



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

Village of Mount Prospect Relaunching Alfresco Dining on Prospect Avenue

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Starting the first weekend of May, the Village of Mount Prospect is relaunching its alfresco dining program on Prospect Avenue after a successful pilot run in 2024. The program temporarily transforms six on-street parking spaces into protected outdoor dining areas in front of Lady Dahlia Tequila Bar and Patina Wine Bar. This initiative is aimed at fostering a lively, unique, and inviting atmosphere in Mount Prospect's downtown, combining local cuisine and outdoor ambiance.

The open-air dining spaces are sheltered by concrete barriers and designed to prioritize safe pedestrian access in the Prospect Avenue District. Lady Dahlia and Patina Wine Bar collaborated with the Village on beautification elements like planter boxes, umbrellas, and decorative lighting to enhance the visitor experience and preserve the charming curb appeal Prospect Avenue is known for. The program will run into the beginning of October.

In preparation of the pilot program last summer, the Village striped approximately 90 new parallel parking stalls along Prospect Avenue west of Pine St. Since then, the Village secured an additional 40 parking spaces through a lease with St. Mark Lutheran Church, located at 205 S. Wille St. The lease covers the northernmost section of the lot from 5 pm to 2 am. To accommodate the growing restaurant scene, the Village also implemented a pilot program for complimentary valet parking. The program, which operates out of the small triangle from 5 pm to midnight, Thursdays-Saturdays, was recently extended for a full year.

With the start of the official outdoor dining season, this alfresco space joins the list of numerous food and beverage establishments in Mount Prospect that offer open-air dining. Locals and visitors alike are encouraged to explore these options and visit other downtown merchants including Games Plus, The Knee Law Firm, Edward Jones, Mosaic Yarn Studio, Vista Linda Eye Care, Synergy Fitness, Whiskey Hill, Salerno's, Berkshire Hathaway/Starck Real Estate, Mia's Cantina, LTH Beauty, and Splendid Day Spa.

These initiatives are part of the Village's broader efforts to attract new dining and entertainment businesses, boost visibility for existing businesses, and create new activity in downtown Mount Prospect. The Village Board ranked the creation of an alfresco dining plan as a high priority in the 2024-25 Strategic Plan. The Village also plans to complete an engineering study for future streetscape, pedestrian, biking, and parking improvements on Prospect Avenue as part of the 2025 Community Investment Plan.

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