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**DOWNTOWN
MOUNT
PROSPECT**

BLOCK PARTY!

JULY 25 & 26 | EMERSON STREET & BUSSE AVENUE

Festival season is firing up! The Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party returns on Friday, July 25, and Saturday, July 26. This annual event is our biggest party of the year, drawing over 9,000 visitors! Friends, family, neighbors, and visitors will come together at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue for two days of music, food, and fun.

Festivities begin Friday at 4 pm. A Fridays on the Green regular, *The Dill Spears*, kicks things off at 4:30 pm. At 6:30 pm, *Old School* performs their lineup of classic rock before fan-favorite *Sixteen Candles* delivers their high-energy '80s pop experience.

Come hungry! Food trucks and booths from local restaurants will be serving everything from pizza, tacos, and gyros to pierogis and kebabs. Pair your meal with a beverage from the beer tent, serving not only beer but also canned seltzers and cocktails. And don't forget dessert—ice cream and sweet treats round out the night.

Saturday fun starts at 11 am with the family-friendly *Kids Zone*, featuring rides, games, pony rides, face painting, balloon art, inflatables, and new activities like pickleball, mini golf, euro bungee, and go-karts—plus sponsor and community booths. At 2 pm, kids can join a mini dance party with a DJ from Bizar Entertainment.

Beyond the Kids Zone, enjoy trivia at the *Battle of the Ages Show*, cornhole, and an old-school film photo booth. The music lineup continues



DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY | JULY 25

4:30 PM | The Dill Spears
6:30 PM | Old School
9:00 PM | Sixteen Candles

SATURDAY, | JULY 26

11 AM – 4 PM | Kids Zone
(Saturday Only)
4:00 PM | Fearless
6:30 PM | Hillbilly Rockstarz
9:00 PM | Wedding Banned

with *Fearless*, a Taylor Swift tribute at 4 pm; *Hillbilly Rockstarz* at 6:30 pm; and *Wedding Banned* closing things out at 9 pm with a wild ride through '80s hits.

Whether you live blocks away, across town, or in another zip code, getting to Block Party is easy. Free parking is available in the Emerson and Maple Street Parking Decks and the East and West Metra lots. Ample bike parking is available, and we're just a block from the Mount Prospect Metra station.

Thank you to our Premier Sponsors for their generous support of Block Party and the Mount Prospect community: **Nicholas & Associates** and **Whiskey Hill Brewery/Salerno's Pizza**.



For the latest band lineups, food vendors, and event updates, visit mpblockparty.com or follow the Downtown Block Party on Facebook. Questions? Email vmo@mountprospect.org or call 847.392.6000.

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Community Events

JULY 1

Summer Reading
Through July 31
Kids, teens, and adults are invited to keep track of their reading progress this summer to earn fun prizes. Sign up online at Beanstack.com or stop by the library to get started.

Reading logs are available in English and Spanish. For more information, visit mppl.org/events/reading-programs.



JULY 1

Play and Learn
Tuesdays | July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
Children ages 2 – 5 with

a caregiver are invited to join Human Services for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning.



JULY 2

Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival
July 2 – 6
MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Rd.
Join the Mount Prospect Lions Club for their 86th annual 4th of July Festival.

The event will span five days and include food, entertainment, and family fun. Fireworks July 2 and 4! For more information, visit mplions.org.



JULY 4

4th of July Parade
Friday | July 4 | 1 pm
The parade kicks-off at Emerson and Prospect and makes its way to Melas Park along Prospect and Central. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission.



JULY 6

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.



