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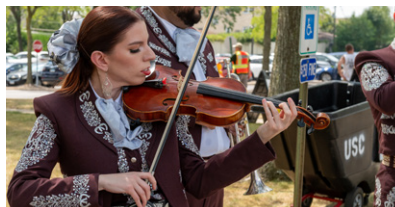
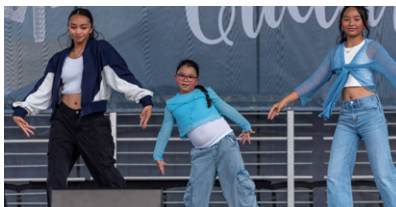
AUGUST 2025



CELEBRATION CULTURES

SATURDAY | AUGUST 23 | 11 AM – 4 PM | KOPP PARK (BEHIND RECplex) | 420 DEMPSTER ST

The Village of Mount Prospect is proud to be home to a diverse blend of residents and businesses with unique cultural backgrounds. Join us as we celebrate and learn about these different ethnicities at the 7th annual Celebration of Cultures! All ages are invited to enjoy live entertainment, cultural booths, crafts, and food from around the world.



CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT | The event will kick off with an opening ceremony showcasing a parade of cultures and will culminate with a multi-stranded ribbon tied together as a symbol of unity. There will be a day-long line up of cultural entertainment featuring 4 Star Brass Band (New Orleans jazz), Kalakriti Indian Dance, Yu's Lion Dance, Healy Irish Dance, Huitzillin Danza Mexicana, Choir Ivushki (Russian folk ensemble), Bolly Bhangra USA, and Bulgarica Dance Group.



CULTURAL BOOTHS | Visit booths and tables hosted by local volunteers to experience a wide array of cultures. Take a tour around the world with cultural booths representing Assyria, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, the Mount Prospect Historical Society, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, and Turkiye. Are you interested in representing your culture? Get in touch with us for the 2026 festival! Hosting a cultural booth is free,

fun, and open to anyone. Fill out the form at mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures or email specialevents@mountprospect.org to participate.



UNIQUE CRAFTS & KIDS' ACTIVITIES | Celebration of Cultures has something for everyone! Ten Thousand Villages will be selling fair trade crafts from a variety of countries. There will also be plenty of kid-friendly crafts and activities, including face painting, balloon art, temporary tattoos, and a special Lunar New Year activity. Kids can fill up a passport by collecting a sticker from each country and then spin the wheel to win a prize.



DIVERSE CUISINE | Have a taste of Mount Prospect with an array of small bites, sweets, and drinks from local restaurants.

For the most up-to-date details, keep an eye on the event website page at mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures.

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Community Events

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Fit 4 Life Fridays
Fridays | August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
10 – 10:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise program series for seniors that welcomes all fitness levels. The programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness, and Zumba Gold classes. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. The class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.

AUGUST
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Document Destruction Event
Saturday | August 2
8 am – 11 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1700 W. Central Rd.

Residents can bring up to six file-size boxes or paper grocery bags of paper documents containing personal information such as medical forms, bank statements, retired tax records, financial planning or documents with personal information, address labels are not considered "personal information." Paper must be dry, clean and loose – not in binders or folders. Remove all metal clips – small staples are okay. Get more information at mountprospect.org/solidwaste.

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Get Happy with Encore!
Saturday | August 2
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
The performing group Encore! presents an uplifting show with joyful hits from the 1960s

through the 80s. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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2



Bluesmobile Cruise Nights
Saturdays Through September 27
3 – 8 pm
EAST METRA COMMUTER LOT

Come see the coolest classic cars around! Shows will take place every Saturday night. Admission is free. For more information, check out mplions.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

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Lions Club Farmers Market
Sundays through October
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT

Head downtown and experience one of the busiest Farmers Markets in the suburbs. Enjoy a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and much more. For more information, visit mplions.org.

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Effective Circle Times with Young Children
Monday | August 4
6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

In partnership with Good Shepherd Center, the Library welcomes early childhood education specialist Sheila Kerwin to this workshop for early childhood educators. Learn about engaging structured large-group time in the early childhood classroom in this Gateways Approved Training. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AUGUST
4



Art Fusion Camp
Monday | August 4 – 8
9 am – noon
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
101 S. Maple St.

Unleash your inner artist in this creative and unforgettable experience. Explore exciting printmaking techniques as you create colorful patterns with a variety of objects, one-of-a-kind prints, and learn how to transfer these to paper. Attendance fee is \$125 for the week. To register, visit mtphist.org.

