The Village's Downtown Implementation Plan of 2013 recommended a wayfinding signage program be incorporated throughout downtown, which will help identify public parking, various points of interest and create a unique sense of place. The Village selected Media Objectives in the spring of 2015 as a consultant to complete Phase I of a Wayfinding Signage Plan. This phase consisted of creating a unified sign design, pinpointing sign locations, and identifying the wording for each sign.

To help guide the consultant towards a design that best suits Downtown Mount Prospect, a Wayfinding Signage Committee was created. The Committee included Village staff and representatives from the downtown business community, the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association, and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. Through a series of meetings and revisions, Media Objectives and the Committee collaborated to create a Design Intent document that will be used by sign fabricators to manufacture and install the signs. Draft sign designs and locations were presented to the Village Board in October of 2015, and then updated to reflect comments based upon Board discussion.

“The final design reflects input from the many residents and Downtown merchants that participated in the public process throughout last year,” said Community Development Director Bill Cooney. “This collaborative process resulted in a Wayfinding Signage Program that will benefit the entire community.”

There are four sign types in the overall design package: parking lot signs, Downtown identification banners, vehicle wayfinding signs and pedestrian...
Purchase Vehicle Stickers Today!

The 2016-2017 Village vehicle stickers are currently for sale and must be displayed by May 1. Passenger vehicle stickers are $45, motorcycle and motorbike stickers are $30, and trucks with B plates are $68. There is an additional price schedule for trucks based on individual weight.

Those who purchased one or more vehicle stickers last year should have received a renewal application in early February. With the pre-printed renewal application, it is now more convenient than ever to purchase a new vehicle sticker online, by mail or in person. For those who did not receive an application in the mail, please pick one up at Village Hall (50 S. Emerson St.).

Residents who wish to purchase their vehicle stickers online may do so at www.mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers. There is a vehicle ID referenced on the pre-printed application that will help in the renewal process. Residents may also purchase a vehicle sticker online without a pre-printed application.

To purchase new vehicle stickers in person, residents may stop by Village Hall during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. For added convenience, the Finance Department will be open the following Saturdays in April:

April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30
9 a.m. – noon

Reduced rates are available for residents 65 years of age and older. However, just one reduced rate ($15) vehicle sticker per household is allowed. The vehicle must be owned and operated by the senior for a noncommercial purpose. Seniors who turn 65 prior to May 1 are eligible to purchase a vehicle sticker at the reduced rate and first-time seniors must come to Village Hall to obtain that sticker. A current driver’s license is required at the time of purchase.

Residents who had a vehicle sticker in 2015-2016 and did not receive a renewal application in the mail are still responsible for purchasing a sticker by May 1. Escalating late purchase penalties will be added to the cost of a vehicle sticker if not displayed by the May 1 deadline. Otherwise, residents may receive a Police Department citation for not having an up-to-date sticker. In this case, residents may have to pay a fine, the basic cost of the new sticker, and the late purchase penalty. Keep in mind – the penalty will not initially apply to new residents or to residents who purchase replacement vehicles on or after May 1 – those residents will have 30 days in which to purchase vehicle stickers without the late penalty. Proof of purchase or move-in date will be required to assure that a surcharge penalty is not imposed.

Residents who change vehicles during the year after having purchased a 2016-2017 vehicle sticker may not transfer the sticker to another vehicle. A transfer sticker may be obtained at Village Hall for $5 when a new application and proof of purchase within 30 days for the new vehicle is submitted. Residents or business owners who are purchasing new license plates should purchase the vehicle sticker within the 30-day period and write “applied for” in the space on the application for license plate information. Once the plates are received, please call the Finance Department and provide the plate numbers. For more information about vehicle stickers, please call the Finance Department at 847/392-6000 or visit www.mountprospect.org/vehiclestickers.

Village Manager Michael J. Cassady Appoints New Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief

Mount Prospect Village Manager Michael J. Cassady recently announced key leadership appointments within the Fire Department. Since October 1, 2015, Brian Lambel has served as Interim Fire Chief and John Dolan has served as Interim Deputy Fire Chief. During this period, both demonstrated the critical leadership talents necessary to advance the performance of the Department. On March 16, 2016, Lambel was appointed to Fire Chief and Dolan was appointed to Deputy Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Lambel has been a member of the Mount Prospect Fire Department since 2000 – serving ten years as a Firefighter/Paramedic, three years as a Lieutenant and two years as Battalion Chief. Prior to this, Lambel served ten years as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Lincolnshire-Riverwoods Fire Protection District. Lambel has also served as the team leader of the Mount Prospect Technical Rescue Team and as a Rescue Squad Officer for the Illinois Urban Search and Rescue Team. Lambel completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Science Administration in July of 2015.

