



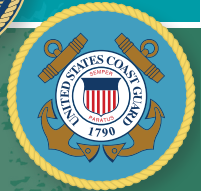
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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGEnew

MARCH/APRIL 2025

MOUNT PROSPECT'S VETERAN BANNERS TO RETURN

After an incredible response from the community, the Village is proud to announce that the Veteran Banner Program will return for a third year. This meaningful initiative honors local veterans by displaying banners throughout the Village as a tribute to their service and sacrifice.

Residents may nominate a veteran, living or deceased, who served in any branch of the United States military and has a strong connection to Mount Prospect. We hope to recognize up to 40 veterans this year by displaying banners on Northwest Highway in the downtown corridor for two weeks before and after Memorial and Veterans Days.

Applications can be found at mountprospect.org/community/veterans-banner-program. Once completed, they can be submitted via email to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. Applications should be accompanied by a high-resolution photo of the veteran in uniform.

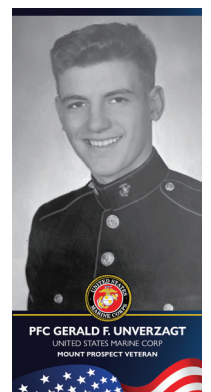
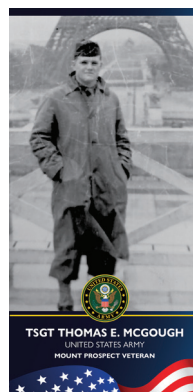


Nominations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with a final deadline of April 1. For those not selected for display this year, names will be placed on a list for future displays in the order they are received.

After being on display, banners will be retired and returned to the applicant or their family.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

We look forward to honoring and celebrating our veterans for the third consecutive year.



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5

Job Search Strategies for Older Adults
Wednesday | March 5
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Learn how to navigate unique job market challenges

older workers face. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MAR/APR
6

Conversations in English Group
Thursdays | March 6, 20 & April 3 & 17
1 – 2 pm

Thursdays | March 13, 27 & April 10 & 24
5:30 – 6:30 pm

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department for an in-person group to practice your conversational skills and enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.



MARCH
6

Blood Drive
Thursday | March 6
2 – 7 pm

FIRE STATION 13
111 E. Rand Rd.

The Fire Department, partnered with Vitalant, hosts bi-monthly blood drives. In order to increase donations, blood drives are being held on odd-numbered months only.



MAR/APR
7

Fit 4 Life Fridays
Fridays | March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18, 25
10 – 10:45 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Fit 4 Life will now take place every Friday. Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise program series for seniors that welcomes attendees of all fitness levels. Programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness, and Zumba Gold classes. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active.



MARCH
9

Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | March 9
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.

Join the Historical Society at Central School for a unique opportunity



to take a peek behind the scenes. The Historical Society will be opening its extensive storage area, which is normally closed to the public, so you can see firsthand how they store and archive historic items. This event is free and no registration is necessary. All ages are welcome. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

MARCH
9

An Italian Rhapsody: Mt. Prospect Community Band Concert

Sunday | March 9

3:30 pm
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Rd.

Join the Mt. Prospect Community Band for a concert showcasing classical, operatic, and folk music from Italy. The concert will feature tenor vocalist Simon Kyung Lee. Tickets are \$5 at the door. For more details, visit mmpd.org or call 847.640.1000.



MAR/APR
11

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | March 11, 18 & 25

Tuesdays | April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Children ages 2 through 5 and their parents or caretakers are invited to join the Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning.



MARCH
11

Freewheeling in Ireland

Tuesday | March 11
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Outdoor enthusiast John Lynn will showcase the

storied and scenic Emerald Isle through captivating photos and stories collected on a 1,100-mile bicycle adventure. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MARCH
12

Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | March 12
7 – 9 pm

CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Decoupage some eggs for decorations. Bring in napkins or a paper design if you want something special

or use one of the provided designs. \$10 per person, register at mtphist.org.



MARCH
13

Women Who Measured the Stars
Thursday | March 13
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Rebecca Tulloch explores the women astronomers

of the Harvard College Observatory and their groundbreaking contributions toward calculating the distance to the stars during the early 20th century. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MARCH
18

Gardens of the Pros with Nina Koziol

Tuesday | March 18
9:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Have you ever wondered how landscape architects, plant breeders, and native plant specialists garden at their own homes? Here is a behind-the-scenes look at how the experts create their own patch of paradise. Nina Koziol is a horticulturist, educator, and garden writer with many credits to her name. This event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering, followed by an hour-long business meeting. Koziol will begin her presentation at 11 am. Guests are welcome.



MARCH
20

IDES Job Fair
Thursday | March 20
10 am – 1 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Connect with dozens of local employers at this all-industry job fair

presented by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Bring copies of your resume as some employers will be conducting on-the-spot interviews. No registration is required.



