Join the Village of Mount Prospect in its highly anticipated 16th Annual Downtown Block Party, which will be held on Friday, July 24 and Saturday, July 25. The Village and the Chamber of Commerce continue to excite residents and visitors with exceptional live musical performances,* delicious food and beverage options and family fun activities.

The celebrations will once again be held in the heart of downtown Mount Prospect at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue (next to Village Hall). Mount Prospect Mayor Arlene A. Juracek said, “The Downtown Block Party is an eagerly anticipated mid-summer delight enjoyed by families of all ages, a real hometown celebration!”

Two full days of free entertainment have been lined-up. Festivities start on Friday, July 24 at 4 p.m. and go through 11 p.m. The Mount Prospect Downtown Block Party continues to offer an array of entertainment for all ages on Saturday, July 25 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Stop by with the kids for fun, free activities from noon to 6 p.m. These activities include a climbing wall, pony rides, slide, mini Ferris wheel, bounce houses, face painting, stilt walkers and more!

With so much to enjoy, residents and visitors will need to refuel with some of Mount Prospect’s favorite food and beverage destinations throughout the day and evening. For up-to-date restaurant listings, band information and more, visit mpblockparty.com, like the Downtown Block Party Facebook page (facebook.com/mtprospectparty), or call Village Hall at 847/392-6000. Don’t miss out on this weekend of fun for all!

*See the ad on the back page for more details.
Better Electric Rates Available

ComEd has recently released the electric rate effective over the next 12 months which is LOWER than the aggregation rate the Village has through its contract with DYNEGY (formerly HomeField Energy). The current aggregation rate through the Village contract is 7.935¢ per kilowatt hour (kWh) through August 2016 and a rate of 7.499¢ per kWh between August 2016 and August 2017. The ComEd rate will fluctuate between 6.63¢ and 7.63¢ per kWh depending on the Purchased Energy Adjustment amount. Based on the ComEd published rates, residents know the maximum rate they could ever pay is the Village rate. The aggregation program has saved residents an average of $325 per resident prior to the latest aggregation contract renewal.

However, residents are ENCOURAGED to consider other electric supply options since there are rates LOWER than the Village rate; ComEd is available as the default provider if the residents are so inclined to move back to ComEd. Residents may also explore other providers by checking on rates through pluginillinois.org or change to ComEd by calling 1-800-334-7661. There is NO penalty for leaving the Village’s aggregation program. Residents may also call the Village’s energy consultant NIMEC at 1-800-727-3820 for additional information.

Submit Water Meter Reading on the Web

For residents whose water meters have not yet been upgraded to an automatic meter reader, the Village continues to provide several options for those serviced by Village water to submit their water meter reads. In addition to submitting a water meter reading on the bill payment stub, residents may submit readings by phone, fax, and e-mail or electronically via the website, www.mountprospect.org/watermeter. Residents who have already received upgraded automatic meter readers are no longer required to submit readings. For any questions, please call Utility Billing at 847/392-6000.

Pay Village Utility Bills Online or through Direct Debit

The Village offers several different payment options for residents to pay for their Water/Sewer and/or Refuse utility bill. In addition to coming into Village Hall or mailing in payment, residents can opt to pay online through the Village’s website, mountprospect.org, or by using direct debit (through their checking account).

The online payment option is an easy-to-use process that allows residents to pay utility bills using a credit or debit card. Online payment is secure, available 24 hours a day for convenience and is provided at no charge to residents. For direct debit, funds for payment of a utility account will be withdrawn on the due date, thus avoiding late fees. Authorization forms are available on the Village’s website. Utility customers may elect to end participation in the direct debit program at any time after the last billed debit has occurred. For any questions concerning either of these two programs, please contact Utility Billing at 847/392-6000.

Did You Purchase A Vehicle Sticker?

The deadline for displaying 2015-2016 vehicle stickers was April 30, 2015. As of May 1, the Police Department could issue citations to owners of locally registered vehicles who are not displaying the 2015-2016 vehicle stickers in their vehicles. If a resident received a Police Department citation for not having the current period sticker, one may have to pay a fine, the basic cost of the new sticker, and the late purchase penalty. The penalty will not initially apply to new Village residents or to residents who have purchased replacement vehicles after May 1. In these limited cases, residents have 30 days to purchase a sticker. During the grace period, proof of purchase or move-in date will be required to assure that a penalty is not imposed. If a resident changes vehicles during the year, a transfer is required. For more information about vehicle stickers, call the Finance Department at 847/392-6000 or visit www.mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers.

Trustees Take the Oath of Office to Serve the Community

At the Board Meeting held on May 5, 2015, trustees elected on April 7 took an oath of office. Re-elected Trustee Paul Wm. Hoefert, Elected Trustee Richard F. Rogers and Newly-Elected Trustee Colleen E. Saccotelli were joined by family, friends, and members of the community as they accepted their commitment to serve the Village of Mount Prospect.

Newly-elected Trustee Saccotelli has been a resident since 2013. Saccotelli is currently a stay-at-home mom with previous work experience in government administration. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from DePaul University and a Master of Arts in International Affairs from American University. She is married to Mike and they have two sons.

“It’s a pleasure to welcome back Paul and Richard as they continue to serve Mount Prospect. Colleen brings much appreciated perspective to the Board. Their vision, skills and expertise will continue to complement the Village’s mission and goals,” said Mayor Arlene A. Juracek.

