



**Community Wide Garage Sale
May 16, 17 and 18**

It's that time of year! The Historical Society will once again participate in the Mount Prospect Community Garage Sale. We'll be looking for items to include in the sale such as small appliances, dishes, decorative items, etc. Furniture is also a big draw, so if you can't figure out what to do with those old tables and chairs, bring them to us! We'll be collecting garage sale items the last week in April. If you have items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the museum. (Be sure to call first to make sure someone's here.) Thanks for your support with the garage sale!

Eat Your Way Into History

Nine Local restaurants have come together to support community history by doing what they do best, feeding you. Photo's Hot Dogs and Buffalo Wild Wings have already hosted events and have raised over \$325 for the Historical Society. But residents can support the Mount Prospect Historical Society over the coming months by eating at the following establishments around town.



On April 19 and 20 stop into Mrs. P & Me at 100 E. Prospect Ave., admire all the historic pictures on the wall, and mention the Mount Prospect Historical Society and 5% of your order will help MPHS buy archival supplies to keep our photo collection available to the community. Coupon available at www.mtphist.org. While shopping or garage sale hopping on May 17, have breakfast, brunch or lunch at LePeep Café, located on the corner of Northwest Highway and Route 83 at 10 E. Northwest Hwy. A coupon is available on www.mtphist.org. And, don't miss visiting Culver's Butter Burgers and Frozen Custard at 1501 Dempster St. for a frozen custard, lunch or dinner on May 29. Both restaurants are donating 10% of your order to help keep our office open.

On June 16, dine El Sombrero, 1100 S. Elmhurst Rd. Twenty percent of all orders that day will go to support the Society's new exhibits. You can visit one of the most historic buildings on July 13 in Mount Prospect, the old Moehling General Store, now known as Capannari Ice Cream store. While you're there, have a Capannari's cone and 10% of your order will help history stay alive. On August 22nd we will be hosting another big Back to School Bash at Bogie's Ale House, 303 E. Kensington Rd., and a portion of the sales will help the Society preserve its historic house and the Central School. If you've missed all of these, you can still make it to The Submarine Express, 2 W. Northwest Hwy., on October 30 where 5% of receipts will go to the Historical Society.

The "Little Quilts That Went To Sèvres"



An exchange with the "Sew-Bee-It" quilters and the "Patchworkers" of Sevres, France, resulted in 20" x 20" wall hangings with the common theme of "Trees and Forests" being created by both groups. They were shown in a very large exhibit in Sevres when the Mount Prospect Commission visited there last October. The nine entries along with several of the "Patchworkers" will be shown at the Community Potluck Dinner ("Fortune du Pot") on Thursday, April 24, 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. There is no charge but bring a dish to share. Reservations are required. Call Maura at Village Hall at 392-6000. The quilts will also be shown at the Upper Midwest Regional Conference of Sister Cities in Palatine on Saturday, April 19.

The Golden Point

The Golden Point restaurant was an early competitor in the fast food business. Similar to McDonalds, there were a number of Golden Point Restaurants, all of which had similar architecture and color schemes. The Golden Point was known for having a sloped red roof that went all the way down to the ground. There were two extensions, one on each side, that were used for an outside counter and drive up window. The building had a large central chimney that had a large golden spire rising from the middle of it.

Mount Prospect had a Golden Point at 810 E. Northwest Highway, which was in business from the late 1950s into the mid 1960s. We have limited information on the business and no photographs of this building in Mount Prospect. However, the business has been listed on our Lost and Found page of our website www.mtphistory.org for a couple of years and we have received numerous comments from people around the country who remember the Golden Point. A selection of people's comments are below. If you remember the business or have a photo that shows it, please let us know.

Chuck R., Arlington Heights, IL:

"I don't remember exactly where it was, but during the mid to late 1950's my friends and I would come out of the Lion's Park swimming pool hungry as bears. We would go in a direct line from the pool to the railroad tracks, carry our bikes across the tracks, and peddle what I remember to be a "short distance" east to the Golden Point. There we would go up to the outside window and buy one or two hamburgers, fries, and a chocolate malt. We would eat them on the spot while sitting on our bicycles. I don't recall if there was inside seating. I have a vague recollection of initially paying 10 or 15 cents for a hamburger, which was cheap, even in those days."

Rick F., Lisle, IL:

"I was there once with our Cub Scout den, which would have put it about 1960. It was fairly new then and I don't think it stayed in business very long. The building was striking in that it had a tall gold point on the roof, sorta like a church steeple. I think the building was blue and gold, although there was a gas station called State Oil near there that also had the same color scheme... The area in front with the windows was a walk-up counter for carryouts. I don't remember if you could eat inside or not. The one time I went there we took the food home."

Rich L., Elbert, CO:

"...the Golden Point was a hamburger stand kind of place located along Northwest Highway, between George and Edward Streets, on the site of what is now the 2-3 story office building. Sorry, I don't have any pictures, but I distinctly remember the Golden Point...as a small hamburger place that catered to nearby residents. The small building had a triangular shape, as I recall, and some sort of point at the top of it. It disappeared sometime in the early 1960s."




A new way to remember your community's past. The Mount Prospect Historical Society has launched a new part of our resource web page (www.mtphistory.org) and we are looking for your memories to add to this site. There is now a Structural Memorial section of the site. This section is devoted to memorials for buildings that were once a big part of Mount Prospect but are now gone. We would like to invite people to submit information on buildings or public spaces. Do you remember where you got your first ice cream? Were you married in a building that is no longer standing? Do you remember hanging out with your friends at Mother's Music? Did you go to the Prospect Theater after school? Did you attend Busse School? Let us know what you remember about these places. Communities are built by the people in them, but they are also built through the shared memories people have of significant locations. If you would like to share your memories or if there is a site you would like to see a memorial for, please contact us at structuralmemorials@mtphistory.org.

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