MARCH
25

News Media, Truth, and Trust

Tuesday | March 25
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Explore the evolving news media landscape with Daily Herald Opinion Editor Jim Slusher as he shares insights and tips for discerning reliable sources and navigating biases in modern journalism. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



MARCH
28

Mindful Chair Yoga
Friday | March 28 | 11 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Join us for a gentle seated yoga practice incorporating breath awareness, meditation, and aromatherapy. This program is

presented in partnership with Mather, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of adults ages 55 and older. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



APRIL
1

April Showers Pool Pass Sale
April 1-30

The Mt. Prospect Park District is offering splashy deals on summer feels. Get ready for summer 2025 at both Meadows and Big Surf Pools

by purchasing your pool passes at mmpd.org. Passes can also be purchased at any park district facility. During the month of April, individual pool passes will be on sale for \$65 for residents and \$80 for non-residents. After April 30, prices increase to \$75 for residents and \$90 for non-residents. Questions? Call 847.640.1000.



APRIL
2

Drop-in Houseplant Swap

Wednesday | April 2 | 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Bring an indoor plant or rooted cutting (free of pests) to the Mount Prospect Public Library

and pick up a new indoor plant to add to your collection at this houseplant swap. No registration is required.



APRIL
3

Senior Connections

Thursday | April 3
9 – 10:30 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Seniors are invited to enjoy this opportunity to learn something

new, meet their neighbors, and get acquainted with Village staff. Refreshments will be served. Mount Prospect residents only—no registration is required. If you have questions, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



APRIL
3

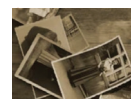
A Path to Your Family Story with Ancestry.com

Thursday | April 3 | 2 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Explore this popular online genealogy resource, which is available for free at the library. Learn basic and



advanced search techniques, how to find relevant results, and more. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
3

Planning for Retirement
Thursday | April 3 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Via Zoom



Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for this virtual event in which John Daly, CFP, shares information for those getting ready to retire. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
5

Disaster Preparedness Expo

Saturday | April 5
10 am – 2 pm
FIRE STATION 14
2000 E. Kensington Rd.



Mount Prospect Emergency Management will host a free Disaster Preparedness Expo. Professionals will be on hand to provide guidance and answer your questions on preparing for disasters. Full details on page 6.

APRIL
5

VFW Post 1337 Centennial Gala
Saturday | April 5 | 6 pm
COTILLION BANQUETS



360 S. Creekside Dr
Celebrate 100 years of service with Mount Prospect's veterans.

Register by March 27 to attend this momentous occasion. Visit vfw1337.com or email dutch23mp@comcast.net for details.

APRIL
6

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: The Tempest

Sunday | April 6 | 2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



The library welcomes The Shakespeare Project of Chicago for a performance of *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare, directed by J.R. Sullivan. This event is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
7

Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options

Monday | April 7 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Via Zoom



Barbara Ginty, CFP, CEPA, will help you navigate the complex landscape of student loans and explain how these debts can impact long-

term financial goals, including retirement savings. To register for this virtual event, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
9

Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | April 9
7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Learn how to make a flower by quilling. You will make the basic shapes

to decorate an item or stand-alone masterpiece. \$10 per person, register at mtphist.org.

APRIL
12

Mt. Melas Adventure Run
Saturday | April 12 | 8 am
MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Rd.



Test your limits and conquer obstacles in the Mt. Prospect Park District Mt.

Melas Adventure Run. The course features hill elevation and both grass and concrete terrain. Teams and individuals can register at mppd.org with the code 49480.

Registration is \$35 now through March 12, \$40 March 13 through April 10, and \$50 the day of the race. Mt. Melas gear is included with registration.

APRIL
12

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday | April 12 | 10 am
BURNING BUSH
TRAILS PARK
1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.



Hop on over for some springtime fun with the River Trails Park District!

Ages 6 and under will gather eggs, and redeem their eggs for prizes. Ages 7 to 10 will participate in an egg scavenger hunt and will receive a prize at the end of the hunt. Families will also have the opportunity to take photos with the Easter Bunny, don't forget your camera. \$11 for residents/partner-residents and \$13 for non-residents. Registration is required by April 4 and is available online at rtpd.org.

APRIL
13

Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | April 13
11:30 am – 1:30 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.
Did you know Mount Prospect is a Tree City

USA? Join us for a cute make-and-take tree craft or make an easy cranberry and birdseed feeder to hang in a tree at home. This event is free and no registration is necessary. All ages are welcome. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will be open for tours.