Deputy Fire Chief Dolan started with the Department in 1993 and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2009. As part of his duties, he oversaw station maintenance, upkeep and improvement. Deputy Fire Chief Dolan has extensive training in emergency medical care and rescue operations. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Loyola University. Over the years, he has received a number of certifications specializing in firefighting, pump operations, emergency management, hazardous materials, dive rescue and more.

In addition to the promotions of Fire Chief Lambel and Deputy Fire Chief Dolan, Firefighter-Paramedics Todd Novak, Richard Schwegler, Thomas Wang and Matthew Woleben were sworn in as Lieutenants at the Village Board Meeting on March 16. These promotions and the additional new hires of the SAFER grant will allow for Advanced Life Support Engine 13 to be placed back into service for the community.
Mount Prospect Centennial Website Goes Live

Citizens interested in checking out Mount Prospect Centennial events and contests, as well as in learning about Mount Prospect history and interesting facts, may now visit the Centennial Commission's new website at mountprospect100.com.

A year in development, it went live on February 1, according to Jean Murphy, Centennial Commission co-chair. “The site includes a historical timeline for the Village, information on historical figures, photos of important sites as they looked then and as they look now, a Centennial store link which will progressively offer more products as the celebration continues, resources for finding out more about Mount Prospect history and, most importantly, a calendar of Centennial events.”

The Centennial Celebration events kick off at the 2016 Downtown Block Party and continue through the end of 2017. Check the website and Facebook regularly for current events, new digital exhibits, teaching tools and more.

mountprospect100.com
facebook.com/MPCentennial

Be sure to check out the insert in this newsletter announcing the “Fired Up! Fire Hydrant Public Art Project.” Don’t miss this unique opportunity to decorate fire hydrants throughout the Village, while helping celebrate Mount Prospect’s Centennial!

Congratulations to the 2016 Shining Stars!

Stand & Deliver Award
Jeri Oroni

Best Business Partner Award
B&E Accounting & Tax CPA P.C.
Richard Sassan

Good-Better-Best Neighbor Award
Don Bender

Living Legend Award
Former Mayor and State Representative
Carolyn Krause

Champion for Youth Award
Tom Ciesielski

Unsung Hero Award
Pastor Shannon Martinez

Open Arms Award
Amanda Santoro

There Ought to Be More Like This Award
Ken & Bertha Monahan

Youth Service Award
Joseph Sonnefeldt

Each year, the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission honors individuals and organizations that help make Mount Prospect a great place in which to live and work. They are celebrated as “Shining Stars” and recognized at a gala banquet. The 23rd Annual Celestial Celebration was held Friday, February 5, at The Cotillion Banquets in Palatine.

The Shining Star Awards are presented on the basis of nomination by community leaders, by business people, by residents, and others. Nominations were submitted online and by mail.

Front row (left to right): Bertha Monahan, Amanda Santoro, Mayor Arlene A. Juracek, Former Mayor and State Representative Carolyn Krause, Jeri Oroni and Pastor Shannon Martinez  Back row (left to right): Ken Monahan, Richard Sassan, Joseph Sonnefeldt, Don Bender and Tom Ciesielski.
04/10-04/16

National Library Week
April 10 – 16
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library for events celebrating National Library Week. Come discover how Libraries Transform! Events below will take place at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St. To register, visit mppl.org, stop by the Library, or call 847/253-5675.

Adult Spelling Bee
Wednesday, April 13
7 – 9 p.m.
Watch representatives from Mount Prospect schools, Village, and other organizations transform into celebrity spellers. Join in the fun and cheer on our Village notables.

Friends Book Sale
Saturday, April 16, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Stock up on great books at bargain prices. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services. Special Members Only Night Preview Sale: Friday, April 16, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Check out Money Smart Week: April 25-29

04/19

The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: Cardenio
Tuesday, April 19
7 p.m. (Pre-show introduction begins)
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.
The Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project of Chicago back to Mount Prospect with the theatrical reading of Cardenio. Following the play, there will be a post-show discussion and an opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team. For more information or to register, visit mppl.org, call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

04/21

Sister Cities Pot Luck Dinner
Thursday, April 21
6:30 p.m.
Village Hall Community Room (1st floor)
50 S. Emerson St.
Celebrate our Sister City relationship with Sèvres, France. Enjoy the stories and video presentation of the Prospect High School exchange students and their teachers who visited Sèvres. Karen Larock from the Piano Parlor will enhance the evening with music from Claude Debussy and other French composers. Please bring a dish to share; French recipes are encouraged. Attendees may bring wine to share at the beverage table. Free event, but reservations are required. Reserve your free tickets at sistercitiespotluck.eventbrite.com. For more information, please contact Commissioner Rafi Sahakian at 224/764-1493 or at events@mountprospectsistercities.com.

04/29

Flip Flop Fest at Central Community Center
Friday, April 29
6 – 9 p.m.
Mt. Prospect Park District’s Central Community Center
1000 W. Central Rd.
$5 for youth/$7 for adults
It’s a flip flop fiesta of family fun. Take to the rink during cosmic skate (music provided by a DJ), head to the gym for a bounce house and fun activities, or enjoy Art Studio crafts. Concessions will be available.