JULY 7

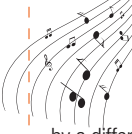
Good Morning Sunshine Concerts
Mondays | July 7, 14 & 28
10:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Cheerful live concerts by a different musician each week.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

July 7 | Super Stolie

July 14 | Wendy and DB

July 28 | Ben Tatar and the Tatar Tots



JULY 7

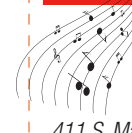
Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concerts
Mondays Through July 28
7:30 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

July 7 | Around the World in 60 Minutes

July 14 | Some of our Favorites

July 21 | Dancing to Broadway

July 28 | A Night in Vienna (An encore performance by the Mt. Prospect School of Classical Ballet)



JULY 7

The History of Simon & Garfunkel
Monday | July 7 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Through audio and visual content, trace Simon &

Garfunkel's career journey from their teen years with the unexpected hit "Hey, Schoolgirl" to the iconic "Bridge Over Troubled Water." To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JULY 8

Storytime in the Park
Tuesdays | July 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 10 – 10:30 am
SYCAMORE TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Kensington Rd.
The River Trails Park District and the Mount Prospect Public Library

are hosting free story time this summer. Listen to stories, learn new songs, and join in playful activities. Don't forget your blanket or lawn chair and sunglasses. No registration is necessary for this free event.



JULY 8

Big Surf Party – One Last Wave
Tuesday | July 8
4 – 8 pm
BIG SURF POOL
411 S. Maple St.



Wave goodbye to the first wave pool in Illinois! Celebrate Big Surf's last season with a pool party, raffles, and throwback fun. Raft rental \$3. Admission is free for passholders, \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents. First 250 guests receive a free hotdog.

JULY 9

Diving Florida's Wreck Trek
Wednesday | July 9 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual event
Dive into deep blue waters with award-



winning underwater photographer Cal Kothrade as he shares his photos and experiences diving the shipwrecks and reefs of the Florida Keys. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY 10

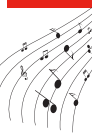
Blood Drive
Thursday | July 10
2 – 7 pm
FIRE STATION 13
111 E. Rand Rd.



The Fire Department, partnered with Vitalant, hosts bi-monthly blood drives. Blood drives are held on odd-numbered months only.

JULY 10

Summer Thursday Night Concert Series
Thursdays Through July 31
7:30 pm
No Concert July 3
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.



Bring a group of family and friends to enjoy great music in a perfect setting.

July 10 | Billy Elton

July 17 | Lee DeWyze

July 24 | Jolly Ringwalds (80's Celebration)

July 31 | 7th Heaven

JULY 11

Fit 4 Life Fridays
Fridays | July 11, 18 & 25
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 attendees of all fitness levels. 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.

JULY 11

Fridays on the Green
Friday | July 11 | 6 pm
ANCHORS AWAY 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 8 | Ken Dix & the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys

August 29 | Jay Goepfner and the Backdated Band

JULY 11

Christmas in July
Friday | July 11
6:30 – 9 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
Santa is keeping busy during his summer vacation! He will be the special guest while



attendees enjoy festive reindeer games, holiday treats, and more. All ages welcome. Free for pool pass holders, \$5 for general entry. Register at rtpd.org.

JULY 12

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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JULY 13

Second Sundays at the Society: Open House and Summer Crafts
Sunday | July 13
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL
101 S. Maple St.



Visitors of all ages are invited to stop by Central School for summer crafts and

activities and to take a tour of the Dietrich Friedrichs House. This all-ages event is free. Registration is not required but is appreciated through the Historical Society's Eventbrite page.

JULY 14

Senior Game Day
Monday | July 14
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Play classic games, discover new ones, and connect with fellow community members.



JULY 15

Blazing Trails Pop Up Event
Tuesdays | July 15 & 29
10:30 – 11:30 am
SYCAMORE TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Kensington Rd.
After story time, watch for the RTPD Bus and their silly, high-energy counselors as they bring big fun to summer. With a backpack full of awesome toys and games, they're here to turn an ordinary day into an unforgettable adventure!



JULY 15

Financial Checkup or Retirees
Tuesday | July 15 | 2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Learn how to do your own financial review, using checklists you can personalize to fit your situation. Provide peace of mind and make life easier for you and others who may assist you when needed in the future. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JULY 15

Coming to America: The Immigrant Experience
Tuesday | July 15 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
The historical immigrant experience was full of challenges. Genealogist Laura Chaplin will explain what many people faced as they journeyed to America. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JULY 16



Movies on the Green
Wednesday | July 16
No later than 8:30 pm
Despicable Me 4
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Bring a blanket and enjoy outdoor movie nights under the stars!