APRIL
16

Designer Hacks for Easy Flower Arranging
Wednesday | April 16
6 pm

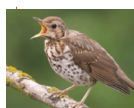


MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Heather Coughlin of Pure Bloom Flowers for a tutorial and demonstration on flower arranging. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
17

Learning to Bird by Ear: Recognizing and Identifying Birds by their Vocalizations



Thursday | April 17 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Geoff Williamson will cover the basic concepts of bird vocalizations and the organizing principles for learning to bird by ear. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
19

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday | April 19
8 – 11 am



LIONS RECREATION
CENTER
411 S. Maple St.
Hippity hop to the annual Mt. Prospect Park District

Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a basket for collecting eggs and a camera for capturing special moments. Register for a 45-minute time slot between 8 am and 11 am at mppd.org. The event will take place rain or shine. Registration is \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents and includes a take-home treat and a photo opportunity with the Easter bunny. More information and registration codes are available online.

APRIL
22

Earth Day Free Event
Tuesday | April 22
4:30 – 6:30 pm



WOODLAND TRAILS PARK
1600 E. Euclid Ave.

Join River Trails Park District for an afternoon filled with eco-friendly fun, inspiration, and community spirit! Dive into hands-on workshops, from planting trees to crafting recycled art. Bring your family for exciting activities like: Tree/Flower Planting, Nature Walk – Trees of Woodland Trails Park, Recycled Crafts, Bird and Bat houses painting, and Wings and Talons Demonstrations. Together, learn how to protect our beautiful planet while having a blast. Let's unite for Mother Earth—because every small action counts! No registration needed.

APRIL
22

Shady Characters: Nifty Plants for Shady Sites
Tuesday | April 22 | 7 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Horticulturist Heather Prince as she explores the colors and textures of shade-loving plants. Prince will showcase varieties and species suited for all types of shade. Presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library and The Garden Club of Mount Prospect. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
23

Terry Savage Talks Money
Wednesday | April 23 | 7 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
Via Zoom

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for this virtual event, in which Terry Savage, a nationally recognized expert on personal finance, the economy, and the markets, will provide a reality check on the volatile economy, financial markets, and personal finance topics. The event will conclude with a Q&A. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
24

Understanding Medicare
Thursday | April 24 | 7 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Ethan Dickerson, an independent insurance agent, will explain the various parts of Medicare and offer ways to find the best plan for you. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
29

True Crime: Financial Fraud
Tuesday | April 29 | 2 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect Police

Department will review real cases of common financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a financial crime. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

APRIL
30

Book Group Bootcamp
Wednesday | April 30 | 6 pm



MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Learn how to organize and run your own book group using helpful resources from the Mount Prospect Public Library

and the internet. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

News from the Village Clerk

April 1 Election – Early Voting

On April 1, Mount Prospect residents will vote for candidates for Mayor, Village Trustee, Library Trustee, School District, and Park District. Early voting will take place at Village Hall from March 17 through 31. Early voting hours are:

Monday – Saturday 9 am – 5 pm | **Sunday** 10 am – 4 pm

If you prefer to vote by mail, request a ballot by calling the Village Clerk at 847.818.5333 or visit cookcountyclerkil.gov. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to be counted.

You can visit cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/current-elections to view the list of candidates.

To find your assigned polling place to vote in person, visit cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voter-information or call the Village Clerk at 847.818.5333.



News Around Town

Summer Internships for College Students



The Village is a proud supporter of empowering and training the next generation of workers. This summer, internships are available in the Building, Communications, and Public Works Departments. Interns will get valuable experience while learning various aspects of Village operations. Available opportunities are

posted at mountprospect.org/employment. Positions may be added periodically, so be sure to check back frequently.

4th Annual Mount Prospect Citizens Civics Academy

The Village of Mount Prospect will once again be holding its fourth consecutive Citizens Civics Academy. The Academy will begin on April 3rd and run for 8 weekly classes. The Citizens Civics Academy is a series of free educational sessions designed to teach Mount Prospect residents about the inner workings of their local government. Civics Academy participants will learn about the many responsibilities and functions of the Village, the relationships between Village Departments and the community, and how services are provided. The Academy's goal is to educate the public and increase awareness about what their local government does for them, provide an inside look into government operations, and develop a better understanding of a citizen's role in Village government. Classes will meet at Village Hall and other Village buildings such as Public Works, the Police Headquarters, and Fire Station 13. For more information and to fill out an application, go to mountprospect.org/citizenscivicsacademy.

News from the Finance Department

EyeOnWater

You can now conveniently review and analyze your water usage data by using the secure EyeOnWater suite. Access this handy tool via their website (eyeonwater.com/signup) or smart phone app and easily analyze your water usage patterns.

Using EyeOnWater, you can view your hourly water usage, gain greater understanding, and control of the amount of water you use. The EyeOnWater online portal provides easy-to-understand graphs and the ability to establish alerts, including identifying potential leaks.

You can register for an account at mountprospect.org/eyeonwater. You will need your zip code, email address, and the digits before the dash in your account number.

Utility Bill Payment Options

You can enroll to receive your water/sewer/refuse bills electronically at mountprospect.org/BillPay. Once you are signed up, you will receive email notifications when a new bill is ready for viewing. The portal will allow you to review your current bill and review your payment history from the time you entered the electronic program, as well as manage your e-billing preferences.

You have several payment options available to you for your water/sewer/refuse bills. Choose the one that is most convenient for you:

- Make one-time credit card, debit card, or bank account payments online without incurring any service fees at mountprospect.org/billpay.
- You can also set up recurring credit card, debit card, or bank account payments without incurring any service fees at mountprospect.org/billpay. Funds are withdrawn automatically on the due date of the bill.
- Utilize our 24-hour kiosk just outside of Village Hall. The kiosk allows you to access your account by entering your account number or by scanning the QR code on your bill. Payments can be made at the kiosk by using credit or debit cards, depositing a check, or with cash. Partial or entire balance payments are accepted. Receipt options include print, text, or email.
- Drop check payments in the 24-hour payment boxes located outside the front door of Village Hall and on the north side of the parking deck.
- In-person and mailed-in payments are also accepted in the Finance Department on the first floor of Village Hall.



Community/Economic Development

Community Development Block Grant Survey

The Village is conducting a survey to gather feedback regarding local housing and community development needs. Your input will shape how Mount Prospect will allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding over the next five years. CDBG federal dollars are allocated to local governments by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist housing and community development projects that benefit low and moderate-income residents.

Visit www.mountprospect.org/2025cdbgsurvey to take the survey and to learn more about the CDBG program.

The survey can be made available in other languages and formats upon request. If you need assistance completing the survey, please call 847.818.5302 or email 2025cdbgsurvey@gmail.com.

Welcome New Businesses

Three new restaurants recently opened in Mount Prospect offering a distinct array of culinary options:

- **Hongdae Korean Bar and Grill** is the latest addition to Randhurst Village's diverse list of dining options. Featuring an inviting, vibrant atmosphere, Hongdae offers a unique blend of traditional Korean cuisine and trendy a la carte dishes.
- Also at Randhurst Village you will find **Meat Moot's** family oriented dining atmosphere. The cuisine features high-quality halal meats with irresistible smoky flavor, slow cooked for 16 hours.
- On the south side of the Village, a new **Dunkin'** has officially opened on the ground floor of a new, two-story mixed-use building at the northwest corner of Elmhurst and Algonquin Roads. Dunkin' is one of four retail/restaurant spaces in the development and offers a convenient drive-thru for coffee, donuts, and other food offerings for those on the go.



Personal care is available at these two new businesses:

- **Waxing the City** provides premiere waxing and beauty services by licensed service providers with extensive and immersive training. With an emphasis on people and outstanding customer care, services include facial waxing, body waxing, and specialty treatments such as brow tint, last tint, and Bright Skin Brightening treatment.
- **Hand and Stone Massage & Facial Spa** offers professional massage, facials, hair removal, and body services tailored to your individual needs. Their well-trained massage therapists and licensed estheticians are skilled and experienced in delivering exceptional service and care to all their guests.

Ribbon Cuttings!



December 11, 2024
HONGDAE KOREAN BAR & GRILL
Randhurst Village | 125 Randhurst Village Dr.
hongdaechicago.com
702.788.0225



January 10, 2025
FENELON COLLEGE
800 W. Central Rd. | Suite 106N
feneloncollege.com
224.857.8170



January 16, 2025
DUNKIN' DONUTS
1798 Elmhurst Rd
dunkindonuts.com

Fire Department



Fire Department EMS Coordinator

International Women's Day, celebrated on March 8, is the perfect opportunity to honor the achievements of women across various fields. The Mount Prospect Fire Department would like to celebrate the day by recognizing our Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator Tina Hayes. Tina has been with the department for just over a year. She is a licensed paramedic and a licensed registered nurse who previously worked in a hospital emergency room setting.

As EMS Coordinator, Tina has several primary responsibilities including overseeing all EMS training, setting goals, objectives and priorities related to EMS training needs. In this capacity, she ensures that all firefighters are up to date on their licenses and certifications and are compliant with state standards and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Tina also is also responsible for making sure that ambulances and other apparatuses are adequately stocked and ready for service. She is also the one who mitigates and helps solve issues brought forth by the frontline firefighters that may pose a barrier to providing safe and efficient patient care.

During the last year Tina also established an EMS Committee, a



group of firefighters that meet regularly to discuss equipment needs and safety protocols. A key goal the EMS Committee recently achieved was making certain the equipment on all four Mount Prospect ambulances is uniform and easily accessible. On this topic, Tina noted that "it is critical in an emergency health care situation that our paramedics consistently know where to go for the equipment and drugs they need for each patient. Organization inside of the ambulances needs to be consistent. There is no time to be looking for things because seconds matter when administering life-saving measures on a patient."

