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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025

'Tis the Season

HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS AROUND MOUNT PROSPECT

Let's make this winter one that is filled with cheer and charitable giving! No matter what holidays are observed in your home, all are invited to celebrate the season with us together as a community.

MOUNT PROSPECT KINDNESS WEEK

The Village of Mount Prospect and the Special Events Commission proudly present the first-ever Kindness Week, a week-long celebration encouraging residents to see the good, be the good, and go the extra mile in our community. The week kicks off at the Mount Prospect Public Library (10 S. Emerson St.) on Saturday, November 8 from 10 am – 2 pm. Stop by to learn how small acts of kindness can make a big difference—and how you can take part throughout the week. More details on page 2.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Community members are encouraged to give what they can to make the holidays extra special for those in need. Details on page 10.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY & CHRISTKINDMARKET

Join us for the annual Mount Prospect Tree Lighting Ceremony and Christkindlmarket on November 26. The tree lighting ceremony will take place in the pocket park, which is located at the intersection of Emerson St. and Busse Ave. Emerson St. will be closed from the parking garage to Busse Ave. Listen to holiday tunes sung by the Prospect High School Madrigals and warm up with free hot chocolate and cookies generously provided by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Inside Village Hall, explore a wide assortment of holiday gifts for sale at the Christkindlmarket, sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission.

The Tree Lighting takes place at 5 pm and the Christkindlmarket is from 4 – 7 pm in the Farley Community Room.

MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is hosting its annual Toy Drive for local children and teens from November 1 to December 12.

Donate new unopened and unwrapped toys for children up to age 17. Older children aged 13 and above can be especially hard to buy for, so we suggest donations of gift cards, hoodies, hats and gloves, skateboards, lotion and body wash sets, backpacks/duffle bags, sports-themed gifts, or jewelry and hair accessories. The toys will be distributed to local families facing financial hardship who have registered with our Human Services Department.

Toy drop-off boxes are at Village Hall and in the lobbies of Mount Prospect Fire Stations 12 (1601 W. Golf Rd.), 13 (111 E. Rand Rd.), and 14 (2000 E. Kensington Rd.).

HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

The Special Events Commission is once again holding the annual Holiday House Decorating Contest. This contest is open to all who live or have a business in Mount Prospect. Registration is free and runs from November 17 to end of day on December 7. The week after registration closes, we will share an interactive map of the contest properties – paper copies will be available at Village Hall. Winners will be announced on December 19.

Register and get more information at mountprospect.org/holidaydecorations.

CHANUKAH CANDLE LIGHTING PROGRAM

Join us for a celebration of light and hope on December 14, the first night of Chanukah. Starting at 5 pm, attendees will light candles on a traditional menorah and have some delicious Chanukah treats. A presentation about the story and history of Chanukah will be given. This is a free event taking place in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. This event is open to all – no registration required.

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Puzzle Swap
THUR | NOV 6
9 am – 6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle!
Trade in puzzles you've
completed for new designs while supplies
last. No registration required.



NOVEMBER
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Jigsaw Puzzle Competition
THUR | NOV 6 | 6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Puzzle solo or bring a
team of up to four people
and put your jigsaw puzzle skills to the
test. To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.



NOVEMBER
7

Fit 4 Life
FRI | NOV 7, 14 & 21
FRI | DEC 5, 12 & 19
10:00 – 10:45 am (no class
Nov 28 or Dec 26)
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



This free seated exercise program is open
to seniors of all fitness levels residing in
Mount Prospect. 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. No registration
is required.

NOVEMBER
8

Kindness Week
NOV 8-15
The Special Events
Commission is holding a
week of kindness-related
activities with fun giveaways
and prizes. Kickoff is at
the Mount Prospect Public
Library on November 8,
10-2. During the week, you can visit Village
Hall or three Mt. Prospect Park District
locations, either the RecPlex, Central
Community Center, or Friendship Park
Conservatory to pick up a Kindness Bingo
Card and Kindness Recognition Cards.
Wrap up the week by handing in your
bingo card at the Busse Pocket Park and
collaboratively create a collage of kindness
activities. Go to mountprospect.org/kindnessweek
for more information.



NOVEMBER
8

Coffee with Council
SAT | NOV 8
SAT | DEC 13
9 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Join the Village Board for coffee and
conversation. Community members are
invited to speak with Mount Prospect
officials about topics and concerns and ask
questions in an informal setting.

NOVEMBER
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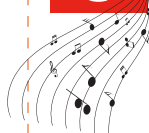
Woodturning for Beginners
SAT | NOV 8 | 2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Members of the Chicago
Woodturners Association



will share the wonders of woodturning as
they provide an introduction to the craft and
provide a live demonstration. To register,
visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER
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**Mt. Prospect
Community Band Fall
Concert**
SUN | NOV 9 | 3:30 pm
TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Rd.
Enjoy an afternoon of music
with the Mount Prospect Community Band.



The program, entitled "Out of This World,"
is supported by the Mount Prospect Park
District. Tickets are \$5 at the door

NOVEMBER
11

Negotiating with Nature: A Tour of Mike's Urban Garden
TUE | NOV 11 | 9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Chicago gardener and radio personality
Mike Nowak shares lessons from 20+
years tending his small, sun-soaked city
yard, including successes and stumbles
with trees, shrubs, native and non-native
plants, herbs, and vegetables. The Mount
Prospect Garden Club event begins with a
30-minute social, followed by a one-hour
business meeting. Mike's presentation
starts at 11 am—guests welcome!

NOVEMBER
11

Veterans Day Ceremony
TUE | NOV 11 | 10:30 am
RECPLEX
420 Dempster St.
(New Location)
Join VFW Post 1337
and American Legion Post 525 as they
commemorate all veterans, past and



present. Elizabeth D. Soto, Superintendent
of the Veterans Assistance Commission of
Cook County, will be the keynote speaker.
For more information, visit vfw1337.com.

NOVEMBER
11

Play and Learn Group
TUE | NOV 11, 18 & 25
TUE | DEC 2, 9 & 16
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.

NOVEMBER
12

Starting a Business in Mount Prospect
WED | NOV 12 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Connect with local business



advisors and learn the essential steps
for launching and growing a successful
business in Mount Prospect. Presented
by the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs
Initiative. To register, visit mppl.org or call
847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER
12

Bessie's Workbasket: Gift Wrapping Ideas
WED | NOV 12 | 7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Wrap up the year with style!
In this hands-on workshop,
you'll learn creative ways to elevate your
gift wrapping using paper, stamps, and
ribbon. Bring a small box to practice on and
the rest will be supplied. Perfect for holiday
gifts, birthdays, or anytime you want to add
a personal touch. Cost: \$10. More info at
mtphist.org.

NOVEMBER
13

Friends in Play
THUR | NOV 13 & DEC 11
11:30 am – 1 pm
COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
Residents ages 55 and



older are invited to join the Human Services
Department for fun games and connecting
with new people. Light refreshments and
snacks will be provided.

NOVEMBER
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LinkedIn 2.0
THUR | NOV 13 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Lauren Milligan from
ResuMAYDAY will explain
how employers and recruiters use LinkedIn,



provide tips on how to optimize your profile
for better visibility, and demonstrate how
to use LinkedIn's tools to your advantage.
Presented in partnership with the Arlington
Heights Memorial Library. To register, visit
mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER
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**Mount Prospect
Historical Society Book
Club: James**
THUR | NOV 13 | 7 – 8 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
Join us for a thought-
provoking discussion of
James Percival Everett's
acclaimed retelling of *The Adventures of
Huckleberry Finn* through the eyes of Jim.
This powerful novel re-examines a classic
American story, offering new insight into
themes of race, freedom, and friendship.
Cost: Free.



NOVEMBER
15

**Friends Holiday
Book Sale**
SAT | NOV 15 | 9 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
All items have been specially
selected for this holiday sale,
so you can find the right gift for the adults,
teens, and children on your list. Organized
by the Friends of the Mount Prospect Public
Library.



NOVEMBER
18

**Coffee Talk &
Construction**
TUE | NOV 18 & DEC 16
7:30 – 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Building and Inspection



Services invites you to meet with the
department's team members and discuss
any construction topics including aging in
your current residence and steps to make
your home more accessible. For more
information, call 847.818.5289 or email
building@mountprospect.org.

NOVEMBER
19

**Small Business
Morning Meetup**
WED | NOV 19 | 9 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Share a cup of coffee and
donuts with other local
entrepreneurs, start-up
professionals, founders, freelancers, home
businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand
your network, exchange ideas, and make
valuable connections. To register, visit
mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



NOVEMBER
19



DIY Pinball Machine
with Jarrett Lerner
WED | NOV 19
4:30 pm or 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

In this unique meet-the-author program, get an inside peek into author Jarrett Lerner's creative process. Plus, just like the characters in Lerner's books, you'll make cool stuff! Best for ages 6-11 with an adult. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

NOVEMBER
19



Evening Creations: Yarn Christmas Trees
WED | NOV 19 | 7 – 8 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

In this session of Evening Creations, guests will be creating Yarn Christmas Trees. Check the Historical Society's website at mthpist.org and/or Eventbrite page for more details about this craft! Class Fee: \$10

NOVEMBER
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Senior Connections
THUR | NOV 20
9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Older Mount Prospect residents are invited to foster community spirit by meeting new people, discovering something new, and engaging with Village staff. November's event will feature entertainment by the Prospect High School Madrigal group. Light refreshments will be provided, and no registration is required. Just show up to enjoy a fun event.

NOVEMBER
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Village Tree Lighting
WED | NOV 26 | 5 pm
EDWIN & ELSIE (MEYN)
BUSSE POCKET PARK

Christkindlmarket
WED | NOV 26 | 4 – 7 pm
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

NOVEMBER
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Photo Shoot with Santa
SAT | NOV 29
SUN | NOV 30
EDWIN & ELSIE (MEYN)
BUSSE POCKET PARK

Snap a photo for your family holiday card while spreading cheer to those in need. To get a photo, guests should bring a \$25 Walmart or Target gift card, which the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association will donate to local food pantries. Reserve your spot at mpdowntown.com.

DECEMBER
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Northwestern Mutual

Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Options
MON | DEC 1 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Representatives from Northwestern Mutual, Inc. will talk about long-term care, what it covers, how much it costs, and the various strategies to pay for this care. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
5



Holiday Housewalk
FRI | DEC 5 | 3:30 – 9 pm
The Mount Prospect Historical Society will hold its 37th annual walk through private local homes. This featuring homes clustered

along Weller Creek, east of Route 83, including homes built from the 1950s to the 1970s. For ticket prices and sale information, check mthpist.org or call 847.392.9006.

DECEMBER
6



Teddy Bear Walk: Winter Fun for Families
SAT | DEC 6
9:30 am – noon
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Bring the whole family and your favorite stuffed pal to enjoy a unique, multigenerational Mount Prospect tradition — the annual Teddy Bear Walk. No registration required.

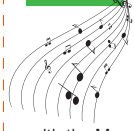
DECEMBER
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Breakfast with Santa
SAT | DEC 6 & 13
10 – 11:30 am
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.

Santa is visiting River Trails Park District to spread good cheer! Enjoy a delicious breakfast buffet and a special visit with Santa. After registering online at rtpd.org, complete a Family Seating Request Form. This form is available online or at the Weiss Center, due by December 4 for the first seating and by December 11 for the second seating. Age: 1-15 – \$24, Age: 16 and up – \$34.

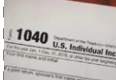
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Mt. Prospect Community Band Christmas Concert
SAT | DEC 6 | 4 pm
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
605 W. Golf Rd.

Enjoy an evening of music with the Mount Prospect Community Band. The program, entitled *The Joy of Christmas*, is supported by the Mount Prospect Park District. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

DECEMBER
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Ten Steps to a Smarter Tax Return
MON | DEC 8 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Financial educator Karen Chan will guide you in making smart choices that help manage your tax bill now and in the future. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
9



Container Design
TUE | DEC 9 | 9:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Talented container designer Stephanie Dalton will share how to choose the right container, soil, and plants to create stunning arrangements for your home. With a horticulture degree and 30+ years in the industry, Stephanie owns *Can't Contain Her*, specializing in landscape and four-season container garden design. The Mount Prospect Garden Club event begins with a 30-minute holiday party, followed by a one-hour business meeting then presentation at 11 am, guests welcome!

DECEMBER
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Theatrical Reading: Truman Capote's A Christmas Memory
TUE | DEC 9 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Equity actors from The Shakespeare Project of Chicago present a theatrical reading of Capote's classic and beloved boyhood Christmas memoir. Presented with permission from the Truman Capote Literary Trust. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
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Bessie's Workbasket
WED | DEC 10 | 7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Check the Historical Society's website at mthpist.org and/or Eventbrite page for the latest information on what guests will tackle this session! Beginners and children welcome. Cost: \$10.

DECEMBER
14



Holiday Family Fun: Cocoa, Crafts, and Cheer
SUN | DEC 14 | 1 – 2:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 & 103 S Maple St.

Step back in time this holiday season by taking a tour of the Historical Society's

decorated 1906 house and museum. Warm up with a cup of cocoa and create a variety of crafts to take home. It's the perfect way to get into the holiday spirit! Cost: Free. More info at mthpist.org.

DECEMBER
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Chanukah Candle Lighting Program
SUN | DEC 14 | 5 PM
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Join us for a celebration of light and hope on the first night of Chanukah.

DECEMBER
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Winterfest Senior Game Day Pop-up
MON | DEC 15 | 9:30 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Enjoy a morning of fun, games, light refreshments, and great company. Connect with neighbors and enjoy some friendly competition. Register today by visiting the Human Services Department or calling 847.870.5680. Space is limited.

DECEMBER
17



Music of the Christmas Hour
WED | DEC 17 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Ring in the holiday season with sopranos Kathleen Monson and Kristina Bachrach and pianist Riko Higuma. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

DECEMBER
20



Stocking Deliveries
SAT | DEC 20 | 10 am – 1 pm
Santa is making personal deliveries to homes served by the River Trails Park District (RTPD)! Imagine your child's delight—or a friend's surprise—

when jolly old St. Nick arrives with a stocking full of goodies. Deliveries are for River Trails Park District residents only. Ages: 1 & up — \$22 first child, \$15 each additional child. Visit rtpd.org for details.

DECEMBER
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New Year's Eve-Eve Family Celebration
TUES | DEC 30
STATION 34 | 34 S. Main St.
Celebrate the start of 2026 at the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association's New Year's Eve-Eve Family

Celebration. There will be music, dancing, entertainment for kids (and kids at heart), and delicious eats. There will also be a midday balloon drop to ring in 2026. Two seatings are available. Get your tickets at mpdowntown.com.



Know the rules...

New Ordinance Regulating Use of E-Bikes, E-Scooters, and E-Motos

At the October 7 meeting, the Village Board passed an ordinance to implement safety regulations for micromobility devices (E-Bikes, E-Scooters) and E-Motos. The information below includes some key points, rules, and requirements on operating these devices in Mount Prospect. Full information can be found at www.mountprospect.org/micromobility and in Chapter 23.121 of the Mount Prospect Village Code.

E-Bikes (Electric Bikes)

E-Bikes are classified by their top-assisted speed: Class 1 (up to 20 mph, pedal-assist), Class 2 (up to 20 mph, throttle-assist), and Class 3 (up to 28 mph, pedal-assist).

Age Requirement	16 or older for Class 2 & 3 unless accompanied by parent or guardian
Where to Ride	Class 1 & 2 E-Bikes are allowed on roadways, bike lanes, and shared-use paths. Class 3 E-Bikes are allowed on roadways and bike lanes.
Passenger Rules	Passengers are not allowed on E-Bikes unless the bike is specifically designed for more than one person.
Riding Safely	When riding at night, E-Bikes must have a white front lamp (visible from 500 ft) and a red rear reflector or lamp. Class 3 E-Bikes must also have a speedometer.
Prohibited Actions	All E-Bikes are prohibited on sidewalks.

E-Scooters & Low-Speed E-Scooters (Electric Scooters)

E-Scooters are electric devices with a floorboard, handlebars, and 2-3 wheels. E-Scooters travel at 10-20 mph; Low-Speed E-Scooters travel up to 10 mph. **Any E-Scooter capable of over 20 mph is prohibited on Village property.**

Age Requirement	16 or older unless accompanied by parent or guardian
Where to Ride	E-Scooters and Low-Speed E-Scooters are allowed on roadways with a speed limit of 30 mph or under, bike lanes, and shared-use paths. Both are allowed on sidewalks except in the downtown Mount Prospect <i>Walk your Wheels Zone</i> .
Passenger Rules	Passengers are not allowed.
Riding Safely	Always yield the right of way to pedestrians. Always keep at least one hand on the handlebars.
Prohibited Actions	Using a cell phone or similar device while operating or operating under the influence of alcohol/drugs is prohibited.

WALK YOUR WHEELS ZONE

Areas of downtown Mount Prospect where it is prohibited to ride E-Scooters on sidewalks. See the map at mountprospect.org/micromobility



E-Motos (Electric Dirt/Mini Bikes)

E-Motos are electric devices on a bicycle-style frame with a throttle and motor exceeding 750 watts that can travel over 20 mph.

These are treated like all other motor vehicles.

Driver Requirements	Valid State registration, liability insurance, and valid driver's license with required classification
Where to Ride/Park	E-Motos are allowed only on roadways. E-Motos must be parked in designated motor vehicle parking spaces.
Passenger Rules	Passengers allowed with proper safety gear listed below.
Riding Safely	Operator and passenger must be protected by glasses, goggles, or a transparent shield (face shield). E-Motos must have all state required equipment, including a headlight, taillight, turn signals, horn, speedometer, at least one rearview mirror, and brake lights.
Prohibited Actions	E-Motos that do not meet all requirements above are prohibited.

General Rules & Penalties

Reckless Operation: Operating any of these devices with conscious disregard for safety is prohibited and can result in impoundment.

Modifying Speed: It is prohibited to knowingly modify an e-bike, e-scooter, or low-speed e-scooter to change speed capability or operate one that has been altered.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility: Parents or legal guardians can be fined for knowingly allowing a minor (under 18) to violate any part of this ordinance.

Fines and Impoundment: Violations can result in fines of \$75-\$500. Devices may be impounded for DUI, reckless operation, or repeated violations, resulting in a \$150 administrative fee.

News from the Finance Department

As this newsletter goes to print, the Village of Mount Prospect is putting the final touches on the 2026 budget. We are excited to share that there will be a 0.00% increase in the Village property tax levy for 2026! The 2026 proposed budget can be viewed at mountprospect.org/budget.

Community/Economic Development

New Lincoln Middle School Plan Approved

In November 2024, School District 57 residents supported an \$85 million referendum to address critical facility needs. As part of that objective, this September, the Mount Prospect Village Board approved plans for a new Lincoln Middle School at 700 W. Lincoln St.

The project will bring a state-of-the-art, 127,000 square foot school designed to meet the needs of today's learners. Highlights include a three-story academic wing with core classrooms, a learning resource center, experience classrooms, and a two-story administrative wing. Students will also benefit from a new gym, cafetorium, storm shelter, an outdoor learning and gathering space, and upgraded support areas.

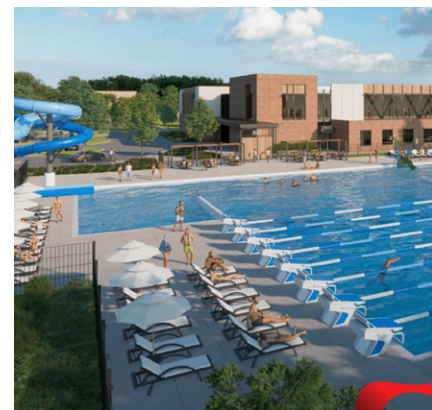
Construction is now underway, with completion targeted for August of 2027. During this time, the current Lincoln Middle School will remain open, ensuring no disruption to students. By the summer of 2027, the old building will be removed, making way for the new campus to fully serve the community. Once complete, the new Lincoln Middle School will offer a safe, modern, and accessible learning environment that reflects the community's strong investment in education.

For more information, please visit the following website page: www.d57.org/BuildingBrighterFutures.aspx



Transformative Plan for Lions Memorial Park Approved

The Village Board has approved a Final Planned Unit Development, often referred to as a PUD, for a new recreation complex at Lions Memorial Park. The proposal includes the construction of a new community recreation center and new outdoor recreational facilities including a swimming pool, pickleball courts, skate plaza, basketball court, outdoor game area, and seasonal ice rink. Demolition of the old recreation building and pool is expected to begin soon, with construction throughout 2026, and anticipated completion in mid-2027. The areas not under construction, including the band shell, tennis courts, baseball fields, playground, and walking paths will remain open to the public throughout construction. Lions Memorial Park, 411 S. Maple St., will continue to be a gathering space for community members of all ages, and the latest renovation represents significant investment in our public infrastructure.



Openings & Ceremonies!



September 12, 2025 Ribbon Cutting
TAICHI BUBBLE TEA
1000 S. Elmhurst Rd. | taichibubbletea.com



September 17, 2025 Ribbon Tying Celebrating 5 Years
SYNERGY FITNESS STUDIO
131 W. Prospect Ave. | 224.595.2005 | synergystudiollc.net



October 3, 2025 Ribbon Cutting
CRAVE COOKIES
916 N. Elmhurst Rd. | 224.857.8902 | cravecookies.com



September 16, 2025
Ribbon Cutting Celebrating Renovations
INDIAN GROVE SCHOOL
1340 N. Burning Bush Ln.



September 26, 2025 Ribbon Cutting for Grand Re-Opening
ACE HARDWARE
1753 W. Golf Rd.
847.439.4755 | acehardware.com



October 3, 2025
Groundbreaking Ceremony
DIMEO BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION HEADQUARTERS
2400 Oakton St.



Safety Tips for Deep Frying a Turkey

Each year, more people are deep frying their Thanksgiving turkey. The appeal is understandable: a deep-fried turkey cooks very quickly and results in a crispy golden-brown skin with moist, tender meat. However, if the deep-frying process is not done correctly, this method has potential to be a fire hazard resulting in property damage and burn injuries.



Deep fryers require that the turkey be completely immersed in cooking oil; it takes 3 to 5 gallons of oil to fully submerge a 10 to 15 pound turkey. Heating that much oil to 350° or 375°F can be dangerous, creating a risk of burns if the oil should spill or if the fryer were to tip over. For a safe experience, follow these important safety tips:

- Do not overfill the fryer. Use just enough oil to cover the turkey.
- Never drop the turkey into the fryer; lower it slowly into the oil.
- The turkey should be completely thawed. Any frozen water immediately turns to steam and results in pressure build up in the oil, so even a partially frozen turkey can cause an explosive boil-over if put into hot oil.



- Use an electric turkey fryer with precise thermostat controls. If the oil is heated past its smoke point, it can ignite into an intense blaze.
- Always fry outdoors at least 10 feet from buildings or flammable objects including wooden decks. Covered areas like a garage are not acceptable; a concrete driveway is recommended.
- Use long cooking gloves that cover your forearms and wear safety goggles. Do not wear loose fitting clothing that may ignite if oil splashes.
- Keep an ABC or K rated fire extinguisher nearby that is specifically rated to work on grease fires.

Following these safety tips will help ensure your holiday table centerpiece is a culinary triumph. Happy Thanksgiving!

Holiday Traditions – Safely

Decorating homes and business with lights, ornaments, or a tree is a cherished holiday tradition. Unfortunately, decorating also increases the risk of fire if not done with proper care and attention to safety. Some of the most popular decorations – lights, candles and even the tree itself – present the highest fire risk.

Start with placement of decorations. Nearly half of all holiday fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. If you use candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily. Keep candles away from other decorations and combustible materials. Consider using battery operated candles and never place a lit candle under the tree.



Many people love to hang lights but most of us don't enjoy putting them away at the end of the season. Make sure you inspect your holiday lights before putting them up this year. Get rid of light strands with frayed or pinched wires. Never mount lights with staples or nails as they could damage the wire insulation. Use clips to mount the lights

instead. Be sure you don't overload extension cords and avoid connecting more than three strands of lights together.

Do you still enjoy putting up a fresh tree? Keep your home safe by following these holiday tree safety practices:

- When purchasing a live tree, look for green needles. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- Place the tree at least three feet away from all heat sources such as fireplaces or radiators.
- Water the tree daily to keep it as moist as possible.
- Make sure the tree is in an open space that is not blocking any exits should you need to evacuate due to a fire.
- Lastly, dispose of the tree properly once it starts dropping needles. Dried out trees are highly flammable, so you should not leave them in the garage or leaning against your home when you dispose of them. Watch for updates from Mount Prospect Public Works on tree disposal options.

By following these tips you can enjoy a beautifully decorated home for the holidays, all while keeping yourself and your loved ones safe from the risk of fire.



Welcome to Our New Officers!

Four candidates were recently sworn in as new Mount Prospect Police Officers.

Jocelyn Santos brings a range of past community service experience to our department. Born and raised in Chicago and graduated from Pritzker College Prep, Jocelyn attended Bradley University where she earned a bachelor's degree in criminology and social work. Jocelyn worked seasonal jobs with the Chicago Park District, interned with the Lake Forest Police Department, worked as a caseworker for a foster care management agency in Rockford, and worked at the Depke Juvenile Complex Center in Vernon Hills as a Principal Juvenile Counselor.

Ryan Beer was born and raised in Chicago, graduating from St. Patrick High School. Ryan attended Benedictine University in Mesa, Arizona, where he earned a bachelor's degree in operations management. Ryan most recently worked as a sales associate for a sporting apparel store in Skokie.

William Kuipers was born in Geneva and grew up in Maple Park. He graduated from Kaneland High School and attended Southwestern Michigan College, where he earned an associate's degree in agricultural technology. For the past 8 years, William has worked at his family's farm in Maple Park as the Farming and Projects Supervisor.



Pictured from left to right: Mayor Hoefert, Deputy Chief Tweedie, Officers Beer, Couch, Santos, and Kuipers, Chief Eterno, Deputy Chief Kanupke, and Village Manager Cassady.

Olivia Couch, born in Elgin and raised in the Joliet area, graduated from Joliet West High School and earned a bachelor's degree in law enforcement and justice administration with a minor in psychology and criminalistics from Western Illinois University. She continued at Western where she received a master's degree in public safety administration. Olivia's prior work experience includes an internship with the Joliet Police Department and serving as a head graduate assistant at Western. Olivia also worked in the food and beverage service industry.

All four Officers have begun their training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign.

Keep Your Packages Safe This Season

Package theft can happen any time, but they're especially common during the busy holiday season. Thieves often follow delivery trucks or look for boxes left in plain sight. Beyond losing a package, visible deliveries can also signal that no one's home—making your house more appealing to burglars.

Simple Ways to Protect Your Deliveries:

- Choose a shipping option that requires a signature.
- Track deliveries and set up text or email alerts.
- Send packages to your workplace or a friend's house if you're not home.
- Pause deliveries while you're away.
- Use lockers, in-store pickup, or a secure parcel box.
- If needed, leave drivers instructions to tuck packages out of sight.



A few smart steps and neighbors looking out for each other can make all the difference. If you spot suspicious activity, don't hesitate to call 911.

Make It a Safe Exchange

Buying or selling something online? Choose a safe, public spot to meet. The front parking lot and lobby of the Police Headquarters at 911 E. Kensington Rd. are available for your use—no appointment or check-in required. These areas are under 24-hour video surveillance, but police staff will not be involved in the exchange. If someone refuses to meet at the police department, it's probably not a legitimate deal.

Safety Tips:

- Stick to local buyers and sellers.
- Bring a friend or let someone know your plans.
- Meet in public, well-lit areas during daylight hours.
- Never go into someone's home or invite them into yours.
- Use extra care with valuables like cars or jewelry.
- Trust your instincts—if it doesn't feel right, walk away.

Stay smart, stay safe, and make every exchange a good one



Curbside Leaf Pickup Ends December 5

There are just a few weeks left in the Village's loose leaf collection program. The no-cost curbside pickup program will run through December 5. During Thanksgiving week, we will attempt to collect throughout the entire town between Monday and Wednesday, so have all your leaves ready by Monday.

Remember, the program is for loose leaves only. Grass clippings, twigs, branches, and any other yard waste must still be placed in paper bags or yard waste containers. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to remove the unacceptable materials from the leaves for collection.

To participate, rake all leaves to one foot from the curb line on the day before your scheduled pickup day. If you miss the pickup, do not rake leaves to the curbline as the machines travel each street just once each week.

Caring for Your Vehicle and the Environment

Proper car maintenance is a very important way to protect the local environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous to waterways. When those fluids are dumped into storm drains or onto pavement, they will wind up in local waterways and, ultimately, in the Des Plaines River.

If you change your own vehicle oil, it is very important that it be disposed of properly. Put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location. Call Public Works at 847.870.5640 for a current list of oil recycling stations.

Antifreeze is also dangerous to the environment. It contains ingredients that are poisonous to people, fish, and wildlife. It should be treated in the same manner as waste oil.

In the case of a spill involving any of these types of materials, use kitty litter, sawdust, cornmeal, or special oil absorbent products to absorb the spill, and then sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For more information about household hazardous collection events, visit mountprospect.org/hhw.

2024 Water Report Available Online

The Illinois and Federal Environmental Protection Agency allows water suppliers to offer electronic delivery of their annual Consumer Confidence Reports. This use of electronic delivery or e-delivery will save thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs for the Village. The use of the e-delivery method fully meets the public notification requirements. Please go to mountprospect.org/CCR2024 to view your 2024 Annual Water Quality Report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2024. If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the 2024 Annual Water Quality Report or have questions about the report, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 or email your request to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Protect Your Home from Water Damage this Winter

A frozen water pipe in your home can cause extensive damage during cold temperatures. Unexpected home emergencies never come at a convenient time, but in many cases, can be prevented. During cold winter weather, water in unprotected pipes can freeze, causing pipes to burst and leading to significant damage throughout your home.

Below are some tips to help prevent frozen waterlines and to restore water service in the event of a frozen water line.

- Insulate indoor water lines in unheated areas, along exterior walls, in crawl spaces, and in garages.
- Disconnect all outdoor hoses from the hose bibbs on the exterior of the house. Make sure the hose bibbs are drained and cover them for extra protection.
- If you have a faucet in the lower part of a home, leave a slow drip of cold water running to help decrease the chances of water lines freezing during extreme cold.
- Frozen lines usually occur where the water line enters the basement or crawlspace. When thawing a frozen water line, do not use a torch. Too much heat too fast can cause the ice inside the pipe to fracture leading to flooding. Rather, try using a hair dryer, space heater, or rags soaked in warm water to gradually warm the frozen pipes.

In the event of a water line rupture, it is important to know both the location of the main shut-off valve for your home and how to operate it.

Mailbox Replacements

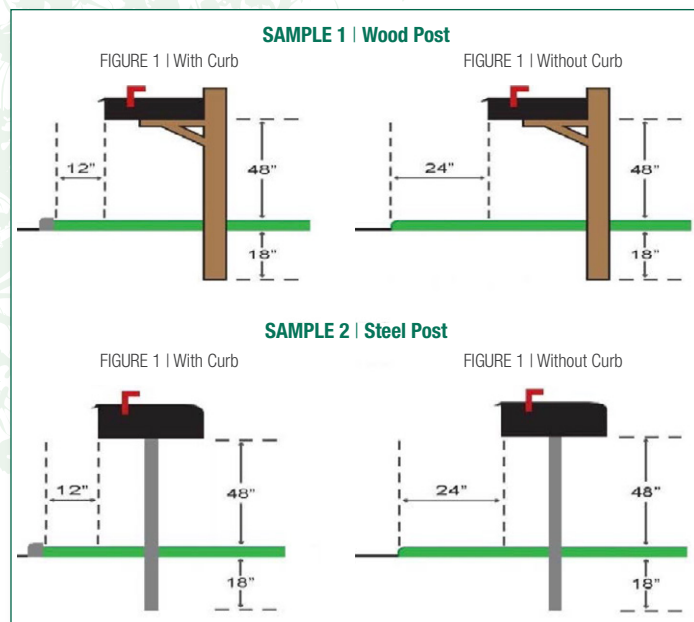


Fall is a good time of the year to look at the condition of your free-standing mailbox to ensure that it is structurally sound. The United States Postal Service (USPS) has very specific criteria for the placement of mailboxes should you decide to replace or upgrade your mailbox. Please remember that digging requires you to call JULIE to mark any underground utilities. JULIE can be reached at 800.892.0123 or by dialing 811.

Per Village Code, USPS-approved mailboxes are permitted within a public right of way under the following conditions:

- The front face of the mailbox, once mounted, must be 12" from the back of the curb, or if no curb is present, 24" from the road pavement.
- The distance from grade to the bottom surface of the mailbox must be 48".
- The mailbox may be mounted on a mounting structure of the following sizes and materials, and no others:
 - A wood post of which the area of an average cross section may not be more than 16".
 - A metal post not more than 2 ½" in outside diameter.
- Residents should take all necessary precautions to prevent damage to any existing utilities located in the parkway.

Shown below are some images of approved mailbox specifications per Village Code. Other decorative mailbox designs may be approved for use if the spacing requirements conform to Village Code. Please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 for further clarification.



Human Services



Meet Nicole, Public Health Nurse

The mission of the Human Services Department is focused on the health and wellbeing of the community. Central to that mission is the work of our Public Health Nurse, Nicole. She works to identify and address the ever-changing needs of our community by providing education and programming with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and the overall wellbeing of residents of all ages. You can find her hosting a weekly health clinic, leading our seated exercise program, providing memory screenings, and connecting residents with many local resources to support a healthier Mount Prospect. If you have questions or concerns about your health, Nicole is a great resource available to you.



Holiday Donations

The Human Services Department is teaming with the Fire Department to help make the holidays special for families who participate in the food pantry program or have experienced recent hardship. There are multiple ways to donate, including making a food donation to the Human Services Department, purchasing needed items from the Amazon Wish List, or making a monetary donation via Paypal. New toys can be dropped off at any Fire Department station in Mount Prospect. For additional information, please call 847.870.5680.



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Teens, We Need Your Help

The Village is looking for young residents aged 13 through 18 to be a part of snow shoveling program. The program matches teens looking for winter work with residents needing assistance with snow removal. The Village will not be responsible for screening participants, and the rate of pay will be negotiated between the resident and teen. For more information, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



You're Invited to WINTERFEST SENIOR GAME DAY POP-UP!

Come on down for a morning of fun, games, and great company! Our special Pop-Up Winterfest Game Day is the perfect opportunity to connect with your neighbors and enjoy some friendly competition.

DATE Monday, December 15
TIME 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
LOCATION Farley Community Room at Village Hall
ENJOY Games, good conversation, and light refreshments

Don't miss out on the fun! Register today by visiting the Human Services Department or giving us a call at 847.870.5680. Space is limited.

Senior Buzz Newsletter

The Senior Buzz is available online at mountprospect.org/seniorbuzz or by scanning the QR code. It is also available in print at Village Hall, both in the Senior Hub on the first floor and in the Human Services Department on the second floor. If you would like to receive the



Senior Buzz via email or would like a hard copy mailed to you, call 847.870.5680.



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Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



November is Family Caregivers Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices for information and resources on this topic.

November

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Options 6pm, MPPL	2 Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	3	4	5 Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH Annual Holiday Housewalk 3:30-9pm, MPHist	6 Teddy Bear Walk 9:30am-noon, MPPL Breakfast with Santa 10am-11:30am Rob Roy Golf Course Mt. Prospect Comm Band Christmas Concert, 4 pm, Tri United Methodist Church
7	8 Ten Steps to a Smarter Tax Return, 7pm MPPL	9 Container Design 9:30am, MPPL Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC Theatrical Reading: Truman Capote's <i>A Christmas Memory</i> , 7pm MPPL	10 Bessie's Workbasket, 7pm MPHist	11 Friends in Play 11:30am-1pm CCC	12 Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	13 Coffee with Council, 9-11am, Breakfast with Santa 10am-11:30am Rob Roy Golf Course
14 Holiday Family Fun: Cocoa, Crafts, and Cheer, 1-2:30pm MPHist Chanukah Candle Lighting, 5pm, VH 	15 Winterfest Senior Game Day Pop-up 9:30 -11am, VH	16 Coffee Talk and Construction Workshop 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn Group, 11:30am -12:15pm, CCC	17 Music of the Christmas Hour 7pm, MPPL	18	19 Fit 4 Life 10-10:45am, VH	20 Stocking Deliveries 10am – 1pm
21	22	23	24 Village Offices Closed	25 Village Offices Closed 	26	27
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Message from the Mayor

As we all know, much has happened in 2025 on the national, state, and local scene. Locally, the past few years here in Mount Prospect have been exciting and can be characterized as years of immense *Growth and Renewal*.

Our Downtown has literally come alive with new residential buildings, new residents, new restaurants, new retail stores . . . an energy we have not seen at this level before.

South Mount Prospect development has exploded with new commercial and industrial, new retail and service businesses, and new residential. **North Mount Prospect** has seen a number of new flood control projects be called into action. These projects have and will significantly improve the lives of citizens who live in northern Mount Prospect.

Kensington Business Center is at an extremely low vacancy rate with new tenants and building renovation occurring. **Our Retail Environment** throughout the Village has enjoyed a revitalization with relatively few retail spaces remaining open. With the potential sale of **Randhurst Village**, capital infusions from new owners and physical upgrades, as well as new retail and entertainment opportunities, will likely occur . . . maybe even new residential.

In support of your Village Board's ongoing commitment to Priority #1, Citizen Safety, we have added significantly to our ranks in Police and Fire. Our Police and Fire facilities have been upgraded and prepared for the future.

We have a thriving educational and recreational environment across our multiple School and Park Districts. Our schools and parks continue meeting community needs with significant upgrades and renovations, such as ones that were recently completed at Indian Grove School and Lions Park. Additional upgrades, renovations, and new buildings are planned at Lions Recreation Center and Lincoln Middle School in 2026. Excellent School and Park Districts are vital pieces in the fabric of a prosperous community. Thank you to our forward-thinking School and Park District Boards!

Financially, your Village has never been stronger. We are well funded, our tax base is broad and diverse, corresponding revenues are solid and growing, and spending is responsible. I am pleased to share that again, we will not be increasing the Village's portion of your 2026 property tax levy, which remains lower than it was in 2015.

We are currently approving the 2026 Village Budget. The following are 5 Key Points of the 2026 Budget:

- Our Village budget of \$192 million is balanced
- Revenues are strong and expenditures are responsible
- We have funding for reinstatement of a Police Dept Traffic Unit
- We have funding for three new firefighter/paramedic positions
- We abated \$7.3 million of tax dollars to keep Village property taxes down

2025 has been another exceptional year of prosperity in the Village of Mount Prospect. As 2025 begins to wind down, we go forward into 2026 in a very strong position, prepared to meet the future head on. I believe we will continue on our positive trajectory on all fronts and keep progressing as a municipality.

MPFD LEADERSHIP RETIREMENT AND PROMOTION



Fire Chief John Dolan recently retired after a long and successful career with the MPFD. John was raised in Mount Prospect and has lived here all of his life. Chief Dolan rose from a Paid-on-Call Volunteer to Fire Chief over his career that spanned 29 years. Chief Dolan had a significant positive impact on *Life Safety* here in Mount Prospect

during his time. With his retirement, Chief Dolan leaves us in extremely capable hands with the promotion of Deputy Chief Tom Wang, a 25-year veteran of the MPFD, to Fire Chief. **A huge congratulations to both!**



In closing, this is the last Village Newsletter of 2025.

To all of our citizens, your Village Board thanks you for your commitment and support over the past few years. None of what has happened could happen in our Village without your input and your support, and for that we say *Thank You!*

With the holiday season fast approaching, if you observe and celebrate your holidays at this time of the year, your Mayor and Village Trustees wish you a very Happy Holiday Season with family and friends, and we hope you find great success and prosperity in 2026.

Happy Holidays to All!

Paul Wm. Hoefert | A VERY GRATEFUL MAYOR OF MOUNT PROSPECT