August 6 | *Sonic the Hedgehog 3*
Start time is no later than 8:00 pm

August 13 | *Transformers One*
Start time is no later than 8:00 pm

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

JULY 16



Artificial Intelligence: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Wednesday | July 16
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Brian Pichman to learn more about AI, what it can do for you, and what it can't. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

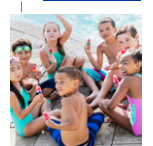
JULY 17



Aging In Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know
Thursday | July 17
6 – 8 pm
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Empowering older adults and their loved ones. Join the Village's Aging in Community initiative to discover valuable local resources that support those navigating the aging journey. The event features an informative presentation followed by a resource fair. Registration is required for this free event. To register, call 847.870.5680 or visit mountprospect.org.

JULY 18



Pool Party with the Police
Friday | July 18
6:30 – 9 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
Join the Mount Prospect Police Department and River Trails Park District for a night of music, pool, games, food giveaways, and much more. All ages are welcome! Learn more at rtpd.org.

JULY 19



Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday | July 19
9 am – 4:40 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Stock up on great books at bargain prices! Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services.

JULY 19



Summer "Arts & Eats" Craft & Vendor Fair
Saturday, July 19
10 am – 4 pm
PROSPECT MOOSE CHAPTER #1481
601 N. Main St.

Join the Mount Prospect Moose Lodge and explore an array of crafters and vendors. This free-admission event is open to the public.

JULY 21

MPPL Writers Group
Monday | July 21 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Writers of all genres ages 18 and up are encouraged to bring their current writing projects for thoughtful support and constructive critique from a group of fellow writers. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY 24



Life as a Prairie Kid
Thursday | July 24
Session I 10 am – noon
Session II 1 – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
101 S. Maple St.

The Historical Society invites kids ages 6 to 11 to explore life in the late 1800s as a prairie kid. Try old-fashioned chores and games, make a yarn kid, sample homemade lemonade and a no-bake snack, learn sewing skills, and plant vegetables. Each session is unique, so register for one or both. \$30 fee per session.

JULY 24

Breastfeeding 101
Thursday | July 24 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Learn the basics of breastfeeding from Advocate Health Care lactation experts. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY 25/26



Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party
Friday | July 25
4 – 11 pm
Saturday | July 26
11 am – 11 pm
(Kids Zone 11 am – 4 pm)
EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE.
Our annual Downtown Block Party returns with music, food, and plenty of activities for the kids. Details on page 1. For more info visit mpblockparty.com.

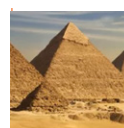
JULY 31



Science of History: All About Bubbles
Thursday | July 31
10 am – noon
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
101 S. Maple St.

Does a square wand make a square bubble? Come and find out. Create your wand and some bubbles. Make bubble prints on paper and a slime bubble, and find out who can blow the biggest bubblegum bubble! Join us for everything bubbles. Ages 6 to 11. \$30 session fee.

JULY 31



If You Lived in Ancient Egypt
Thursday | July 31
1 – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
101 S. Maple St.

Join the Historical Society as they travel back to Ancient Egypt. Build some pyramids, learn hieroglyphics, and play ancient games. Plus, there will be a guest speaker who has done archaeological work in Egypt. Ages 6 to 11. \$30 session fee.

JULY 31



Meadows Pool Movie Night
Thursday | July 31
6:30 – 8:30 pm
MEADOWS POOL
1401 Gregory St.

Summer is not over yet! Spend an evening with family and friends while enjoying the film *Moana 2*. Bring your own pool noodles. Concessions available. The movie begins at dusk. Admission is free for passholders, \$10 for residents and \$12 for non-residents.