We are grateful to have Tina in this critical leadership role.

Disaster Preparedness Expo

Throughout the past year our country has been impacted by a series of natural disasters, including snow and ice storms, hurricanes, and wildfires. The chance of natural disasters hitting our area could increase, so now is the time to make sure you are prepared.

Mount Prospect Emergency Management will host a free Disaster Preparedness Expo on Saturday, April 5 from 10 am to 2 pm at Fire Station 14, 2000 E. Kensington Rd. Professionals will be on hand to provide guidance and answer your questions on preparing for issues like power outages caused by storms, dealing with flooding in your home, and knowing how and when to turn off your utilities. Staff members from various Village departments will provide information on how the Village can assist during a disaster scenario. Representatives from local utility providers will also

participate to provide safety information including dos and don'ts during natural disasters. Information will be available both inside and outside, and the event will go on rain or shine.

Planning and preparedness are critical steps towards making sure you, your family, and loved ones are ready for the next natural disaster. For more information, contact Mount Prospect Emergency Management at 847.818.5253.



Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 9. Be sure you move clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

Daylight Saving is a great time to test batteries in all smoke and CO detectors in your home. If you find an alarm that is not working or has expired, replace it immediately with a new 10-year sealed battery smoke alarm. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that about three out of five fire deaths occurred in homes without working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms at all. The chance of dying in a home fire is reduced by 55% in dwellings where working smoke alarms are present.



**SPRING FORWARD
ONE HOUR**
Daylight Savings Time

SPRING FORWARD SAFELY:
This is also a good time
to test your smoke alarms
and change replaceable
batteries, if needed.



Police Department



Police Officer Retirements

The Police Department recently said goodbye to two long-standing members of the department, Officers Jose Melendez and Bob Etchingham.



After 28 honorable years with the Mount Prospect Police Department, **Officer Jose Melendez** has retired. Jose began his career in January of 1997 and was a long-time member of the department's midnight shift, working from 10:45 pm to 7:45 am.

Throughout his career with the Village, Jose served as a Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Foreign Language Interpreter, and Breathalyzer Operator. Jose was named an Officer of the Quarter in 2007 and Runner-Up Officer of the Year that same year.

Over the course of his career, Jose was recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for his unwavering commitment to making the roadways safer by identifying and arresting intoxicated drivers.

Chief Eterno said, "Jose's verbal de-escalation skills are phenomenal. He has that calming influence you want, especially at a chaotic scene. He will be missed."

Congratulations to Jose, and we wish him the best as he starts his

new job as a Police Officer with the Joliet Junior College Police Department.

Officer Bob Etchingham recently retired after more than 31 years with the Mount Prospect Police Department. Bob was sworn in on April 1, 1993, and throughout his career has served the department as an Evidence Technician, Youth Officer, and Bike Officer. As a long-time resident, Bob has called Mount Prospect his home even before he worked for the Village. Over the past three decades in Mount Prospect, Bob has raised his family, coached youth sports, shopped and dined locally, and established long standing friendships with other residents. There are not many places in town Bob can go where someone doesn't recognize him.

According to Chief Eterno, "Bob truly embraced and exhibited what community policing is all about. Whether on or off duty, Bob's daily interactions positively impacted so many lives and have helped make Mount Prospect what it is today."



New Officers Join the Police Department

The Mount Prospect Police Department recently swore in three new officers. We welcome the following individuals to the department:

- **Officer Amy Arciszewski** was born in Arlington Heights, grew up in Mount Prospect, and graduated from Hersey High School. Amy then went on to attend Elmhurst University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Amy recently worked for the River Trails Park District as a camp counselor, kid squad supervisor, and camp supervisor for the park district's summer camp programs.
- **Officer Mackenzie Schranz** was born in Oak Park, grew up in Palatine and Streamwood, and graduated from Fremd High School. She attended Columbia College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Live and Performing Arts Management. She also started working on her master's degree in Secondary Education at Roosevelt University. Mackenzie has worked with her family's landscaping business in sales and marketing, is self-employed as a freelance photographer, and has been a high school student teacher.

- **Officer Carl Verde** was born in Elmhurst, grew up in Melrose Park, and graduated from Saint Patrick High School in Chicago. Carl attended Triton College, where he earned an associate degree in Fire Science. Carl also has received his EMT certificate.

All three officers are currently training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign.