05/01-06/30

Centennial Commission Fire Hydrant Painting Event
May 1 – June 30
Applications submitted
Gear up for the Village’s 100th Anniversary in 2017 by choosing to paint a fire hydrant near your home or business. The Fired Up! Fire Hydrant Public Art Project is coming to the Village of Mount Prospect in 2016. Rules and application are available in this Newsletter as an insert and online at mountprospect100.com. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to make a creative mark on fire hydrants throughout the Village, while helping decorate for Mount Prospect’s Centennial Celebration.
River Trails Park District’s Summer Pool Passes

Early Bird Rate (Now - Monday, May 2)
Regular Season Rate starts Tuesday, May 3
Weiss Community Center
1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Enjoy a great summer at the Woodland Trails Pool. Practice diving skills from one meter diving board or soar through the air from a drop slide. On deck are two water play areas that offer hours of fun. A separate zero-depth pool is designated just-for-tot fun. And for serious swimmers, there are two lap lanes available during all open swim hours. Pool passes are on sale at the early bird rate of $39 (resident)/$54 (non-resident). Summer pool passes can only be purchased at the Weiss Community Center. For more information, visit rtpd.org.

Spring Plant Sale at Friendship Park Conservatory
Saturday, May 7
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
395 W. Algonquin Rd.
Des Plaines

Get started on your summer garden planting. Choose from a wide variety of greenhouse grown lush and healthy plants, including annuals, perennials, dahlias, herbs, veggies, succulents and more. Call 847/298-3500 for more details. Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District.

Maple Trails Park Opening Celebration
Thursday, May 12
5 – 6 p.m.
871 Feehanville Dr.

Join friends and neighbors to celebrate newly renovated Maple Trails Park. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, free activities and light refreshments. Enjoy new volleyball, basketball and futsal courts. All ages are welcome. For details, visit rtpd.org. Sponsored by the River Trails Park District.

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show
Saturdays, May 14 – October 1
6 – 9 p.m.
Mount Prospect Train Depot, West Commuter Parking Lot (Corner of Route 83 & Northwest Hwy.)

Come view the “coolest cars” around. Classic car shows will take place every Saturday night in downtown Mount Prospect with themed nights each week. For more information, visit mpdowntown.com. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association.

Super Saturday: Songs and Dances of the South Pacific
Saturday, May 14
11 – 11:45 a.m.
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.

In honor of Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, join Lanialoha, founder of the Aloha Center Chicago, for an interactive performance of songs and dances of Hawaii and Aotearoa (the Maori name for New Zealand). Hear traditional songs accompanied by the ukulele and see poi balls in action. This program will demonstrate the spirit of aloha and the history and beauty of the cultural arts of the people of the South Pacific. Please register all attending, including adults and children. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org, stop by the Library, or call 847/253-5675.

Public Works Open House
Saturday, May 14
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mount Prospect Public Works Facility
1700 W. Central Rd.

Bring the family out 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 the water and sewer system, solid waste services, snow plowing, tree maintenance, streets and sidewalks. See the behind-the-scenes operations of Public Works. Lunch is provided. For more information, call Public Works at 847/870-5640 or visit facebook.com/mtprospectPW. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Works Department.

Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation

Pub Crawl
Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, September 17
Enjoy a great time out with neighbors and friends visiting downtown Mount Prospect eating and drinking establishments. For more information, visit mpdowntown.com. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association.

Children’s Fire Safety Festival
May 2 – 6
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 at the 37th Annual Children’s Fire Safety Festival. This free event is for children in preschool through second grade. For those who would like to bring a school/daycare/home school group to the event, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253. Individual families are also welcome, but need to call the number above to schedule a visit.

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Mountprospect.org
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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

SAVE THE DATES

Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival
Thursday, June 30 – Monday, July 4
Melas Park (Central & Busse Rds.)
Enjoy live entertainment, food, rides, raffles and more. Visit mtprospectlions.com for details. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

4th of July Parade
Monday, July 4
1 p.m.
The 4th of July Parade starts at the corner of Emerson Street & Prospect Avenue. Get an organization, group of friends or a business to join the fun by participating in the parade. For more information, contact Jill Friedrichs at jillmyrle@wowway.com. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission.

Downtown Block Party
Friday, July 22, 4 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Saturday, July 23, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.
Free admission
Join neighbors and friends for great food and entertainment. The weekend festivities draw thousands of attendees each year. There will be plenty of fun, free rides for kids and great food from local restaurants. To reserve booth space, call 847/398-6616. Also, as part of Mount Prospect’s Centennial Celebration, come witness the unearthing of the 1992 time capsule from the Village’s 75th Anniversary. For more information, visit mpgaragesale.com or call 847/259-8600. Organized by Picket Fence Realty.