2025 CELEBRATION OF CULTURES | Saturday, August 23

Save the date for the Village's annual Celebration of Cultures on August 23 at Kopp Park behind RecPlex (420 Dempster St.). This event is family-friendly and free! All ages are invited to experience cultural booths, musical performances, food booths from Mount Prospect restaurants, kids' activities and giveaways, and a craft fair from 10,000 Villages.

If you would like to share your culture with the community, email jkane@mountprospect.org to inquire about a booth or the Parade of Cultures.

For more information about the event, visit mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures.



American Flag Retirement Boxes

In 2023, the Village of Mount Prospect partnered with VFW Post 1337 and American Legion Post 525 to implement three American flag retirement boxes. They are located at Village Hall, the Police Headquarters, and the Public Works facility.

These boxes are meant to collect U.S. flags that are no longer fit to fly so they may be retired respectfully. Historically, flags have been collected by the Public Works Department and burned on Flag Day (June 14) with the help of the VFW, American Legion, and Boy Scouts. Flags dropped off during the rest of the year will be properly collected and incinerated by a private company.



Sign up for Sustainability News

Did you know that the Village publishes a quarterly sustainability newsletter? The content in this publication ranges from general information on what you can do to be more sustainable around the house, to larger topics such as federal or state regulations that impact sustainability.

Sign up to receive Sustainability News right to your inbox through the Village's e-newsletter software. Subscribe at mountprospect.org/notifications. Note that if you are already subscribed to other Village e-newsletters, you will be prompted to update your profile.

Past issues can be read online at mountprospect.org/sustainability.

Community/Economic Development

New Village Monument Signs

In June 2024, the Village initiated a Request for Proposal to design consultants for the creation of three monument signs at key locations within the Village. This project aims to enhance our community's identity and visibility. The design process included a site selection study for the gateway sign in South Mount Prospect and the replacement of the two Kensington Business Center signs on Rand Road and Wolf Road. The Village conducted interviews with qualified firms in late July of 2024 and selected Farr Associates Architecture & Urban Design to develop the signs.

Following a series of internal design meetings and concept revisions between Farr and Village staff, the proposed sign designs were presented at the January Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting for feedback. After incorporating the feedback of the COW, draft construction documents have since been submitted to the Village for review. The project is expected to be substantially complete by the end of this year. The total budget for the design and construction of the signs is \$800,000.

To learn more about the project, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.



Ribbon Cutting!



May 23, 2025

GRAND ISTANBUL BAZAAR & CAFÉ

2324 S. Elmhurst Road

847.378.8366

grandistanbulbc.com

Planning Our Future

The Village has begun the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and welcomes your input!

Mount Prospect 2040: Planning Our Future, or **MP2040**, addresses important topics including housing, transportation, economic development, land use, open space, and more.

Over the course of this summer and fall, we are gathering input from residents, businesses, and organizations to understand priorities and concerns. This input will help us craft a vision for the future, supported by clear strategies and policies.

We are currently conducting interviews, facilitating community events, and distributing a public survey with the goal of learning more about what's working in the Village, what could be improved, and what you'd like to see in the years ahead.

You can participate by:

- Completing the survey.
- Sharing your ideas at an upcoming public meeting.
- Reaching out with questions to the Planning and Economic Development staff at 847.818.5328.

Information on the survey, meeting dates, and more can all be found at MP2040.com.

Together, we can ensure Mount Prospect continues to be a friendly, active, and prosperous community for generations to come.



Camp I Am Me

Every summer our Mount Prospect neighbors from Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and Camp I Am Me host a summer program for children and teens who have experienced injuries from burns. Since 1991, this summer camp has provided thousands of young burn survivors with a safe, non-judgmental environment to build their self-esteem and self-confidence as they enjoy the varied activities and lifelong friendships that are part of the camping experience.

Camp activities include archery, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, horseback riding, rock climbing and many others. Camp staff include qualified YMCA counselors, volunteers who are medical professionals, fire service personnel, and many former campers. This highly dedicated group of volunteers results in a 1:1 counselor-to camper ratio to ensure a fun and safe environment.

