Start your weekend off right with FREE concerts on the Village Green, located at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. The 6th Annual Fridays on the Green features bands playing hits from the ‘80s and ‘90s, R&B, country, hip hop and more. It’s the perfect spot to sit back and relax with friends and family. After the concert, grab a bite to eat at one of our many Downtown restaurants, or pick up carryout and enjoy a picnic on The Green.

“Fridays on the Green are one more reason to enjoy your summer weekends in your hometown Mount Prospect! We hope to see you there!” said Mayor Arlene A. Juracek.

The concerts are held on the first and third Fridays from June to August (NO concert July 1). Shows are 6 - 8 p.m. People are encouraged to bring blankets and/or chairs.

Remaining Fridays on the Green Concerts (July - August)
July 15 — Senn Alan Band
August 5 — Spoken Four
August 19 — Nick Lynch

Concerts take place just one block north of the downtown Mount Prospect Metra Train Station. Free parking is available at the Village Hall Garage and around town. For more information about this and other great events, visit experiencemountprospect.org.

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Did You Purchase A Vehicle Sticker?

The deadline for displaying 2016-2017 vehicle stickers was April 30. As of May 1, the Police Department may issue citations to owners of locally registered vehicles who are not displaying the 2016-2017 stickers in their vehicles. If a Police Department citation is received 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.

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. Residents can opt to pay online (no service fee) through the Village’s website, mountprospect.org, or by using direct debit through their bank account (no service fee).

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.

Payments may also be made in person at Village Hall or mailed.

For any questions concerning the online or direct debit programs, please contact Utility Billing at 847/392-6000.

Important Notice and Changes to Your Electric Bill Effective June 2016

New ComEd Rate Lower than Current Aggregation Rate

The Village of Mount Prospect authorized electrical aggregation in 2012 to allow residents and eligible small businesses an additional optional electricity provider. According to the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Collaborative (NIMEC), participants in the Mount Prospect community have saved $3,984,177, or an estimated $238 per resident since the Village Board approved the program. The Village renewed pricing for its aggregation program in 2014. Our pricing through Homefield Energy (a subsidiary of Dynergy Energy) is 7.935 cents per kWh through August 2016. The price decreases to 7.499 cents per kWh in August 2016 through August 2017.

The Village was notified that the ICC has approved Commonwealth Edison's (ComEd) purchased electricity charges for the coming year. The rate reflects a significant reduction in pricing due to changes in commodity markets for electric power and energy. The ComEd base rate is 6.190 cents per kWh from June 2016 through September 2016 and 6.308 cents per kWh from October 2016 through June 2017. These rates are further impacted by the monthly changes to the Purchased Electric Adjustment (only applied if ComEd is the account’s energy supplier) that can be a charge or credit up to 0.5¢ per kWh. The Illinois Commerce Commission confirmed these rates at the end of May.

Residents and businesses participating in the Village's electric aggregation program who have not already done so are encouraged to move their account back to ComEd to be able to receive this lower rate. The Village aggregation program has no early termination fee, so any resident or small commercial account wanting to move to the lower ComEd rate may do so without penalty by calling the Village's current supplier, Homefield Energy, at 866/694-1262. (Neither the Village nor ComEd can switch your account, only Homefield Energy). There will be an additional electric supply procurement in late summer/early fall and the non-summer rate will be updated to reflect the results of the additional procurement.

Additionally, regulatory changes designed to increase the reliability of the power grid during times of extreme weather or system emergencies will be going into effect June of 2016. This “Capacity Performance” reform results in an increase to electricity costs for energy suppliers including ComEd, which are reflected in ComEd’s rates above. Homefield Energy has chosen not to pass that Capacity Performance charge through to any ratepayers in their community aggregation programs and the Mount Prospect rate (7.935¢ per kWh through August 2016, then 7.499¢ per kWh through August 2017) will be unaffected.

For more information on this energy savings opportunity and the Village’s electrical aggregation program, visit mountprospect.org (under Quick Links in the upper right-hand corner, choose “Electric Aggregation”).
The Mount Prospect Ice Arena is scheduled to open by Labor Day weekend. The facility, located at 1501 Feehanville Drive in the Kensington Business Center, will consist of two regulation-size ice rinks, a full service restaurant, a pro shop, locker facilities and more. Stix and Stones Restaurant will feature wood-fired pizzas and fresh sandwiches, as well as craft beers. Jerry’s Hockey Warehouse will operate a pro shop within the facility and offer a full range of equipment for ice skating and hockey. In addition to many private teams and functions, the Mount Prospect Park District will offer programs at the arena for local participants.

Starbucks Coffee will begin constructing a new facility this summer at 195 W. Rand Road, immediately north of their current coffee shop which is located at Rand and Kensington Roads. The 2,000 sq. ft. facility will offer limited seating and a drive-through operation. Starbucks expects to be open for business by year’s end.

A new commercial center, anchored by Potbelly’s Sandwich Shop, has been approved for the former McDonald’s site located at 100 W. Rand Road. Potbelly warm toast sandwiches have been made the same way since 1977. They also offer salads, shakes, cookies and more. Construction is expected to be completed by year’s end.

The Village Board approved a conditional use permit for Andy’s Frozen Custard located at 205 E. Rand Road (former Wendy’s Restaurant). Andy’s is a quick-service frozen dessert business. The freestanding restaurant, with drive-through and walk-up service windows, will sell frozen custard treats from simple vanilla or chocolate cones, to seasonal favorites like Pumpkin Pie Concretes and Strawberry Shortcake Sundaes. They anticipate being open by winter 2016.
Musical Memory Lane
Mt. Prospect Community Band Concerts
Mondays, June 13 – July 25
7:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Band Shell (Lions Park)
411 S. Maple St.
Free
Join new Music Director Monty Adams and the Mt. Prospect Community Band for seven weeks of lively concert music for all ages. Guest soloists and special themes take center stage all summer long. For more information, call Cultural Arts at 847/640-1000. Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District.

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show
Saturdays, Now – October 1
6 – 9 p.m.
Metra Commuter Lot
(Corner of Northwest Hwy. & Route 83)
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.

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers’ Market
Sundays, Now – October 30
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Metra Commuter Lot
(Corner of Northwest Hwy. & Route 83)
Stop by and check out a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodie. For more information, visit mplions.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

Thursday Night Concert Series
June 30 - July 28
Mt. Prospect Park District
Veteran’s Memorial Band Shell (Lions Park)
411 S. Maple St.
FREE entertainment – just bring your family and friends and a blanket or chairs. Studio crafts each night ($4) and other activities. Festivities begin at 7 p.m.; music starts at 7:30 p.m.

- June 30 – The Falconaires
- July 7 – Hillbilly Rockstarz
- July 14 – Hi-Fi Superstar
- July 21 – Performing Arts Night
- July 28 – Christmas in July Movie Night – ELF (movie begins at dusk)

For more events, visit mppy.org.

Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival
Thursday, June 30 – Monday, July 4
Melas Park (Central & Busse Rds.)
Enjoy live entertainment, food, rides, raffles and more. For details, see INSERT in this Newsletter or visit mplions.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

Fourth of July Parade
Monday, July 4
1 p.m.
The Mount Prospect Special Events Commission is holding its annual Fourth of July Parade, which begins at the corner of Emerson St. & Prospect Ave. and ends at Melas Park.

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Christmas in July
Thursday, July 7
6:30 – 9 p.m.
River Trails Park District
Woodland Trails Pool
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
Santa is coming to Woodland Trails Pool this July on his summer break. Join us for holiday decorating, reindeer games and some festive treats. Free for pool pass holders, $3/non-pass holder. All ages welcome. For more information, call 847/255-1200 or visit rtpd.org.

10th Annual Sister Cities French Festival
Monday, July 11
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.
Celebrate a decade of the Sister Cities French Festival! Bring the family to the Library to celebrate France and our French Sister City, Sèvres, 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. All children must be accompanied by an adult. The Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission and the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation co-sponsor this program. Visit mppl.org, call 847/253-5675 or stop by the Library to register.
COMMUNITY EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Friends Book Sale
Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 17, Noon – 4 p.m.
Mount Prospect Public Library
10 S. Emerson St.
Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's Used Book Sale. This sale will feature travel and vacation-related materials. Special members-only preview sale on Friday, July 15 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more information on the Friends and how to become a member, visit mppl.org or call 847/253-5675. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services.

Capannari Ice Cream's Mooovies Under the Stars at the Village Green
Wednesday, July 20
8 p.m. – estimated start time (dusk)
Mount Prospect Village Green
50 S. Emerson St.
Enjoy the movie, Inside Out, under the stars in downtown Mount Prospect. Bring blankets and snacks. Free parking in adjacent Village Hall Garage and around town. For more information, visit capannaris.com/events. Organized by Capannari Ice Cream.

Downtown Block Party
Friday, July 22 & Saturday, July 23
Friday, 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. &
Saturday, 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, great food from local restaurants and free rides for kids (on Saturday, noon - 6 p.m.) 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 mpblockparty.com or facebook.com/MtProspectParty. Sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.

Christmas in July Week
Sunday, July 24 – Thursday, July 28
Mt. Prospect Park District
HoHoHo! There's no snow but plenty of holiday cheer! The week begins with the North Pole Beach Party at Meadows Pool on Sunday, July 24 from 3 to 7 p.m. Chill with Santa while playing games and winning prizes. The Studio plays “holiday host” for a creative day of seasonal crafts on Monday, July 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Also, on Monday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Band Shell, enjoy a holiday concert performed by the Mt. Prospect Community Band. Selections include Polar Express, Sleigh Ride, Christmas Song and more. Don't skate away as the Band Shell is home to a viewing of the holiday favorite, ELF, on Thursday, July 28. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. with the movie beginning at dusk (8:30 p.m.). For more information on all the week's festivities, visit mppd.org or call 847/640-1000.

National Night Out Against Crime
Tuesday, August 2
5:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Band Shell
411 S. Maple St.
The Mount Prospect Police Department, with the River Trails Park District and the Mount Prospect Park District, will sponsor the Village's celebration of “National Night Out,” a nationwide crime and drug prevention event. The evening will be highlighted by a donut eating contest, an emergency vehicle show, music, demonstrations and more. Come out 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.

Silent Movie Night
Wednesday, August 10
7:30 p.m.
MPHS Museum Campus Lawn
101 S. Maple St.
Come out to the Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS) Museum Campus, 101 S. Maple St., and enjoy an old-fashioned silent movie accompanied by refreshments. Bring a blanket and sit beneath the summer night skies as the MPHS features the early days of cinema. There may be an opportunity to take a peek inside the 1896 Central Schoolhouse, which is currently undergoing restoration. For details, visit mtphist.org. Sponsored by MPHS.
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.
**Tell Those Mosquitoes to Buzz Off!**

**Tips for Mosquito Control**

Summer rain showers and warm sunshine are upon us, along with the dreaded mosquito. The mosquitoes that are found within this area belong to one of two groups: floodwater mosquitoes or permanent/stagnant water mosquitoes.

The floodwater mosquitoes species are the most bothersome and prolific mosquitoes affecting the Des Plaines River basin area. However, the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District (NWMAD) considers stagnant water mosquitoes as a high priority as they attempt to suppress the members of this mosquito group.

NWMAD was organized in 1956 and services the Village of Mount Prospect as well as nine other townships including Wheeling and Elk Grove. NWMAD employs 12 full-time staff and hires approximately 54 seasonal workers during the mosquito production season. The District operates control methods, such as regular mosquito testing/trapping and includes regular/rotating spraying to manage these seasonal pests. All NWMAD staff involved in spraying are licensed by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. All spraying is done in accordance with Federal and State Environmental Protection Agency requirements and follows Illinois Department of Public Health requirements.

While NWMAD has the responsibility to address mosquitoes throughout the region, there are several things that individual property owners can do to assist in reducing mosquito populations in the area. Here are a few suggestions for local property owners:

**Tips for Removing Mosquito Breeding Sites Around the Home**

1) Remove artificial ponds or aerate the water
2) Maintain clean fresh water in bird baths
3) Clean the gutters; clogged gutters are ideal places for hatching mosquitoes
4) Properly dispose of used tires
5) Remove containers on properties that are capable of holding water; turn garden carts upside down
6) Clean swimming pools regularly and remove covers with standing water.

**Mosquito Control Products Available to the Public**

1) Yard foggers and insect sprays or barrier sprays
2) Personal repellents and long sleeves and pants
3) Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis, known as Bit, microbial larvae control in water
4) Products for use on pets.

Always follow application instructions for all pest control products. For those with pets who may have a medical condition that may be irritated by any products, please check with a medical professional for other instructions.

If a resident believes there is a water source that holds water stagnant for greater than seven days that may be producing mosquitoes on or near their property, please report it to the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at 847/537-2306.

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**“Beat the HEAT” and Stay Healthy this Summer!**

With summer in full swing, it’s more important than ever to keep a few tips in mind as you beat the H.E.A.T.:

**Hydrate! Hydrate! Hydrate!**

Keep yourself hydrated even if you do not feel thirsty. Water is best. Stay away from caffeinated and alcoholic beverages.

**Educate Yourself:**

Always be aware of the forecasts, temperature and heat index.

**Act Quickly:**

Seek immediate medical attention for any signs of a heat-related illness. Delays in seeking medical attention can be deadly. Move to a cool area whenever possible.

**Take it Easy:**

Anyone working or exercising outdoors should avoid overexertion in hot weather and take frequent breaks in cool environments.

**Symptoms of Heat-Related Illness Include:**

**Minor Symptoms**

- Rash and muscle cramping

**Moderate Symptoms** (Call 9-1-1!)

- Excessive sweating; headache; nausea/vomiting; dizziness; weakness; thirst; irritability; and fast heart rate.

**Severe Symptoms** (Call 9-1-1!)

- Confusion; fainting; seizures; excessive sweating; red, hot and/or dry skin; and very high body temperature.

For more information, visit:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):
bt.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heatips.asp

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA):
noaa.gov
Remember: 1-2-3- Safety

1 Tornado Watch
When a tornado watch is issued, you need to stay alert and be prepared to seek shelter in case a tornado warning is issued. Tune in to local radio and television stations, as well as your NOAA weather radio, for the most up-to-date information. Warn family and friends of the potential threat for a tornado in the area. Be aware that a tornado watch can turn into a tornado warning at any time!

2 Tornado Warning
When a tornado warning is issued by the National Weather Service, seek shelter immediately. Monitor local radio and television stations for the most up to date information. The time to act is now!

3 Warning Siren Activation
When you hear the warning sirens activated, the threat to Mount Prospect is imminent. Seek shelter immediately (if you have not already done so) and tune into local radio and television stations for further information. You have no time to waste!

Safety
Remember to take the necessary precautions as early as possible. Don’t wait for the sirens to activate or it may be too late! Remain alert and pay attention to weather conditions that may indicate a possible tornado. Here are some of the things to look and listen for: rotating clouds, whirling dust or debris, hail or heavy rain fall followed by calm conditions or a quick shift in winds, loud continuous rumble that does not fade in a few seconds like thunder or a train.

NOAA Weather Radio
Weather radios broadcast local emergency and severe weather information from the National Weather Service and can be purchased at local retailers such as Walmart, Home Depot and Menards.

Save the Date:
Fire Department 2016 Open House
September 24
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come meet Mount Prospect Firefighters and see firetrucks, ambulances and more at the Fire Department’s Annual Open House. All age groups are welcome to attend the event at the Police and Fire Headquarters, located at 112 E. Northwest Highway.

This year’s Open House will be filled with activities for the young and old, including a visit from Sparky the Fire Dog. A FREE lunch will also be provided. For more information, visit www.mountprospect.org/fire.

Leave the Fireworks to the Professionals!
The Mount Prospect Fire Department wishes all residents 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 sustain 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 on Thursday, June 30 and Monday, July 4.

Fire Department is on Social Media
Stay connected with the Fire Department on these Social Media Sites:

“Like” us on Facebook, facebook.com/MountProspectFD

Follow us on Twitter, twitter.com/MountProspectFD

mountprospect.org
Mount Prospect was a small community when it incorporated in 1917. Only 300 people lived close to the railroad stop that Ezra Eggleston established in 1874. He dubbed the community “Mount Prospect” because of its relatively high elevation and his hopes for its future.

There were not many structures in town and many of those that did exist have been torn down over the years to make way for commercial expansion.

The Mount Prospect Centennial Commission plans to recognize the remaining structures that were built in 1917 or earlier with a special yard sign commemorating the Centennial year. Homeowners and business owners will receive the sign at no charge to them.

With the help of the Mount Prospect Historical Society (MPHS), the Commission has compiled a list of the structures that they know qualify. However, if any resident knows of a building that is not listed, please contact the Commission.

Residents curious about the list can examine it at mountprospect100.com. Those who think their home or business should be included and is not listed, contact Lindsay Rice, MPHS Executive Director, at 847/392-9006 or via email at lmrice@mtphistory.org.

Follow these simple guidelines:
To have been built in 1917 or earlier, a home is probably constructed of wood. Brick houses did not become popular in Mount Prospect until the 1920s, although there is one known exception. The home will not be a bungalow, Tudor, Colonial, Cape Cod, split-level or ranch. Finally, it may have a stone foundation.

A complete list of these historic homes will be a lasting legacy long after the Centennial has been thoroughly celebrated.
Beginning on June 1, a variety of commemorative Mount Prospect Centennial items became available for sale both locally and online.

Yard signs proclaiming a homeowner’s support for the celebration are being sold for $15 each (cash or check only) through the Mt. Prospect Park District's Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Rd., and RecPlex, 420 W. Dempster St., as well as through the River Trails Park District’s Marvin Weiss Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave. They are being sold exclusively through the park districts (and possibly at selected events) because they would be difficult and cost-prohibitive to ship.

All other items are available to view and purchase through the Centennial website at mountprospect100.com. Shipping and handling fees will be charged and there will be a minimum merchandise charge of $20 to use PayPal or a credit card. Items may also be purchased at the Mount Prospect Historical Society Museum, 101 S. Maple St., on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., (847/392-9006). They may also be sold on occasion at a “pop-up” type of shop during select local events like the Farmer’s Market, the Downtown Merchants Association’s Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Shows and the Downtown Block Party.

The items which are being sold through the website, Historical Society and at local events to help support the Celebration include:

- A cloisonné-style lapel pin (one inch in diameter) featuring the purple and white Centennial logo - $5 (plus a $2.50 shipping/handling fee if purchased online).

- A white baby onesie (available in various sizes) showing the Centennial logo, along with the sentiment: “Babies: Making a Difference in Mount Prospect for over 100 Years” - $20 (plus a $6 shipping/handling fee if purchased online).

- Three coordinating color 18” x 24” posters of modern Mount Prospect which may be purchased separately for $20 each or in a set of all three for $50. They are suitable for framing and come in poster tubes to prevent damage. A $6 shipping/handling fee will be charged if purchased online.

- An attractively-boxed set featuring one of the few remaining silver coins (encased in an attractive box-set) that was struck in 1992 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Mount Prospect and a limited edition crystal ornament etched with the Centennial logo - $75 (plus a $6 shipping/handling fee if purchased online).

Those who are interested in bidding on sets featuring the 75th anniversary silver coin, the crystal Centennial ornament AND a brass 50th anniversary coin (from 1967) may do so through mountprospect100.com. There are only six of these rare sets available and the bidding will close on February 2, 2017 so that the auction winners may be announced during the re-enactment ceremonies in Central School on February 3, 2017.

“We have covered the gamut of prices from $5 for a pin to $75 for a commemorative coin/ornament set in an attempt to make sure that everyone in Mount Prospect who wants to purchase an item to show their support and commemorate this momentous anniversary will have the ability to do so,” explained Jean Murphy, co-chairman of the Mount Prospect Centennial Commission with Leo Floros. “We look forward to seeing yards filled with Centennial signs, babies sporting Centennial onesies and lapel pins being routinely worn on coats, shirts and other apparel,” she continued. “It is going to be a fun, festive year for Mount Prospect.”

These are being sold in honor of Norman William Pohlman who was born on January 31, 1917. His birth was eagerly awaited because the state dictated that a community had to have at least 300 people in order to incorporate. At the time of his birth, he became Mount Prospect’s 300th resident which allowed the papers of incorporation to be filed with the state. Norman’s story is included with each onesie purchased.
Summer Food Pantry for Families with School-Age Children

A substantial number of children in Mount Prospect qualify for free or reduced lunches during the school year. During the summer months the children will not have access to the school breakfast or lunch program. The Human Services Department will be helping these families with an extra bag of food during the summer months.

If you can help, please consider donating:

- **Juice**
- **Rice**
- **Pasta**
- **Uncooked beans**
- **Frozen or canned vegetables**
- **Tuna**
- **Canned fruit**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Jelly**
- **Oil**

If you need help, please call the Human Services Department at Village Hall 847/870-5680 or at the Community Connections Center 847/506-4930 to schedule an appointment for a financial assessment.
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.-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 physician is responsible for contacting the resident with any changes in his or her Coumadin dose and advising when the next test should be scheduled.

Please call Human Services at 847/870-5680 for an appointment.

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 in the home. The Public Health Nurse also conducts screening clinics open to the public several times a month and private consultations in the nursing office regarding medical concerns.

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. Tests are performed at Village Hall the second Thursday of each month in the morning by appointment. Patients must be fasting for 10 hours before their 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.

Driver Refresher Class

The next Secretary of State’s Rules of the Road Class will be held on Wednesday, September 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Mount Prospect Village Hall Community Center, 50 South Emerson. This free class is intended as a refresher for senior citizens who are due to renew their Illinois State Driver’s Licenses. Registration is required. Please call 847-870-5680.

Senior Walking Club

This free club is for Mount Prospect senior residents who wish to remain mobile and connected to others by walking in a safe, contained, outdoor environment under the supervision of the Village Nurse and nurses of the Mount Prospect Medical Reserve Corps. Those with walkers, canes, or any assistive device are welcome to attend.

The walk takes place behind the Mount Prospect Plaza in the small park bordered by Centennial and Westgate streets. The park has a paved tree-covered quarter-mile long path complete with benches and a picnic table. Participants may walk the path as many times as they are able and rest whenever needed!

The Senior Walking Club will meet every Tuesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. starting May 10 and ending October 25. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle. We meet at the picnic table at the west end of the park. Parking is available on Centennial Drive, but not in the parking lot of the Centennial Apartments.
Cart Exchange

Residents whose current refuse and/or recycling carts are not meeting their needs may exchange the cart(s) for a different size. There is no cost for exchanging carts. Refuse and recycling carts are available in 35, 65, and 95 gallon capacity.

The Village also offers additional carts for households needing additional refuse and recycling capacity. Additional refuse carts can be purchased for a one-time non-refundable rental fee of $25 for each additional refuse cart regardless of size. Households are allowed one free recycling cart in addition to the recycling cart originally provided by the Village. Households desiring more than two recycling carts will be charged a one-time non-refundable rental fee of $25 for each recycling cart regardless of size in excess of two carts.

Contact Public Works at 847/870-5640 to request an exchange or additional cart.

Cart Storage

- Carts and yard waste containers may be stored in the garage, side or back of property.
- Corner houses – if carts or yard waste containers are stored on the side of the house facing the adjacent street, they must be screened (by bushes or a fence).
- DO NOT store carts or yard waste containers in front of the property. Storing carts in front of the property is a violation of Village Code and may result in a citation.
- DO NOT place carts or yard waste containers at the curb earlier then 4:30 p.m. the day before collection.
- DO NOT leave carts at the curb beyond the scheduled collection day. Leaving carts at the curb beyond the scheduled collection day is a violation of Village Code and may result in a citation.
- Multi-Family Residents (town home) – check with the association, which may have further restrictions for cart storage.

Parkway Tree Planting Options

The Village is progressing with reforestation efforts in the wake of Emerald Ash Borer, and trying to replace every ash tree lost due to EAB. Additionally, the Village is working through the backlog of non-ash trees that have been removed, and replacing those. These efforts will continue in the fall, and residents who have lost a parkway tree should expect to receive notification explaining the replacement. In some cases replacement trees will not be available until the following year. There is no charge to the resident receiving a tree through the Village's reforestation program.

Residents who have not lost a 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 be hand-selected by Village staff at an Illinois nursery and planted/guaranteed for one year by a landscape contractor. Eight to ten species will be offered, ranging in cost from about $250 to $350 per tree. All requests for fall planting must be received at Public Works no later than August 1, 2016.

Please contact the Public Works office to request a full cost order form or a planting permit at 847/870-5640.

Proper Watering Critical to New Tree Survival

To help ensure the Village’s urban forest thrives, the Forestry/Grounds Division is asking residents to continue to pay close attention to proper tree watering this summer and fall.

This is extremely important with so many new trees planted over the past few years. During the first few years, prior to establishment, it’s important that trees are watered properly. Young trees should receive at least one inch of water every seven to ten days. Thorough, deep watering is much better than frequent shallow ones. Watering is easy to do, and inexpensive considering the numerous benefits that trees provide.

Not enough water can cause serious stress to trees – both primary and secondary effects. Primary effects occur as various plant tissues dry and become desiccated. This type of damage occurs to the leaves, twigs and roots. Residents may notice a yellowing and browning of the leaves, first along the margins, then progressing toward the center of the leaves. Prolonged drought will also cause the death of fine roots. This inhibits water absorption into the tree, reducing the vitality of the plant.

Secondary effects include stress, which can inhibit the production of defensive chemicals in trees, making them more susceptible to climate extremes, such as winter injury, high winds and sunscald. Trees may also become more vulnerable to insect and disease pathogens. Oftentimes when a tree is stressed, an insect or disease invades the tree opportunistically.

Established trees, although generally fine with normal precipitation, may need water too in extreme dry or hot periods. Contact Public Works for more tips on how to keep trees properly watered.
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.

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 week period following the installation of such sod.
- These rules are in effect seven days a week.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 847/870-5640.

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Follow us on Twitter, twitter.com/MountProspectPW
**Water Your Traps**

The traps in floor drains or for that matter, any drains that haven’t 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. Phew! Traps need to have a layer of water sitting in the lower portion to prevent sewer gases from entering a home. Resident’s 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. The drain will hold water in the trap much longer.

**Lawn Irrigation Sprinklers**

As the weather gets warmer, residents will be landscaping their properties and re-starting 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 at mountprospect.org or call the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640.

**Hydrant Flushing This Summer**

Fire hydrants in the Village-owned water distribution system highlighted as the red section on the map above will be flushed this summer. The project will occur during normal working hours. This allows staff the time to perform checks on the hydrants, tests on the water quality and to capture more inventory data about each hydrant. Village crews will be placing notice signs at the entrance points to the section of the neighborhood being flushed each week. These signs will move from section to section as crews complete areas. This project will also have a web-based update page on the Village’s Public Works website to show where crews have completed their tasks for the year. After the hydrants in a neighborhood have been flushed, please run the tap water before using it for cooking, drinking or laundry as some rust or other stain producing particles may remain. These stain-producing particles remain only briefly in the water, giving the water a slightly rusty tinge. The rusty tinge should disappear within a few minutes if the tap is left on. Be careful as these particles may stain laundry. For more information about the hydrant flushing in the Village-owned system, email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847/870-5640. For latest news, please visit the hydrant flushing website at www.mountprospect.org/hydrantflushing.

**Bike Route Signage Project**

The Village of Mount Prospect is committed to becoming a more bike-friendly community. The Mount Prospect Bicycle Plan, adopted in 2012, provides a framework for implementing a broad bike network as well as ways to encourage more people to choose biking for everyday transportation and enjoyment. Since the plan’s adoption, the Village has completed a variety of projects to enhance safety for bicyclists, particularly around parks.

This year’s ambitious Bike Route Signage Project will create 16 miles of on-street bike routes in the Village. The goal is to connect a few destinations in the Village (downtown, Randhurst Mall, Melas Park, Lions Park, Rec Plex, and Woodland Trails Park) using select residential streets as designated bike routes. The network will also connect to existing bike routes in Arlington Heights and Prospect Heights. Work will include installing signs and pavement markings only. Standard bike route signs, destination signs, and bike crossing signs at signalized intersections will be installed throughout the network while pavement markings will only be installed on a few streets. This year’s project does not include constructing any off-street bike paths and does not affect street parking for vehicles. Once completed, the Village will continue to look for opportunities to expand the bike network and promote biking as a viable transportation alternative.

This year’s project is supported by the Mount Prospect Park District, River Trails Park District, Mount Prospect Bike Club and Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in July and be completed by September. More information can be found on the project web page: www.mountprospect.org/bikeroutes. Questions during construction can be directed to the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 and publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.
FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND PROTECTION

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, property deeds, county tax assessments, 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.

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
If you have flooding or drainage concerns or would like any additional information, just stop by or call the Public Works Department at 847/870-5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org if you see any debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a website that can also provide additional information – www.fema.gov.
Traffic Enforcement “Street Of The Week”

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

- **June 27 – July 3**
  - Elmhurst Rd./Main St. (Rte. 83)
- **July 4 – July 10**
  - Central Rd.
- **July 11 – July 17**
  - Northwest Hwy. (Rte. 14)
- **July 18 – July 24**
  - Lincoln St.
- **July 25 – July 31**
  - Rand Rd. (Rte. 12)
- **August 1 – August 7**
  - Golf Rd. (Rte. 58)
- **August 8 – August 14**
  - Burning Bush Ln.
- **August 15 – August 21**
  - Wolf Rd.
- **August 22 – August 28**
  - Busse Rd.
- **August 29 – September 4**
  - Euclid Ave.
- **September 5 – September 11**
  - Lonnquist Blvd.

Enroll Now for the 2016 Citizens Police Academy

The Mount Prospect Police Department is accepting applications for the 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 Monday, September 12 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and will continue for eleven (11) consecutive Monday evenings through November 21. 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 front desk and the Village website: www.mountprospect.org/police. Applications need to be turned in to the police department by 9:00 a.m., August 24, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, please call Officer Greg Sill at the Mount Prospect Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit, at 847/870-5650.

New Equipment for the Department

HomeAgain Universal MicroChip Reader

The Police Department received a very generous donation from members of the not-for-profit charity, Pits for Patriots. A HomeAgain Universal MicroChip reader was donated, which will be utilized to locate owner information from any microchipped pet found in the Village. This microchip reader is capable of reading all known microchips that are currently sold in the U.S., including the 125 kHz (non-encrypted), 125 kHz (encrypted) 128 kHz, and 134.2 kHz radio frequencies.

Enforcer II TM 1000 Tint Meter

The Police Department has recently purchased three (3) Enforcer II TM 1000 tint meters to aid in the enforcement of the Illinois Vehicle Code (625 ILCS 5.0/12-503) as it relates to tinted windows. Residents can learn more about what level of tint is allowed on a vehicle’s windows by visiting the Village’s website, www.mountprospect.org/police, and clicking in the Police Department news’ section.

Mount Prospect “National Night Out” Against Crime Event

The Mount Prospect Police Department, with the River Trails Park District and the Mount Prospect Park District will sponsor the Village’s celebration of “National Night Out,” a nationwide crime and drug prevention event.

**SAVE THE DATE:**
Tuesday, August 2
Veterans Memorial Band Shell
411 S. Maple Street
5:30 - 8:30 PM
Stay Fit Physical Therapy & Core Wellness, Inc.
127 W. Prospect Ave. | 847/255-2348 | stayfitpt.com
Stay Fit Physical Therapy & Core Wellness, Inc. celebrated 10 years in Mount Prospect! Their mission is to provide rehabilitation and fitness programs with compassion and kindness. Their services include physical therapy, massage therapy, personal training, fitness classes, weight loss programs and more.
Ribbon Cut: April 2

Busse’s Flowers & Gifts, Inc.
100 E. Northwest Hwy. | 847/259-2210 | bussesflowers.com
Busse’s Flowers & Gifts celebrated 100 years in Mount Prospect! Busse’s Flowers is the oldest business in town and has stayed within the family over all of these years. They offer floral arrangements and gifts for a variety of occasions.
Ribbon Cut: April 23

Maple Trails Park
Kensington Business Center | 871 Feehanville Dr. | 847/255-1200 | rtpd.org
Maple Trails Park re-opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony that included guests from the River Trails Park District Board of Commissioners, Mayor Arlene A. Juracek, Village Manager Mike Cassady, Community Development Director Bill Cooney and members from the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce, Cummins Allison, River Trails Park and Recreation Foundation, Northwest Special Recreation Association and Mount Prospect Park District. The opening celebration included activities, games and light refreshments. Maple Trails Park, a part of the River Trails Park District, includes walking/cycling paths, gazebo, along with a basketball, volleyball and futsal courts. For additional information, email parks@rtpd.org.
Ribbon Cut: May 12
2015 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 Reports). This use of electronic delivery or e-delivery will save thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs for the Village. The use of the e-delivery method fully meets the public notification requirements. Please go to the following webpage www.mountprospect.org/CCR2015 to view your 2015 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 2015. To speak with someone about the Annual Consumer Confidence Report, please call 847/870-5640 and ask for the Water Division or email publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. For those who would still like to receive a mailed paper copy of the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report, please call Public Works at 847/870-5640 or email your request to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.