2014 CELEBRATION RECOGNIZES COMMUNITY ‘STARS’

Community and business leaders, residents, neighbors and friends joined the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission to recognize the Shining Stars recipients at the 21st Annual Celestial Celebration in February.

Mayor Arlene Juracek presented the Living Legend Award to former Mayor Gerald “Skip” Farley, Mount Prospect’s mayor for 16 years, a trustee for 10 years and a former planning board member. He led the Village through the downtown renovation, formation of the Sister City Commission, and many longstanding festivals and events.

Residents who have ever taken their car to the Formula Automotive and Marathon Station appreciate the Home Town Award winner, Joe Pentz. Joe will still go out and pump gas for elderly or disabled customers. His honesty as a businessman is above reproach and his shop has the combination of the warmth of a country diner coupled with an Irish Pub.

Everyone at River Trails Middle School knows what a good example Principal Keir Rogers sets everyday. The Stand and Deliver Award recipient cares for students through programs such as...continued on page 13
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Residents who wish to purchase their vehicle stickers online can do so at mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. There is a vehicle ID referenced on the pre-printed application that will help in the renewal process. Residents may still be able to purchase their sticker on-line without a pre-printed application. Please visit the website for more information.

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Reduced rates are available for residents over the age of 65. However, just one reduced rate ($12) sticker per household is allowed. The vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a non-commercial purpose. Seniors who turn 65 prior to May 1 are eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at the reduced rate and must come to Village Hall to obtain that sticker. A current driver’s license is required at the time of purchase.

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For more information, call the Finance Department at 847/392-6000.

**Pay Village Utility Bills**

**Online or through Direct Debit**

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**New Historical Society Director**

Lindsey Rice is the new part-time executive director of the Mount Prospect Historical Society.

Rice, who honed her skills at four Illinois museums, plans to reach out to residents and educate them about local history.

“Local histories tell the story of how each community emerged,” Rice said. “By preserving historical structures and artifacts, we have the ability to stimulate conversation about the social, cultural and economic issues of the past.”

Residents who want to learn more about Mount Prospect history will find Lindsey in the museum Tuesdays through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 847/392-9006 or visit mtphist.org.

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**News & Notes**

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Friday
All-You-Can Eat Fish Fry
10th Hole Bar & Grill
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Seating begins at 5:30 p.m.
$10.95/person
It’s back! All-you-can-eat batter-dipped cod, homemade chips, coleslaw, tartar sauce and a crisp lemon wedge. Also available: Pan-seared Tilapia, Maryland Style Crab Cakes, Breaded Shrimp, All American Burger and Kids menu.

An Evening at Chicago’s 1893 Columbian Exposition
Saturday, April 5
6 -11 p.m.
Rob Roy Clubhouse
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.,
$25 – Midway Meal
$75 – Pavilion Dining
The 1893 Columbian Exposition still stands as one of Chicago’s greatest moments in history. Held only 22 years after a massive fire destroyed most of the city, it marked the high point of the Gilded Age of rapid industrial growth and immigration. Ostensibly held to mark the 400th anniversary of Columbus’ landing, it was actually an attempt to generate profits, boost real estate values, and promote the rebuilt city. Tickets are limited and may be reserved individually or in tables of ten. For more information, visit, mtphist.org or phone 847/392-9006, Tuesday through Thursday during office hours.

Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce Irish Fest
Saturday, April 12
2 - 11 p.m.
Emerson St. and Busse Ave.
Enjoy Irish food, beverages and goods while celebrating Irish heritage through live music. Entertainment includes: Sullivan Irish Dancers, Trinity Irish Dancers, The Dooley Brothers, They Might Be Irish, the Larkin and Moran Brothers. For more information, visit, mpirishfest.com.

National Library Week
April 13-19
Join us for events celebrating National Library Week. Learn How Lives Change @ Your Library!

Continuing Education With New Learning Express Library, Lynda.com, and Mango
Monday, April 14, 7 - 8:30 p.m.
You don’t have to go back to school to learn something new. Library resources can help you upgrade your skills or learn a new language. This session will introduce you to three databases that will allow you to continue your education—for free! Discover easy language learning on Mango, update your software, technology, creative, and business skills through a vast library of video tutorials on Lynda.com, and find out how to navigate the new Learning Express Library. Visit www.mppl.org, call 847/253-5675 or stop by the library to register.

The Stock Market: Outlook, Opportunities, and Overcoming Obstacles
Tuesday, April 15, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Investors have reason to be uncertain about the stock market. While the market has had its ups and downs, the economy continues to improve at a slow pace. Financial Advisor Brian Hamm of Edward Jones will address your anxieties about deficits and debts, offer an economic outlook for 2014 and beyond, give you strategies to address the impact of inflation and interest rates, and talk about some domestic and international investment opportunities. Visit www.mppl.org, call 847/253-5675 or stop by the library to register.

Break Your Bad Habits and Replace Them With Better Ones
Tuesday, April 15, 7:30 - 9 p.m.
How many times have you promised yourself that you would eat better, get more exercise, or de-stress your life? When we decide to change our lifestyles, most of us make the same mistake—attempting a drastic overhaul instead of making the small changes that easily become healthier habits. ACE-certified Personal Trainer Kelly James-Enger will show you how to transform your life in a balanced, manageable way. Visit www.mppl.org, call 847/253-5675 or stop by the library to register.

E-Cycle at Friendship Park Conservatory
Friday, April 11 & Saturday, April 12
9 a.m. - noon
Mt. Prospect Park District and Com 2 Recycling Solutions have teamed up to make it easier to dispose of unwanted electronic items. There is no charge for this service. Home appliances and monitors with broken glass will not be accepted. For a complete list of acceptable items, visit mppd.org. For additional information, call 847/298-3500.

Indoor Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 12
9:30 - 11:40 a.m.
RecPlex, 420 W. Dempster St.
Cost: $5/child; Craft Fee: $3/child
Kids ages 3-8 are invited to hop around the bunny trail and collect eggs. Bring a basket and be sure to bring a camera for photos with the Easter Bunny. Each child will receive a goodie bag at the end of the event. For an additional fee, stay after the hunt and make a keepsake craft with the The Studio staff. Register early, for this is a popular event. No day-of registration for the event or craft; no refunds for “no shows” at the event. For additional information, call RecPlex at 847/640-1000.

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**Community Events/Programs**

**Easter Champagne Brunch**
Sunday, April 20  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
10th Hole Bar & Grill  
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.  
$19.95/person  
$9.95 for 4-12 yr. olds  
Easter Champagne Brunch is the most popular around! Coffee and juice bar, salad bar, omelets, pastries, fruit, carved turkey, ham & mimosas. And meet the Easter Bunny! For reservations, call 847/483-5099.

**Sister Cities Commission Community Pot Luck Dinner**
Thursday, April 24  
6:30 p.m.  
Village Hall Community Center  
50 S. Emerson St.  
Celebrate the Sister City relationship with Sèvres, France. Enjoy Bryant Harner’s media presentation, “The Micro Countries of Europe” and listen to Charles Coulon, a French native, describe his student experiences in Sèvres. Ralph Wilder and Allan Kaye will provide French music. Please bring a dish to share; French recipes are encouraged. Attendees may bring wine to share at the beverage table. Donations will be accepted. Free event, but reservations are required. For more information, call 847/392-9006 or cbaldini@mountprospect.org.

**Woodland Trails Pool Pass on SALE Now!**
1500 E. Euclid Ave.  
Early bird rates until May 5th. For more information, visit rtpd.org or call 847/255-1200.

**Children’s Fire Safety Festival**
Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9  
9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Mount Prospect Fire Station 14  
2000 E. Kensington Rd.  
Come join the Mount Prospect Fire Department for a fun and educational experience about fire safety! Residents are invited to attend the 35th Annual Children’s Fire Safety Festival, a FREE event for children in preschool through second grade.

**Spring Plant Sale at Friendship Park Conservatory**
Saturday, May 10  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
395 W. Algonquin Rd.,  
FREE Admission  
Select from the lush and healthy greenhouse grown varieties of herbs, annuals, perennials and more. Master Gardeners will be on site to answer all gardening questions. For additional information, contact the Conservatory at 847/298-3500.

**Mother’s Day Champagne Brunch**
Sunday, May 11  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
10th Hole Bar & Grill  
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.  
$19.95/person  
$9.95 for children  4-12 yr. olds  
Celebrate that special person! Spend time together while enjoying a delicious champagne brunch at Rob Roy! Coffee and juice bar, salad bar, omelets, pastries, fruit, carved turkey, ham & mimosas. To reserve a table, call 847/483-5099.

**Bluesmobile Cruise Night Car Show**
Saturdays, May 17 - Sept. 27  
6 - 9 p.m.  
Metra Commuter Lot  
Come view the “coolest cars” around sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association. This classic car show will take place every Saturday night in downtown Mount Prospect. Themed nights each week. For more information, visit mpdma.com or “like” us on Facebook, facebook.com/mpdma.

**The Mount Prospect Village-Wide Garage Sale Weekend**
May 16, 17, 18  
Join over 500 participating homes and discover why this garage sale delivers customers! To register, call Picket Fence Realty at 847/259-8600 or visit mpgaragesale.com. A map and searchable ads are available on the website.

**Community-Wide Garage Sale**
May 16 - 17  
It’s that time of year … think spring cleaning! The Historical Society will once again participate in the Community Garage Sale. MPH is seeking items for the sale such as small appliances, dishes, decorative items, furniture, etc. and will be collecting garage sale items the last week in April. Residents who wish to donate items bring them to the museum. (Please call 847/392-9006 first to make sure someone is available to receive items.) All proceeds go towards preserving the Central School and other MPH educational programs. mtphist.org.

**Public Works Open House**
Saturday, May 17  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Public Works Facility  
1700 W. Central Rd.  
Bring out the family and enjoy a fun day of exploring big trucks. Kids—and those young at heart—will have the chance to get inside a dump truck, ride in a sweeper and lift, play games, and more. Public Works is responsible for many different services including water and sewer system, solid waste services, snow plowing, tree maintenance, streets and sidewalks. See the behind-the-scenes operations of Public Works. Meet P.W. Paws, Public Works’ mascot!
Sister Cities Wine-Tasting Fundraiser
Thursday, May 22
6 - 9 p.m.
World Market, Randhurst Village
151 E. Euclid Ave.
Come sample a selection of French wines and light appetizers. Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 at the door. All proceeds go to community activities and programs sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission in celebration of Mount Prospect’s relationship with our Sister City, Sèvres, France, and to promote French culture in the community. For more information, email Paula Randant at sistercities@mountprospect.org or call 847/922-7862.