Active Shooter Response Presentations

The Police Department will hold several presentations on how to respond if confronted with an active shooter event. Attendees will learn strategies and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event during these free one-hour-long presentations. The Department will present sessions in both English and Spanish.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRESENTATION

Wednesday | March 12 | 7 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Meeting Room A

SPANISH LANGUAGE PRESENTATION

Tuesday | March 18 | 7 – 8 pm
JOHN JAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1835 W. Pheasant Tr.
Learning Resource Center (LRC)

Public Works

Yard and Organic Waste Collection Begins March 31

Yard and organic waste collection for 2025 will begin on March 31. The program provides collection of traditional yard waste including grass clippings, branches, and twigs, as well as organic materials such as fruits and vegetables, all for the same monthly fee.

Using a cart from our rental program, or your own rigid container, residents can put an unlimited amount of yard waste and organic content out for pick-up; there is no sticker required. Wheeled carts are available in 35-, 65-, or 95-gallon sizes for \$4.18/month, which is paid directly to the Village. Kraft paper bags may be used, but only for the yard waste.

For more details on the organics program, visit mountprospect.org/organics or contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



YES!



ACCEPTABLE

GRASS CLIPPINGS
BRUSH
FLOWERS
LEAVES
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
PASTAS
MEAT (NO BONE)
BREADS
CRACKERS
CEREALS
CHEESE, YOGURT (NO LIQUIDS)
COFFEE GROUNDS

Is this OK for Organics collection?



NON-ACCEPTABLE



NO!

SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Public Works is offering summer positions for college students who are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. Work may include patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, and reading water meters. Many of the jobs are outdoors and as such require the ability to withstand exposure to the elements and more than usual physical strength and endurance.

We are also seeking a Civil Engineering Intern. This opportunity will provide the successful applicant with invaluable experience in preparation for a civil engineering career. Work will involve construction layout and inspection associated with street and sidewalk improvement programs, inspection of private development construction, and AutoCAD drafting for Village improvement projects. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program of study or a related construction field.

For information on any of these positions or to apply online, visit mountprospect.org/employment.

Electronics Recycling Drop-off

To ensure environmentally safe recycling of old electronics and to provide convenient drop-off options, the Village—in association with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC)—has developed the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program. Materials may be dropped at the two following locations:

- Mount Prospect Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd.
Drop-off services are available on Wednesdays from 10 am – noon, April 9 through October 29.
- Glenview Transfer Station, 1151 N. River Rd.
Drop-off services are available year-round on Saturdays from 9 – 11 am.

Both locations are closed on national holidays, and the Glenview location is closed on Saturdays following a holiday.

A list of acceptable materials can be found at bit.ly/3XhsEAn. For more details call 847.870.5640 or email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Water Main Breaks

Water main breaks can have a tremendous impact on the immediate area surrounding the break. Here are some key questions and answers about what happens when a water main breaks:

When do water mains break? Water main breaks can happen at any time. However, they tend to occur more frequently in winter due to ground movement caused by freezing and thawing, which puts stress on the pipes.

What happens once the Village is notified of a possible break? Village staff will first assess the situation. If a water main break is identified, staff are required by law to contact JULIE to request that utility companies locate their infrastructure before any digging begins.

How is it repaired? Repair crews pinpoint the leak and evaluate the condition of the pipe. Typically, a repair clamp is placed over the hole or crack. If multiple breaks are found on a section of pipe, or if the pipe is in poor condition, the damaged section may be removed and replaced with a new piece of ductile iron water main.

How long do repairs take? Repair times vary depending on the circumstances. In most cases, repairs are completed within five hours. Restoring landscaping, roads, or driveways may take longer



and often depends on the time of year. Excavations need adequate time to settle before surface restoration occurs to prevent sinking.

Will my water be shut off? In most cases, repairs are made under reduced pressure, meaning residents may experience low to no water pressure during part of the repair. Typically, water service is only disrupted for about two hours during a five-hour repair. The utility division strives to maintain full water pressure for as long as possible.

Will I be notified? Staff will notify residents by knocking on every door in the affected area. If no one is home, or if the work occurs late at night, a door hanger will be left. In emergencies, the water supply may need to be limited before staff can complete door-to-door notifications or place door tags.

Is the water safe to drink after a break? Yes, the water is safe to drink. However, you may notice discoloration or air in the lines due to disturbance of the main and valve operations. If this occurs, run cold water from the highest point in your house (a bathtub faucet works well) until the water runs clear.

2025 Street Resurfacing



Approximately 6.8 miles of Village streets across 67 blocks on 25 streets will be resurfaced this year. The \$6.4 million investment will benefit residents and businesses by improving neighborhoods with safe, serviceable streets for years to come.

If your street is impacted by one of the projects, you will receive a brochure detailing the scope of work. To access information about the projects digitally, visit mountprospect.org/resurfacing. Supplemental communication for daily work updates and construction activities can be found on X @MP_Resurfacing.

Construction is expected to take place from April through October, weather permitting. Reach out to the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org if you have any questions during construction.

Tree Planting

As occurs each year, the Village parkway tree replacement program will be in effect in the months ahead. Public Works approaches the program with a goal of replacing all parkway trees that are removed, the following season, if adequate space exists. This spring's replacement schedule includes all the 2024 removal locations. The Village continues to utilize several different tree species to increase the diversity of the urban forest. At least eight to ten different tree varieties will be utilized, matching trees to sites for optimal performance.

The Village plants trees in both spring and fall. Specific requests for spring tree planting should be made to Public Works no later than March 14. If your parkway tree is not replaced in the spring it may still be planted this fall. Village crews will mark the location of a new planting site with a brown mark on the curb and leave a letter explaining the planting process. A tree watering bag will be placed on trees planted this spring and in fall of 2025.

If you are interested in our planting programs or have any questions, contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Human Services



Senior Activities

Over the last few months, our Senior Activities Coordinator Lisa Tenuta has assessed existing social engagement and recreation opportunities for older adults, both within the Farley Community Room at Village Hall, and with other community partners. Lisa will continue her assessment in 2025 with a specific focus on gathering feedback from our older adult residents. Watch for upcoming opportunities to provide your feedback.

Our Aging in Community Initiative will be hosting the first annual Older Adult Social Engagement Expo on May 2nd. Additional informational programs and recreational activities will be offered throughout the year. Stay connected through the Senior Buzz Newsletter regarding upcoming events and activities for older adults.

In addition to the current activities offered in the Farley Community Room, we will be bringing back the Wits Workout program and adding new programs, Senior Games, and Bingocize! Stay tuned for more information on NEW pop-up informational programs.

We will continue to work collaboratively with our residents and community partners to ensure that the Village is a place where residents of all ages can stay active, connected, and engaged.



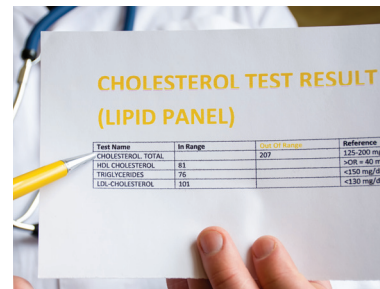
Mental Health Matters

Friday, May 30 brings the return of Mental Health Matters for its 5th year. The Human Services Department will again partner with Fridays on the Green for this free Feel Good Friday community event to bring awareness to mental health. Stay tuned to the Human Services Facebook page and Mental Health Matters website page at mountprospect.org/MHM for more details.



Health Testing Available

The Public Health Nurse offers lipid panel and A1C testing for Mount Prospect residents. Each test is \$20, and an appointment is required. The lipid panel test produces six results, including total cholesterol, HDL (good cholesterol), LDL (bad cholesterol), and triglycerides in less than five minutes. The A1C test averages your blood sugar (glucose) over the past three months. Call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to schedule an appointment for either one or both tests.



Youth Program

The Human Services Department is partnering with the Historical Society to offer a free youth program at the Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Rd. Join the Historical Society on March 27, from 1 – 3 pm and explore history by learning about the variety of ways communication can look. The program is open for those age 7 and older. Space is limited. To register, call the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930.



Save the Date

Mark your calendar for our Senior Appreciation Community Luncheon on May 16. We will gather in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall from 12 – 2 pm. More information to come.



**community
connections
center**

1711 West Algonquin Road
Mount Prospect | IL 60056
847.506.4930

Hours

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7:30 pm
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



March is National Social Work Month and April is Autism Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this topic by liking us at **facebook.com/MPHumanServices**

2025

March

April



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	LEARN MORE AT  EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT www.experiencemountprospect.org					
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			Job Search Strategies for Older Adults, 7pm, MPPL	Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC Blood Drive, 2-7pm Fire Station 13	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	Coffee with Council 9am, VH
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am- 1:30pm, MPHist An Italian Rhapsody: Mt. Prospect Community Band 3:30pm Trinity United Methodist Church	Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Freewheeling in Ireland, 7pm, MPPL	Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Freewheeling in Ireland, 7pm, MPPL	Bessie's Workbasket 7-9pm, MPHist	Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC Women Who Measured the Stars, 7pm, MPPL	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	
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		Gardens of the Pros with Nina Kozioł, 9:30am, VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC		IDES Job Fair 10am-1pm, MPPL Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC News Media, Truth, and Trust, 7pm, MPPL		Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH Mindful Chair Yoga 11am, MPPL	
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		1	2	3	4	5
		April Showers Pool Pass Sale April 1-30 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	Drop-in Houseplant Swap, 4pm, MPPL	Senior Connections 9-10:30am, VH Conversations in English, 1-2pm, CCC A Path to Your Family Story, 2pm, MPPL Planning for Retirement, 7pm, MPPL	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	Disaster Preparedness Expo, 10am-2pm, Fire Station 14 VFW Post 1337 Centennial Gala, 6pm, Cotillion Barquets
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The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: The Tempest, 2pm, MPPL	Navigating Student Loans: Understanding Your Options, 7pm, MPPL	Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	Bessie's Workbasket 7-9pm, MPHist	Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	Mt. Meias Adventure Run, 8am, Meias Park Coffee with Council 9am, VH Easter Egg Hunt, 10am, Burning Bush Trails Park
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		Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Earth Day Event, 4:30-6:30pm Woodland Trails Park Shady Characters: Nifty Plants for Shady Sites, 7pm MPPL	Terry Savage Talks Money, 7pm, MPPL	Conversations in English, 5:30- 6:30pm, CCC Understanding Medicare, 7pm, MPPL	Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	
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		Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC True Crime: Financial Fraud, 2pm, MPPL	Book Group Bootcamp, 6pm, MPPL			



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Message from the Mayor

The following is an abridged version of the Mayor's State of the Village 2025 address.

Over the past few years, the Village of Mount Prospect has experienced *Unprecedented Growth*. We have been on a steep upward, positive trajectory. Our local economy is strong, investment capital is flowing into our Village, and we are experiencing growth like we have never seen before. Development is occurring everywhere you look. There is new residential, new commercial, new retail, and new restaurants. This activity is creating a remarkably positive environment for all who live, work, and do business here.



Vision | There is so much that can happen when we have Vision and we create Awareness. You must have forward looking thoughts and plans as to *what can be*. With Awareness, *Growth and Prosperity* will follow our Vision! And it has!

Citizen Safety is Priority #1 | Before I begin to speak to *Growth and Prosperity*, I want to make it clear that above all else, Citizen Safety is Priority #1. Being appropriately resourced and at the ready to respond quickly when our Citizens need help is paramount.

Growing Protective Services | Since 2023, our Police Department has grown from 83 sworn Officers to 88 sworn Officers. Since 2023, the Fire Department has grown from 72 sworn Firefighter/Paramedics to 81 sworn Firefighter/Paramedics. When you need a Police Officer or Firefighter/Paramedics to respond, there is absolutely nothing more important.

Fire Station 11 in South Mount Prospect | The renovation of Station 11 was completed on time and \$1.0 million under budget by our internal Fire and Public Works Team. This has allowed the Fire Department to implement the *4 District Response Plan* which has improved response times throughout the Village. Help arrives faster today!

Our Financial Condition | The financial condition of the Village of Mount Prospect has never been stronger! State Sales Taxes are up \$37 million, Income Taxes are up \$9.6 million, and Home Rule Sales

Taxes are up \$7.5 million. And...the Village's portion of the *Property Tax Levy* is down 11% in the past 2 years and Vehicle Stickers have been eliminated.

The Economic Emergency Fund | This reserve is now funded at \$13.7 million. We are prepared for the unexpected! Due to our extremely strong financial condition, I believe we are going to become a *AAA Credit Rated* Community in 2025.

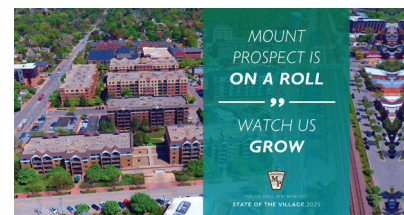
Downtown Development is Off the Charts | In 2024, 5 new residential projects were completed bringing the total of recent new residential buildings to 9. The Restaurant Scene is *On Fire* with 7 new restaurants opening in 2024 bringing the total number of eating opportunities to 14. And...Coco Maple is coming to the HQ Residences restaurant space.

South Mount Prospect Development | We have annexed over 300 acres bringing new tax revenue into the Village. New development including Cloud HQ, DiMeo Bros, Seefried Industrial, and O'Reilly Auto Parts is underway. We recently cut the ribbon on the Senior Lofts Apartments. And...its just the beginning!

Sustainability, We are On It | In 2024, the Mayor formed a Citizen Committee focused on Sustainability, a Sustainability Plan was completed, and now information is being shared through community outreach and the Sustainability News.

Breaking News . . The 111 E. Busse Building (the former Chase Bank) | This building, one of the most important remaining pieces of the Downtown Development Puzzle has been secured. This is a huge win for the Village as we will control the future development of this key parcel.

It is an incredibly exciting time in our history! So much so that a Citizen recently suggested to me that we rename Mount Prospect, *Mount Prosperous*. That citizen may be on to something!



Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday – Friday | 8:30 am to 5 pm

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911
Village Hall 847.392.6000
(Finance, Village Admin, Human Svcs, Com. Development)
Fire Department (non-emergency).....847.870.5666

Police Department (non-emergency) ..847.870.5656
Public Works847.870.5640

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