05/16

Community Garden
Begins Monday, May 16
Sycamore Trails Park
1500 E. Kensington Rd.
River Trails Park District Residents Only
$29/plot; 1 plot/household
No room to garden? Join River Trails Park District (RTPD) at the Sycamore Trails Park Community Garden. Participants plant and maintain their own crops. RTPD will have participants’ plots tilled and ready to plant in early spring. A water tank will be placed near the plots. Once a participant is registered, garden rules and guidelines will be provided. For more information, call 847/255-1200.

05/17

Mount Prospect Woman’s Club “In Style” Luncheon & Fashion Show
Tuesday, May 17
11:00 Social Hour; Lunch at noon
The Cotillion Banquets
360 S. Creekside Dr.
Palatine
$38/person
Join the ladies of the Mount Prospect Woman’s Club for a lovely afternoon of food, fashion and fun! Social hour will be followed by a luncheon with your choice of three different entrees and a fashion show featuring the latest spring fashions from Chico’s. Try your luck at the many raffles with terrific prizes or select the perfect “mystery gift.” Everybody is invited! Proceeds from this fundraiser will help the Club award college scholarships to graduating high school seniors, as well as support over 20 different charitable organizations. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Barbara VanArsdale at 847/877-1088. The deadline for reservations is May 9.

05/20-05/22

Mount Prospect Community-wide Garage Sale
May 20, 21 & 22
Participating homeowners hold their own garage sales just as they would at any other time of year. The difference is that thousands of shoppers are attracted to this large annual group sale, said to be one of the largest of its kind in Illinois. Over 500 homes will participate. For more information, visit mpgaragesale.com or call 847/259-8600. Organized by Picket Fence Realty.

05/30

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 30
9:30 a.m.
Emerson St. & Busse Ave. to Lions Park
Parade participants will line up at Emerson Street & Busse Avenue between 9 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Parade begins at 9:40 a.m. in front of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. The parade route is as follows: south on Emerson Street to Lincoln Street to the Veterans’ Memorial Band Shell at Lions Park for a special ceremony. Any interested citizens can march in the parade, and veterans are especially encouraged to join in. For more information, visit vfw1337.us or call Parade Coordinator Dutch DeGroot at 847/577-5374. Sponsored by the Prospect V.F.W. 1337.

06/12-10/30

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers’ Market
Sundays, June 12 – October 30
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Mount Prospect Train Depot,
West Commuter Parking Lot
(Corner of Route 83 & Northwest Hwy.)
Stop by and check out a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies. For more information, visit mtprospectlions.com. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.
Fridays on the Green
Fridays - June 3, June 17, July 15, August 5, August 19
6 – 8 p.m.
Village Green @ Village Hall
50 S. Emerson St.
Enjoy free live concerts on the Village Green the first and third Fridays in June, July and August (no concert on Friday, July 1). Pick up a picnic dinner at one of our Downtown restaurants or grab a bite to eat before or after the concert. Bring chairs and blankets. Free parking in the Emerson Street Garage at Village Hall. For more information, visit experiencemountprospect.org in May.

06/16
Mount Prospect Stories: Busse Flowers: The Blooming Business of Mount Prospect
Thursday, June 16
7 p.m.
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.
In honor of the 100th anniversary of Busse Flowers, Mount Prospect Historical Society Director Lindsay Rice will present a program describing the growth and development of the oldest business in Mount Prospect. To register, visit mppl.org, call 847/253-5675, or stop by the Library.

06/18
Strive for 5 – 5k Run
Saturday, June 18
8 a.m. (Race Start)
Runners – mark your calendar for the Mt. Prospect Park District Strive for Five 5K run. Online registration begins April 11 at GoRegGo.com. Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District.

06/25
Summer Time Stroll – Craft Beer Sampling Event
Saturday, June 25
2 – 6 p.m.
Downtown Mount Prospect
“Stroll” through some of the Downtown restaurants, meet reps and sample local craft beers. For information and required pre-registration, visit mountprospectchamber.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.

The Downtown identification banners serve to better define Downtown Mount Prospect using a decorative graphic design. Although classified as banners due to their location along major street frontages, such as Northwest Highway and Main Street, they would be made of durable aluminum. These signs would be integrated within our current banner program, which is changed out on a regular basis throughout the year to promote local, seasonal events.

Both the vehicle and pedestrian wayfinding signs serve to direct residents and visitors to points of interest within the Downtown, but on different scales. The vehicular wayfinding will be directed to drivers; the signs would include information guiding users to Village Hall, the Library, the train station or public parking. Pedestrian wayfinding signs are detail-oriented and designed for those walking or biking through Downtown. For example, the pedestrian kiosks include maps with icons noting nearby businesses by category and a reserved area will be utilized for the promotion of upcoming Downtown events.

Although each of the four sign types serves a different purpose, they work together as a unified system. They are designed to be aesthetically pleasing and help bring vibrancy to the Downtown. The signs are practical and relay information to visitors and residents in an efficient manner. The Wayfinding Signage Program is funded through the Village’s tax increment finance (TIF) program. Funds are collected within the Downtown TIF, and then reinvested into the Downtown through various improvements, such as the Wayfinding Signage Program.

Phase II of the Program will kick off in the spring of 2016, and starts with a request for proposal to seek a sign fabricator and installer to create the signs within the final Design Intent document. The Village hopes to have some portions of the Signage Program implemented by the fall of 2016. If you have questions regarding the Village’s Wayfinding Signage Program, contact Senior Planner Nellie Beckner at 847/818-5312.

mountprospect.org
Sidewalk Obstruction

As the weather gets nicer, more people will be taking walks throughout their neighborhoods. Please keep in mind that sidewalks should be free and clear as to not obstruct a pedestrian’s pathway. 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.

Rail Crossing Danger

Railroad tracks cross through our Village. Trains are part of everyday life, and because of this it is easy to forget the danger of train tracks and crossings. Remember, “Look, Listen, Live!”

• Walking on the railroad tracks or the right-of-way on either side of them is illegal.
• It is not safe to walk or stand in-between the railroad tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet in both directions. Those walking in the right-of-way next to the tracks can be hit.
• The only safe place to cross is at a designated public crossing with either a crossbuck, flashing red lights or a gate.
• Do not cross the tracks immediately after a train passes. A second train might be blocked by the first. Wait until the gates are fully raised and the red lights stop flashing, look in both directions, and then cross.

Be Aware of Home Improvement Scams

While home repair scams happen all-year round, there are specific scams to be aware of during the upcoming months. Here are some common rip-offs that are used:

• Someone “just passing through the neighborhood” and has materials left over from another job. Often times, the materials used are sub-standard and money is demanded up front.
• Price increases. Get written contracts before a job is agreed to. Often times, someone may offer services at a certain rate but after they start the work they demand more money and will not finish the job until the resident pays.
• Driveway sealant. The scam artist offers to sealcoat a resident’s driveway for a discounted price but uses cheap materials that wear off in a short time. This also applies to chimney repair and roof sealant scams.
• Someone knocks on a resident’s door claiming to have done prior work on that resident’s home; however, this is a distraction to allow their partner to enter the resident’s home through another door.

Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Residents: do not let anyone inside the home that is a stranger or not first contacted by the resident. Lastly, if ever in doubt of someone at the door or if fallen victim to a scam, please call 9-1-1 immediately to assist the Police Department in catching these criminals and protecting others.
Fire Department is on Social Media
Stay connected with the Fire Department on these Social Media Sites:

Facebook: “Like” us on Facebook, facebook.com/MountProspectFD
Twitter: Follow us on Twitter, twitter.com/MountProspectFD

Children’s Fire Safety Festival May 2 – 6
Come join the Mount Prospect Fire Department for a fun and educational experience about fire safety at the 37th Annual Children’s Fire Safety Festival.

May 2 – 6
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(1 hour presentations)
Mount Prospect Fire Station 14
2000 E. Kensington Road

FREE event for children in preschool through second grade. If you would like to bring your school/daycare/home school group to the event, please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253. Individual families are also welcome, but please call to schedule a visit.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries
When you changed your clocks on March 13 for daylight savings did you also remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors? The Mount Prospect Fire Department recommends that residents change the batteries in these devices at least twice a year, and any time they “chirp,” which is a warning of a low battery. This is just one simple way to remember the importance of keeping smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors up-to-date and working. It could save a life.

Severe Weather Awareness
General awareness is the key to dealing with springtime severe weather, such as thunderstorms and tornadoes. Being familiar with the different watches and warnings will help keep residents and their families safe during severe weather.

Terms to Know

Severe Thunderstorm Watch: Conditions are conducive to the development of severe thunderstorms.

Severe Thunderstorm Warning: A severe thunderstorm has actually been observed by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or is imminent.

Tornado Watch: Conditions are conducive to the development of tornadoes.

Tornado Warning: A tornado has been sighted by spotters or indicated on radar, and is occurring or is imminent.

What to Do When Tornado Warning Sirens are Activated
If indoors at the time of activation:
1. Seek shelter immediately in the lowest level of the property, preferably in an interior room away from doors and windows.
2. Tune in to radio or television stations for the latest information.
3. Remain in a place of shelter until the threat has passed.

If outdoors at the time of activation:
1. Seek shelter indoors, but not in a car or mobile home.
2. If there are no safe options indoors and a tornado is imminent, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

Please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847/818-5253 with any questions regarding severe weather.
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, Medicaid or private insurance. The nurse also provides testing for International Normalized Ratio (INR) for homebound patients with a doctor’s order, as well as conducts screening clinics open to the public several times a month in a variety of locations, including Keefer’s Pharmacy and Stay Fit Physical Therapy & Core Wellness. In the nursing office at Village Hall (2nd Floor), the nurse conducts fasting lipid profiles to monitor cholesterol and meets with residents privately who have medical concerns or questions.

Senior Walking Club

It is that time of year again - time to get out and get walking! On Tuesday, May 3, 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 and bring a bottle of water. For more information, call 847/870-5680.

Driver Refresher Class

Wednesday, June 22 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.

Yellow DOT Illinois Program

The Illinois Yellow Dot Program is a program for anyone living in the state of Illinois who drives a vehicle. This program lets first responders at the scene of an accident know immediately if you have medical conditions and makes available to them information to contact your doctor or emergency contact. Stop by the Human Services Department to receive more information and a packet on the Yellow Dot Program.
Lead in Drinking Water

Lead is a naturally occurring metal that has been associated with developmental disorders in children when ingested. It is not commonly found in Lake Michigan (the source of our drinking water), the Village of Mount Prospect distribution system, or the Illinois American distribution system.

However, sometimes lead can be found in tap water samples due to corrosion of plumbing that contains lead. Lead from solder, fixtures, and pipes found in the plumbing of some older buildings and homes can become corroded and dissolve into water.

The Village monitors a selection of homes that have lead service lines, internal fixtures and plumbing that contain lead, or that have internal plumbing joined by lead solder. Illinois American does the same in its service area.

The USEPA action level for lead in drinking water is 15 parts per billion (ppb). Water utilities are required to notify the public when test results show more than 10% of the homes tested have levels of lead above the 15 ppb action level.

The Village purchases treated drinking water from the City of Chicago; and Illinois American purchases from the City of Evanston. Both Chicago and Evanston continuously monitor and adjust pH levels to minimize the corrosiveness of the water. In addition, both also add phosphates—a common food additive—to create a protective film on pipes that reduces the release of metals such as lead.

One of the best ways for residents to limit exposure to lead in drinking water is to run the faucet for at least 30 seconds or until the water gets noticeably colder. This helps assure that the water is drawn from the mains and has not been sitting motionless in the building’s plumbing system.

For more information, visit epa.gov/lead or call Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791.

Residents can also find additional information and view the Village’s current water quality report on the website (www.mountprospect.org/CCR2014) or call Public Works at 847/870-5640. Illinois American customers can visit amwater.com/ilaw.

Parkway Ash Tree Replacement

For 2016, parkway ash tree replacements are expected to proceed as follows. The Village will offer 1½” diameter replacements for removed parkway ashes where there is a suitable planting site at no cost to adjacent property owners. Village staff will select the species to be planted. To increase the diversity of the urban forest, staff will select species that are currently underutilized. Village staff will leave a letter regarding viability of replacing a parkway tree adjacent to one’s property when the tree is marked for removal. Additionally, a brown mark is placed on the curb and a second letter is left preceding planting.

Property owners who do not want to wait for the offer of a free replacement tree may elect to participate in the Village’s next available “Full Cost” planting program. In this program, property owners with suitable parkway planting sites can select the species and order a 2 ½” diameter tree by bearing the full cost of planting. Participants can select from a list of eight to ten tree species that grow well in parkways.

Each tree is planted and guaranteed for one year. Currently, the Village is taking requests for fall 2016 plantings; requests are generally due by the beginning of August.

Property owners may also plant parkways trees on their own, but must first obtain a permit from Public Works. Please contact the Public Works Department with questions concerning tree planting programs offered by the Village 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Lot Drainage

A typical residential lot within the Village of Mount Prospect was designed to efficiently drain stormwater away from the house and towards a collection point for the Village’s drainage system. Typically, residential properties are designed to drain from the middle of the property to the street, where it is collected by the street drainage system; and also from the middle of the property to the back property line, where stormwater can flow along the back property lines of the entire block in a shallow drainage swale. Water is designed to flow in backyard swales until it is collected by a catch basin or it flows out into the street at the end of the block.

Unfortunately, over time, changes occur within the lots affecting drainage patterns and some lots are left with standing water following rain events. The changes can be caused by building additions, garages, sheds, raised gardens, bushes, fences, placing fill or even tree roots. Changes made in a drainage path can block the flow of water resulting in standing water in a location where it was not originally planned. Many of these improvements mentioned above require a Village permit, a process that was created so that problems, such as drainage issues, could be avoided by the review of the Village Staff.

Some residents have attempted to solve flooding problems by filling in portions of their yard with dirt thinking that the stormwater will be displaced. Unfortunately, it is often that act of filling which will interrupt a drainage path and create new problems for themselves or their neighbors.

Residents who are experiencing standing water in their yard (that is more than a short term nuisance), are encouraged to contact Public Works at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. Public Works staff will come out to the resident’s property and assess the situation and provide options for consideration to minimize the standing water issue on the property.
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.

Keep Pet Waste Out of Our Waterways!

Cleaning up after a pet is a helpful way to help protect the waterways that run through the Village. Pet waste that enters a creek in Mount Prospect can have a long journey and 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. Residents should discard pet waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage.

Yard Waste Collection Resumes April 4

All containerized yard waste, bags and/or rigid containers must have the Village imprinted yard waste sticker affixed for collection. Stickers are $2.50 and are available at Village Hall, Public Works and other locations (see website mountprospect.org > Government > Village Departments > Solid Waste > Solid Yard Waste).

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 Kraft paper compost bags. Residents who use a rigid container must affix a “Yard Waste” decal (in addition to the purchased Village yard waste 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 compost bag placed at the curb cannot exceed 50 pounds in weight.

Unlimited Brush Collection Starts April 4

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.

Spring/Summer Construction Season

Spring and summer are busy seasons for the Public Works Department. Residents will see Public Works crews and contractors resurfacing streets, cleaning and repairing inlets, crack sealing streets and starting a number of capital projects. Please visit the website for information on 2016 construction projects at www.mountprospect.org/construction.

Coming in April: Solid Waste Newsletter

In April of 2016, Public Works will begin to publish a Solid Waste Newsletter. This new publication will be sent to each resident’s mailbox and will cover all aspects of the Village’s garbage and recycling programs. In addition, unique residential recycling opportunities will be highlighted.
Sidewalk Replacement

The Village of Mount Prospect endeavors to properly maintain its infrastructure. One of the more noticeable maintenance programs involves the public sidewalk and the Village’s Shared Cost Sidewalk Program. This program has proven to be a successful partnership between the Village and property owners. The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. The Village will select a contractor in May through a competitive bidding process and the sidewalk replacement work will continue across the Village throughout the summer.

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until funding runs out. The last day applications will be accepted is May 16.

The resident’s share of the cost is $68.00 for a sidewalk square, a slight increase over the previous year. Increased concrete costs are the reason for the higher residents’ share. This represents half of the cost of a sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount. The contractor’s work includes removing the existing square, replacing it with new concrete, and backfilling along the edges with topsoil.

Applications are available online at mountprospect.org or at the Public Works Department located at 1700 W. Central Road.

If you have any questions concerning the sidewalk program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Recycling Programs

The Village offers a number of recycling programs sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). The programs are available to Mount Prospect and SWANCC residents. Recycling programs include:

- Household battery recycling,
- Pharmaceutical recycling, including prescription and over-the-counter medications,
- Medical sharps recycling,
- Compact fluorescent and fluorescent tube recycling.

Bring acceptable recycling items to Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd., between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. There are rules and regulations that govern recycling programs and not all the items will be accepted. For more information, visit mountprospect.org (Government > Village Departments > Solid Waste > Solid Waste – Additional Recycling Program).

Public Works Offers Electronic Recycling Drop-off Program

In September 2009, Illinois became the 16th state to adopt an electronics recycling law known as the Electronics Products Recycling and Reuse Act (SB2313). This legislation bans certain electronic items, mainly computers and televisions, from Illinois landfills. The Village’s waste hauler, Republic Services, will NOT collect the following electronics:

- Televisions
- Monitors
- Printers
- Computers (including tablet computers)
- Electronic Keyboards
- Facsimile Machines
- Videocassette Recorders
- Portable Digital Music Players
- Digital Video Disc Players
- Video Game Consoles
- Small Scale Servers
- Scanners
- Electronic Mice
- Digital Converter Boxes
- Cable Receivers
- Satellite Receivers
- Digital Video Disc Recorders

The Village, in association with SWANCC, has developed the Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program to collect electronics on an ongoing basis. Each location will accept items from all SWANCC residents. Please note that only the acceptable items will be allowed at the drop-off locations.

Weekly Drop-off Locations

Locations will be closed on national holidays.

Mount Prospect (April 6 – October 26)
Public Works
1700 W. Central Rd.
Wednesdays only: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Glenview Transfer Station
1151 N. River Rd.
(Across from the Maryville Academy)
Saturdays only: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Please note that the transfer station will be closed following a holiday. If residents have a question regarding an electronic item NOT listed or would like more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

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Tips for Clearing a Sewer Blockage on Residential Line

- Notify sewer service provider first. Residents - Check utility statement to find out the service provider. Depending upon the resident's location in the Village, the resident will need to call either Mount Prospect Public Works at 847/870-5640 or Illinois-American at 800/422-2782.

- Determine where the blockage is located. Is it in the private line or in the sewer main? Having a contractor spend time diagnosing where the blockage is can save residents time and money.

- Have a contractor clear and camera the line. Save this information to a DVD or thumb drive, and keep in a safe place to view later if future repairs are ever needed.

Avoid Home Improvement Scams This Spring

Beware of dishonest contractors that use common techniques to gain the confidence of homeowners and provide frustrating experiences. Home improvements could be needlessly expensive, incomplete, fail to meet building codes, or of poor quality. For these reasons, it is important to carefully select a home improvement contractor. The Office of the Illinois Attorney General receives thousands of complaints each year involving disputes between homeowners and home repair contractors, and provides some important rules and questions to ask for protection from deceiving home repair contractors.

Finding a Contractor

Consider other factors besides cost before choosing a contractor. The following is a list of basic steps for choosing a contractor:
- Find out as much as possible about a contractor before hiring him or her by calling the Illinois Attorney General and the Better Business Bureau.
- Ask for recommendations from people that have had home improvements.
- Get written estimates from several firms, and do not automatically choose the lowest bidder.
- Insist on a complete written contract.

Contracts for Home Repair in Illinois

Carefully review and understand a contract before signing it. The contract should indicate the who, what, where, when, and cost of your project. In Illinois, a written contract with all costs enumerated and a copy of the “Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights” pamphlet is required to be provided to the customer for home repair or remodeling work over $1,000.

Paying for Home Repair Projects

Beware of contractors who ask for payment of the entire job up front. Negotiate a payment schedule that is based on completion of specific stages of the job and includes a low down payment.

During the Project

- Keep all paperwork related to the home repair project, including copies of the contract, change orders, and correspondence with contractors and suppliers.
- Keep a log of all phone calls, conversations, and activities associated with the project. Taking photographs to record the work’s progress is recommended.
- Before making the final payment and signing off, make sure that:
  - the work meets the contract,
  - the job site is clean,
  - written warranties for materials and workmanship have been shared,
  - written proof that all subcontractors and suppliers have been paid,
  - that the work successfully passes a final inspection with the Village.

Thinking of Installing a Fence?

A building permit from the Community Development Department is required before installing a fence. A permit may be approved only if the proposed fence is in compliance with the provisions of the Village Code. The following items provide a brief overview of the fence regulations in residential districts:

- The maximum height permitted is 5’.
- Fences must be constructed finished-side facing out.
- Fences in front yards are not permitted.
- Fences may be installed in the rear and interior side yards, provided the fence is located behind the front line of the principal building structure.

Fences in exterior side yards which abut the front yard of an adjacent lot may be installed provided that the fence is placed behind the front line of the principal building and setback 1’ if an open style fence or setback 10’ if a solid style.

For more information, please contact the Community Development Department at 847/818-5328 or visit mountprospect.org (Government > Village Departments> Community Development>Building Permit Applications and Inspections).
RIBBON CUTTINGS

Edible Arrangements
110 S. Emerson St. | 847/749-2619 | ediblearrangements.com
Edible Arrangements specializes in freshly-crafted fruit arrangements and creative gift ideas. In addition, they serve fresh fruit treats, fruit smoothies, fruit salads, fruit parfaits and more that can be enjoyed on-the-go. Edible Arrangements is located in downtown Mount Prospect in The Shops at the Emerson.
Ribbon Cut: December 14, 2015

McDonald’s
13 W. Rand Rd. | 224/347-2087 | mcdonalds.com
Mayor Arlene A. Juracek, Village trustees, Village staff, government officials and McDonald’s corporate leaders celebrated a Ribbon Cutting welcoming the new McDonald’s on Kensington & Rand Rds. Owned by the Bear Family, this McDonald’s features a modern layout, double drive-thru, enhanced features, a broadened menu and much more.
Ribbon Cut: December 16, 2015

Bar 145
34 S. Main Street | 847/873-1855 | bar145mountprospect.com
Bar 145 is a gastro pub specializing in “burgers, bands, and bourbon.” Bar 145’s mission is to pair premium spirits and beer with gourmet food in an ambient, energetic setting offering live entertainment. Located steps away from the Downtown Metra Station, Bar 145 is positioned on the corner of Route 83 (Main Street) and Busse Avenue. For menu options, private party reservations and band schedules, visit bar145mountprospect.com.
Ribbon Cut: January 19

Prospective Financial
115 S. Emerson St. | 847/873-1989
James Argentine is a Certified Financial Planner™ professional who was born and raised in Mount Prospect. He started Prospective Financial in order to provide exceptional financial services while building deep and meaningful relationships with clients through trust and integrity. Prospective Financial serves as a premier advocate and resource for financial education in our community.
Ribbon Cut: February 26

Tokens & Tankards
18 W. Busse Ave. | 847/873-1190 | tokensandtankards.com
Tokens & Tankards is a unique gastropub concept that features a nostalgic atmosphere and is located just steps from the Downtown Metra Station. Classic British and Belgian pub cuisine is paired with an extensive local craft beer selection. The Game Room is filled with classic arcade video and pinball games. In addition, there is a back room that can be used for private parties or corporate meetings.
Ribbon Cut: February 26
VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT
50 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL 60056
mountprospect.org

VILLAGE HALL HOURS
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday

Emergency........................................... 911
Village Hall........................................... 392-6000
(includes Finance, Village Administration)
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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Meet informally with the Village Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9 to 11 a.m. at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. For more information, please call the Village Manager’s Office at 847/392-6000, or visit mountprospect.org.