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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

A FEEL-GOOD FRIDAY EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

The Village of Mount Prospect invites residents of all ages to come together for the 5th Annual Mental Health Matters community event—a free and uplifting celebration of wellness, connection, and support. This year's event will take place on Friday, May 30, from 5 to 6:30 pm at Edwin & Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park, in partnership with the popular Fridays on the Green concert series.

Presented by the Human Services Department and proudly supported by 101.9 The Mix as the Official Radio Sponsor, this *Feel Good Friday* will feature lively music, free giveaways, and engaging activities for the whole family.

The event includes:

- A resource fair featuring local businesses and social service agencies that promote mental wellness
- Live demonstrations of Tai Chi and Yoga
- A kids table with fun giveaways
- An exclusive Mental Health Matters tote bag for the first 100 visitors to the Human Services Department table
- Opportunities to meet therapy animals and learn how music therapy, movement, and other strategies can support emotional well-being

Mental Health Matters is all about reducing the stigma surrounding mental health, connecting residents with valuable resources, and showcasing holistic approaches to self-care and community support.



For more information and updates, visit mountprospect.org/mhm, call 847.870.5680, or scan the QR code.

Let's come together to celebrate community, connection, and the importance of mental health—because it truly matters.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

FEEL GOOD FRIDAY!

MAY 30, 2025 | 5 - 6:30 PM | EDWIN & ELSIE MEYN BUSSE "POCKET" PARK

ABOUT

THIS FEEL-GOOD EVENT WILL FOCUS ON WELLNESS & THE MANY WAYS TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

MORE INFO:
SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO MOUNTPROSPECT.ORG/MHM

ACTIVITIES

MEET LOCAL THERAPY ANIMALS AND LEARN HOW STRATEGIES LIKE MUSIC THERAPY AND MOVEMENT CAN IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

FUN STUFF:
LIVE DEMOS
KIDS' ACTIVITIES
GIVEAWAYS

RESOURCES

VISIT THE RESOURCE FAIR WHERE WELLNESS EXPERTS & LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES WILL SHARE INFO ABOUT THEIR SERVICES

FEATURING:
THE MIX 101.9FM
OFFICIAL RADIO SPONSOR

FRIDAYS ON THE GREEN CONCERT
STICK AROUND FOR THE SHOW AT 6:30 PM TO ENJOY SOME "MUSIC THERAPY!"

VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT
HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Community Events

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Conversations in English
Thursdays | May 1 & 15
1 – 2 pm
Thursdays | May 8 & 22
5:30 – 6:30 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

If you are learning English, join this in-person group to practice your conversational skills and to enjoy interesting discussions. For more information or to register, call 847.506.4930.

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1

Blood Drive
Thursday | May 1
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.



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3

Derby de Mayo Pub Crawl
Saturday | May 3
3 – 7 pm (registration opens at 2 pm)
DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Enjoy a great time out with neighbors and friends visiting some of your favorite downtown Mount Prospect eating and drinking establishments. Register at mpdowntown.com.



MAY
3

Cinco De Derby Street Festival
Saturday | May 3
3 – 10 pm
WHISKEY HILL BREWERY
99 W Prospect Ave.
Join Whiskey Hill Kitchen & Brewery for an epic outdoor street fest

celebrating blending the excitement of the Kentucky Derby with the energy of Cinco de Mayo! This all ages event will include an outdoor showing of the Kentucky Derby on a Jumbo TV, live mariachi bands, Latin DJ sets, and Revolucion DeAmor – a Tribute to Mana, and more. For more information, go to whiskeyhillbrewing.com.



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3

Frank Lloyd Wright's Muirhead Farmhouse and IL Railway Museum Bus Trip
Saturday | May 3
9 am – 5 pm
Pick up and drop off at Dietrich Friedrichs House, 101 S. Maple St.



Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for a bus trip to Union, IL for a morning tour of the Illinois Railway Museum, followed by an afternoon tour of one of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian homes in Hampshire. The group will stop at Hampshire's Copper Barrel restaurant where they may purchase lunch. Trip requires considerable walking and the ability to climb and descend bus stairs. General ticket \$115, Member pricing \$100.

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4

Mother/Son Muffins with Mom
Sunday | May 4
10 am – Noon
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 Algonquin Road



Enjoy a continental breakfast followed by an exciting reptile show from JG Reptiles! Get up close, learn about different species, and even interact with these amazing creatures. Ages 4–12 with mom. Tickets \$25. Register at mppd.org or call 847.640.1000.

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Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics
Monday | May 5 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Learn about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, probate, and guardianship. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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6

Lucille Ball: A Living History Portrayal by Leslie Goddard
Tuesday | May 6 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Historian and actress Leslie Goddard brings Lucy to life, honoring both the iconic comic legend and the real woman behind the myth. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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6

Play and Learn
Tuesdays | May 6, 13, 20 & 27
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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7

Keeping Your Garden Beautiful and Productive
Wednesday | May 7
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



This presentation by experienced gardeners will provide practical tips to help your landscape thrive year-round. Presented in partnership with The Garden Club of Mount Prospect. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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7

Evening Creations: Flower Arrangement Frog
Wednesday | May 7 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Arranging cut flowers can be a challenge. That difficulty can be largely alleviated by using a *flower frog*. Flower frogs keep your flowers in place and can be used repeatedly. In this class, instructor Laurie Roubitchek will teach you how to make your own frog. Bring a vase to the class that you would like your frog to fit. This class is just the preparation of the frog and does not involve flower arranging. Participation fee is \$10.

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Book Club: Mike Royko – Choose Your Own Adventure
Thursday | May 8 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Mike Royko wrote over 7,500 columns in various Chicago newspapers and was discussed over the breakfast table for over 30 years. Pick your favorite Mike Royko article to discuss for this session. Read columns featuring his mythical friend Slat Grobnik or read *Boss* to dig

into Mayor Daley's Chicago machine. Enjoy not-politically correct humor or his take on politically and economically important people with his incisive wit and courage. Select one or more excerpts that you find hilarious, horrifying, still relevant, or that didn't age well, and enjoy this free event.

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Exclusive Early Plant Sale Fundraiser
Hosted by the Parks Foundation
Thursday | May 8 | 6 – 8 pm
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 Algonquin Rd.



Tickets are \$25 and include early access to shop hundreds of beautiful plants and flowers, light appetizers, and a raffle benefiting the Parks Foundation Scholarship Program! Call 847.640.1000 or visit mppd.org for details.

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Plant Sale
Friday | May 9
10 am – 6 pm
Saturday | May 10
10 am – 1 pm
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
395 Algonquin Road



Shop the Mt. Prospect Park District annual plant sale for your Mother's Day plants and hanging baskets; along with hundreds of annual, perennials, veggies and herbs.

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9

Fit 4 Life Fridays
Fridays | May 9, 23 & 30
10 – 10:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Fit 4 Life will now take place every Friday. 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.

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Bluesmobile Cruise Nights
Saturdays | May 10 – September 27
3 – 8 PM
EAST METRA COMMUTER LOT



Come view the coolest classic cars around. Shows will take place every Saturday night with themed nights each week. Admission is free. For more information, check out mpilions.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

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13

What's New for This Year's Planting Season

Tuesday | May 13 | 9:30 am
THE CHALET NURSERY
3132 Lake Ave., Wilmette
Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club on a field trip! Jennifer Brennan, a 30-plus-year employee of the Chalet, returns to discuss what's new for this year's planting season. Brennan is a horticulture information specialist and manager of the Chalet education center, a third-generation, family-owned, local business serving the North Shore for over 100 years. Mingle with other guests at 9:30 am ahead of the Garden Club's business meeting at 10 am. Jennifer's presentation will begin at 11 am. All are welcome.



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13

Starting a Business in Mount Prospect

Tuesday | May 13 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Connect with local

business advisors and learn about some of the essential steps for launching and growing a successful business in Mount Prospect. Presented by the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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INITIATIVE

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Bessie's Workbasket: DIY Planters

Wednesday | May 14
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Make a planter/hanger for your spring plants. Attendees will be using the tin cans to make planters, so if you have a large empty tin can, be sure bring it along. The hosts will also have some that you can decorate. This is a fun and easy way to add some personal flare to spring plants. Beginners are always welcome. Participation fee is \$10.



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15

Making the Most of Social Security

Thursday | May 15 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Stacy Bromann of the Dala Group will provide details on different Social Security



filing strategies for single individuals, married couples, divorced individuals, and widows/widowers. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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16

Garage Sale Weekend

Friday, May 16 –
Sunday, May 18
VILLAGE-WIDE
One of the largest garage sale events in the suburbs! With hundreds of sales on the same weekend, this annual event draws shoppers from far and wide. Learn more, sign up to sell and find a map of participating homes at mountprospectgaragesale.com.



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Public Works Open House

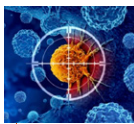
Saturday, May 17
9 am – 1 pm
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
1700 W. Central Rd.
This annual event features games, a facility tour, and displays demonstrating how our water & sewer system, parkway trees, buildings, streets, and vehicles are maintained. Meet PW Paws, the Public Works Department mascot! Free refreshments and hot dogs sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club. Visit mountprospect.org to learn more.



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Cutting Edge Tech Series: The Future of Immunotherapy

Wednesday | May 21
6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual



Join veteran pharmacist Dr. Thomas Criscione as he explores a day in the life of creating chemotherapy, providing immunotherapy, and the future of pharmaceuticals. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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22

Small Business Morning Meetup

Thursday | May 22 | 9 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Share a cup of coffee with other local entrepreneurs, start-ups, founders, freelancers, home businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253-5675.



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22

Life in a Japanese American Internment Camp

Thursday | May 22 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Historian and librarian

Sarah Okner, a descendant of internees, shares photos and details of daily life in a Japanese American internment camp and the profound effects it had on those living there. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



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Mindful Chair Yoga

Friday | May 23 | 11 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Join us for a gentle seated yoga practice incorporating breath awareness, meditation, and aromatherapy. This program is presented in partnership with Mather, a not-for-profit dedicated to enhancing the lives of adults ages 55 and older. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



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Memorial Day Parade

Monday | May 26 | 9:40 am
Sponsored by VFW Post 1337 & American Legion Post 525
Parade starts near Village Hall and ends at Veterans Memorial Bandshell at 411 S. Maple St. Following is a Ceremony of Remembrance, keynote speaker, and performances of patriotic music. All are welcome. Visit vfw1337.com for more information.



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27

Bunco Night

Tuesday | May 27 | 6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Join us for a fun dice game, meet new people, enjoy some pizza, and maybe win a prize or two! To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



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Mental Health Matters

Friday | May 30
5 pm – 6:30 pm
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Join us for *Feel Good Friday!* For the second year, the Human Services Department is taking its annual Mental



Health Matters event in a new direction. This feel-good event will focus on self care and the different ways to do that. There will be live demos, giveaways, and *music therapy* via the coinciding Fridays on the Green concert, starting at 6:30 pm.

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Fridays on the Green

CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Get ready for the return of Fridays on the Green this summer. A complete list of this year's bands and dates can be found on page 4! May 30 concert starts at 6:30 pm – all remaining concerts start at 6 pm.



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Afternoon Tea: Zelda Fitzgerald

Saturday | May 31 | 1 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.



Join Lynn Rymarz as she steps into the shoes of Zelda Fitzgerald, the wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald. Delve into the captivating love story, where glamour and creativity intertwined as they rubbed shoulders with the rich and famous. Zelda, who inspired much of her husband's iconic fiction, also carved out her own path, becoming known as *The First Flapper* and discovering a passion for dancing, writing, and painting. The Fitzgeralds seemed to have it all, but their paradise eventually began to crumble, and their once-beautiful world slowly fell apart. General ticket \$30, Member pricing \$20.

Coming in June!

Lions Club Farmers Market
Sundays | Starting June 1 | 8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT

Senior Connections
Thursday | June 5 | 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Movies on the Green
Wednesday | June 18 Kickoff | Dusk
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Family Bike Ride
Saturday | June 21 | Kick-off at 9:30 am
BURNING BUSH TRAILS PARK
1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.

Randhurst Village Street Fest
Saturday | June 21 | 12–5 pm

News Around Town

Single Use Plastic Utensil Reduction Program

To change the culture around single use plastics in our community, the Village introduced the Single Use Plastic Utensil Reduction Program (SUPUR).

When you come home with carry-out food from your favorite Mount Prospect restaurant, do you sometimes find too many utensils in the bag? If you plan on using your own utensils at home, even one set of plastic is too many. You have several options for the plastic utensils – throw them away, put them in a drawer with other unused plastic utensils, or use them and throw them away. Each of these options results in disposing of single use plastic items that did not need to be used in the first place.



The SUPUR program aims to reverse this trend. The goals include educating customers to simply say no to plastic utensils and to remind restaurants to assume people do not need plastic utensils unless they ask for them.

Participating restaurants will display a light blue sign near the carry-out pick-up location. These signs remind customers to ask for single use plastic utensils only if they really need them.

The participating businesses have also

been instructed to have their staff give away plastic utensils only when asked. If we work together, we can significantly impact the amount of single use plastic utensils in our community.

To learn more, find a list of participating restaurants, or to sign your business up for SUPUR, visit mountprospect.org/community/supur-program.



Fridays are about to get a lot more fun!

Get ready for the return of Fridays on the Green concerts this summer. Taking center stage on the green this year are the following bands:

WALL OF DENIAL | May 30

LIQUID SOUL | June 6

SERENDIPITY | June 20

ANCHORS AWAY! | July 11

KEN DIX AND THE FRIDAY NIGHT LAWN JOCKEYS | August 8

JAY GOEPPNER AND THE BACKDATED BAND | August 29

Concerts start at 6 pm on the Centennial Green with the exception of the May 30 concert, which starts at 6:30 pm.

Promote Your Business at Fridays on the Green

Looking for a great way to promote your business to a broad audience of Mount Prospect consumers? The Village has developed a sponsorship program for Fridays on the Green. If you are interested in this unique and highly visible opportunity, go to mountprospect.org/FOTGsponsor to submit your application.

The Village also introduced a sponsorship opportunity for individuals and families who would like to help support Fridays on the Green. Individuals or families will have their name featured on one of the advertising banners at all events and in marketing materials for Fridays on the Green.

Prospect Avenue Alfresco Dining is Back!

After a successful launch last summer, we are excited to announce the return of our downtown alfresco dining experience. The alfresco dining season along Prospect Avenue will officially kick off the first week of May and run through the beginning of October.

Come out for a great meal and be sure to visit other downtown merchants before or after you dine 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, Mia's Cantina, LTH Beauty, and Splendid Day Spa. You'll discover there is something for everyone on Prospect Avenue.



Community/Economic Development

Business Grants

Get a fresh new look to help your business shine with Mount Prospect's Façade Improvement and Interior Buildout Program. This grant covers up to 50% of eligible improvement costs, with a maximum contribution of \$10,000 per project. Eligible projects include façade renovations, upgraded lighting, new windows and doors, signage, awnings, mechanical system upgrades, and parking lot or landscaping improvements. Businesses must generate sales tax to be eligible for the program.

Begin the application process with a planning meeting with the Community Development Department to discuss your plans. Following the meeting, applicants may submit an application for staff review. The Village Board will then approve eligible projects, allowing businesses to move forward promptly.

For more information about the program or to schedule your pre-application meeting, contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 or visit mountprospect.org/business/economic-development/business-incentives.

Get to Know Your Development Planners

The Village Development Planners work in the Community & Economic Development Department. They are responsible for a variety of tasks that help solidify the economic base of the community through new development. They also help retain existing businesses through various economic development programs. The Development Planners also administer the zoning and development code to ensure orderly development in the Village. Some of these tasks include reviewing building and development permits for zoning compliance, processing zoning entitlement applications, creation and application of long-range plans such as the Comprehensive Plan, and administering the Community Development Block Grant program.

They can assist you by providing information on:

- Constructing improvements on your property
- Requesting zoning relief and entitlements
- Helping establish new businesses and developments
- Administering Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan and Home Weatherization Grant programs

If you have questions, the staff can be reached at comdevdept@mountprospect.org or 847.818.5328.

Ribbon Ceremonies!



February 13, 2025
PROSPECT SENIOR LOFTS
2040 W. Algonquin Rd.
847.802.8619 | liveprospectapartments.com



February 20, 2025
Ribbon tying celebrating new location!
EDWARD JONES – BRANDON SIMMONS
107 W. Prospect Ave.
847.797.1745



February 27, 2025
Ribbon tying celebrating 25 years!
ADVANCED PHYSICAL MEDICINE & THERAPY | 350 W. Kensington Rd.
847.222.9060 | apmt.us



February 28, 2025
WAXING THE CITY | 1103 N. Elmhurst Rd.
Randhurst Village
224.248.9389 | waxingthecity.com



March 6, 2025
WHISKEY HILL BREWERY & KITCHEN
99 W. Prospect Ave.
847.699.2822
whiskeyhillbrewing.com



March 13, 2025
LAKESIDE BANK
950 E. Rand Rd.
630.366.7054
lakesidebank.com



March 14, 2025
CHIT CHAAT CAFE
1716 E. Kensington Rd.
847.376.8245
chitchaatcafechicago.com



March 19, 2025
Ribbon tying celebrating 5 years!
DYNAPEAK FITNESS AND PHYSICAL THERAPY | 701 N. Wheeling Rd.
224.801.4348 | dynapeakfitnesspt.com



Ambulance Service Q&A

Should I call 911?

Never hesitate to dial 911 for someone who is feeling ill or has been injured. For any ambulance call, a fire engine will also be dispatched to the scene. Our firefighters are all cross trained as paramedics, and each of the engines carry ALS (Advanced Life Support) equipment to facilitate medical care if the engine arrives first.

What hospitals are utilized?

Mount Prospect Fire Department ambulances transport to the following hospitals:

- Endeavor Health Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge
- Glenbrook Hospital in Glenview
- Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village

Honoring a request to go to a specific hospital is dependent on several factors such as the severity of the patient's condition,

the distance to the facility, and the current patient capacity at surrounding hospitals.

Will I be billed for using an ambulance?

All patients who are transported to a hospital will receive billing documentation. If you are a Mount Prospect resident, your insurance company will be billed, but you will not have to pay any balance that may be due.

Who do I call if I have questions about an ambulance bill?

Call EMS/MC at 847.577.8811. To pay a bill or add insurance information, scan the QR code.



EMS | MC



Protect your home:

- Provide 18-inches between the landscaped mulch beds and combustible building material.
- Regularly water mulch when the weather is hot and dry.
- Do not discard cigarettes along roadways or in parking lots, mulch, or potted plants.
- Provide proper clearance for electric devices, such as lights, by following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use only electrical devices and cords listed for outdoor use.
- Replace wood mulch with less combustible materials such as rock or pea gravel.
- If you see anything smoldering in a landscaped area, please dial 911 immediately.

CONTACT US | Fire Prevention Bureau | 847.818.5253

Preparedness Workshop

Emergencies can happen at any time, and being prepared is your best defense. To assist, Mount Prospect Emergency Management is hosting a Preparedness Workshop on Thursday, May 15, from 6 to 8 pm. This free event will take place at Station 13, 111 E. Rand Rd., and will provide crucial information on how to protect yourself and your family during unexpected situations.



Topics covered will include how to create an emergency kit tailored to various scenarios, information on how the Village responds to crises, and how you can get involved with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), which plays a critical role in keeping our community safe. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, get expert advice, and gain valuable insights on staying safe in an emergency. There will also be giveaways to help you jump-start your own preparedness kit.

Planning ahead is essential for ensuring the safety of your loved ones when disaster strikes. Remember, while disasters don't plan ahead, you can. To register, visit mountprospect.org/ema or call Mount Prospect Emergency Management at 847.818.5253.



Meet K9 Nova!

The police department would like to introduce you to its newest member, K9 Nova, a purebred bloodhound who came to the Mount Prospect Police Department in 2024.

K9 Nova was officially adopted by the department in October and has been assigned to partner with Officer Alex Roe. Officer Roe chose the name as it means new bright star, and she is the first bloodhound in our department's history. K9 Nova will be trained and certified through the National Police Bloodhound Association and utilized to search for missing people and to track fleeing suspects. These new partners live, train, and work together, currently on the afternoon patrol shift. Once certified, K9 Nova and Officer Roe will be on-call to assist when our community needs them.

We plan to share the team's progress on the police department's social media channels as they work towards their national certification.



2024 Department Awards

The police department recently announced our 2024 department award winners. Congratulations to our Officer of the Year recipient, Officer Bartek Giera, as well as runners-up Investigators Miguel Trejo and John Napoleon and Officer Kyle Rice. Community Housing Coordinator Mark McGuffin was selected as the George E. Whittenberg Award for above and beyond service to the community.

The selection committee was comprised of fellow officers and supervisors. Join us in congratulating these deserving winners and thanking them for serving this community with excellence!



BARTEK GIERA



MIGUEL TREJO



JOHN NAPOLEON



KYLE RICE



MARK MCGUFFIN

Meet Your Neighborhood Officers

We offer meetings on a regular basis with your neighborhood patrol officers to keep you informed about crime in the area and other police activities and services. Anyone is welcome to attend any or all meetings regardless of which neighborhood, referred to as a *beat*, that you live in. All meetings are outdoors (except for Beat 3160) and have covered areas in case of rain. Being outdoors affords kids the opportunity to more freely interact with police officers and see squad cars up close. Our upcoming schedule is:

Beat 3164 | May 15, 6 pm | Mt. Prospect Golf Club, 600 See-Gwun Ave.

Beat 3168 | May 22, 6 pm | Hill Street Nature Center, 525 E. Hill St.

Beat 3170 | June 11, 6 pm | Woodland Trails Park, 1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Beat 3160 | June 12, 6 pm | Avanti Caffé, 1900 S. Elmhurst Rd.

Beat 3166 | June 14, 11 am | Edwin & Elsie Meyn Busse Park, 21 S. Emerson St.

Beat 3162 | June 16, 6 pm | John Jay School, 1835 W. Pheasant Tr.

To learn the patrol beat boundaries, go to mountprospect.org/policebeats or scan the QR code.



Public Works

It's Construction Season

Spring and summer are busy seasons for Public Works. Residents will see our crews and contractors resurfacing streets, cleaning and repairing inlets, crack sealing streets, and starting capital projects. Please visit mountprospect.org/construction for information on upcoming construction projects.



Sidewalk Cost Share Program

The Village's Shared Cost Sidewalk Program provides a partnership between the Village and property owners to maintain this critical component of our infrastructure. The Village is currently accepting applications from property owners, including businesses, interested in replacing sections of the public sidewalk adjacent to their property. Applications are available online at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/engineering/sidewalk-replacement or at the Public Works Department located at 1700 W. Central Rd.

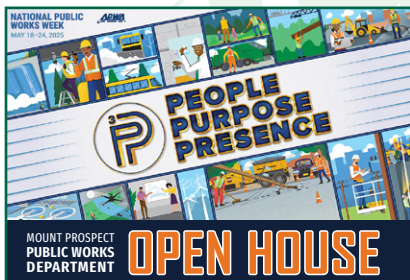
The resident's share for 2025 is \$125.50 per sidewalk square. The Village will pay the remaining amount established by the contractor's bid. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is exhausted.

If you have any questions concerning the sidewalk program, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Pet Owners – Please Help Out

Cleaning up after your pet is a helpful way to help protect the waterways that run through the Village. Pet waste that enters a creek in Mount Prospect can have a long journey and can impact a variety of plants, animals, ecosystems, and even people.

Pet waste left on sidewalks, streets, or yards contains numerous pollutants that can easily be washed into nearby storm sewers. Leaving your pet's waste is also inconsiderate to neighbors and those trying to enjoy our shared public spaces. Please discard your pet's waste by wrapping it in a plastic bag and throwing it in the garbage.



SATURDAY | MAY 17
9 am – 1 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC WORKS
FACILITY**
1700 W. Central Rd.

Lawn Sprinkler Requirements

To protect the public drinking water supply from back-siphon and cross-connections, the State of Illinois requires that all lawn irrigation sprinklers have cross-connection and backflow protection. All backflow devices are to be certified by a State Licensed Cross Connection Control Device Inspector (CCCDI). If the system has been removed, please have your plumber/inspector notify Public Works.

A copy of the annual certification is to be sent to the Public Works Department as part of the state monitoring requirements. For more information, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or visit mountprospect.org/crossconnection.



Spring Planting

Trees and flowers are being planted all around the Village as spring arrives. Tree planting will continue through May. The Village designs, plants, and maintains annual flower plantings at fifteen different locations throughout the Village. Some of the larger plantings can be seen at these locations:

- The monument sign at the intersection of Central and Rand Rds.
- The entrance to the Public Works facility at 1700 W. Central Rd.
- The intersection of Route 83 and Lincoln St.
- The intersection of Wolf Rd. and Feehanville Dr.
- Beneath the water tower at Maple St. and Northwest Hwy.
- Downtown at the Metra station and the West Commuter Lot.

You will also see beautiful hanging baskets throughout downtown and along Prospect Ave.

The Village's monarch and pollinator gardens are being prepped for additional plants. The Village has several butterfly gardens, with the largest ones located at Mount Prospect and Central Roads. The Garden Club of Mount Prospect maintains a butterfly garden at Moehling Park, which serves as a focal feature of the park. The Village also maintains five gardens as part of the Monarch Waystation program. By creating and maintaining these gardens, Mount Prospect helps to contribute to usable habitat for the purpose of increasing monarch butterfly populations.

If you have any tree care questions or want to request a fall tree planting, contact the Public Works Forestry/Grounds Division at 847.870.5640.

Flood Preparedness and Protection

As the summer months approach, we'll share some thoughts on protecting your home and business from flooding. In this edition of the newsletter, we'll look at sources of flooding.

Let's start with local drainage systems. Heavy rains can cause flooding conditions, with each instance likely caused by one or more of the components of the drainage system failing or being overwhelmed. The various components of the drainage system include:

- The Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek, and Higgins Creek. The stormwater enters these five waterways directly through the storm sewers from each neighborhood. When the amount of water attempting to flow through these waterways exceeds the capacity of the waterway, the water backs up and can flood nearby areas.
- Networks of storm sewers, combined sewers, drainage swales (shallow ditches), and detention ponds exist throughout the Village. All were installed to safely drain stormwater runoff and convey it to one of the waterways listed above. As with those waterways, if the amount of water entering any portion of the system exceeds the capacity, the water backs up and can flood nearby areas.
- Individual homes may have downspouts (to control the way stormwater runoff is shed from a roof) and footing drains (to drain groundwater from around the foundation). Footing drains in newer construction discharge to the ground by way of a sump pump. Older construction may have the footing drains and floor drains connected directly to the sewer system. Excessive groundwater and/or surcharging in the receiving sewer system can cause flooding within the basement.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a map that illustrates the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs) associated with each waterway. SFHAs are 100-year flood event boundaries, areas that have an annual 1% chance of reaching flood levels during an event. Village Engineering staff can assist with locating your property on the map and provide other basic Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) information. This information is especially useful for lenders, insurance agents, house hunters, and real estate agents.

It is important to note that the SFHAs identified on the FIRMs only reflect areas of potential flooding related to overflowing of the main waterways noted above. Localized flooding may occur unrelated to these waterways and, therefore, would not be reflected on the FIRMs. Thus, an area may still be subject to flooding even if FEMA has not identified it on the FIRM.

Flooding can occur without any warning. There are steps you can take to better prepare for a flood:

- Prepare a list of emergency numbers. Keep one copy in a place that can be easily accessed in a flood and another at a separate location such as with a friend or family member.
- Keep an inventory of your personal property that can be used to identify what has been damaged and lost during a flood. Photographs or a video record of each room can be helpful.
- Keep photographs of valuable documents such as insurance policies, vehicle titles, deeds, bank and credit card account information, wills, and important telephone numbers in a location away from your home, such as a safe deposit box.



- Keep cleaning supplies on hand to allow you to quickly begin cleaning up if you experience a flood.

If your home floods, taking safety precautions such as these are critical before you enter the flooded area:

- Turn off all utilities at the main power switch and close the main gas valve if evacuation appears necessary.
- Gas leaks are a real possibility. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage rather than candles or lanterns.
- Do not touch any electrical equipment unless it is in a dry area. Be sure you are standing on a piece of dry wood while wearing rubber gloves and rubber-sole boots or shoes.
- After a flood, floors are often covered with debris and mud, so be careful of slipping or stepping on uneven or sharp objects.
- Flood water is often contaminated and can cause severe health threats, so clean everything that was wet.

What steps can you take to flood-proof your home or business? These retrofitting steps can reduce or eliminate the potential for flood damage:

- Elevation involves raising the house so that the lowest floor is above the flood protection level.
- Relocation means actually moving the building out of the flood area.
- Floodwalls can be built to keep water from reaching your home. This involves constructing barriers out of fill or concrete between the building and the flood water.
- Dry flood-proofing makes the building walls and floor watertight, so water does not enter.
- Conversely, wet flood-proofing modifies the structure and relocates the contents so that when flood water enters the building there is little or no damage.

A construction permit from the Community Development Department is required before proceeding with any alteration to your building or land. Even re-grading or filling in the floodplain requires a permit.

You should have a conversation with your insurance agent about protection for floods and sewer backups. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover losses due to flooding. However, since the Village of Mount Prospect is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), flood insurance is available to all property owners or renters in the Village, regardless of whether the property is located in a SFHA. Coverage can be obtained on the building as well as on the contents. Because of the Village's participation in the CRS Program, property owners are eligible for up to a 20% discount on the flood insurance premiums. There is a 30-day waiting period after the purchase of flood insurance before it goes into effect.

Some insurance companies offer sewer backup and sump pump failure insurance that can be added to your homeowner's insurance policy. Contact your agent for more information.



Police Social Work Program

In response to a growing number of mental health-related calls to police departments around the state, mental health workers are increasingly working with law enforcement to respond to these types of crises. The Village of Mount Prospect was among the first to hire a Police Social Worker more than 20 years ago and added a second in the last few years.

Our first responders have access to an on-call social worker who will respond to after-hours crisis situations. In addition to crisis response, they follow up on social service-related calls and help those who have had contact with the police. The social workers are there after the initial crisis to help residents navigate mental health and substance abuse issues and treatment options. They also assist in connecting vulnerable adults to support services when living alone becomes challenging, assist youth who may be struggling with behavioral issues, and support victims of violence in obtaining orders of protection and navigating court cases. Support and advocacy are important factors in the recovery process.

You can learn more at mountprospect.org/humanservices. If you, or someone you know, needs social service assistance, please contact the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to speak with a social worker.



Mount Prospect Police Social Workers Karyn Nelson (left) and Sandy Ziesak (right) engaging with the community at National Night Out

Aging in Mount Prospect

The Village's Aging in Community Initiative invites you to a free and educational event, Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know. Join the Village and other community partners to learn about local resources for older adults and their loved ones as they navigate the aging journey.

To accommodate different schedules, Aging in Mount Prospect will be hosted on two dates: Wednesday, June 11, from 1 to 3 pm and Thursday, July 17, from 6 to 8 pm. Both sessions will be held in the Village Board Room on the 3rd floor of Village Hall.

The event starts with an informative presentation and is followed by a resource fair. Registration is required. Please call the Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to register.



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 avenue 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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May is Mental Health Awareness Month. To learn about the annual Mental Health Matters event and get resources on this topic, follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT  www.experiencemountprospect.org			1 Conversations in English, 1-2pm, Community Connections Center Blood Drive, 2-7pm Fire Station 13	2	3 Frank Lloyd Wright's Muirhead Farmhouse and I.L. Railway Museum Bus Trip, 9am-5pm Dietrich Friedrichs House Derby de Mayo Pub Crawl 3-7pm, Downtown Mount Prospect Circo De Derby Street Festival 3-10pm, Whiskey Hill Brewery
4 Mother/Son Muffins with Mom, 10am-Noon Friendship Park Conservatory	5 Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning Basics, 7pm MPPL	6 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Lucille Ball: A Living History 7pm, MPPL	7 Keeping Your Garden Beautiful and Productive 7pm, MPPL Evening Creations: Flower Arrangement Frog, 7pm MPHIST	8 Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, Community Connections Center Exclusive Early Plant Sale Fundraiser, 6-8pm Friendship Park Conserv. Book Club: Mike Royko – Choose Your Own Adventure, 7pm, MPHIST	9 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Plant Sale, 10am-6pm Friendship Park Conservatory	10 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, VH Plant Sale, 10am-1pm Friendship Park Conservatory Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
11	12	13 What's New for This Year's Planting Season, 9:30am The Chalet Nursery Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Starting a Business in Mount Prospect, 6pm, MPPL	14 Bessie's Workbasket: DIY Planters, 7pm, MPHIST	15 Conversations in English, 1-2pm, Community Connections Center Police Beat 3164 Maelling, 6pm, Mt. Prospect Golf Club Making the Most of Social Security, 7pm, MPPL	16 Garage Sale Weekend Across Mount Prospect	17 Garage Sale Weekend Across Mount Prospect Public Works Open House, 9am-1pm, Public Works Facility Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
18 Garage Sale Weekend Across Mount Prospect	19	20 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	21 Cutting Edge Tech Series: The Future of Immunotherapy, 6:30pm MPPL	22 Small Business Morning Meetup, 9am, MPPL Conversations in English, 5:30-6:30pm, Community Connections Center Life in a Japanese American Internment Camp, 6 pm MPPL Police Beat 3168 Meeting 6pm Hill St Nature Center	23 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Mindful Chair Yoga, 11am MPPL	24 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
25	26 Memorial Day Parade, 9-40am, Downtown Mount Prospect	27 Play and Learn, 11:30am 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Bunco Night, 6:30pm, MPPL	28	29	30 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Mental Health Matters, 5-6:30pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall Fridays on the Green, 6:30pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall	31 Afternoon Tea, Zelda Fitzgerald, 1pm, MPHIST Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot

MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
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

A Century of Service to Our Nation and Our Village

VFW Centennial 1925 to 2025 | April 5, 2025

On April 5, 2025, our Mount Prospect Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1337 celebrated their Centennial Anniversary. At that event, numerous community members, local officials, dignitaries, and supporters of our Veterans spoke about the VFW and the outstanding work they have done over the past 100 years. The following are *excerpts* from comments made at this milestone Anniversary Celebration.

Opening Ceremony by Bill Starr, Commander of American Legion Post 525

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the Centennial Celebration of the Mount Prospect Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1337. We will begin the program with the presentation of the Colors by the distinguished Color Guard of the VFW 4th District. Please rise. Color Guard Captain, On Your Orders, Advance and Prepare to Post the Colors!

Introductions by Dutch DeGroot, VFW Post 1337 Service Officer

Elk Grove Township Supervisor and US Navy Captain Retired, George Busse
Incoming Elk Grove Township Supervisor, John Scaletta
Cook County Commissioner, Maggie Trevor
Mount Prospect Historical Society Director, Emily Dattillo
Mount Prospect Mayor, Paul Hoefert
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Past VFW State Commander, Bobby Welch
Past VFW State Commander, Brett Nila
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VFW State Commander, Maurice Bridges Sr
Major General and Silver Star Recipient, James Mukoyama
Illinois Senate Veterans Committee Chairman, Mike Porfirio
Illinois House Veterans Committee Chairman, Dan Swanson
Senator/Past Illinois House Veterans Committee Vice Chairman, Mark Walker
Veterans of Foreign Wars National Commander-In-Chief, Al Lipphardt

Remarks by Les Durov, Commander of Mount Prospect VFW Post 1337

I would like to welcome everyone that came tonight to celebrate with us. Our VFW Charter turns 100 years old on April 7, 2025. In 1925, fifteen Veterans started Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1337. Today we are 137 members strong. We serve not only the Veterans of Mount Prospect, but we also work with the Village, Police, Fire, Schools, Scouts, and Churches as well as community services groups like the Lions Club and Moose Lodge. The Post has been awarded the high honor of the National Service Award for Community Service many times in recent years. I think Community Service is a best example of what we have done together. The Post also made *All State* and *All American* six years in a row. Again, thank you all for celebrating this momentous occasion with us tonight.

Remarks by Paul Hoefert, Mayor of the Village of Mount Prospect

For the past 100 years, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1337 has been a beacon of support and hope for our local Veterans and their families, providing vital services, advocating for Veterans rights, providing connections and fellowship, and ensuring that the sacrifices made by the men and women who served our country will never be forgotten. We have an incredibly strong *Community of Veterans* in our Village. They are active and they are giving. Over my many years, I have witnessed the incredible contributions of our local VFW Post to our local Veterans and to the Village of Mount Prospect. From organizing Village events to supporting those who cannot do for themselves, the Vets efforts have not gone unnoticed and have been impactful to so many.

Keynote by George Busse, EG Township Supervisor, US Navy Captain Retired

VFW Post 1337 is a true reflection of the National VFW mission of camaraderie, veteran advocacy, and community service. Founded in 1925 by local WWI veterans, the Post has, from its beginning, been a second home for Veterans and their families, a tireless fighter for Veteran rights, and a Community Partner dedicated to improving the quality of life for all residents. From the first VFW meeting in a farmhouse at 51 N. Wille Street, the VFW has been a focal point for Veteran and community activities. When I was a kid, I remember going to Post picnics with my Uncle who was a WWII Vet. I remember weddings, community dinners, dances, shows, and holiday parties at the VFW Hall. Please understand that tonight's 100-year Anniversary Celebration is not only a tribute to Post 1337 and its members but a reminder of carrying forward the torch of freedom here at home as bravely as they did on foreign shores. The blessing of freedom is not guaranteed. It must be earned and protected every day not just at war but also at peace. I congratulate Mount Prospect Post 1337 on 100 years of outstanding service to Veterans and our community, and I wish them the same success in the coming 100 years.

Congratulations to our Mount Prospect VFW Post 1337. As a representative of a grateful community, I would simply like to say *Thank You* for a Century of Service, . . . Service to our Nation and Service to our Community. God Bless Our Vets and God Bless America!

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT