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MOUNT PROSPECT'S 50TH AND 75TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULES



With each passing day, Mount Prospect's 100th birthday draws ever closer. February 3 is the official date for Mount Prospect's monumental anniversary, and the community as a whole has been gearing up for the celebratory year since the beginning of 2016.

Our town has always valued its history and it especially shows when it comes time to celebrate. Through dedicated committees, special souvenirs, community events, celebratory banners throughout town, and parades, this community knows how to throw a party!

One way Mount Prospect commemorated its 50th birthday was by assembling and burying a time capsule, which was buried near the current location of the

Mount Prospect Fire Dept.'s main station. The time capsule was unearthed in 1992 for the Village's 75th anniversary, but when it was opened, it was discovered that much of the materials had suffered from water damage, mold and mildew. The time capsule was not buried below the frost line, so water seeped in. Some of the items had to be thrown away because they were in such bad condition. The rest of the items that survived were added to a new time capsule, which commemorated the 75th anniversary. Hank Friedrichs of Friedrichs' Funeral Home donated a baby casket to be used as a vessel for the time capsule. During the Downtown Block Party in 2016, the 50th and 75th anniversary time capsules

were unearthed. Public Works transported the time capsule to the Library, where it has been stored since. Both time capsules initiated a program at the Library, an interview with MPTV, and exposure in display cases on the second floor of the Library. The time capsules will be on display throughout 2017, and then re-buried along with a 100th anniversary time capsule at the 2017 Oktoberfest.

The items that survived the 50th anniversary time capsule are:

- Assorted bunting (*see above*)
- Concert Ticket
- Dance Ticket
- Letter to the Mayor of Mount Prospect in the year 2017 from Daniel Congreve, Mayor of Mount Prospect in 1967

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SAVE THESE DATES...!

Nov. 17: MP Stories:

Origins, Mount Prospect Public Library, Room 154, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Register at mppl.org.

Nov. 16: Shoppers Night

Out, Charming Charlie at Randhurst Village, 6-8 p.m., \$10 admission. BlackFinn American Pub for complimentary appetizers, 8-10 p.m.

Dec. 2: 29th Annual Holiday

Housewalk, St. Mark's Neighborhood, 3:30 - 9 p.m. Tickets: \$28 (\$26 for members) before event, \$30 day of event.

Dec. 10: Gingerbread Open House at the Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum, 1-4:30 p.m. \$5/per family or group.

For more information contact the Historical Society, 847/392-9006.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR



Lindsay Rice
Executive Director

On Saturday, October 1, Prospect High School sent over 25 students from its speech team to volunteer at the Historical Society. These students spent the better half of their Saturday cleaning and sprucing up the museum, getting it ready to decorate for the holidays. The floors were swept and vacuumed, the woodwork throughout the house was polished, the windows were cleaned, and everything was dusted. The museum looks wonderful!



Not only were these students willing to give up their Saturday to clean an old house, several of them expressed an interest in volunteering at the Historical Society on a regular basis!

Here at the Historical Society, we want to say thank you to Prospect High School and its outstanding students!

GET YOUR CENTENNIAL “FLARE” TODAY!

There is a variety of commemorative Mount Prospect Centennial items available for sale both locally and on the Centennial website, www.mountprospect100.com/store.

All of the other items are available for viewing and purchase through the Centennial website at www.mountprospect100.com/store. 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 selected local events like the Christkindlmarket at Village Hall on November 23.



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

- Centennial Baby Onesie: \$20
 - Centennial Posters (“Train Station at Sunset,” “French Market,” and “Rainbow over Downtown.”): \$20/each or \$50/set
 - Centennial Lapel Pin: \$5
 - Centennial Coin & Ornament Set (silver 75th Anniversary coin and Centennial crystal ornament): \$75
 - Centennial Yard Sign (“We Are Proud Centennial Supporters”): \$15
- Yard signs can be purchased at: Mount Prospect Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect Public Library, 10 S. Emerson St., Mt. Prospect Park District’s Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Rd., River Trails Park District’s Marvin Weiss Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave.

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- Map of Mount Prospect
- Mayor Congreve's Golden Anniversary bow tie
- Mount Prospect 50th Anniversary bumper sticker
- Mount Prospect Herald 9/20/1967
- Parade Line-up 9/24/1967
- Photostat of Chicago Tribune 9/22/1967
- Pioneer Mount Prospect Recipes by Dolores Haugh and Fern Schneider
- Program of 50th Anniversary events
- Two American Flags
- Two newspaper supplements on Mount Prospect
- Village Audit 4/30/1967
- Banner



In the 75th anniversary time capsule, there was a lot more representation of the community's clubs and organizations, as well as

ephemera from the anniversary itself. One interesting item that was included in the 75th anniversary time capsule were three pieces of candy that unfortunately did not make it. When it was unearthed this past summer,

it was discovered that the candy had melted! Luckily nothing was too seriously damaged by the melted candy because Laura Luteri, chairman of the 75th anniversary time capsule, packed everything into archival-quality heavy-duty

plastic bags. Some of the interesting items in the 75th anniversary time capsule was the inclusion of some of Mount Prospect's early 90s activism. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) was represented in the time capsule, as well as Public Works and the Village of Mount Prospect's efforts to raise awareness about recycling and "going green." Each of the time capsules commemorated Mount Prospect, as well as preserved it. What will go in the 100th anniversary time capsule? We know one thing for sure— we will not be putting in any candy! Write to us and let us know what you think should go in the 100th anniversary time capsule.

info@mtphistory.org

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We are actively seeking volunteers to assist with the Historical Society's daily operations, events, programs and more! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please give us a call or send us an email! Be sure to include your contact information, general availability, and which volunteer opportunities you would be interested in.

Please call us at 847/392-9006, OR email us at info@mtphistory.org!

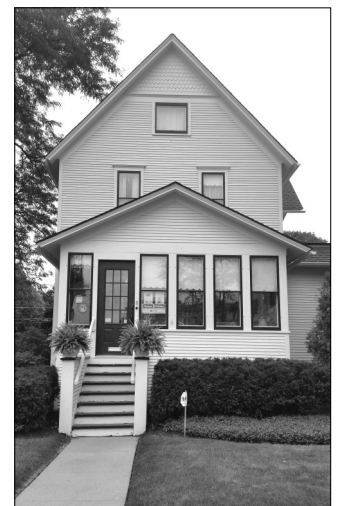


Fundraiser/Event Opportunities (Date specific opportunities)

- 2016 Holiday Housewalk - Dec. 2
- Gingerbread Open House - Dec. 10
- MPHS 2017 events/programs

Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum Opportunities (Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)

- House tour guide
- Assist with research
- Help organize and file old newspaper clippings
- Data entry into PastPerfect database
- Digitizing historic photographs and paper documents using high-quality scanner
- Newsletter mailing party (three times a year)
- And much more!





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29TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSEWALK

The Mount Prospect Historical Society has announced the homes that will be featured on this year's 29th Annual Holiday Housewalk, scheduled for Friday, December 2. This year's walk will highlight the neighborhood surrounding St. Mark Lutheran Church, 205 S. Wille St., immediately south of the Prospect Avenue commercial district.

The interiors of six private homes, built between 1923 and 2005, will be featured on the tour this year. The exteriors and histories of two other homes will also be highlighted.

The homes featured this year, both inside and outside, are:

- 210 S. Main Street, owned by Denise and Philip Rominski
- 210 S. Wille Street, owned by Joe and Maria Plata
- 217 S. Pine Street, owned by John and Amy Ward
- 205 S. Elmhurst Avenue, owned by Matt and Jill Schiltz
- 207 S. Elmhurst Avenue, owned by Jenny Myk
- 208 S. Elmhurst Avenue, owned by Beth and Joe Zander

The exteriors of 223 S. Pine Street and 221 S. Wille Street will also be highlighted with historical notes featured on lighted outdoor podiums.

Tickets go on sale November 1 for \$28 each. Tickets will be sold at the following locations:

- First Merit Bank, 50 N. Main St.
- Mount Prospect State Bank, 299 W. Central Rd.

- Busse Flowers and Gifts, 100 E. Northwest Highway
- River Trails' Weiss Center, 1500 E. Euclid Ave.
- Lions Park Recreation Center, 411 S. Maple St.
- Millie's Hallmark, 1024 S. Elmhurst Rd.
- Dave's Specialty Foods, 105 W. Prospect Ave.
- Dietrich Friedrichs House museum, 101 S. Maple St.

Discounted tickets for members (\$26) are only available at the museum through Dec. 1.



217 S. Pine Street, owned by John and Amy Ward