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 26
9:30 a.m.
Emerson St. and Busse Ave. (start) to Lions Park
The parade kicks off at 9:30 a.m. and follows south on Emerson Street to Lincoln Street to the Veterans’ Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park where a ceremony will be held. Any interested citizen can march in the parade and veterans are especially encouraged to join. For more information, call parade coordinator Bob Fey at 847/299-3510 in March.

Fridays on the Green
Fridays, June 6 & 20; July 18 and August 1 & 15
6 - 8 p.m.
Village Green at Village Hall
50 S. Emerson St.
Enjoy live music on the “Green” the first and third Fridays in June, July and August (except July 4th). Pick up a picnic dinner at a downtown restaurant or grab a bite to eat before or after the concert. Bring chairs and blankets. Free parking in the Emerson St. Garage. FREE. For information, visit mountprospect.org.

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers’ Market
Sundays, June 8 - October 19
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Train Depot
West Commuter Parking Lot
Northwest Hwy. and Rte. 83
Stop by the market for seasonal fruits, vegetables and herbs. More than produce, there are farm-fresh eggs, meats, breads and cakes and so much more. For more information, visit mtlionsmarket.org

Strive for 5 5K Run at Lions Memorial Park
Saturday, June 14
8 a.m.
Registration Begins March 1
Calling all runners! Lace up those shoes and jog on over to Lions Memorial Park for Mt. Prospect Park District’s Annual 5K Run. Kiddie Fun Run follows at 8:45 am. Look for information in the park district’s spring brochure and complete details in the summer brochure.

MPHS Sports Trivia Night
June 2014 (TBD)
Did you know it’s the 100th anniversary of Wrigley Field, and the Blackhawks won their first Stanley Cup 80 years ago? If you’re a Chicago sports fan, come test your sports IQ at the Mount Prospect Historical Society’s Sports Trivia Night. For more information, contact 847/392-9006 or mtphist.org.

76th Lions Club Festival
July 2 - 6
Melas Park
Central and Busse Rds.
Carnival Rides, Food Court Beer Garden, Daily Raffles and Musical Entertainment. All you can eat Pancake Breakfast July 4th (7 - 11 a.m.), Family Day July 6th and Fireworks at dusk on July 2nd and July 4th. Watch for the summer issue of the newsletter for more detailed information. Call the Lion’s Village Fair hotline at 847/870-6622 closer to the event date or visit mountprospect.org for updates.

4th of July Parade “Let Freedom Ring”
Friday, July 4 at 1 p.m.
The Special Events Commission is looking for participants for this year’s parade, to be held on Friday, July 4 at 1 p.m. the parade begins at the corner of Emerson St. and Prospect Ave. and ends at Melas Park. To register a group contact, Jill Friedrichs at 847/590-8201.
Traffic Enforcement  
"Street Of The Week"

Mount Prospect police officers will concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts by implementing the “Street of the Week” program on designated roadways for one week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the “Street of the Week” program this spring:

- **March 24 - March 30**: Elmhurst Rd./Main St. (Rte. 83)
- **March 31 - April 6**: Central Rd.
- **April 7 - April 13**: Rand Rd. (RT 12)
- **April 14 - April 20**: Lincoln St.
- **April 21 - April 27**: Northwest Hwy. (Rte. 14)
- **April 28 - May 4**: Golf Rd. (Rte. 58)
- **May 5 - May 11**: Burning Bush Ln.
- **May 12 - May 18**: Busse Rd.
- **May 19 - May 25**: Wolf Rd.
- **May 26 - June 1**: Euclid Ave.

If You Like It… Lock It

Car burglaries are very difficult cases to solve. Usually, the police can find very little physical evidence left behind after the occurrence of the crime. More than 50 percent of thefts from vehicles in Mount Prospect have occurred due to vehicles being left UNLOCKED. To reduce the risk of becoming a victim of a car burglary, the Mount Prospect Police Department suggests these easy tips to follow:

- Always close the car windows and lock the doors. An open window or unlocked door is an invitation to a criminal.
- Remove all loose valuables from the vehicle. Car burglars love items that can be grabbed easily and carried away without much effort. G.P.S. devices and radar detectors are very popular items for thieves. Also remove any accessories for these electronics.
- If valuables must be left in the car, place them out of sight in the trunk or under the seats.
- Call 9-1-1 to report any suspicious persons wandering around in parking lots, driveways or looking into cars (calls can be anonymous).
- Park in well-lit areas. While parking in an isolated spot may reduce the risk of a door ding, criminals look for cars parked in out-of-the-way places as a guarantee not to draw attention to them.
- Turn on the outside driveway and porch lights; they are still an inexpensive security system.

Follow these simple steps whenever parking a car, whether just “running in for a minute” or parking for the evening. For more information on car burglaries or other police matters, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 847/870-5650 or crimeprevention@mountprospect.org.

Beware of Spring Home Improvement Scams

While home repair scams happen all year round, there are specific scams to be aware of during the spring. Here are some frequently used scams:

- Be on the guard for someone “just passing through the neighborhood” and has materials left over from another job. Often, the extra materials are sub-standard and payment is demanded up front.
- Price increases. Get a written contract before agreeing to any home improvement. A contractor may offer services at one rate, but after the work starts he demands more money and will not finish the job unless paid up front.
- Driveway sealant. The scam artist offers to sealcoat the driveway for a discounted price but uses sub-standard materials that wear off quickly. This racket also applies to chimney repair and roof sealant.
- Beware of a stranger who knocks on the door claiming to have worked on the home before. This distraction technique allows his partner to enter the home through another door.

Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Residents should not let strangers in their home or who they did not contact first. Finally, if ever in doubt about a stranger at the door or falling victim to a scam, please call 9-1-1 to help Mount Prospect police officers catch these criminals and protect residents.
Bicycle Safety
With nicer weather approaching, residents will soon be riding their bicycles. Here are some helpful tips from the Mount Prospect Police Department Bicycle Unit to make riding fun, safe, and enjoyable.

Bike Inspection
Make sure all bicycles are in good working order. First, riders should check and make sure their bicycle fits them well. A bike’s most important safety feature is the rider. If he or she is not comfortable, they are more likely to ride badly and possibly hit something. Look at the tires for proper air pressure and they are free from defects and debris. Next, make sure the brakes are in good working order and stop the bike. Finally, check the chain. A clean, properly lubricated, adjusted chain is essential.

Wear a Helmet
When riding a bicycle, the most important piece of equipment is a helmet. A properly fitted helmet should sit level on the rider’s head, should not easily shift from front to back or side-to-side. The chin strap should be tight and not be able to come off. Kids need helmets as much as, if not more than adults do. Make sure their helmets fit properly and set an example by wearing a helmet too.

Other tips:
• Follow the Rules of the Road. Just like cars, cyclists must ride in the same direction as traffic, stop at red lights, obey stop signs, use hand signals and yield to pedestrians.
• Ride single file. When cycling with friends, ride in a line, not side by side.
• Be bright at night. Use a bike light and wear light colored or reflective clothing.

Register All Bicycles with the Police Department
Every year, the Police Department recovers hundreds of bicycles that cannot be returned to their owners. Make sure all bicycles are registered with the Police Department, it increases the chance of a bicycle being returned to its rightful owner. Bicycles can be registered at the Police Department or at mountprospect.org/police under the crime prevention tab.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Now Open
Littelfuse, an electronic parts manufacturer, opened a new technology center at the Kensington Business Park in March. The move consolidates the company’s three research and development facilities to one central location.

Subway has relocated to the Lofts and Shops building at 30 Northwest Highway.

Breton Chiropractic opened their offices in the former Vino 100 storefront on Emerson.

Coming Soon
Crave Pizza - Crave Pizza is renovating and expanding its seating area and bar accommodations expected to be completed in April.

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, a “fresh produce and healthy eating style” grocer will open in late April at Randhurst Commons, 211 West Rand Road. The store will feature an extensive fresh produce department, natural meat, raised without hormones and antibiotic free, seafood flown in daily, artisan breads and sweets, natural and organic bulk foods, gluten free and dairy free options, vitamins, and beer and wine.

Anytime Fitness will open at the Northeast corner of Wolf Road and Euclid Avenue, next door to the Dunkin Donuts in June.

Qulinarnia Restaurant, Qulinarnia Restaurant will relocate to the Mount Prospect Commons on Golf and Busse roads by mid-summer.

Coming to Randhurst Village
Carrabba’s Italian Grill, a casual American restaurant that features Italian American cuisine, will construct a new eatery on the former Border’s Books site. Open, November 2014.

Maurice’s, contemporary women’s clothing including plus sizes.

Massage Envy Spa, a variety of massage therapy and facials.

Naf Naf Grill, a Mediterranean-style restaurant featuring fresh salads, fire-grilled kababs, hummus and fresh-baked pita.

mountprospect.org
**If We Can’t Find You, We Can’t Help You**

When a fire breaks out or someone is suffering chest pains, seconds count and could mean the difference between life and death. But what happens if the Fire Department is unable to find a resident's home? The Fire Department reminds residents that “if we can’t find you, we can’t help you.” The best way residents can ensure that the Fire Department can find their home, is to display their house number so it is visible from the street.

Village code requires all homeowners/occupants to display their street number on their house. Numbers must be at least two and a half inches high and must be visible from the roadway. The following tips will also help ensure the Fire Department can find a home:

- Use numbers instead of words, i.e. “123” instead of “one hundred twenty-three”
- Use numbers that contrast in color to the brick/siding
- Place the numbers in an area that is illuminated at night or leave on a porch light
- Residents that live in a condominium or apartment should make sure both their name and unit number appear on the building’s directory or their call button

It only takes a few moments to ensure house numbers are properly displayed. For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253.

**Senior Smoke Alarm Program**

Last April, the Fire Department’s Fire Prevention Bureau received a $29,425 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The grant provided the Department with funds to purchase and install 10-year battery life smoke alarms in homes owned by Mount Prospect residents 65 years and older – at no cost to the homeowner! The Bureau was able to install over 1,400 smoke alarms in approximately 375 homes.

All residents, regardless of their age, should have both photoelectric and ionization smoke alarms, or combination devices that include both technologies in a single device, installed in their home. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of a home and both inside and outside of all bedrooms or sleeping areas. The Fire Department recommends that residents purchasing new or replacement smoke alarms look for 10-year battery life units available at many local retailers and hardware stores. Residents that have smoke alarms with regular 9-volt alkaline batteries should replace them every six months; all alarms should be tested on a monthly basis. Remember, working smoke alarms save lives!

For more information about smoke alarms, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253.

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**2000 E. Kensington Rd.**

Come join the Mount Prospect Fire Department for a fun and educational experience about fire safety! Residents are invited to attend the 35th Annual Children’s Fire Safety Festival, a FREE event for children in preschool through second grade. For those who would like to bring their school/daycare/home school group to the event, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253. Individual families also are welcome, but please call to schedule a visit. Don’t miss it!
In 2013 the Village Board adopted new fence regulations in order to address trends within the community and variations which had been supported in recent years. The following provides a brief overview of some changes which were incorporated.

**Fences in Exterior Side Yards**
The setback requirements for fences located in exterior side yards, which abut the front yard of an adjacent lot, have been modified. Previously fences in exterior side yards had to be placed at the building setback line established by one of the two properties. Usually this required the fence to be setback 20 feet from the property line. Under the new provisions open style fences require only a 1 foot setback and solid style fences a 10 foot setback.

**Fence Height**
Language for determining fence height has been refined. Fence height has been defined as the vertical distance measured from the base grade to the top of the fence. Additionally a height restriction of an additional 8 inches was included for posts and post caps used for supporting a fence.

The maximum height for a fence located between a single-family lot and a multi-family property was also increased from 5 feet to 6 feet.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department, 847/818-5328 or visit mountprospect.org.

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**North West Housing Partnership Offers Home Modification Program**

North West Housing Partnership (NWHP), a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved nonprofit organization, is accepting applications for their Home Modification Program. The purpose of this program is to make homes more accessible and assist program participants to remain in the homes they love. For residents who are disabled or over the age of 60, NWHP may be able to financially assist with household improvements such as adding grab rails, installing ramps, or lowering kitchen cabinets in their home.

For program guidelines, application and more information please contact North West Housing Partnership at 847/969-0561 (nwhp.net). North West Housing Partnership offices are located in Schaumburg, but the Home Modification Program is available to qualifying Mount Prospect residents.

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**Motorists and Bicyclists: Test Your Knowledge**

Biking is important to a community for many reasons: it promotes a more active lifestyle, encourages local shopping and reduces transportation costs for a household. The Village is actively working toward implementation of components of its' 2012 Bicycle Plan. As we do our part to make biking a viable transportation option, it is important for residents to understand bicycle safety. The League of Illinois Bicyclists, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, has made it easy to learn about bicycling laws through a new online resource: www.bikesafetyquiz.com.

The interactive site includes separate quiz lessons for Adult Bicyclists, Child Bicyclists, and Motorists. In each lesson participants progress through multiple-choice questions divided into bronze, silver and gold levels. The learning comes from explanations in the question response feedback, with users getting up to three chances to answer each question correctly. Participants may create a certificate of completion to print or email if they finish at least one level successfully.

The Village encourages residents – bicyclists and motorists alike – to take the quiz. Test their knowledge! We’ll all get where we’re going more safely! Residents who have questions about the bike safety quiz or the Village’s bike planning efforts, please contact Nellie Beckner, long range planner, at 847/818-5312.
Seasonal Maintenance Positions Available

The Public Works Department has openings available for seasonal maintenance. Work involves patching potholes, weeding flower beds, painting fire hydrants, reading water meters, etc. The work requires physical strength and endurance plus the ability to withstand exposure to the elements. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program. For more information, visit www.mountprospect.org. Send completed applications to Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Rd., Mount Prospect, IL 60056 or email pwjobs@mountprospect.org.

Keep Pet Waste Out of Village Waterways!

Cleaning up after pets is a helpful way to protect the waterways that run through the Village. Pet waste entering a creek in Mount Prospect can have a long journey while it impacts a variety of plants, animals, ecosystems and even people. Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets or yards contains numerous pollutants such as nutrients and bacteria. These pollutants can easily be washed into nearby storm sewers. Please discard pet waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage.

Spring Summer Projects on the Horizon

Spring and summer are busy seasons for the Public Works Department. This May and June, residents will see Public Works crews and contractors marking pavements, cleaning and repairing catch basins and inlets, sealing cracks, repairing potholes and resurfacing Village streets.

Street Resurfacing Program

The goal of the Mount Prospect comprehensive street resurfacing program is to extend street-life span to 20 years and provide a smooth, safe pavement for motorists. The Village has tentatively scheduled one of the largest resurfacing programs in its history. Public Works will resurface approximately 20 miles of roads this year. Depending on weather conditions, the resurfacing contractor will begin resurfacing streets in early April. For a list of streets to be resurfaced and construction updates, visit www.mountprospect.org (click on Public Works).

Crack Sealing

Crack sealing prevents moisture from getting under pavement and destroying the road base, thereby extending the life of the street. Streets are usually crack sealed five years after resurfacing or reconstruction. Crack sealing takes place in late summer when the weather is typically dry. Many older streets with severe cracking may be beyond the effective stage of the program.

The crack sealing process is messy. First, workers must make certain any loose dirt or debris is removed from the crack. Using an air compressor, workers blow debris out of the crack. It only takes one hour for the filled cracks to set, but crews wait an additional 24 hours for the filler to bond before sweeping the street to avoid disturbing the newly applied material. The streets may look messy for a few days, but the street sweeper will return to clean the debris.

Pothole Repairs Underway

As soon as asphalt plants reopen, crews will begin repairing potholes. First priority—repair street openings from utility repairs during this winter. Second priority—repair potholes caused by harsh winter conditions.

Typically, potholes appear after water seeps into pavement cracks and freezes when the temperature drops. The water expands upon freezing and weakens the pavement. Crews average about two to three weeks to complete an entire pass of all Village streets. Residents who have a bad pothole that needs immediate attention should contact Public Works. They will inspect the street’s condition and schedule the repair.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Shared Cost Sidewalk Program

The Village strives to properly maintain its infrastructure. Through the Shared Cost Sidewalk Program, property owners and the Village partner to keep public sidewalks safe and manageable.

Property owners, including businesses, who are interested in replacing sections of public sidewalk adjacent to their property can apply for this year’s program on the Village website until May 30. Funds are limited and applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis with no exceptions.

The property owners’ shared cost of a sidewalk square is approximately $62.50; the Village pays the remaining amount. The contractor removes the existing square, replaces the square with concrete and backfills the edges with topsoil.

The Village will select a contractor through the competitive bidding process in May and sidewalk replacement will continue throughout the summer.

Apply online at www.mountprospect.org or at the Public Works facility, 1700 W. Central Rd. For more information, contact Public Works, 847/870-5640.
**Landscaping or Digging? Call 811**

Residents who plan to dig for an outdoor project on their property should know Illinois law requires they contact the local one-call service or JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) to locate any underground utilities. Call 811 or 800/892-0123 to ask for underground utility locates. Whenever possible pre-mark the proposed excavation area with white paint or white flags and call at least 48 hours prior to the start of any excavation. For more information, visit illinois1call.com.

**Yard Waste Collection Resumes March 31**

All containerized yard waste, biodegradable paper bags and/or rigid containers must have the Village imprinted yard waste sticker affixed for collection. Stickers are $2.25 each and are available at Village Hall and Public Works. For other locations, visit www.mountprospect.org.

Acceptable yard waste includes: grass clippings, leaves, weeds, brush and twigs ONLY. Yard waste should be placed out for collection in either a 32 gallon, maximum-capacity, rigid container or in biodegradable paper compost bags. Residents who use a rigid container, must affix a “Yard Waste” decal, in addition to the Village imprinted sticker to the container. “Yard Waste” decals are available, at no cost, at all locations selling the Village yard waste sticker. Each rigid container and/or biodegradable paper compost bag placed at the curb cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

**Unlimited Brush Collection Starts March 31**

Residents may set out an unlimited number of properly prepared bundles of brush. Properly prepared brush bundles will be collected at no cost; no sticker is required. Tree limbs/branches are not to exceed 3.5” in diameter, 5’ in length or 50 pounds in weight and must be secured with a biodegradable material.

**Important News for Commercial, Retail and Multi-family Water Customers**

The Public Works Department is beginning the upgrade of all commercial, retail and multi-family (commercial) customer water meters to a new wireless technology network that reads and transmits water consumption on a daily basis. The use of wireless technology for commercial water meter reading is not new to the Village. Presently, the Village has 1,200 commercial accounts that are read monthly using a drive-by wireless receiver. The current commercial system has reached the end of its useful life and is no longer being supported by the vendor. The Village will begin upgrading commercial and residential accounts with the new technology this spring and anticipates completing installation by the end of June 2014.

The initial work consisted of installing the needed infrastructure to collect and process the meter readings, which was completed in February and March. The second phase of the installation requires Village staff and a contractor, Professional Meters, Inc. (PMI) to replace existing wireless modules (device that transmits the water meter read) with a new wireless module or as it is called an endpoint, at each of the 1,200 meter locations. In a few instances, the existing water meter may need to be exchanged or upgraded in order for the new wireless system to work. Customers needing to have the water meter exchanged will be informed of the change prior to the installer arriving.

There is no charge for installation or for the new metering system.

**Benefits Of The New Metering System:**

- Eliminates the need for a water meter reader to visit a premises.
- Provides an energy-efficient, accurate and cost-effective way to read water meters.
- Helps the utility operate the water system more efficiently with more frequent water consumption data.

Customers will be contacted by mail to arrange for an installation appointment with Village staff or our contractor, PMI. Installations should take about 30 minutes and will not interrupt water service. An adult over 18 years of age must be present. The water meter also must be accessible, as has always been required. If the water meter needs to be exchanged or upgraded; additional time will be needed.

For more information, visit www.mountprospect.org/easyread or contact the Public Works Department, 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.
Flood Preparedness and Protection

Local Flood Hazard
Five waterways carry storm water into, through and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, Feehanville Ditch, McDonald, Weller and Higgins creeks. Flood hazard areas are associated with each waterway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Engineering staff will help locate a resident’s property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents and interested citizens.

Flood Preparedness
Floods always occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning, but there are many things residents can do to be prepared.
• Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood. Keep backup records at another location.
• Keep an inventory, photographs or video of personal property to help identify what has been damaged or lost during a flood.
• Keep copies of documents, such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, etc. at a separate location or in a safe deposit box.
• Talk to an insurance agent about flood and sewer back-up protection.
• Keep cleaning supplies handy.

Flood Safety
If a basement or building has flooded, remember these precautionary steps:
• Turn off all utilities at the main power switch; close the main gas valve.
• Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles.
• Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and one is wearing rubber gloves and rubber-soled shoes.
• Be careful. Floors after a flood are often covered with debris and mud.
• Flood water is often contaminated and may cause severe health threats.

Flood-proofing
There are many successful methods used to protect a building from flood damage. These measures to alter a building to eliminate or reduce flood damage, called retrofitting, include:
• Elevation – Raise the house so the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
• Relocation – Move a building out of the flood area. It is the surest way to protect it from a flood.
• Floodwalls – They keep water from reaching a house by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
• Dry flood-proofing – Make the building walls and floor watertight.
• Wet flood-proofing – Modify the structure and relocate the contents so when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

Flood Protection
If a property is susceptible to flooding, the following tips can help reduce damages.
• Re-grading a lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help keep water away.
• Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
• Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.
• Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent water from entering a building.
• Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn’t get above one or two feet. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber.

These measures are called flood proofing and retrofitting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Drainage System Maintenance
Any debris that is deposited into any part of the Village drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and it is against Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage, etc. into creeks and ditches can decrease the ability of the drainage system. Residents should contact the Public Works Department if they see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

Flood Insurance
Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover flood losses. However, since Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village. Coverage may be obtained on the building, as well as on the contents. Property owners are eligible for up to a 15 percent discount on the flood insurance premiums because of the Village’s participation in the CRS Program. There is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance. Contact an insurance agent for more information.

Floodplain Development Permit
The Village has adopted Floodplain Regulations—Chapter 22 of the Village Code. These regulations help minimize potential losses due to periodic flooding. All construction activity within a floodplain requires a Floodplain Development Permit.

For more information, call the Public Works Department Engineering Division, 847/870-5640 (TDD: 847/392-1235). FEMA also can provide additional information, visit fema.gov.

Important note: Any alteration to a building or land requires a permit from the Community Development Department. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with the Village Code and does not create drainage problems.
as Recognition of Outstanding Character to personally purchasing instruments, school supplies and even clothing to help them succeed in life. He understands the generosity of strangers and gives back to youngsters so they may have a brighter future.

A get-well card in the mail, a ride to the grocery store or the Sunday paper delivered to the front porch are just some of the small, but considerate acts that helped secure the Good, Better, Best Neighbor Award for Ken Gordon. For 40 years, Ken has cared for and helped people on his block and beyond.

There have been 735 veterans memorialized since 2006 thanks to the Star Spangled Banner Award hero, Jerry Clauser. Jerry, a United States Army Quarter Master Corp veteran, creates certificates of honor for deceased veterans. He displays them for three days at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park and passes them along to the families to show the community's appreciation.

No Christmas dinner or presents under the tree is more than Jeff Prostko can imagine. So for more than eight years this There Ought To Be More Like You Award recipient has led the drive to ensure School District 26 families and children have received food and gifts. Jeff starts in October reaching out to individuals and organizations for their help.

Mount Prospect High school student, Alexandra Wilson, learned the significance of being part of a community and the importance of participating in a cultural exchange after volunteering at a local preschool for eight weeks in the Dominican Republic. This Rising Star Award winner worked on several projects to improve physical conditions at the school and participated in activities with the children at a summer camp.

The Unsung Hero Award went to a dynamic duo that volunteer at the Mount Prospect Emergency Food Pantry. Clare Toffenetti and Mary Welk spend their time and effort sorting donated products, checking for expired and opened goods, organizing the shelves and rotating older products. They pack grocery bags for 10 to 12 families each week, which adds up to approximately 3,000 bags per year and coordinate volunteers during the holidays.

The Volunteers’ Volunteer Award went to a couple that inspires all who know them—Paula St. Louis and Tom Shute. Coaching basketball, organizing school walk-a-thons, leading teens in the parish, mentoring third-grade journalists, and even donating time to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Paula and Tom are a priceless resource to the Mount Prospect community.

Prospect High School social science teacher, John Camardella is a Champion for Youth. For more than 10 years, he has coached freshman volleyball, varsity men’s basketball and started the Ultimate Frisbee Club. He does whatever he can to make each player’s experience more valuable. His message is compete as hard as you can, but be respectful of teammates, coaches, officials and opponents.

The Mount Prospect Community Emergency Response Team—30 plus strong were the recipients of the Toast of the Town Award. The preparedness team helps neighbors during disasters, storms, fires, floods, monthly training sessions and public education in emergency preparedness. This year it is anticipated they will volunteer 1,500 hours to the Village.

Susan Dozier and the American Chartered Bank deserve the Best Business Partner Award. Village organizations and community events have thrived because of their tireless support. They contribute and volunteer at the Downtown Block Party, Irish Fest, October Fest, and donate to the Historical Society’s Purse Auction.

Right: Mayor Arlene Jumacek presents a plaque to Fire Chief John Malcolm and former Chief Michael Figolah honoring the Mount Prospect Fire Department for 100 years of service. Below: Members of the Citizens Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.), winners of the Toast of the Town Award.

Above: Coach John Camardella, Champion for Youth Award Winner, with members of the Prospect High School Varsity Boys Basketball Team. Left: Celestial Celebration guests viewing the gift packages available at the Silent Auction table.
Senior Tax Freeze Application for Real Estate Taxes

Homeowners over 65 years of age and with a household income less than $55,000 in 2012 need to file their Senior Tax Freeze now. Applications should be mailed in as soon as possible in order to have the exemption applied to the second installment of real estate taxes. The Senior Freeze Exemption allows qualified senior citizens to apply for a freeze of the equalized assessed value (EAV) of their properties for the year preceding the year in which they first apply and qualify for this exemption. To qualify for taxable year 2012, seniors must meet all the above requirements and use the property as a principal residence from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013, be liable for the payments, and own the property or have a legal, equitable or leasehold interest in the property from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013.

Senior Celebration Day

Senior Celebration Day will be held at Arlington Park Racecourse on Thursday, May 8 from 11:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. There will be many free health screenings and senior services information booths. The Secretary of State Photo ID and License unit, “Ask the Doctor” panel, entertainment, information and giveaways from local businesses and door prizes will be available. Attendees may even want to watch a few races. Admission for Senior Day is free, tickets will be available at the Human Services Department. For information, please call the Human Services Department at 847/870-5680.

Financial Planning Class

The Human Services Department and Tony Segalla of Edward Jones will host a Retirement Financial Planning Class. The two-part session will be held on Tuesdays, April 29 and May 6, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Center, 50 S. Emerson St. To register, call 847/870-5680.

Driver Refresher Class

Wednesday, June 25 at 1:30 p.m.

The Secretary of State sponsors Rules of the Road driver refresher classes for senior citizens who need to renew their driver's license. To register or for more information, contact Human Services at 847/870-5680

Illinois Yellow Dot Program

The Illinois Yellow Dot Program is a new initiative for any Illinois resident who drives a vehicle. The program enables first responders at the scene of an accident to know immediately if the driver has a medical condition and makes available to them information to contact the driver's doctor or emergency contact. Stop by the Human Services Department to get more information.

Child Safety Seat Checks

According to buckleupillinois.org, no one child safety seat is ‘best.’ ‘The ‘best’ child safety seat is the one that fits the child and can be installed correctly every time.

Certified Safety Seat Technician, MPPD CSO Joe Filipek can check every child’s safety seat to ensure it is appropriate for a child’s height and weight, it has been installed correctly and the safety seat has not been recalled by the manufacturer. Appointments are recommended, but not always necessary. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Connections Center at 847/506-4930.
Community Outreach Nursing
The Public Health Nurse provides nursing care that is under a physician’s order to homebound residents, regardless of age. Care is provided at no charge to residents who do not have the services paid for by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance. The nurse also provides additional medical care that is necessary in order for the patient to remain in the home. The Public Health Nurse also conducts screening clinics open to the public several times a month and private consultations in the nursing office regarding medical concerns. For information, call Human Services at 847/870-5680.

Nurse’s Lending Library
Human Services now has a lending library. Residents may borrow books for up to two weeks. The library includes books on Care Giving and Memory Loss written by professionals and those experiencing this journey personally. Books may be checked out at the front desk.

Renter’s Insurance Made Simple
Renters who have experienced a fire or other catastrophic event often experience greater hardship without renter’s insurance. Allstate Insurance is offering an informative presentation to tenants living in Mount Prospect. The presentation will be offered in both English and Spanish.

English Program
Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.
Thursday, May 8
6 to 7 p.m.
To register, call 847/870-5680.

Spanish Program
Community Connections Center
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
Thursday, May 8
4 to 5 p.m.
To register, call 847/506-4930.

Starbucks Coffee
On Friday, February 21, 2014 Justine Pacquer, store manager, hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the relocation of Starbucks Coffee, now located at 90 E. Northwest Hwy. In attendance were (from left to right) John Malcolm, Mount Prospect Fire Chief; Mayor Arlene Juracek; Justine Pacquer, Starbucks’s manager; Trustee Steven Polit; April Miller, supervisor; Henry Dawson, Mount Prospect Deputy Fire Chief and Kyle Przybysz, Starbucks partner. Open Monday-Friday 5 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sundays 5 a.m. - 9 p.m. For more information, visit starbucks.com.

RIBBON CUTTINGS

Julie Kane Named New Director of Human Services
Village Police Social Worker, Julie Kane has succeeded former Human Services Director Nancy Morgan, who retired after almost three decades of service.

Kane has had an extensive career in social services. First, with the Illinois Department of Corrections where she held the positions of Youth Supervisor and Correctional Counselor before accepting a management position and seven years with Hanover Park as a police social worker.

Kane received her Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Illinois State University and Master in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work. She has extensive experience providing crisis intervention, counseling and advocacy services to both families and individuals.

“Communities are always changing, thus needs are changing. It’s exciting to be a part of it all. I’m looking forward to continuing to build collaborative partnerships and addressing the various human service needs of our diverse community,” said Kane.
**Village Hall Hours**
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

**Emergency** .................................................. 911
**Village Hall** ............................................. 392-6000
(includes Finance, Village Administration)
**TDD** .......................................................... 392-6064
**Village Clerk** ............................................. 818-5355

**Television Services** ................................. 870-5685

**Community Development**
- Building Division .............................. 870-5675
- Environmental Health ......................... 870-5668
- Planning Division ............................... 818-5328

**Fire Dept.** (non-emergency) ............. 870-5666

**Human Services Dept.** ....................... 870-5680

**Police Dept.** (non-emergency) .......... 870-5656

**Public Works Dept.** .............................. 870-5640

**Water Billing** ......................................... 392-6000

All phone numbers are (847) area code unless otherwise noted.

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- John J. Matuszak
- Richard F. Rogers

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Michael E. Janonis

**Village Clerk**
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