The Mount Prospect Fire Department has been participating in the summer camp parade for over 20 years. There are typically 40 to 50 fire apparatus vehicles that make their way from all over Illinois to give campers a ride in the parade. It is always amazing to see the lights flashing, hear the sirens blaring, watch the crowd of supporters cheering, and see campers having an unforgettable experience.

Many of the campers' last experience with firefighters was being taken to the hospital after their burn injuries. This is a great way to see those firefighters in a different light. While not all campers show physical scarring, the emotional pain still exists. According to Program Coordinator, Leslie Metcalf, "It's also a chance for fire personnel to witness a success story, which isn't always the case. Yes, our campers have burns, but they are still here thanks to the hard work and dedication of those in the fire service and medical communities."

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is proud to attend this meaningful parade and will continue to support Camp I Am Me for many years to come.

Along with their summer camp program, the organization also provides support groups for burn survivors and their families, scholarship opportunities, and other fire prevention initiatives. For more information about Camp I Am Me please visit IFSA.org.



Rail Crossing Safety

Summertime in Mount Prospect increases the number of vehicles and pedestrians throughout town. It is especially important this time of year to pay attention and take precautions when crossing the train tracks. The crossing arms and flashing lights are there to alert motorists, walkers, bikers, and joggers that a train is approaching and to stop from entering the crossing. It is important to resist the temptation to ignore the warnings and sneak past the gates. This can lead to serious consequences.

To remain safe, the Union Pacific Railroad has provided a few rules to follow:

- Only use designated public pedestrian or roadway crossings.

- Never walk, drive, or bike around lowered gates. Take all warning signals seriously.
- Always expect a train, at any time, from either direction; stop, look both ways, and listen.
- Don't ever stop on the tracks in your car, on your bike, or while walking.
- When red lights are flashing or gates are coming down, remain 15 feet away.
- After the train passes, wait for the arms to fully raise and lights to stop flashing before proceeding.
- If there are multiple tracks, never assume there is only one train. It is very common for a train to arrive from the opposite direction as another is leaving.
- Stay alert: Avoid distractions like texting, headphones, or other activities that could prevent you from hearing an approaching train.

If your vehicle becomes stalled, stopped or stuck on the tracks, get everyone out and away from the vehicle and call 911 immediately.

Let's make it a safe summer around the many railroad crossings in Mount Prospect.





National Night Out

One of our premier annual events is the National Night Out community-building celebration. Presented in conjunction with the Mt. Prospect Park District, this year's event will take place August 5 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park, 411 S. Maple St.

Food vendors will be on site, so plan on making it a family dinner night out! There will also be entertainment for all ages on the Band Shell stage, an emergency vehicle show, and more.

Don't miss this family and neighborhood celebration that will strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. For more information, call Officer Greg Sill at 847.870.5650. #BringTheNeighborhood



Thank You Officer Martinez



After two decades of service to our community, Officer Miguel Martinez recently retired from the Police Department. Officer Martinez was a founding member of the Department's Special Operations Unit and served as a patrol officer, Spanish language translator, Field Training Officer, Bike Officer, and Youth Officer. His love of classic cars led him to be a frequent representative of the department at car shows throughout the area, displaying the Bluesmobile and interacting with the community. As a United States Marine Corps veteran, Office Martinez assisted with the annual Toys for Tots drive at police headquarters. We wish Miguel the best as he moves on to begin working for the Elgin Community College Police Department.

Lace 'em Up with the Police

Take a break from the summer heat and lace up your ice skates for Chillin' with the Blue Line ice skating event on July 12. Join members of the police department from 5:30 – 7:30 pm at the Mount Prospect Ice Arena, 1501 Feehanville Dr. for a free ice-skating event. One rink will feature skating while the other will offer a friendly game of hockey. Skate rental will be free if needed. The Children's Advocacy Center will be on hand to raffle off Mount Prospect Police sweaters. See you on the ice!

Enrollment Now Open for 2025 Citizens Police Academy

The Mount Prospect Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2025 Citizens Police Academy. Applicants must be a Village resident at least 18 years of age and free of any criminal history.

Sessions will begin on Monday, September 8 at 6:30 pm and will run for 3 hours for the following eleven Monday evenings, ending November 17. Classes will be held at the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters.

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 will include traffic enforcement, crime scene processing, traffic crash investigation, and criminal law. Academy students will also be allowed to make simulated traffic stops and learn from the department's master firearms instructors on the department's pistol range.

Applications are available at the Mount Prospect Police Department front desk and at mountprospect.org/police. Applications need to be turned into the police department by 9:00 am on August 20. If you have any questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, please call Officer Greg Sill at 847.870.5650.





Document Destruction Event

The Public Works Department, in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will host a document destruction event on August 2, from 8 – 11 am, at our facility located at 1700 W. Central Rd.

Residents may drop off up to six file-sized cardboard boxes or paper shopping bags filled with paper materials to be securely shredded. This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents such as medical records, tax forms, personnel files, and investment statements.

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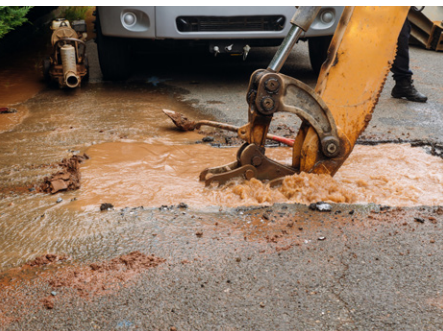
- Paper clips and staples are acceptable.

- Binders must be removed.
- Do not use plastic bags to deliver materials.
- The event is open to Mount Prospect residents only — a valid ID will be required.
- No businesses or institutional users permitted.

For questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Construction Season Is At Its Peak

Have you noticed any construction work beginning in your neighborhood? With the arrival of warm weather, the Public Works Department is off and running with a busy construction season. Residents can expect to see crews and contractors working throughout the Village all summer.



Scheduled work includes street resurfacing, watermain replacement, and sewer rehabilitation projects. In addition, several capital improvement projects are under way.

We encourage residents to stay informed about ongoing and upcoming projects by visiting the village's construction updates page at mountprospect.org/construction.



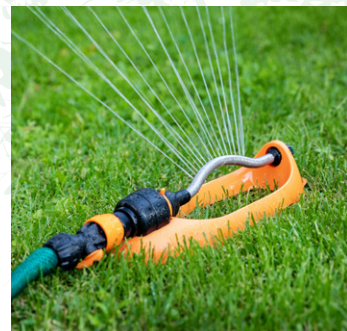
Watering Restrictions

As part of the Lake Michigan water allocation program, water suppliers, including the Village, are required to restrict outdoor water use 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.

The use of water from the public water supply distribution systems for watering lawns or gardens, filling swimming pools, outside washing, or other exterior uses is limited in the following ways:

- Watering or sprinkling is permitted for odd numbered addresses on odd numbered dates and for even numbered addresses on even numbered dates, between the hours of 4 pm and 10 am.
- Newly sodded areas of lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the two-week period following the installation of the sod.

The rules are in effect seven days per week. If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640.



Update from the Environmental Protection Agency

When it rains, where does it go? Some of the rainwater soaks into the ground, and part of it flows over the ground and directly into creeks, streams, or rivers. This water that runs off into the river is aptly called runoff or stormwater runoff. In some cases, this stormwater runoff gets polluted. Pollution is anything that harms natural resources, whether it is air, soil, or in this case, water. The pollution can be visible, like trash floating on top of the water, or invisible, like motor oil from a car washing into a nearby creek. Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in the United States.

Stormwater pollution is of concern for two main reasons: one related to the volume and timing of runoff water and the other related to potential contaminants that the water is carrying from human and animal activities. These contaminants are picked up by water from storms, garden hoses, or sprinklers as it drains off streets, parking lots, and lawns, entering the system through catch basins and storm drains. From there, they are transferred straight to rivers and streams untreated. Anything that is dumped or dropped on the ground or in the gutter contributes to stormwater pollution.

The cost of treating stormwater would be so high that it would exceed available resources.

A storm drain and a sewer drain are two separate drainage systems. The sewer system takes all household wastewater from toilets, showers, and sinks and routes it through your plumbing system to a treatment plant.

The storm drain is intended to route rainwater quickly off the streets during a heavy storm. Unfortunately, it takes all the runoff along with it. Whether intentionally or accidentally spilled, chemicals, trash, and debris from lawns, parking lots, and streets go straight into our waterways.

Polluted stormwater runoff can have an adverse effect on plants, fish, animals, and people in a variety of ways:

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts that are washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life including ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous waste like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can also poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water. Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources, which in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Let's all work together to lessen the impact of stormwater pollution.



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.

ANNUAL WATER REPORT NOW AVAILABLE

The Illinois and Federal Environmental Protection Agency now allow the Village to offer electronic delivery of their annual Consumer Confidence Reports. This delivery method will provide significant printing and postage cost savings. The full report provides important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2024 and can be found at mountprospect.org/CCR2024. If you would still like to receive a paper copy or have questions about the report, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 or email your request to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



School Supply Program



The Human Services Department is launching its annual School Supply Drive that provides families with a backpack and a gift card to purchase their child's school supplies. The goal of this program is to provide families experiencing hardship with assistance to help their children start the school year off with the necessary supplies. Families eligible to participate regularly utilize our food pantry or have recently experienced significant financial hardship. Residents can donate a new backpack at Village Hall and the Mount Prospect Public Library or make a monetary donation via PayPal earmarked *School Supply Drive*. Human Services will purchase gift cards for each child participating in the program.



Scan the QR code to be taken to the Human Services PayPal donation website.

Aging in Mount Prospect

Human Services is hosting another discussion focused on the Village's Aging in Community Initiative to highlight valuable local resources for older adults and their loved ones as they navigate the aging process. *Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know* will take place **Thursday, July 17 from 6 – 8 pm** at Village Hall. The event features a presentation and a resource fair. Registration is required, so call 847.870.5680 to secure your spot. **Note:** *This event is identical to the one hosted June 11. It is not necessary to attend both.*



A1C Testing

Know your average blood sugar over the last three months with a quick and easy A1C test, available to Mount Prospect residents through the Public Health Nurse. This test requires no fasting and delivers results in 5 minutes via a simple fingerstick. To schedule your appointment, call 847.870.5680. There is a \$20 fee.



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 July 14 and August 11.

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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2025 July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Summer Reading Through July 31 Play and Learn. 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	2 Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival Melas Park	3 Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, Melas Park	4 4th of July Parade, 1pm Emerson & Prospect Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, Melas Park	5 Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, Melas Park
6 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, Melas Park	7 Good Morning Sunshine Concert Series <i>Super Stokie</i> , 10:30am, MPPL The History of Simon & Garfunkel, 7pm, MPPL Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concerts, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	8 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am, Sycamore Trails Park 10-10:30am, Sycamore Big Surf Party – One Last Wave, 4-8pm, Big Surf Pool	9 Diving Florida's Wreck Trek 7pm, MPPL	10 Blood Drive, 2-7pm Fire Station 13 Summer Thursday Night Concert Series, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	11 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Fridays on the Green, 6 pm, <i>Achors Away</i> , Centennial Green at Village Hall Christmas in July, 6:30-9pm Woodland Trails Pool	12 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
13 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, Central School MPHist	14 Good Morning Sunshine Concert Series <i>Wendy and DB</i> , 10:30am, MPPL Senior Game Day, 9:30-11:00am, Village Hall Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concerts, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	15 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am, Sycamore Trails Park 10-10:30am, Sycamore Bazing Trails Pop Up Event, 10:30-11:30am, Sycamore Trails Park Financial Checkup for Retirees, 2pm, MPPL Coming to America, 7pm, MPPL	16 Movies on the Green Centennial Green at Village Hall, <i>Despicable Me 4</i> Artificial Intelligence, 7pm MPPL	17 Aging in Mount Prospect 6-8pm, Village Hall Summer Thursday Night Concert Series, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	18 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Pool Party with the Police 6:30-9pm, Woodland Trails Pool	19 Friends of the Library Book Sale 9am-4:40pm, MPPL Summer "Arts & Eats" Craft & Vendor Fair, 10am-4pm Prospect Moose Chapter #1481 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
20 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	21 MPPL Writers Group, 7pm MPPL Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concerts, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	22 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am, Sycamore Trails Park	23	24 Life as a Prairie Kid Session I 10 am – noon Session II 1 – 3 pm MPHIST Summer Thursday Night Concert Series, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell Breastfeeding 101, 7pm MPPL	25 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party, 4-11pm	26 Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party, 11am-11pm Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
27 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	28 Good Morning Sunshine Concert Series <i>Ben Talar and the Talar Tots</i> , 10:30am, MPPL Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Concerts, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	29 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am, Sycamore Trails Park	30	31 Science of History: All About Bubbles, 10am-noon If You Lived in Ancient Egypt, 1 – 3 pm, MPHIST Meadows Pool Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm Summer Thursday Night Concert Series, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell		

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MPHIST Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.



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Message from the Mayor

Summertime fun and Mount Prospect go hand in hand. Now that the warm weather has arrived, the fun begins. And, let me tell you, Mount Prospect is a happening place in the summer, chocked full of great activities.

Our **Fourth of July Parade** kicks off at 1:00 pm on July 4 in downtown Mount Prospect. Come one, come all to the celebration of the founding of our country, the United States of America!

For the 86th year, the Mount Prospect Lions Club will be holding their annual **Fourth of July Festival** at Melas Park beginning on July 2 and running through July 6 with carnival rides, food, drink, raffles, entertainment, fireworks, and so much more. Thank you Lions!

The Village of Mount Prospect is hosting our annual family-friendly **Downtown Block Party** in downtown Mount Prospect at Busse Avenue and Emerson Street over the weekend of July 25 and July 26 with food, drink, and entertainment. Admission is free.

The Village will also host their annual **Celebration of Cultures** at Kopp Park (behind the RecPlex) on Saturday, August 23 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Come out and learn about the culturally diverse peoples who reside in Mount Prospect. Cultural booths, ethnic foods, drink and entertainment from different cultures fill the afternoon.

Fridays on the Green Concerts at the Centennial Green in front of Village Hall started in late May and run through August. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the music on July 11, August 8, and August 29.

The Mount Prospect Community Band conducts their **Monday Evening Concerts** from June 28 through July 29 at 7:30 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Bandshell, and the Mount Prospect Park District Thursday Night Concert Series runs from June 26 through July 31 at the Bandshell.

And don't forget **56 Music Fix**, a Village-wide celebration of

live music from Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 17. Bands and musicians will be performing throughout Mount Prospect at restaurants and shops.

Weekly, throughout the summer and into the fall the Lions Club host **Bluesmobile Cruise Nights** in the East Commuter Lot each Saturday beginning at 3:00 pm. Come out and see your favorite antique and classic automobiles. Afterwards, enjoy a meal at one of our many downtown restaurants, some of which offer alfresco/outdoor dining.

On Sunday mornings throughout the summer and into the fall the Lions Clubs hosts the **Farmer's Market** each week in the West Commuter Lot from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come out and pick up your fresh produce for the week.

Another hometown family favorite are the **Movies on the Green** shown by the Downtown Merchants Association (DMA) on July 16, August 6, August 13, and October 15 when darkness falls.

Throughout the summer, you can enjoy a simple stroll or bike ride through one of our many parks. You can also take your kids and grandkids to the playgrounds we have all around our community.

The summer is a wonderful time to spend with family and friends enjoying all kinds of activities right here in our Village. However, if you are planning a family vacation outside of the Village, travel safely. We will leave the light on for you!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT