



Awards Categories

1. Beautify Mount Prospect Award

Purpose: To recognize a group or individual who has made a special effort to enhance the physical character of our Village. The group or individual has contributed time and effort into the designated beautification effort.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Youth group that plants and maintains flowers and ornamental shrubs along a major highway.
- School group that undertakes the clean-up of a creek bed or abandoned lot.
- Business or multi-family development that has done an exemplary job on its property.
- Individual property owner who has done an extraordinary job of beautifying a property that is readily visible to the public.

Note: Photographs would be helpful

2. Community Partner Award

Purpose: To recognize a business in Mount Prospect that has gone out of its way to be a good corporate citizen. The contribution this business has made to the community makes Mount Prospect a better place in which to live and work. The hard work of the employees and generosity of the firm can serve as an example to others that Mount Prospect is a vibrant community with potential for new residents and new businesses.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A company that partners with the library to provide a special literacy program for the residents.
- A company that adopts a school and provides playground equipment for the children.
- New business in town that becomes an active participant in various civic activities.

- Business that sponsors and supports civic projects and activities.

3. Champion for Youth Award - Paid Position

Purpose: To recognize an individual, organization, or program that, as part of his or her job or its professional responsibilities, enriches the lives of young people in Mount Prospect in some meaningful way. Through special or unique techniques or simply through enthusiastic effort, this person, organization, or program is a true advocate for the next generation. This Award is for a professional individual or group as opposed to a volunteer.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Police officer who works with an after-school program to give children an alternative life style.
- An educator who goes "out of the box" to reach his or her students.
- A program designed to teach children in a unique and meaningful way to be upstanding citizens within their community.

4. Invigorated Youth Award – Volunteer Position

Purpose: To recognize an individual/organization/program who through volunteer or part time work – champions the causes of youth. This person/organization enriches the lives of young people through conscientious and dedicated efforts, either through an organized program or on his/her own.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Exemplary coach or manager of a youth sports team.
- Outstanding volunteer in a mentor program.
- Scout leader who teaches/preaches the virtues of good citizenship.
- A Mentor who takes their commitment to new levels.

5. Best Neighbor Award

Purpose: To recognize a resident of Mount Prospect who exemplifies the meaning of a good neighbor.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A neighbor who is always there when someone needs assistance or simply a favor.
- A neighbor who is the glue that holds a neighborhood together.
- A neighbor whose acts of kindness or friendship far surpass that of the average person.

6. Home Town Award

Purpose: To recognize a group or individual (not a business) who has done something special to promote the feeling of community or to further unify the diverse groups within our community and who exemplifies the Village's motto, "Where Friendliness is a Way of Life."

Example of Possible Recipient:

- An individual who steps forward to take on the sponsorship or supervision of a special activity

in the community.

- A person who launches a successful new program to serve the community.
- A person that takes a leadership role in a community event.

7 . Living Legend Award

Purpose: To recognize someone who has achieved near legendary status through his or her standing in the community. This person's accomplishments or personality make him or her a true "character" and widely known and loved throughout Mount Prospect.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A person who serves the community with distinction over a long period of time.
- The person who knows almost everybody and everything.
- Everybody knows this person's name.
- A "true character" – a person you won't soon forget.

8. Open Arms Award

Purpose: To recognize an individual or organization that has readily opened its arms and its heart to the needy, lonely or less fortunate.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A foster family that is truly incredible.
- A group that provides shelter or assistance to the homeless.
- A caregiver who goes beyond what is expected of them.

9. Rising Star Award

Purpose: To recognize a junior high or high school student who goes beyond that which is expected of them. This is a young person who deserves to be honored for the example he/she sets for others and for their leadership -- not just for the positions they may hold. These are the Shining Stars of tomorrow.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A student who demonstrates self-confidence/self esteem by his or her own positive actions.
- A student who, despite peer pressure and derision, pursues an unusual hobby or vocation and is recognized for his or her success.
- A student who embraces volunteer work and leads by example.

10 . Unsung Hero Award

Purpose: To recognize a person in our community with a rather thankless, but necessary, job who is good at what he/she does and the community couldn't get along without him/her. This person goes beyond the job he or she is paid to perform or, in the case of a volunteer, expected to perform.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A crossing guard at a major highway who hasn't missed a day in over six years.

- The garbage collector who made his route at -25°, and ahead of schedule.
- The mailman who does more than just deliver your mail.

11. There Ought to Be More People Like this Award

Purpose: To recognize a person(s) that is virtually indispensable in the life of a group or organization. The person takes on multiple tasks, helps wherever a hand is needed or takes charge when the occasion demands it. The Village of Mount Prospect and the world in general is a better place just because this individual is alive.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A minister whose commitment reaches far beyond their church.
- A do-anything volunteer for a school or charitable organization.
- An employee who takes on responsibility for a program that extends out into the community.
- A co-worker whose positive mental attitude makes it a joy to get up and go to work each morning.

12. Stand and Deliver Award – Paid Position

Purpose: To recognize an individual in a higher position who leads by example as a positive influence to his or her staff members and as part of his or her job or its professional responsibilities, enriches the lives of young people in Mount Prospect in some meaningful way.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- A business leader whose contagious commitment to a cause or service engages co-workers to follow by example.
- An educator who inspires other co-workers into community service or helping a cause.
- An admin that encourages staff to help enrich lives by actions that go above and beyond their position.

13. The Star Spangled Banner Award

Purpose: This Mount Prospect resident demonstrates pride in America through service, attitude and commitment. THIS RESIDENT MAY NEVER HAVE SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES BUT HAS ASSISTED THIS COUNTRY, OR A VETERAN, IN SOME MEANINGFUL WAY.

Example of Possible Recipient:

- Nominees may include CURRENT MEMBERS of the Armed Forces, current Legion members or CURRENT VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS.

Submissions are due by November 30, 2020

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