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Play and Learn
Tuesdays | August 5, 12, 19 and 26
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Children ages 2 – 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning.

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National Night Out
Tuesday | August 5
5:30 – 8:30 pm
LIONS MEMORIAL PARK
411 S. Maple St.

Strengthen community bonds with the Mount Prospect Police Department and the Mt. Prospect Park District at this popular annual family event. There will be a reptile show, games, community partner booths, giveaways, and plenty of delicious offerings from a variety of food trucks. It's a Hawaiian theme this year so grab a tote, put on a lei, and say Aloha, to your neighbors.

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Tom Hanks: Ordinary Man ... Extraordinaire
Tuesday | August 5
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Tom Hanks' own personal dramas have shaped him into the award-winning actor, producer, and director who is far from being an ordinary man. Learn his story in this enlightening session. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Movies on the Green
Wednesday | August 6
No later than 8 pm
Sonic the Hedgehog 3
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Bring a blanket and enjoy outdoor movie nights under the stars.

August 13 | Transformers One
Start time is no later than 8 pm

October 15 | Hocus Pocus
Start time is no later than 6:30 pm

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Senior Connections
Thursday | August 7
9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Older adults will enjoy this opportunity to meet new friends, talk to Village staff, and learn something new. No registration is required, just come and have fun. Refreshments will be served. Mount Prospect residents only.

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Fridays on the Green
Friday | August 8 | 6 pm
Ken Dix & the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

The Village has another entertaining season of free outdoor concerts this summer, so grab your lawn chairs and blankets and stop by Centennial Green for a variety of musical performances. Visit experiencemountprospect.org for more information.

August 29 | Jay Goeppner and the Backdated Band

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Coffee with Council
Saturday | August 9
9 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Join the Village Board for coffee and conversation.

Community members are invited to speak with Mount Prospect officials about topics and concerns and ask questions in an informal setting. Meetings are held on the second Saturday every month.

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Second Sundays at the Society: Meet the Friedrichs
Sunday | August 10
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
101/103 S. Maple St.

Dietrich, Lena, and Bessie Friedrichs were long-time residents of 101 S. Maple St. with at least one family member in residence from the time the home was built in 1906 until it was sold in 1966. This is your turn to tour the

home and meet the Friedrichs family as costumed interpreters portraying Lena and daughter Bessie will explain what it was like in the early 1900s. Central School will also be open for fun seasonal make-and-takes and visits. This free event welcomes all ages.

AUGUST 11
Senior Game Day
 Monday | August 11
 9:30 – 11 am
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Enjoy a morning playing classic games with new friends and fellow neighbors. No registration is required.



AUGUST 13
Chocolate Tasting with Morkes Chocolates
 Wednesday | August 13
 2 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.



Rohnda Dehn of Morkes Chocolates provides a history of the sweets shop and a sampling of delicious chocolate. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AUGUST 13
Dried Flower Candle Lanterns
 Wednesday | August 13
 7 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
 101/103 S. Maple St.



Join us as we make pressed flower lanterns, a simple yet beautiful craft that looks great at home, at special events, or as a gift. Supplies will be provided— just come and enjoy, or make it a fun night with a friend or two! There is a \$10 fee for the class. To register, visit mtphist.org

AUG/SEP 14
Friends in Play
 Thursdays | August 14 and 28
 11:30 am – 1 pm
 COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
 Residents 55 and above are invited to play their favorite board games, card games, or dominos at this twice-a-month gathering.



AUGUST 15
Mindful Chair Yoga
 Friday | August 15
 11 am
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.
 Relax as you experience gentle seated yoga incorporating breath awareness and meditation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



AUGUST 15-17
56 Music Fix
 August 15 – 17
 LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MOUNT PROSPECT
 Experience three full days of music as over 80 local bands hit the stage at bars, restaurants, and businesses throughout Mount Prospect. Musicians ranging in age from 15 to 70 play rock to bluegrass and oldies to new releases. Come see your neighbors rock! Details available at 56musicfix.org



AUGUST 18
Genealogy Chat
 Monday | August 18
 2 pm
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.
 Share your research challenges and victories with other family historians in this friendly setting. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



AUGUST 19
Coffee Talk & Construction
 Tuesday | August 19
 7:30 – 9 am
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Building and Inspection



Services invites you to meet with the department's team members and discuss any construction topics including aging in your current residence and steps to make your home more accessible. For more information, call 847.818.5289 or email building@mountprospect.org.

AUGUST 19
Small Business Morning Meetup
 Tuesday | August 19
 9 am
 MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
 10 S. Emerson St.
 Expand your professional network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections with other local entrepreneurs, start-ups, founders, freelancers, home businesses, and solopreneurs. Coffee and donuts will be provided. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



AUGUST 19
Family Health Fair
 Tuesday | August 19
 6– 7:30 pm
 BUSSE "POCKET" PARK
 Busse Ave. & Emerson St.
 This new event hosted by the Human Services Department is all about empowering families to make healthier, safer, and more informed choices for their children, while also connecting them with valuable local resources. Expect a night of fun for the whole family, including giveaways, a chance to meet therapy animals, and interactive activities for kids. For any questions, please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



AUGUST 19
Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most Out of Streaming Services
 Tuesday | August 19
 6 pm
Virtual event
 Have you been considering how to lower your cable bills by cutting the cord? Learn about some of your options during this online event. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



AUGUST 23
Celebration of Cultures
 Saturday | August 23
 11 am – 4 pm
 KOPP PARK
 (BEHIND RECPLEX)
 420 Dempster St.

All ages are invited to enjoy live entertainment, cultural booths, crafts, and food from around the world. Flip back to the cover for more information!

AUGUST 25
Pop-Up Senior Bingo
 Monday | August 25
 9:30 – 11 am
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 50 S. Emerson St.
 Be ready to fill your card and shout "Bingo" as you gather with other Mount Prospect residents for a morning of fun. Reservations are required, so call 847.870.5680 to secure your spot.



Coming this Fall!

Transportation Resource Fair
 Thursday | September 11 | 2– 3:30 pm
 FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
 See page 10 for more details.

Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House
 Saturday | September 13, 10 am– 2 pm
 RANDHURST VILLAGE
 See page 6 for more details.

Oktoberfest & Fall Fest
 Friday | September 19
 Oktoberfest 4– 11 pm
 Saturday | September 20
 Fall Fest 1– 4 pm
 Oktoberfest 4– 11 pm
 EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE.
 Go to mpdowntown.com for more details.

Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K Run/Walk
 Sunday | October 5 | 9 am
 August 31 | Sponsorship Deadline
 LIONS PARK
 411 S. Maple St.
 Be part of this charitable event! Sign up to participate or get details on sponsoring at runsignup.com/Race/IL/MountProspect/Lemons5K

HAVE YOUR SAY Take the MP2040 Community Survey

The Village of Mount Prospect invites all residents, business owners and community stakeholders to participate in the MP2040 Comprehensive Plan community survey.

This questionnaire is designed to gather input on key issues such as housing, transportation, economic development, and public spaces. By sharing your experiences and priorities, you'll help shape policies and projects that reflect the values and needs of our diverse community. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to Mount Prospect, your perspective matters in guiding how our Village will grow and evolve over the next 15 years.

As a token of our appreciation, all survey participants may opt in for a chance to win one of two \$100 VISA gift cards. Entering the raffle is entirely optional.

The survey is available by scanning the QR code, online at mp2040.com/survey and can also be completed in paper form at Village Hall. It will remain open over the next few months, so please take a few minutes to make your voice heard before it closes. Your feedback will inform plan recommendations and future Village policies.

Thank you for helping us plan a stronger Mount Prospect!



Scan to take the survey!

News from the Building Department Coffee Talk and Construction

Plan your next home project with the experts. Join the Village's Building and Inspection Services team for coffee and a donut on Tuesday, August 19, from 7:30 to 9 am in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall.

Get answers to all your questions on building, code, and inspections in Mount Prospect. No appointment is needed.



News Around Town

Dealing with Solicitors

In the summer months, there can be an increase in door-to-door solicitors. Here are some helpful tips on what to do when a solicitor is at your door:

- Never open the door if you are not sure who is there.
 - Use a peephole, camera, or window to see who is there.
 - Engage them by speaking through a closed door if you are unsure.
- Always ask for identification.
 - Legitimate solicitors should carry a photo ID and proof of business or legal credentials.
 - If they can't produce it, do not engage.
 - It is okay to call 911 to help confirm if solicitors are legitimate.
- Don't be afraid to say No
 - You are not obligated to answer questions, take materials, or let someone in your home.
 - A polite but firm "No, thank you" is sufficient. Close the door if they persist.
 - Display a No Soliciting sign near your door or mailbox. In Mount Prospect, solicitors are obligated to honor this sticker. If a solicitor disregards the sticker, call 9-1-1 to report it. Free No Soliciting stickers are available at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, at the Finance Department front counter, in the Human Services Department on the second floor, and in the Village Manager's Office on the third floor.
- Never let a stranger into your home.
 - No matter how polite or convincing someone seems, do not let them in unless you've arranged the visit in advance and verified their credentials.
- Utilize technology for extra security.
 - Install a video doorbell or motion-sensing camera for visibility and recordings.
 - Keep exterior lights on at night to deter unwanted visitors.

When something seems suspicious, call 9-1-1. Our police officers are at the ready to assist.

Family Health Fair

Set aside the evening of August 13 for an evening focused on family well-being as the Human Services Department hosts the first Family Health Fair at the Busse Pocket Park from 6 to 7:30 pm.

This event will focus on empowering families to make healthier, safer, and more informed choices for their children, and connecting them with valuable local resources. Expect a night of fun for the whole family, including giveaways, a chance to meet therapy animals, and interactive activities for kids.

Following the Health Fair, stay downtown for the Downtown Merchants Association's Movies on the Green.

For details, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

Community/Economic Development

CDBG Single Family Rehabilitation Program

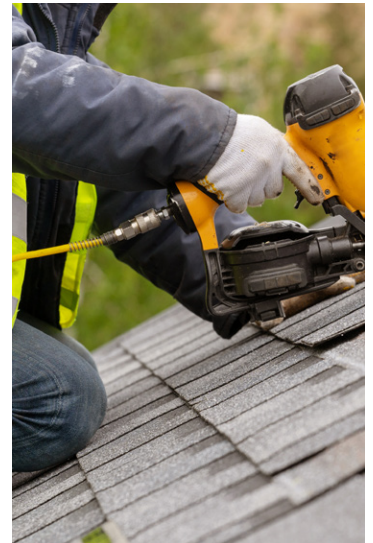
Residents who qualify may receive financial assistance from the Village to correct code violations, health or safety hazards, deficiencies in the home, and to complete weatherization improvements through the Single Family Rehabilitation Program. To be eligible, individuals must own their home, be Mount Prospect residents, and meet income-level requirements.

The program provides an interest free loan up to \$25,000 that requires no monthly payments and is paid back only upon change of title or sale of the home. Some acceptable uses of the funds may include correcting any existing municipal code violations, replacing furnaces or water heaters, increasing energy efficiency in the home, or making improvements to accessibility for disabled persons.

Please note that rehab work completed outside of the program is not eligible for reimbursement.

The Village also offers Home Weatherization Grants that can be used to install insulation to floors, walls, or attics, improve storm windows or doors, install energy-efficient furnaces or water heaters, and more. The program provides a matching 50% grant up to a maximum of \$1,500.

The Village has partnered with North West Housing Partnership (NWHP) to administer the Single Family Rehabilitation Program. To request an application or to discuss details about the program, please contact Michelle Hill at NWHP at michellehill@nwHP.net or call 847.969.0561.



Ribbon Ceremonies!



June 17, 2025
Ribbon Cutting for Re-Grand Opening
NORTHERN FORK
2420 E. Oakton St.
847.758.1818
northernfork.com



June 26, 2025
Ribbon Tying Celebrating 1 Year
THE PROSPECT
18 W. Northwest Hwy.
224.248.9986
theprospectmp.com



July 10, 2025
Ribbon Cutting
ST. MARK PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND
200 S. Willie St.
847.873.1110
stmarkpreschoolcares.org



Understanding the Roles of EMTs & Paramedics

EMTs and Paramedics serve critical roles on medical and fire service teams. The titles and roles are often used interchangeably, but there are significant differences in their training, responsibilities, and the level of care they provide.



Mount Prospect firefighters and the EMS Coordinator at a recent paramedic graduation ceremony.

Both serve as first responders who work on ambulances or in emergency departments and are trained to provide life-saving care before a patient reaches the hospital. The depth of medical knowledge they possess and the types of procedures they can perform is where the roles differ.

EMTs, or Emergency Medical Technicians, are entry-level responders who are trained to provide life-saving care at a basic, non-invasive level. EMT certification in Illinois requires approximately 150 -200 hours of training, roughly the equivalent of nine college credit hours spread over four to six months. An EMT will provide BLS (Basic Life Support Skills) such as performing CPR or using an AED

(Automated External Defibrillator), administering oxygen therapy, and basic airway management. They also assist with traumatic injuries by controlling bleeding and stabilizing fractures and spinal injuries.

Paramedics are more advanced in training and responsibilities and are capable of performing ALS (Advanced Life Support) duties. Their training encompasses an additional 1,200 to 1,800 hours, or the equivalent of 39 college credit hours, usually over a one- to two-year period. Paramedics provide more complex procedures such as inserting IV lines, administering a wider range of medications, intubating patients to help them breathe, and interpreting EKGs. Due to their advanced training and greater clinical knowledge, paramedics have broader decision-making authority than EMTs, allowing them to perform life-saving procedures in the field.

All Mount Prospect firefighters are required to be paramedics. If they are not fully certified upon hire, they will attend paramedic school as part of their training.

MOUNT PROSPECT FIRE DEPARTMENT

OPEN HOUSE

AT RANDHURST VILLAGE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
10AM – 2PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
KIDS FIRE POLE
KIDS COMBAT CHALLENGE
FIRE SAFETY PROGRAMS
SPECIAL TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS

FIRE TRUCKS & AMBULANCES
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISPLAY
POLICE VEHICLES
LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS
NORTHWEST CENTRAL DISPATCH
PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS
HOT DOGS & ICE CREAM

Visit us at:
www.mountprospect.org/firedepartment
facebook.com/mountprospectfd



Fire Safety on Campus

Do you have a son or daughter heading off to college this fall? Take some time to review key fire safety tips when moving them into a dorm or apartment. It is important for new college students to understand the risks, responsibilities, and preventative measures needed to keep them and those around them safe.

Each year, there are approximately 3,800 campus housing fires in the U.S., and nearly 88% are cooking related. The other leading causes include overloaded power strips, candles, space heaters, and smoking.

When moving your kids into their housing, check for fire safety features. The Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and International Fire Code require that campus housing must have smoke detectors, sprinkler systems, and fire alarms. Each campus should have a safety department that sets and enforces fire safety policies and inspections. Campus safety departments should carry out fire drills and educate students on evacuation procedures. Walk through a plan that includes identifying the two closest exits, knowing the location of the nearest fire alarm and how to use it, and reminding them to never prop open hallway doors or lock fire exit doors.

Finally, students have a responsibility for practicing fire safety in their dorms. It is important to follow the guidelines regarding commonly banned fire hazard items such as hot plates, toaster ovens, candles, halogen/lava lamps, space heaters, and incense.



Safety Recommendations for Bicycles, E-Bikes, and Scooters



Safety is of the utmost importance in Mount Prospect. It is a high priority of the Village Board to ensure community members are being cautious, courteous, and responsible when using bicycles, e-bikes, and scooters.

Per the Village's 2025 Strategic Plan, the Police Department is researching regulations and practices around micro-mobility (use of e-bikes, e-scooters, golf carts, etc.). A report and recommendations will be shared with the Village Board in August.

While Village team members prepare these next steps, the Police Department would like to share the following safety recommendations.

- Wear Visible & Protective Clothing
 - Bright, reflective clothing improves visibility, especially at dusk or night.
 - Avoid loose clothing that can get caught in chains or wheels.
 - Wear a properly fitted helmet.
- Check Equipment Before Riding (Do a quick "ABC Check")
 - Air: Tires are inflated properly.
 - Brakes: Functioning and responsive.
 - Chain: Lubricated and properly tensioned.
 - Also check:
 - Lights (front white and rear red) and reflectors.
 - Scooter decks and handlebars for damage or looseness.
- Follow Traffic Rules
 - Ride in the same direction as traffic.
 - Obey all traffic signals and signs.
 - Use bike lanes when available.
 - Yield to pedestrians.
 - Signal turns using hand signals.
- Stay Alert
 - Keep both hands on the handlebars (unless signaling).
 - Don't use phones, headphones, or earbuds while riding.
 - Watch for parked cars (doors opening), potholes, and road debris.
- Use Caution at Intersections
 - Slow down and make eye contact with drivers.
 - Look left-right-left before crossing.
 - Avoid riding on sidewalks unless it's legal and safe (especially with scooters).
- Be Courteous of Others
 - In parks and other public spaces, pay attention to people walking, children playing, and avoid any behavior that would put others at risk.
 - Walk your bike/scooter in crowded places and across streets to avoid potential harm to yourself or others.

For the safety of all, let's work together to be seen and see each other on the road!

Drive Safely Near Schools

Schools will be back in session soon, which will bring traffic congestion around neighborhoods and at schools. We need to be aware of buses picking up and dropping off students, kids walking or riding bikes to school, and plenty of hurried parents trying to manage their schedules. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present, especially before and after school.

Almost everyone is in a hurry, which can cause us to exhibit some bad driving behaviors. Let's work together this school year to follow some important safety tips:

- Don't block private or public driveways when dropping off or picking up.
- Don't park in fire lanes or crosswalks.
- Avoid double or triple parking and calling kids to come to the car; this puts them in danger of not being seen as they move in front of or behind a car as it begins to move.
- Please respect adult volunteers who are on hand to enforce safety rules that protect our kids.
- If you are scheduling a doctor or dentist appointment on a school day, choose a time that allows you to safely navigate school traffic congestion.
- Obey all traffic laws and school zone speed limits.

And remember, the use of cell phones by drivers in school zones is strictly prohibited when in the vehicle, unless the vehicle is parked. If we all follow these tips, we can prevent an injury or unnecessary fatality from occurring.

Five-O Family Fest

After several successful experiences with our Five-O 5K, this year we are pivoting to a Five-O Family Fest. The revised event will take place September 26 from 1 to 3:30 pm at Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.

Five-O Family Fest will feature something for all age groups. There will be several police vehicles present, as well as vehicles from other Village departments for kids and adults to interact with. There will be plenty of games, music, and entertainment. Save the date and stay tuned to the newsletter and our social media outlets for all the details coming soon.

Firearm Safety

The Mount Prospect Police Department has a supply of firearm safety kits available to residents. The kit includes a free gun lock, provided by Project Childsafe. Residents may request one by stopping by the front information desk of Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.

Public Works

Keep Sewer Gas Out of Your Home

Most people pay no attention to the floor drains in the laundry room or basement. But a periodic check is important. Those floor drains should always have a small amount of water at the bottom. If they are allowed to completely dry out, it may cause the room to fill with sewer gas from the Village's sewer system.

You can eliminate the problem with a little fresh water topped with cooking oil. The oil floats on top of the water and seals it against evaporation, allowing your drain to hold water in the trap much longer.

Reduce the Chance of a Sewer Backup

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) collects and treats the sanitary sewer waste from the Village and works to reduce the amount of rainwater that can flow into interceptor sewers through their Inflow and Infiltration Control Program (IICP).

The MWRDGC has found that improperly sealed or open cleanouts on private sanitary sewer laterals are one of the largest sources of rainwater, or clearwater as it is called, entering their interceptors. These poorly sealed or open pipes become direct connections for storm water to enter the sewers in times of wet weather. This excess storm water causes the pipes to become surcharged, which leads to local basement backup. Over 65% of the Village is located within a separate sanitary sewer basin, so we ask that all homeowners check their cleanouts to ensure they are properly sealed to prevent clearwater inflow into the sewers.



**IMPROPERLY
SEALED SEWER
CLEANOUT**



**PROPERLY
CAPPED SEWER
CLEANOUT**

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Hazardous materials from your home should never be put in the trash or recycling, nor should they be poured down the drain, the sewer, or into a toilet. To help keep your home toxin-free and enhance safety throughout our community, the Village is offering the opportunity to drop materials off at our Household Hazardous Waste Collection on September 27 from 8 am to 2 pm. A list of acceptable materials can be found at mountprospect.org/hhw.

Please note that **drop off is by appointment only** and is restricted to Mount Prospect residents. No commercial waste will be accepted. A calendar to sign up for a drop-off time will be available in September. Please watch for more information coming soon.



Recycling Tips

It can be difficult to keep track of all the ways we can recycle. Below are a few reminders of some of the recycling options offered.

- Plastic bags can and should be recycled, but they do not belong in your curbside recycling bin. Instead, you can drop them off at Village Hall or the Public Works Facility at 1700 West Central Road.
- You can also drop off electronics to be recycled at Public Works every Wednesday from 10 am to noon.
- Not sure about other recycling rules? We sort your options so you can sort your recycling better with the Recycle Coach app. Download the free app from the Apple App Store or Google Play, or find it via the Village website at mountprospect.org/recyclecoach.





Be a "Doo-Gooder"

Did you know that dog waste can seriously harm our local waterways? Every time it rains or snow melts, water runs across yards, sidewalks, and trails—picking up dog waste along the way. That polluted water flows into storm drains and straight into streams without any treatment. Think it doesn't matter to you? Consider these facts:

- **Bacteria Danger:** Just one gram of dog waste can contain up to 23 million fecal coliform bacteria, which can spread illnesses like Giardia and Salmonella. In urban areas, up to 20% of the bacteria in local waterways can come from dog poop.
- **Nutrient Overload:** Dog waste is full of nitrogen and phosphorus—nutrients that act like fertilizer in streams. This promotes excessive algae growth, which depletes oxygen and harms fish and aquatic life.

With around 90,000 dogs in the area producing an estimated 11,700 tons of poop each year, the potential for pollution is big, but so is the opportunity to make a difference.

You can protect our streams and be a responsible pet owner by following these simple tips:

- Always carry and use poop bags when walking your dog.
- Bring extra bags, you never know when someone else might need one.
- Dispose of waste properly in a trash can.
- Never leave bags on the trail.
- Clean up your yard regularly to prevent waste from washing into storm drains.

It's a small act that makes a big difference. Do your part—Doo Good for your community and the environment.

Keep Trees Healthy with Proper Mulching

Looking for ways to keep your trees healthy? Begin with proper mulching, which can provide numerous benefits. Mulching around the base of the tree will help retain soil moisture and increase water infiltration. It also improves soil structure and reduces compaction while helping regulate soil temperatures and protecting roots from extreme weather conditions. Wood chips are a great natural material to use as mulch.

Place a 2" – 3" layer of mulch under the tree canopy to help reduce weeds and to protect the base of the tree from weed whips and lawn mowers. However, as the mulch approaches the base of the tree be sure to leave a little space and not place the mulch right up against the tree.



Overhead Sewer Rebate Program

To provide financial assistance to residents who want to convert their existing gravity-fed sanitary system into an overhead sanitary sewer system, the Village has established the Overhead Sewer Rebate Program. To be eligible for this program, the homeowner must be a Village wastewater utility consumer.

Homeowners of single-family dwellings are eligible to receive a rebate for costs incurred by converting an existing gravity sewer system to an overhead sewer system. The Village will reimburse an eligible homeowner for up to 50%, but not more than \$7,500 of actual costs incurred. For more information visit mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/water-sewer/overhead-sewer-rebate-program.



Community Social Workers Make a Difference

The Human Services Department has a team of social workers including two community social workers who are bilingual in English and Spanish. You will find them providing services at both Village Hall and the Community Connections Center. These dedicated employees assess needs, identify resources, assist with linkage to programs, and provide advocacy and case management when needed. They are very well versed in community resources and benefit programs. If you or someone you know is facing a challenge and needs support, contact the Human Services Department to be connected to a community social worker today.

Transportation Resource Fair

Mark your calendars on September 11 for our next Aging in Community Initiative Transportation Resource Fair. Representatives from Connections to Care, PACE, RTA, Wheeling Township, and Elk Grove Township will be on hand to share information with attendees beginning at 2 pm in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. The speakers will provide information on transit options for seniors and people with disabilities. Afterwards, attendees can have specific discussions with various service providers during the resource fair that runs until 3:30 pm. There is no charge to attend the event.



Stronger Minds

The Human Services Department will offer a free 6-week youth group, Stronger Minds, for boys and girls in 3rd through 5th grade. The group will focus on building new emotional and social skills while making new friends. Sessions begin August 26 and will run through September 30. Meetings will be from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 847.506.4930 to reserve a spot for your child.



New Program – Senior Game Day

Join us to play classic games, discover new ones, and connect with fellow community members on the 2nd Monday of every month from 9:30 to 11 am. Upcoming dates are August 11 and September 8.

Food Pantry Donations Needed

This year, the Human Services Department has seen a growing number of residents utilizing the food pantry. With this increase, we need help to keep the shelves stocked. Human Services recently launched an easy way to donate needed items to the food pantry through an Amazon Wish List. If you would like to donate, scan the QR Code.



Senior Buzz Newsletter

If you are an older adult in Mount Prospect, be sure to stay up to date on services and activities designed especially for you with our Senior Buzz newsletter. Published six times a year, the newsletter is full of great community information, resources, and a calendar of activities – it can also be a great resource for residents whose aging parents live in town!

The Senior Buzz is available online at mountprospect.org/seniorbuzz or by scanning the QR code. It is also available in print at Village Hall, both in the Senior Hub on the first floor and in the Human Services Department on the second floor. If you would like to receive the Senior Buzz via email or would like a hard copy mailed to you, call 847.870.5680.



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Hours

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7:30 pm

Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



August is Internet Safety Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices for information and resources on this topic.

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2025 August



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT  www.experiencemountprospect.org				1 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall	2 Document Destruction Event 8am-11am, Mount Prospect Public Works Facility Get Happy with Encore!, 2pm MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
3 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	4 Effective Circle Times with Young Children, 6:30pm MPPL Art Fusion Camp, 9am-noon MPHIST	5 Art Fusion Camp, 9am-noon MPHIST Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, CCC National Night Out, 5:30- 8:30pm, Lions Park Tom Hanks: Ordinary Man 7pm, MPPL	6 Art Fusion Camp, 9am-noon MPHIST Movies on the Green Centennial Green at Village Hall, <i>Sonic the Hedgehog 3</i>	7 Art Fusion Camp, 9am-noon MPHIST Senior Connections 9-10:30am, VH	8 Art Fusion Camp, 9am-noon MPHIST Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Fridays on the Green, 6 pm, <i>Ken Dix & the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys</i> , Centennial Green at Village Hall	9 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
10 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, Central School MPHIST	11 Senior Game Day, 9:30- 11:00am, Village Hall	12 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	13 Chocolate Tasting with Morkes Chocolates, 2pm MPPL Dried Flower Candle Lanterns 7pm, MPHIST Movies on the Green Centennial Green at Village Hall, <i>Transformers One</i>	14 Friends in Play 11:30am-1pm, Community Connections Center	15 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Mindful Chair Yoga, 11am MPPL 56 Music Fix, Locations Throughout Mount Prospect	16 56 Music Fix, Locations Throughout Mount Prospect Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
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24 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	25 Pop-Up Senior Bingo 9:30-11am, Village Hall	26 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC	27	28 Friends in Play 11:30am-1pm, Community Connections Center	29 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Fridays on the Green, 6 pm, <i>Jay Goepfert and the Backdated Band</i> , Centennial Green at Village Hall	30 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
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MPHIST Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
MPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.
CCC Community Connections Center



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Message from the Mayor

Mount Prospect “By the Numbers”

As the Mayor of Mount Prospect, I am keenly aware of the progress the Village has made over the past year. However, progress does not just happen. So much goes on in our Village each and every year to propel us forward. Some of these activities are obvious and are seen daily by all of us, and some occur behind the scenes. I would like to share some of the progress statistics generated over the past calendar year to help everyone understand all that was and is accomplished in our Village.

Community & Economic Development

- 74 new businesses opened & 25 ribbon cuttings
- \$4.4 million generated in Prospect and Main TIF
- \$799,000 generated in South Mount Prospect TIF
- 415,000 sq. feet of new industrial & commercial space built

Building & Inspection Services

- 2,400 building permits issued
- 9,400 building permit inspections
- 8,600 plan reviews completed
- 630 food establishment inspections completed
- 5,700 code enforcement inspections
- 2,000 rental unit inspections completed

Finance Department

- \$65 reduction in the Village portion of property tax
- \$37.8 million of State sales tax revenues / 8.2% growth
- \$9.7 million of income tax revenues / 6.3% growth
- \$7.8 million of home rule sales tax revenues / 7.1% growth
- \$13.7 million funded to the Economic Emergency Fund
- Triple Crown Financial Accounting Award for Excellence
- 0 vehicle stickers issued!

Fire and Emergency Services

- 7,887 calls for fire and emergency service
- 45 second response time improvement in busiest area of Village
- 2,398 Fire Safety Inspections
- 2,500 attendees at Fire and Emergency Services Open House
- 3,100 hours given by the Community Emergency Response Team

Police Services

- 6 new sworn Officers and 1 Community Service Officer hired
- 1 bloodhound, Nova, added to the Team
- 22 Police Cadets participated in our first new Cadet Program
- 198 Officer Friendly presentations (8 in Spanish)
- 8,000 fist bumps given at 19 schools during Fist Bump Fridays
- 6 appreciation events co-hosted with Crime Free Housing Program

Human Services

- 1019 food pantry distributions
- 672 residents / 233 families provided food pantry assistance
- 105 children received supplies during school supply distribution
- 336 health screenings conducted by Public Health Nurse
- 1,000 seniors subscribed to the Senior Buzz Newsletter
- 1,000 people attended the Celebration of Cultures

Public Works

- 5,000+ service requests
- 31,000 linear feet of sidewalk replaced
- 7.0 miles of roadway resurfaced
- 10,300 miles driven during snow removal operations
- 1,088 traffic signs replaced
- 1,935 tons of leaves collected during the leaf program
- 25,000 parkway trees & 173 miles of roadway

Sustainability Initiatives

- 19 restaurants in the Single Use Plastics Reduction Program
- 1.23 trees planted for every tree removed
- 36% of collected waste diverted from the landfill
- 1,000 residents served at Household Hazardous Waste Collection
- 450 residents served at the Document Destruction Event

I share these numbers to showcase how our Village is continuously working to provide exceptional services for the betterment of those who live, work, and visit the Village of Mount Prospect.

Many of the preceding statistics are “action” oriented activities accomplished by the dedicated people that go above and beyond to meet the needs of our Village and our citizens every day. Next time you encounter someone who works for Village, be they the person sweeping a street or the individual behind a counter, I ask you to say “thank you” for helping make Mount Prospect a great place.

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT