Garages, sheds, fences, decks, gazebos, pools, and fences shall be structurally sound, be free of holes, rotting material, and where necessary painted for protection from the elements.

Walkways and Driveways

- Driveways must be free of potholes, large cracks, loose gravel, and trip hazards.
- Sidewalks and patios must be maintained and not pose a hazard.

Vehicles

- All vehicles including recreational campers, boats and trailers must be parked on the driveway or in the garage.
- All vehicles must be licensed and have a Village sticker.
- Inoperable vehicles and cars under repair or overhaul must be in the garage.
- Parking over sidewalks is prohibited.

Commercial Vehicles

- Commercial vehicles must be parked behind the front of the house or as close to the garage as possible.
- Commercial vehicles must not be taller or wider than seven feet, or longer than nineteen and a half feet.

Vegetation

- Grass and weeds must be maintained below eight inches in height.
- Privately owned bushes and trees must not obstruct the public sidewalk.

Grading and Drainage

- Standing or stagnant water is prohibited.
- The filling of drainage swales is prohibited.

Signs

- Signs shall not be posted in the Village right of way.

Animals

- Animals are not permitted to run stray.
- Dogs must be leashed or enclosed by an adequate fence.
- When walking your dog you must have a device to remove defecation and remove the defecation.
- Your property must be kept clean of animal waste and sanitary.
- No more than a total of three dogs and cats are permitted.
- Dogs and cats must wear a collar with current proof of rabies vaccination.

PUBLIC WORKS

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) will be offering a free recycling program to residents starting this spring. 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. A specific start date has not been set, but the date will be listed on the Village website in the near future. For more information on the program please visit the Village website or contact the Public Works Department at 870-5640.



Intern/Maintenance Positions

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 \$11.50 - \$13 an hour. The rate for seasonal maintenance workers is \$8.50 - \$11.50 an hour. For more details on these positions, visit the Village's web site, www.mountprospect.org. Send resumes for all the above positions to Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Phone: 870-5640, Fax: 253-9377, e-mail: pw@mountprospect.org.

Public Works Open House

Saturday, May 17
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Public Works Facility
1700 W. 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, Public Works' mascot

Yard Waste Collection - 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).

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 can not 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.

Solid Waste Service Guide

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

Are you Digging on Your Property this Spring? Remember to Call 811

Illinois law requires anyone excavating within municipal boundaries contact the local one-call service to locate underground utilities. The local one-call service for Mount Prospect is Illinois One-Call, also known as JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators). JULIE now has a new simpler phone number 811. Whenever possible pre-mark the proposed excavation area with white paint or white flags prior to your call. Remember to call at least 48 hours before the start of any excavation. For more information, visit www.illinois1call.com.



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 August 2007 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 locations 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.



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.

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.

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PUBLIC WORKS

EAB Continues to Spread Through Northern Illinois

As of the writing of this article, the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has not yet been found in Mount Prospect. However, it has continued to spread, with a recent finding in neighboring Glenview. The state quarantine zone has expanded to include the 18 most northeastern counties in Illinois. The Forestry/Grounds Division wishes to remind residents that it is extremely important not to move firewood or any ash debris for fear of spreading this pest, which has killed millions of ash trees since its arrival in the U.S.!

The Village will continue to follow the Compliance Agreement guidelines set forth by the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDA). These guidelines include restrictions on moving ash wood/debris out of the quarantined area, using licensed tree care contractors that have signed a Compliance Agreement, and limiting



non-emergency ash removals to the beetle's non flight season (September 1 to April 30).

The Village plans to continue monitoring its ash tree population for EAB by closely examining and peeling all ash trees that are removed. Additionally, the Village will continue to work with Morton Arboretum on its trap tree survey. We are also planning an Ash Reduction project for Fall 2008, whereby selected low quality ash trees are removed from Village parkways. (Affected property owners will be notified in advance.)

For residents who use firewood, the Village encourages you to burn all of the wood before the flight season begins in May. For future firewood purchases, ask for the source. Ideally, use firewood from locally grown trees. If the wood may have crossed state lines, look for the shield (shown below) to insure that it has been inspected by the USDA.

If you think you have an ash tree that may be infested, call the Public Works office at 870-5640. We will be happy to inspect any suspect ashes, whether on public or private property. See www.mountprospect.org for more information and helpful links about EAB.



Flood Preparedness and Protection (continued from previous page)

For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called floodproofing and retrofitting.

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

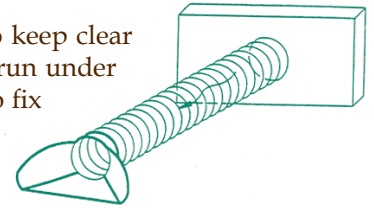
To obtain any information concerning flooding, just stop by or call the Public Works Department at (847) 870-5640 (TDD: (847) 392-1235) and ask for the Engineering Division.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a website that can also provide additional information. www.fema.gov

PUBLIC WORKS

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. Below are a few tips on problems that may occur and how to fix them. Before attempting any modification to your culvert pipe you must obtain a permit from the Building Division.



What you observe	What may be the reason	How to fix it
CULVERT ENDS		
Scouring/erosion at the pipe end.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor location/alignment. Clogged pipe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Properly align the culvert Clean/flush the culvert.
Ponded/puddle water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invert is too high. Pipe is too small. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reset the pipe to match the invert to the channel bottom. Regrade ditch to maintain correct flow.
Dented/crushed ends.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driven on crushing ends. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fix pipe ends. Mark and protect.
Heavy corrosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water flowing through the culvert is acidic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install a sleeve of plastic pipe in the existing pipe or replace the steel pipe with a noncorrosive material. (Plastic (PVC), aluminum, concrete).
Water flowing around the outlet.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pipe is incorrectly installed, resulting in water flowing outside the pipe. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstall pipe with proper bedding and compaction. Install a headwall.
INSIDE CULVERT		
Sediment buildup.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough slope. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstall pipe with a slope of at least 1/4" per foot.
Objects blocking the pipe.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debris traveling from the ditch to the culvert. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove blockage. Install check dams upstream of the culvert.
Sagging bottom.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Base material has settled or has low bearing capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinstall pipe with a suitable base and properly compact base material.
Crushed top.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not enough cover. Soil around walls not compacted. Traffic loads too heavy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add cover. Reinstall pipe deeper and/or with suitable and properly compacted base material. Install multiple smaller pipes or pipe with a different shape. Replace with stronger pipe.
Heavy corrosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water flowing through the culvert is acidic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install a sleeve of PVC (plastic) in existing pipe or replace the steel pipe with a noncorrosive material (PVC, aluminum).

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 bad 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.

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.



PUBLIC WORKS

Sidewalk Replacement



The Shared Cost Sidewalk Program has proven to be a successful partnership between the Village and property owners. Each year, between January and April, applications are accepted from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. The deadline for accepting applications is May 1.

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 \$48 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 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 870-5640.

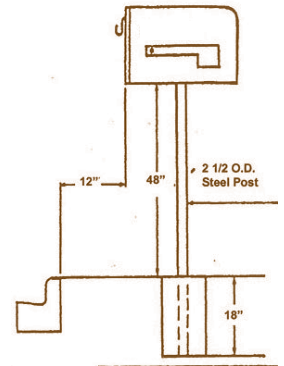
Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants throughout the Village-owned water distribution system will be flushed *Tuesday, April 15 through Friday, April 18*. 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. Stain-removing compounds for Village water system customers are available free-of-charge at the Public Works Facility, 1700 West Central Road. For information about hydrant flushing in the Illinois American Water Company, please call 630-739-8800 or watch your mail or bill for further notifications. For more information about the hydrant flushing in the Village-owned system, call 870-5640.

Mailbox Guidelines

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

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



Pubic Works Summer Projects

Three street maintenance programs will be starting in late spring.

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



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Severe Weather Awareness

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

Severe Weather

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.

Tornado Safety: Tornadoes are the most violent atmospheric phenomenon on the planet. Winds of 200-300 mph can occur with the most violent tornadoes.

What to do when a tornado warning is issued:

In Homes or Small Buildings:

- Go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom.
- Keep any other doors closed to keep separated from flying debris.

Children's Fire Safety Festival

The Fire Department, on behalf of more than a dozen other northwest suburban fire departments, invites you and your children to the 29th annual Children's Fire Safety Festival, May 5 - May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. daily at Randhurst Shopping Center.

The goal of the festival is to provide area children with an entertaining and educational experience about fire safety practices. Children will also see an ambulance up-close, meet a fire fighter and see them dressed in all their protective clothing. For more information contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 818-5253.



Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

When changing your clocks on March 9, did you remember to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors?



The number of homes with smoke alarms has increased. However, according to a recent report from the National Fire Protection Association, one-quarter of the reported home fires in the United States occurred in homes where the smoke alarms did not work. The leading causes of smoke alarm failure are missing, dead, or disconnected batteries. 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.
- 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Applications Available



The Mount Prospect Police Department is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Individuals interested in applying for the job must complete in full and sign the preliminary application form and mail or deliver it to: The Police Chief, 112 E. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. No application will be accepted after 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 17.

All individuals submitting applications must report to Prospect High School, 801 West Kensington Road, Mount Prospect, IL on Sunday, June 22 at 8:00 a.m. for a mandatory orientation meeting, optional written test tutorial, and a mandatory physical fitness assessment. Following the mandatory orientation, applicants may attend an optional but recommended written exam tutorial conducted by the exam-testing agency at 9:00 a.m. Applicants not wishing to attend the tutorial will then meet in the school gymnasium for the physical fitness assessment. Applicants who attended written exam tutorial will meet in the school gymnasium at 11:00 a.m. for the physical agility assessment.

On Sunday, June 29, between 7:00 a.m. and 7:45 a.m. applicants are to report to the Prospect High School cafeteria for registration for the written exam. The written test will begin at 8:00 a.m. Applications and forms are available on our recruiting web site, www.joinmppd.org.

Traffic Unit Enforcement Zones

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

<i>Central Road</i>	<i>March 24 - March 30</i>
<i>Golf Road</i>	<i>March 31 - April 6</i>
<i>Wolf Road</i>	<i>April 7 - April 13</i>
<i>Busse Road</i>	<i>April 14 - April 20</i>
<i>Euclid Avenue</i>	<i>April 21 - April 27</i>
<i>Lincoln Street</i>	<i>April 28 - May 4</i>
<i>Northwest Hwy</i>	<i>May 5 - May 11</i>
<i>Elmhurst Road</i>	<i>May 12 - May 18</i>
<i>Seminole Lane</i>	<i>May 19 - May 25</i>
<i>Rand Road</i>	<i>May 26 - June 1</i>
<i>Lonnquist Blvd</i>	<i>June 2 - June 8</i>
<i>Central Road</i>	<i>June 9 - June 15</i>

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



Did you Receive a 911-Only Cell Phone from the Police Department?

Because of the shut down of the analog phone system by the cellular companies, analog phone users were no longer able to dial 911 after February 19. More than a million cell phone users lost access to 911 that day, as AT&T, Mobility, Alltel, Cellular One, Dobson, US Cellular, Verizon Wireless and some other cellular providers turned off their analog networks. Digital phone users will not be affected by this shutdown. Digital phones differ from analog phones in that they can have text or instant messaging capabilities, Internet browsing capabilities, an MP3 player, or integrated camera or a SIM card. Most cell phones that are more than 5 years old are analog. The National Emergency Number Association advises those who cannot tell if their phones will be affected by this change to take them to any local cellular phone retail location for assistance.

If you received a free 911 use only cell phone from the Mount Prospect Police Department, take your phone to any local cell phone retail provider and ask them to check your 911 use only cell phone and let you know if your phone is analog and whether or not it is affected by this change. If your phone is analog and will not call 911 after February 19, the Mount Prospect Police Department will try and replace them with digital 911 use only cell phones. However, only a very limited amount of newer digital phones are available at this time at the Mount Prospect Police Department. Obviously, as more digital phones are donated, the more will be available for replacements. We have given out over 600 911-use only cell phones to Mount Prospect residents since 2003; therefore, we will do our best to accommodate you. Questions, call the Mount Prospect Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 870-5650.



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Community Outreach Nursing

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

Health Screenings

The Village's 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. Starting April 7, a new 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.



Individual appointments can be scheduled with the nurse when special assistance is needed. These may include physical assessments, dressing changes, caregiver counseling and referrals, specialized diet counseling, doctor referrals, etc. Several times during the year residents are offered health education and other special health screenings.

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 847-870-5680. The equipment used is the latest model and offers very accurate readings. A twelve-hour fast is required for the most accurate results. The readings test total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, cholesterol/HDL ratio, and triglycerides. The nurse will discuss the test results with you immediately. The cost is \$20.00 payable at the time the test is given.

Senior Activities

Senior Celebration Day - May 14

The 20th Annual Senior Celebration Day will be held at Randhurst Shopping Mall* on Wednesday, 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 Mount Prospect Fire and Police Departments will have representatives discussing available services, fire safety and crime prevention. Live entertainment will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information, call the Human Services Department at 870-5680. **This will be the last Senior Celebration Day event held at Randhurst so come and find out where next year's event will be held.*

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 28, at 1:30 p.m. in the Village Hall first floor Community Center, 50 S. Emerson Street. Call 870-5680 to register.

RTA – Free Rides for Seniors

Illinois residents age 65 and older are eligible to take part in the Free Rides for Seniors program by registering with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA). People who are eligible need to apply for the Reduced Fare Card if they do not already have one. This card has, for many years, enabled seniors to ride Pace, CTA and Metra at a fifty percent discount.

If an individual already has a senior Reduced Fare Card, then he/she is already registered for the program. As of March 17, the Reduced Fare Card will allow riders to take transit for free. In the months ahead, the RTA will transition all holders of the current Reduced Fare Card to a new smart card. Current card holders will be notified when these smart cards are available.



Seniors can register during normal business hours at the RTA's Customer Service Center at 900 E. Northwest Hwy. Des Plaines or 550 W. Algonquin Rd., Arlington Heights or at any one of the 270 sites around the region. Individuals can also call 836-7000.

Mount Prospect Business News

New Business/Change of Ownership/Relocation

Aries Hair Studio
Hair Salon
1642 W Algonquin Rd
361-6716

Artisan 133
Retail
133 W Prospect Av
670-8780

Baumuller Inc
Manufacturing
1858 S Elmhurst Rd
956-7392

Bellissimo Nail
Nail Salon
9 E Prospect Av
392-3312

Bonaventure Medical LLC
Doctor's Clinic
1060 S Elmhurst Rd
824-2161

Calpis U.S.A., Inc.
Service
1860 S Elmhurst Rd
357-9050

Chaudhari Insurance Services
Insurance Sales
1699 Wall St 618
545-1111

Citamax Realty LLC
Real Estate
800 W Central Rd 115
347-1717

Diabrx, Inc.
Pharmacy
5 W Prospect Av
255-3220

Gam Enterprises
Manufacturing
901 Business Center Dr
649-2500

H&R Block Inc.
Service
905 E Rand Rd 400
966-7262

K.D. Brennan, Inc.
Finance Company
1601 Feehanville Dr 600
580-0237

L & B Business Services Inc.
Retail
1212 E Central Rd
818-0659

Latadvice Usa, LLC
Service
1350 W Northwest Hw 304
328-5191

Medcor Inc.
Other
1699 Wall St 700
364-3360

Meenal Goel DDS
Dental Office
1740 W Algonquin Rd
439-6332

Midwest Bank & Trust Company
Banks & Financial Inst
50 N Main St
222-1112

Mt Prospect Vacations, Inc.
Travel Agency
9 W Prospect Av
259-6030

Ned Auto Repair
Service
2028 S Elmhurst Rd
593-6902

Panda Express, Inc.
Restaurant
1200 E Central Rd

RNP Automotive Services Inc.
Auto Repair
2088 S Elmhurst Rd
43-97005

Roberts Drapery Center, Inc.
Retail
504 E Northwest Hw
255-4040

Sagami America Ltd
Wholesale
1854 S Elmhurst Rd
758-9055

Silver and Inc.
Retail
999 N Elmhurst Rd, 2310
368-1003

Take Care Health Illinois, P.C.
Medical Services
1701 E Kensington Rd
866-825-3227

WC Ventures
Service
1749 W Golf Rd
640-7788

WTH Enterprises, Ltd.
Massage Therapy
110 E Rand Rd
259-3466



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107 S. Main Street, Phone: 398-6616
www.mountprospectchamber.org

2008 Golf Outings- 4 Man Scramble

The Mount Prospect Chamber will be hosting two golf outings, a spring outing at Rob Roy Golf Course on May 7 and our annual fall Golf Classic on September 11 at Mt. Prospect Golf Course sponsored by Northwest Community Hospital and the Mt. Prospect Park District. Call 398-6616 for more information.

Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, April 2, 3:00- 6:00pm, Biz 6 Plus Networking Extravaganza and Expo Multi-Chamber Event, Sheraton Chicago Northwest, main ballroom, 3400 West Euclid Ave, Arlington Heights
- Thursday, May 1, Mayors Prayer Breakfast, Bristol Court, 7:30am
- Thursday, May 22, 5:00 p.m. - 7: 00 p.m. Premier After Hours Mixer, Lucyna's Goldfishers

New Business Spotlight



Artisan 133 carries handmade one of a kind items mostly by local area artists but some from as far away as the Virgin Islands. Visit Artisan 133 and you will find beaded, semi precious stone and other jewelry, pottery, wonderful boiled wool hats and hand bags, luxury scarves, knit wrap and tailored jackets, hand made cards, collages, mirrors, paper mache, prints, paintings and more. For store hours call 670-8780.



*Mayor Irvana
Wilks visits
Artisan 133*

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Mount Prospect, IL 60056

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Village of Mount Prospect Block Party Request Form

Plan ahead - are you and your neighbors planning to hold a block party this summer? Remember that in order to get the street blocked, you must complete and turn in a block party request form. Call 392-6000 for more information.

Date of the Block Party _____

Hours: _____ to _____

Streets to be blocked _____

Between: _____ and _____

Time street to be blocked: from _____ to _____

Rain date: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Barricades Requested? Yes No

Return to:

Village Manager
Village of Mount Prospect
50 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
Fax: 847/392-6022

You can also submit this form electronically via the Village's web site at www.mountprospect.org.



"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:* _____

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