(L-R) Newly-Elected Trustee Colleen E. Saccotelli, elected Trustee Richard F. Rogers and re-elected Trustee Paul Wm. Hoefert accept their commitment to serve the Village through 2019.
4th of July Parade – Tips to Remember

Hope to see everyone at the 4th of July Parade next month. On Saturday, July 4, the parade begins promptly at 1 p.m. from the corner of Emerson Street and Prospect Avenue. This year’s theme is “MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATES THE ARTS.”

A couple of things to keep in mind:

• Water is for drinking.
• Please keep children close by especially on Prospect Avenue, as the street is narrow. Kids can run quickly and it is difficult for drivers to see little ones darting out to get candy.
• Please stay on the curb, so everyone can enjoy the parade.
• The parade will be telecast all summer long on MPTV and will serve as a reminder to shop our local businesses. For further information, contact Jill Friedrichs of the Special Events Commission at 224/595-5231.

Give the Gift of Life - Give Blood

The regular monthly blood drives are held at Village Hall (50 S. Emerson Street) in the Community Center on the first Thursday of the month from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Donors must be healthy, 17 years-of-age and over, and weigh at least 110 lbs. No appointment is needed and walk-ins are welcome. A half-hour of one's time goes a long way as it benefits a great number of people.

Expect Delays Along Rand Road (U.S. Route 12) Through Mid-August 2015

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that lane reductions and closures will occur along U.S. Route 12 (Rand Road) in Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, and Des Plaines for a resurfacing project that began on Monday, May 4. In order to complete the work, there will be daily lane closures during the daytime hours between Arlington Heights Road and Golf Road. The project along this six-mile stretch of road is planned to be completed by August 15.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT’s District 1 at http://goo.gl/upgvZu. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at travelmidwest.com.

Four New Restaurants Set to Open at Randhurst Village in 2015!

Four more restaurants are set to join the dining line-up at Randhurst Village this summer, expanding the already robust options at the center.

Truco Taqueria Margarita Bar opened in May adjacent to the AMC Theatres. Truco offers a variety of fresh Mexican fare and hand-crafted margaritas and will feature an outdoor dining café.

Smokey Bones is set to open in July across the street from the AMC Theatres. Smokey Bones is a fire-grill restaurant with a full service bar. They have two in-house smokers and offer a wide variety of barbeque fare including chicken, pork and steak entrees. They currently have 65 locations nationwide and their Randhurst Village location will be the first in the Chicagoland area.

Outback Steakhouse is constructing a new restaurant on the former Border Books’ outlot and is expected to open for business this fall. Outback Steakhouse is an Australian-themed steakhouse restaurant. Although beef and steak items make up a good portion of the menu, the concept offers a variety of chicken, ribs, seafood, and pasta dishes.

Papa Saverio’s Pizzeria will be occupying the former Tony Sacco’s restaurant location and expects to open in late fall. Papa Saverio’s Pizzeria features a wide variety of pizzas, pasta, salads and Italian sandwiches.

Downtown Dining Options to Expand

Trezeros Kitchen and Tap is planning a Labor Day grand opening in the former Jake’s Pizza location on Northwest Highway. Trezeros will be an Italian/American casual dining restaurant that will offer steaks, seafood and pasta. They will also feature a brick oven on premises to prepare a variety of specialty pizzas and will have a full service lounge with local craft beers and upscale tap wines. The new owners, Julie and Pasquale Ergastolo, are Mount Prospect residents with years of restaurant experience including their current Club Casa Café and former Casa Royale Banquets in Des Plaines.

Tokens & Tankards (T & T) is a unique gastropub concept that is set to open in the former Ye Olde Town Inn space on Busse Avenue later this summer. T & T will feature a nostalgic atmosphere with an expansive menu of local craft beer, cider and food options, alongside a selection of vintage, coin-operated video and pinball games. Most of the 20- plus rotating handles of beer will be from brewers within 20 miles of Chicago. That coincides with the local theme that extends to the arcade cabinets. T & T wants to exclusively feature locally-made games, such as those made by Midway Games, based in Chicago, who created Pac-Man and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

For the most up-to-date Economic Development news, visit mountprospect.org (under the Business tab, select Development Updates).
COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Lions Club
Farmers’ Market
Mt. Prospect Lions Club
Sundays, Now – October 18
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mount Prospect Train Depot
(West Commuter Parking Lot,
Corner of Northwest Hwy. & Route 83)
Stop by and check out a wonderful array of fruits,
vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies. For
more information, visit mtprospects.com.

Lions Club Festival
Wednesday, July 1 - Sunday, July 5
Melas Park (Central & Busse Roads)
See Insert

Fourth of July Parade
Saturday, July 4
1 p.m.
Start: Prospect Ave. & Emerson St.
The Mount Prospect Special Events Commission
is holding its annual Fourth of July Parade,
which begins at Village Hall and ends at Melas
Park. Come out and show your community
support and national pride.

9th Annual Sister Cities
French Festival
Wednesday, July 8
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.
Bring the family to the Library to celebrate
France and our French Sister City, Sévres, and
learn a little French the fun way! Language Stars
of Arlington Heights will present a storytime
in French, engaging children with books,
props, and interactive techniques. C’est super!
C’est magnifique! Children of all languages are
welcome – no experience with French necessary!
This program is best suited for children ages 3-7,
but all are welcome. The Mount Prospect Sister
Cities Commission hosts this program. Visit
mppl.org, call 847/253-5675 or stop by the
Library to register.

Disco Night-Family Event
River Trails Park District
Thursday, July 9
6:30 - 9 p.m.
Woodland Trails Park
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
rtpd.org
847/255-1200
Can you dig it? The River Trails Park District is
having a party at the pool! Games and activities
for all ages and of course some awesome tunes
that you’ll remember from your old record
albums. Free admission for pool pass holders,
$3 non-pass holders. All ages welcome!

experience@mountprospect.org
Looking for a good time this summer with a twinge of nostalgia, trunk loads of family fun and live music? The Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association’s BluesMobile Cruise Nights Car Show offers over 100 fantastic cars, a live band, music DJ or local radio station every Saturday night through September 26 at 6 p.m. Don’t miss these classic car themed dates at the Metra parking lot (Northwest Hwy. and Rte. 83).

June 27: Pony Cars - Mustang, Camaro, etc.
July 4: Mopar Night
July 11: Corvette Night
July 18: Orphans Night - Nash, Packard, Hudson, etc.
July 25: Muscle Cars & Street Rods
Aug. 1: Thunderbird, Toronado, Reatta
Aug. 8: Emergency Vehicle & Blues Mobile
Aug. 15: Imports Night & Luau Party
Aug. 22: Pontiac Night
Aug. 29: Truck Night
Sept. 5: Bug/VW Night
Sept. 12: ’70s & ’80s Night
Sept. 19: Vintage Night Model A, Model T etc.
Sept. 26: Last Night, Y’all Come!

Send Your Friends To “Jail”
Saturday, July 25
1 – 5 p.m.
CrimeStoppers Mount Prospect
Mount Prospect Downtown Block Party
Corner of Busse Ave. and Emerson St.
CrimeStoppers Mount Prospect is once again building the Jail-a-Thon at the Mount Prospect Downtown Block Party. In this fundraising event, donors are temporarily “jailed” for a bit of fun in a handcrafted, make-shift jail. The bail money that donors raise for their release goes to fund CrimeStoppers’ awards throughout the year.

“Bail” is set at $20, and can be paid in advance, or raised by friends and family during the Jail-a-Thon at the Mount Prospect Downtown Block Party. In this fundraising event, donors are temporarily “jailed” for a bit of fun in a handcrafted, make-shift jail. The bail money that donors raise for their release goes to fund CrimeStoppers’ awards throughout the year.

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Band Shell Movie Night – Mulan
Mt. Prospect Park District
Thursday, July 30
7:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Band Shell
411 S. Maple Street
Free
Grab a blanket and join us for our 2nd Annual Classic Movie Night. Disney’s Mulan will be featured on the outdoor big screen. Festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. with games, trivia and prizes for all! Crafts, including paper-painted fans and dragons, will reflect the beauty of the Orient. The movie begins at dusk (approximately 8:30 p.m.).
COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

MUSICAL MONDAYS

08/01
50TH Anniversary Bash
River Trails Park District
Saturday, August 1
5 - 8 p.m.
Woodland Trails Park
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
rtpd.org
847/255-1200
Free for all ages!
Come out for River Trails Park District’s (RTPD) official 50th anniversary celebration - planting an honorary tree, and burying a RTPD time capsule! Dance to Alex and the Allstars band and finish the evening relaxing on a blanket or lawn chair watching The Lego Movie in the park.

08/04
“National Night Out” Against Crime Event
Tuesday, August 4
6:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Band Shell
411 S. Maple St.
The Mount Prospect Police Department and the Mt. Prospect Park District will sponsor the Village’s celebration of “National Night Out,” a nationwide crime and drug prevention event. This year’s event will be highlighted by a donut-eating contest, an emergency vehicle show and live music. Come on out and see what other great opportunities will be there. Mark your calendars now for a fun evening of summer music, emergency vehicles and more – all in an effort to strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. For more information, call Officer Greg Sill at 847/870-5650.

08/09
History Day Bake Sale at Farmers’ Market
Sunday, August 9
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Mount Prospect Train Depot
(West Commuter Parking Lot, Corner of Northwest Hwy. & Route 83)
Don't miss History Day at the Farmers’ Market Bake Sale. Stop by the booth to enjoy yummy baked goods made by the Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS) Board and members. Browse around the booth and see how MPHS is keeping hometown memories alive. All proceeds go towards preserving the Central School and other MPHS educational programs.

08/15
Family Bike Ride
Saturday, August 15
9 a.m.
Melas Park
(Central & Busse Rds.)
Put air in the bike tires and head over to Melas Park at 9 a.m. for the Mount Prospect Family Bike Ride. There will be a shorter ride for the youngsters and a five mile or ten mile ride for others. For more information, contact specialevents@mountprospect.org or call Teresa VanOpdorp at 847/337-7923. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. First 300 to preregister by August 12 will receive a goodie bag!

08/19
Silent Movie Night/Ice Cream Social on Lawn
Wednesday, August 19 (rain date August 20)
Starts at 7:30 p.m.; Movie starts at 8 p.m.
Historical Society Museum Campus
101-103 S. Maple St.
Enjoy old-fashioned silent movies on the museum grounds. Bring a chair or blanket and sit beneath the summer night skies as the Historical Society Mount Prospect Village News • Summer 2015
takes one back to the early days of cinema. The Historical Society will be showing films featuring Our Gang, Buster Keaton and more. A pianist will be providing the background music for the films. Movie-goers will have an opportunity to purchase refreshments and ice cream, browse through the museum store, and may even get the opportunity to take a peek inside the 1896 Central Schoolhouse to see how far restoration has come. All proceeds support the many educational projects of the Society and help to pay for upkeep on the more than 100-year-old museum and 1896 one-room Central Schoolhouse. For more information about contributing to the Central School project, phone 847/392-9006 or visit yourcentralschool.org.

**Show Your Card. It’s Worth More than you Think!**
Each September, the Library and local businesses team up to double the value of your library card. The annual Show Your Card promotion offers discounts or small gifts to people who present their Library Card to participating businesses or organizations anytime from September 1 - 30. This is in addition to the great deal that your Library Card gives you every day of the year. Students, don’t forget to add a Mount Prospect Public Library card to your school supply list for school!

**Old Fashioned Family Picnic in the Park**
River Trails Park District
Monday, September 7 (Labor Day)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Woodland Trails Park
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
Free for all ages!
The River Trail Park District is hosting its end of the summer hoopla! Come out for a day of family fun! There will be huge inflatables to play on, a petting zoo, mini-golf tourney and kids’ craft area…all while a DJ keeps the party going! Don’t miss the Trusty the Turtle Race at 11:30 a.m. and the Kids’ Coin Splash at 3 p.m. sharp, as River Trails Park District marks the close of the pool for the season.

**Fishing Derby**
Mt. Prospect Park District
Saturday, September 12
9 - 11 a.m.
Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park (Golf & Busse Roads)
Cast a line and try to catch a keeper! Kids ages four to 14, accompanied by an adult, can try to get the biggest catch for a prize at the Mt. Prospect Park District (MPPD) Annual Fishing Derby! Bring your own rod, reel and tackle – MPPD will supply the worms. Fishing begins at 9 a.m. Enjoy a morning of recreational fishing, right here in Mount Prospect! Register online at mppd.org.

**Marché Français - A Farmers’ Market with a French Twist**
Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission
Sunday, September 13
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Metra Commuter Parking Lot (Northwest Hwy. & Rte. 83)
Enjoy a family-fun, weekend event! Vendors bring home décor, jewelry, photography and more. A special family story time by the Mount Prospect Public Library at 10 a.m. Promote French culture and the Mount Prospect’s Sister Cities connection with Sèvres, France. Plenty of free parking at the northeast corner of Pine St. & Northwest Hwy. and Village Hall (50 S. Emerson St.) For more information, visit www.mountprospect.org/sistercities.

**5KBC Run & Wellness Expo**
Thursday, September 17
6 p.m.
Kensington Business Center
With event sponsor Northwest Community Healthcare, the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce and Mt. Prospect Park District team up to bring back this event in Kensington Business Center! Open to individuals, families and Corporate Teams! Details and registration through mppd.org.

**Summer Slide Pub Crawl**
Downtown Merchants Association
Saturday, September 19
Downtown Mount Prospect
Times & Locations: TBD
Registration and details coming soon to downtownmountprospect.com.

**Fire Department 2015 Open House**
Saturday, September 26
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fire Station 13 – 112 E. Northwest Hwy.
Free
Come meet Mount Prospect Firefighters and see firetrucks, ambulances and more at the Fire Department’s Annual Open House. This year’s Open House will be filled with activities for all ages. There will be a special visit from Sparky the Fire Dog. A FREE lunch will also be provided. For more information, visit mountprospect.org (click on Government >Departments > Fire).

**Save the Date**
Oktoberfest
Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association
Saturday, October 10
Residents, if you are attending a local festival or Village function and the event is photographed, your image may be used for news and promotional purposes.
Enroll Now for 2015 Citizens Police Academy

The Mount Prospect Police Department is accepting applications for the 2015 Citizens Police Academy. The Academy is open to any Village resident or Village employee, at least 18 years of age and free of any criminal history.

The Citizens Police Academy will begin on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and will continue for eleven (11) consecutive Wednesday evenings through November 18, 2015. Classes will be held at the Mount Prospect Police Department and various locations throughout the Village. The Academy will allow citizens to get a firsthand look at Police operations and give them the opportunity to experience Police work from the officer’s point of view. Topics covered in the Academy will include traffic enforcement, crime scene processing, field training, and criminal law. Academy students will also be allowed to make simulated traffic stops and arrests. The highlight of the Academy is the evening where students get to use the Department’s pistol range.

Applications for the Citizens Police Academy are available at the Mount Prospect Police Department’s Front Desk and the Village website at mountprospect.org/police. Applications need to be turned in to the Police Department by 9 a.m., August 31, 2015. For any questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, please call Officer Greg Sill at the Mount Prospect Police Department’s Crime Prevention Unit at 847/870-5650.

Mount Prospect’s “National Night Out” Against Crime Event

Tuesday, August 4
Veterans Memorial Bandshell
411 S. Maple Street
(Refer to Community Events section, page 6 for details)

Don’t Block the Sidewalk

The heat of summer is here and people will be taking walks throughout their neighborhoods. Residents, please remember to keep sidewalks free and clear, which will allow for pedestrians to walk with ease. It can be dangerous for a small child or an elderly person to have to leave the sidewalk to get around an obstruction. Please keep all lawn equipment, bicycles, toys, and vehicles clear of the sidewalk. Anyone found to be in violation of obstructing the sidewalk can be issued a citation for each offense.
Community Outreach Nursing
The public health nurse provides nursing care, under the order of a physician, to homebound residents, regardless of age. This care is provided at no charge to residents who do not have the services paid for by Medicare or private insurance. The nurse also provides additional medical care that is necessary in order for the patient to remain at 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.

Senior Walking Club
It is that time of year again - time to get out and get walking! The Village nurse and nurses from the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps will once again monitor and walk with Mount Prospect seniors weekly in the park that runs along Centennial Drive behind the Mount Prospect Plaza. The Senior Walking Club takes place from May through October. Seniors are welcome to bring walkers and canes – no one is turned away. Wear comfortable gym shoes. For more information, call 847/870-5680.

Cholesterol/Lipid Profile Testing
Are you trying to control your cholesterol through diet and exercise rather than medication? Has your doctor recently switched your cholesterol medication and you’re not sure if it is working? Does insurance only pay for one cholesterol/lipid profile test a year? Are you confused by “good” cholesterol and “bad” cholesterol and what the numbers mean?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you may want to have a lipid profile test done at Village Hall the second Thursday of each month in the morning (by appointment). Patients must fast 10 hours prior to the appointment. Testing is open to all adults in the community and the cost is $20, which includes a fasting blood sugar test as well. Testing is done by the public health nurse and includes post-testing education and instructional materials.

Prothrombin Time (PT/INR) Finger-stick Blood Testing Clinic
The Village nurse offers PT/INR finger-stick blood tests at the Human Services Department on Thursdays by appointment from 11 a.m. to noon. Residents who wish to use this service must obtain written orders for testing from their physician. The cost of the test is $7 payable by check at the time of service. The Village nurse will call or fax results to the ordering physician the same day the test is done. The resident's physician is responsible for contacting the resident with any changes to their Coumadin dose and advising when the next test should be scheduled. Please call Human Services at 847/870-5680 for an appointment.

Senior Advisory Annual Indoor Picnic
All senior citizens are invited to attend the annual Senior Advisory Council Indoor Picnic on Tuesday, August 4 at noon in the Mount Prospect Village Hall Community Center (50 S. Emerson St., 1st floor of Village Hall). The picnic menu will feature hot dogs, potato salad, lemonade, dessert and coffee for a nominal fee. Bingo will follow the lunch. Bring friends and neighbors, too!

Driver Refresher Class
Wednesday, September 23 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 847/870-5680.

Back-To-School Supply Drive
The Human Services Department is collecting school supplies for children in kindergarten through 12th grade whose families frequent the Village’s Food Pantry or who have qualified for the Village’s Financial Assistance Program. The donations help families facing fiscal hardship focus on supporting their children’s academic success. Donations are being accepted at the following locations from July 27 through August 16:

- Village Hall
  50 S. Emerson Street
  Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Police and Fire Department Building Lobby
  112 E. Northwest Highway
  Open 24 hours – 7 days per week
- Mount Prospect Public Library
  10 S. Emerson Street
  Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.
  Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
  Sunday: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Community Connections Center
  1711 W. Algonquin Road
  Monday through Friday: 11 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  Fri. prior to 2nd Sat. of month: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
  2nd Saturday of month: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For any questions, call 847/506-4930. Thank you for the generosity and support!

Diabetes Education and Support Groups
Residents who have diabetes, pre-diabetes or care for a diabetic person are welcome to join either the Diabetes Education and Support Group (English) the second Friday of each month or the Educacion Sobre la Diabetes Y Grupo de Apoyo (Spanish) the fourth Friday of each month at the Community Connections Center. Newly-diagnosed residents looking for new ideas are part of the support groups. Members of each group determine the educational content to be presented each month by the Village nurse or local experts. Meetings are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and are free to residents. Registration is encouraged by calling 847/506-4930.
Leave the Fireworks to the Professionals!

The Mount Prospect Fire Department wishes all a safe Fourth-of-July celebration. Remember: due to the hazards and injuries associated with fireworks, the Village of Mount Prospect prohibits all types of fireworks, including sparklers.

Each Fourth-of-July holiday, thousands of people, mostly children, are seriously injured in fireworks-related incidents, about one-third resulting in permanent eye damage. Children and teenagers experience 44 percent of these injuries; sparklers accounted for one-third of the injuries to children under five. Sparklers reach temperatures of up to 1800°F and remain hot enough to cause serious burns even after they are extinguished.

Fireworks are especially dangerous for children because they entice them to play with matches. Leave the fireworks to the professionals and enjoy the professional fireworks display at Melas Park at the Annual Mt. Prospect Lions Club Festival (check insert in this Newsletter for dates and times).

Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training

Does your family know what to do during a storm? Do you have an emergency plan? Being prepared before a disaster strikes is one of the most important things residents can do to keep their family safe.

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is offering a FREE 20-hour class designed to prepare residents for potential emergencies. The training is a mixture of classroom and hands-on training that will give an overview of emergency preparedness, fire suppression, basic first aid, light search-and-rescue and more.

The Citizen Emergency Preparedness Training course starts on October 7 and continues each Wednesday night until November 18. Training hours are 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Mount Prospect Fire Station 14, located at 2000 E. Kensington Road.

For further information, contact Jim Miller at 847/818-5254 or jmiller@mountprospect.org.

Village Information Centers (Green Boxes)

Residents cannot always rely on technology during an emergency. For example, what happens if the power goes out and the internet and cable are not working? Another form of communication is necessary. 12 Village Information Centers (Green Boxes) are installed throughout the community, giving residents a place to go for up-to-date information. These boxes are stocked year-round with flyers and pamphlets relating to emergency preparedness and local events. Having current information during an emergency situation is extremely important.

Below, is a list of the Village Information Center locations. Residents: please make sure to know where the nearest box is to your home and make a habit of checking it on a regular basis.

1. Robert Frost School - 1805 Aspen Drive
2. Weiss Center - 1500 East Euclid Avenue
3. Costco - 999 North Elmhurst Road
4. Kensington Business Center - Business Center Drive & Wheeling Road
5. Prospect High School - 801 West Kensington Road
6. Central Community Center - 1000 West Central Road
7. Village Hall/Library - 50 / 10 South Emerson Street
8. Train Station - Northwest Highway & Route 83
9. Lincoln Middle School - 700 West Lincoln Street
10. Fire Station 12 - 1601 West Golf Road
11. Rec Plex - 420 West Dempster Street
12. Community Connections Center - 1711 West Algonquin Road

Save the Date:
Fire Department 2015 Open House

September 26
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fire Station 13 – 112 E. Northwest Hwy.
FREE
Refer to page 7 in the Community Events Section

Fire Department is on Social Media

Stay connected with the Fire Department’s Social Media Sites.

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What to Do With Your Refrigerated or Frozen Food When the Power Goes Out

Keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it is unopened. A fully-stocked freezer will keep food frozen two days if the door remains closed. A half-full freezer can keep foods frozen about one day.

What can residents do if electric service will not be restored within one or two days?
• If friends and/or family have electricity, divide frozen foods among their freezers.
• Know where to buy dry and block ice. Dry ice freezes everything it touches; 50 pounds of it will keep an 18 cubic foot freezer below freezing for two days. When using dry ice, never touch dry ice with bare hands and do not stick your head into a freezer with dry ice as it gives off carbon dioxide. Add block ice to the refrigerator if the electricity is off longer than four to six hours.
• In order to eat refrigerated or frozen meat, poultry, fish or eggs while it is still at safe temperatures, it is important that each item is thoroughly cooked to its proper temperature to destroy any foodborne bacteria that may be present. However, if at any point the food was above 40° F for two hours or more – discard it.

Keep in mind: perishable food such as meat, poultry, seafood, milk and eggs that are not kept adequately refrigerated or frozen may cause illness if consumed, even when they are thoroughly cooked.

“Storm-chaser” Season has Arrived

Spring and summer can bring storms that damage homes and “chasing” those storms are contractors who use various techniques to gain the confidence of homeowners. In general, consumers should beware when a home repair contractor:
• contacts a homeowner directly or comes to their home uninvited (door-to-door visits offering home repair)
• insists that repairs need to be made immediately or the homeowner's safety may be in danger
• pressures the homeowner to sign papers today or talks too quickly, attempting to confuse them
• quotes a price that's out-of-line with other estimates
• offers to drive a homeowner to his/her bank to withdraw funds to pay for the contractor
• can be reached only by leaving messages with an answering service
• drives an unmarked vehicle or has out-of-state license plates
• asks to be paid for the entire job up-front.

Property Maintenance Concerns

Is there a property that is not being maintained or has grass over 8” tall? If so, please contact the Environmental Health Division at environmentalhealth@mountprospect.org or call us at 847/870-5668 to report the concern.

Finding a Contractor

A homeowner should find out as much as possible about a contractor before hiring him or her. One can do this by calling the Illinois Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau. Get written estimates from several firms—but do not automatically choose the lowest bidder. Ask the contractor if subcontractors will be used on the project. If “yes,” ask to meet them, and make sure they have current insurance coverage and licenses. Also ask them if this contractor has paid them on-time in the past.

Thank You for Your Input

Late last summer, the Village posted an online Community Survey on the Village website and also distributed hard copies around town. Village staff received 254 responses along with pages of additional comments, which are included in the Consolidated Plan as attachments. Thank you for your input!

The Community Survey was one piece of the citizen participation that the Village used to formulate a five-year Consolidated Plan, which is a requirement from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as Mount Prospect receives an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. Please visit the Village website for additional information on CDBG Programs and Reports (mountprospect.org>Government>Departments>Community Development (News).
Make your Home the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, or wetland. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged, untreated, into bodies of water used for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids off the ground and out of the stormwater. Listed below are ten tips homeowners can adopt to improve the quality of stormwater runoff:

• Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch to stop them from being transported in stormwater. Plant grass where soil is exposed.
• Sweep your sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down.
• Put leaves and grass clippings in the compost, on the garden as mulch or mow back into the lawn to recycle nutrients.
• Divert roof water to lawns or gardens where it can safely soak in.
• Keep pesticides, oil, leaves and other pollutants off streets and out of storm drains.
• Keep cars tuned up and repair leaks.
• Wash your vehicle on grass or over gravel. Use as little detergent as possible and pour any leftover soapy water onto the lawn.
• Dispose of household hazardous waste according to the label directions.
• Clean up pet waste, bury it or flush it down the toilet.
• Never dump anything down storm drains! Water from these drains flows untreated into the river.

Crack Sealing - Why?

Each year, Public Works gets numerous calls about our crack-sealing program. Public Works will be sealing cracks again this summer and the most often asked question is: “Why?” Crack sealing is done to prevent moisture from getting under our new pavement and ruining the base, thereby increasing the rate of road deterioration.

Another question asked is: “Why are we not given advanced notice?” The entire process is usually done in less an hour; the number of streets that can be done each day depends on the number of cracks. Since it is impossible to tell how many streets can be done each day, it would be difficult to guess which day crews would get to a specific block.

Streets are usually crack sealed five years after resurfacing or reconstruction to minimize and prevent further cracking.

Crack sealing is a messy job. Before applying the sealant, workers must make certain that any loose dirt or debris is removed from the crack. This is usually accomplished by blowing the debris out of the crack with an air compressor. Once the cracks are filled, it only takes an hour for the filler to set so vehicles can drive upon it. Public Works prefers to give the sealer an additional 24 hours to bond before sweeping it to avoid pulling the newly applied material out of the crack. This process can sometimes leave streets looking messy for two to three days. Please be patient. The street sweeper will return to clean one's street. For any questions about crack sealing, please call Public Works at 847/870-5640 or email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Public Works Offers Electronic Recycling Drop-off

Since 1999, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) has provided electronics recycling programs for residentially-generated materials. In total, over six million pounds of electronics have been collected for recycling.

Materials accepted at permanent drop-offs and one-day events include: Answering Machines, Cable Receivers, Calculators, Camcorders, Cameras, CD and DVD Players, Computer Cables, Computer Monitors, Computers (Desktop, Notebook, Tablet), Converter Boxes, Copy Machines, Fax Machines, Humidifiers, Microwaves, Mobile Telephones, Mice or Keyboards, MP3 Players, Portable Digital Assistants (PDAs), Postage Machines, Power Tools and Cords, Printers (Multi-function Printers), Satellite Receivers, Scanners, Shredders, Small Home Appliances (Toasters, Blenders, Vacuum Cleaners, Mini Refrigerators, etc.), Stereo Equipment, Telephones, Televisions, Typewriters, Video Game Consoles, Video Recorders/Players and Zip Drives.

DO NOT Bring: Dehumidifiers, Refrigerators, Air Conditioners and other large appliances. Materials from businesses, schools or institutions will NOT be accepted.

Drop-Off Materials to:
Mount Prospect Public Works Facility
1700 W. Central Road
Wedge, 10 a.m. – Noon
(April - October Only)
For all program details, visit swancc.org.
Local Flood Hazard
Five waterways carry stormwater into, through and away from the Village: the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek and Higgins Creek. Flood hazard areas are associated with each waterway. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). The Village’s Engineering staff will help locate your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, real estate agents, and interested citizens. The most recent flooding event occurred in April of 2013 when almost every neighborhood of the Village experienced flooding.

Flood Preparedness
Floods always occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning. However, there are many things that one can do to prepare for a flood, such as:

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood event. Keep backup records at another location.
- Keep an inventory of one’s personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video recording of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs of valuable items such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills and important telephone numbers in a location away from your home such as a safe deposit box.
- Keep cleaning supplies on hand that will be needed to recover from a flood.

Flood Safety
If a basement or building has flooded, remember these precautionary steps:

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or lanterns.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area and you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- Be careful after a flood because the floors are often covered with debris and mud which can lead to slipping.
- Flood water is often contaminated and can cause severe health threats, so clean everything that got wet.

Flood-proofing
There are many methods that have been successful to protect a building from flood damage. These measures to alter your building to eliminate or reduce flood damages, called retrofitting, include:

- **Elevation:** This involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- **Relocation:** Moving a building out of the flood area is the surest way of protection.
- **Floodwalls:** Work to keep water from reaching a home by constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.

- **Dry Flood-proofing:** Makes the building walls and floor watertight so water does not enter.
- **Wet Flood-proofing:** Modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

Flood Protection
If a property is susceptible to flooding, here are some things one can do to reduce damages:

- Regrading the lot or constructing a small earthen berm may help to keep water away from the building.
- Watertight closures over doorways and windows can prevent flood waters from entering through the doorways during a flood event. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
- Furnaces, air conditioners, water heaters and major appliances can be elevated on platforms or moved to higher floors.

- Temporary measures like sandbagging may prevent flood 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 does not get more than one or two feet deep. They can be purchased at a hardware store for approximately $25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves.

More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St.

Drainage System Maintenance
Any debris that is deposited into any part of the drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and is against Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage and other unwanted material into creeks and ditches can decrease the ability of the drainage system to carry water away from properties. Contact the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

Flood Insurance
Most homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Contact an insurance agent to find out more about flood insurance. Also, since the Village participates in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 15% discount on the flood insurance premiums. Please take note that there is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect. Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added onto a homeowner’s insurance policy.

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

More Information
For any flooding or drainage concerns or any additional information, just by the Public Works Department (1700 W. Central Road) or call 847/870-5640 (TDD: 847/392-1235) and ask for the Engineering Division. The Engineering staff will freely assist homeowners with identifying possible ways to reduce the risk of property flooding. FEMA has a website that can also provide additional information: fema.gov.

Important note: Always check with the Mount Prospect Building Division before you build on, fill, alter or regrade your property or make building alterations. A permit is needed to ensure that all projects comply with our Village Code and does not create drainage problems on any other property.
Water Your Traps

The traps in floor drains, or for that matter any drains, that have not been used often will eventually dry out. This may sound harmless enough, but a dry trap can cause a room to fill with sewer gas from the Village’s sewer system. Traps need to have a layer of water sitting in the lower portion to prevent sewer gases from entering one’s home. One can eliminate these problems with a little fresh water topped with cooking oil. The oil floats on top of the water and seals it against evaporation.

Lawn Irrigation Sprinklers

As the weather gets warmer, residents will be landscaping their properties and restarting their lawn irrigation systems. The Illinois Plumbing Code requires that all lawn irrigation sprinklers protect the public through the use of properly installed cross connection control devices. These cross connection control devices, commonly referred to as backflow preventers or RPZ’s, must be tested and certified each year by a licensed plumber certified by the State as a cross connection control device inspector. The Public Works Department monitors the annual certification of these devices and requires that a copy of the certification test results be provided to Public Works, along with a $10 administrative fee per device. For more information on cross connection control in the Village, visit the Village website (mountprospect.org > Government > Departments > Public Works) or call the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640.

Watering Restrictions

As part of the Lake Michigan water allocation program, water suppliers are required to restrict outdoor water use. Restrictions are in place to ensure that there is a continuous adequate water supply for drinking, bathing and fire protection. Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or any owner to allow the use of any water, whether drawn directly or indirectly from public wells and/or public water supply distribution systems, for the purpose of watering and/or sprinkling lawns and/or gardens or for the purpose of filling and/or refilling swimming pools, outside washing, or other exterior uses, except as provided herein below:

- Watering and/or sprinkling shall be permitted for odd numbered addresses on odd numbered dates and for even numbered addresses on even numbered dates. All such watering and/or sprinkling shall be accomplished only between the hours of 4 p.m. to 10 a.m.
- Newly sodded areas of lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the two (2) week period following the installation of such sod.

These rules are in effect seven (7) days a week. For questions, call Public Works at 847/870-5640.

Village Continues Reforestation Efforts

The Village is progressing with reforestation efforts in the wake of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), and trying to replace every ash tree lost due to EAB. These efforts, budget permitting, will continue into the fall, and residents who have lost a parkway ash tree should expect to receive notification explaining the replacement. The Village will continue replacing ash trees, at suitable planting sites, in the order that they were removed. In some cases, replacement trees will not be available until the following year. Additionally, residents who have not lost an ash tree, or would like to choose their replacement tree, can take advantage of the Village’s full cost planting program. Property owners with suitable planting sites can order a 2 ½” diameter parkway tree by bearing the full cost of planting. These trees will still be hand-selected by Village staff at an Illinois nursery and planted/guaranteed for one year by a landscape contractor. Seven or eight species will be offered, ranging in cost from about $250 to $350 per tree. All orders and payment for fall planting must be received at Public Works no later than August 7, 2015.

Property owners can also beautify Village parkways by planting a tree on their own, with an approved Village permit. Planting permits are available through Public Works at no cost. All Village code requirements must be met, including having a suitable planting site and choosing an approved species.
RIBBON CUTTINGS

Misano II Salon
70 E. Northwest Hwy. | 847/749-0529 | misanosalon.com
Misano II Salon is a hair studio that is dedicated to service and value. Their licensed specialists deliver individual attention and great value for all of their guests.
Ribbon Cut: March 2

Adventure Playland
990 Mt. Prospect Plaza | 847/749-0333 | adventureplayland.us
Adventure Playland is a children’s indoor playground with a European Café inside. In addition to a tradition kid’s menu, they also serve fresh crepes, waffles, salads and wraps every day. It’s a great place to host kids’ parties. The restaurant prepares food at the site for parties as well.
Ribbon Cut: March 30

Emerson’s Ale House
113 S. Emerson St. | 847/870-1996 | emersonsalehouse.com
Emerson’s Ale House is under new ownership. It’s an ideal downtown spot to socialize and enjoy good music, great food, and an impressive selection of beers and ales. In addition, guests can expect to find a wide array of menu options, including a complimentary Bacon Bar.
Ribbon Cut: April 9

BMO Harris Bank
1450 S. Elmhurst Rd. | 847/758-8200 | bmoharris.com
BMO Harris offers a variety of banking, mortgage and investment products and services. BMO Harris celebrated 10 years in Mount Prospect.
Ribbon Cut: April 15

Fellini Restaurant and Pizzeria
1729 W. Golf Rd. | 847/593-8181 | fellinirestaurant.com
Fellini Restaurant & Pizzeria is a family owned and operated restaurant that is under the new ownership of the Kautz family. The restaurant has recently undergone major renovations in both the dining room and classic Italian dishes.
Ribbon Cut: April 21

Subway
30 E. Northwest Hwy. | 847/259-9999 | subway.com
Subway, located at The Shops at Village Centre in downtown Mount Prospect, is under new ownership. Guests can choose from sandwiches, salads, breakfast options, and more.
Ribbon Cut: May 15

Edward Jones – Brian Hamm, Financial Advisor
2 E. Northwest Hwy. | 847/398-0747 | edwardjones.com
Financial Advisor Brian Hamm has been serving the Mount Prospect community with a wide array of financial services and resources. The office is located in the heart of downtown Mount Prospect. Edward Jones – Brian Hamm, Financial Advisor celebrated their 20th anniversary.
Ribbon Cut: May 19
2014 WATER REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Illinois and federal Environmental Protection Agency is now allowing water suppliers to offer electronic delivery of their annual Consumer Confidence Reports (Water Quality Report). 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 the following webpage www.mountprospect.org/CCR2014 to view your 2014 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 2014. To speak with someone about the Annual Consumer Confidence Report, please call 847/870-5640 and ask for the Water Division or you can email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the 2014 Annual Water Quality Report and have it mailed to your home, please call Public Works at 847/870-5640 or you can email your request to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.