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MOUNT PROSPECT
VILLAGE NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2025



TWICE THE FUN!

OKTOBERFEST + FALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 19 + 20 | DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Mount Prospect will show off its heritage September 19 + 20 as the Downtown Merchants Association presents Oktoberfest and Fall Festival. It will be a weekend full of fun, music, and food as visitors near and far come together downtown.

Oktoberfest transforms the intersection of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue Friday and Saturday nights from 4 to 11 pm. Enjoy live music by Paloma both nights as they perform a variety of classic German songs, new German hits, oldies, country, and classic standards. Traditional German food and beverages will be available for all to enjoy.

The family friendly Fall Festival takes place from 1 to 4 pm on the 20th and will feature plenty of free fun including pony rides, face painting, balloons, and other entertainment. In addition, a special one-hour period beginning at noon will be set aside for families with special needs members of all ages. Special needs registration will open several days prior to the event. Go to mpdma.com to register.

Parking will be available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Maple Street Parking Deck, and the East and West Metra Commuter Lots. Ample bike parking can be found throughout

the area. If you have friends coming from other towns the party will take place just one block from the Metra station.

Oktoberfest and Fall Festival are put on by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA), a non-profit organization run by an all-volunteer board that strives to spread awareness of all that downtown Mount Prospect has to offer.

All proceeds from this event go to running the following community events throughout the year: three Progressive Dinners, Derby De Mayo Pub Crawl, five Movies on the Green, 56 Music Fix, Downtown Trick or Treat, Santa Photo Shoot, and the New Years Eve Celebration.

For more details about Fall Festival and Oktoberfest, visit mpdowntown.com or follow the event Facebook page at facebook.com/oktoberfestmp.



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Community Events

SEPTEMBER
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One Book, One Village Book Giveaway Kickoff

Tuesday | September 2
5 – 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Drop in and pick up your free copy of the One Book, One Village featured title. Both regular and large print copies are available to Mount Prospect residents. After the event, books can be picked up at the library while supplies last. Multiple formats are also available for checkout from the library catalog. No registration required.



SEPTEMBER
2

Play and Learn

Tuesdays | September 2, 9,
16, 23 & 30

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.



SEPTEMBER
5

Fit 4 Life

Fridays | September 5, 12
& 19 | 10 – 10:45 am

(no session September 26)
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Fit 4 Life is a free seated

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



SEPTEMBER
6

Fall Arts & Eats Craft and Vendor Fair

Saturday | September 6
10 am – 4 pm

PROSPECT MOOSE
CHAPTER #1481
601 North Main Street
Explore an array of crafters

and vendors at this free event that is open to all.



SEPTEMBER
6

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.



SEPTEMBER
7

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.



SEPTEMBER
8

Senior Game Day

Monday | September 8
9:30 – 11:00 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Gather with friends and neighbors to enjoy classic games and good company. No registration is required.



SEPTEMBER
8

How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College

Monday | September 8
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Thomas J. Jaworski of Quest College Consulting will break down the cost of college and explain changes to the financial aid process. This program will explain how to find scholarships and is formatted for both parents and students. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



SEPTEMBER
8/9

AARP Driver Safety Course

September 8 & 9 | 1 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

This eight-hour program is spread

across two sessions and provides a refresher course for motorists age 55 and up. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
9

Plant Propagation

Tuesday | September 9
9:30 am – noon

FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Join the Mount Prospect Garden Club and presenter Ken Benson to learn new methods to propagate plants, when to propagate, the use of rooting hormones, and soil composition. Social time begins at 9:30 am, Club's business meeting at 10 am, and the program at 11 am. All are welcome.



SEPTEMBER
10

Bessie's Workbasket: Creative Lettering, Calligraphy, and Tangles

Wednesday
September 10 | 7 – 9 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Explore the art of beautiful writing and relaxing doodles in this hands-on workshop. Whether you're a beginner or just looking to unwind creatively, this session offers a fun introduction to calligraphy, decorative lettering, and tangle-inspired designs. The \$10 class fee covers all materials - just bring your imagination!



SEPTEMBER
11

Learning With Web Resources

Thursday | September 11
2 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Learn about the free online resources available to cardholders that put valuable learning and practical tools at your fingertips. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



SEPTEMBER
11

Transportation Resource Fair

Thursday | September 11
2 – 3:30 pm

FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL

Representatives from Connections to Care, PACE, RTA, Wheeling Township, and Elk Grove



Township will be on hand to share information on transit options for seniors and people with disabilities. Afterwards, attendees can have discussions with various service providers. There is no charge to attend the event.

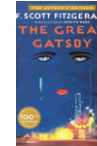
SEPTEMBER
11

Book Club Discussion – *The Great Gatsby*

Thursday | September 11
7 – 8 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Celebrate the centennial of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald as we revisit one of America's most enduring novels. Whether you first encountered Gatsby in high school – or it's been on your to-read list for years – this is the perfect opportunity to (re)discover why the novel continues to captivate readers a century after its publication. Free admission.



SEPTEMBER
13

Coffee with Council

Saturday | September 13
9 – 11 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Join the Village Board for coffee and conversation. Community members are invited to speak with Mount Prospect officials about topics and concerns and ask questions in an informal setting.



SEPTEMBER
13

Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House

Saturday | September 13
10 am – 2 pm

RANDHURST VILLAGE
This annual Open House will feature special activities including a kid's fire pole, a kid's



combat challenge, an emergency management display, fire safety and preparedness programs, and special team demonstrations. All residents are welcome to enjoy a fun afternoon full of giveaways, games, treats, and lots of emergency vehicles to explore. Admission is free.

SEPTEMBER
14

Second Sundays at the Society:
Apple-Themed Crafts
Sunday | September 14
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple St.

Visit Central School to try some apple-themed crafts and activities. Afterwards, head next door to the Dietrich Friedrichs House for a guided tour of this historic home. This all-ages event is free. Registration on the Historical Society's Eventbrite page is appreciated but not required.

SEPTEMBER
15

MPPL Writers Group
Monday | September 15
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Bring your current writing projects for thoughtful support and constructive critique from a group of fellow writers. For ages 18+. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
16

Coffee Talk & Construction
Tuesday | September 16
7:30 – 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

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

SEPTEMBER
16

True Crime: Financial Fraud
Tuesday | September 16
2 pm
Virtual
Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect

Police Department will review actual examples of cases featuring common financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a financial crime. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
18

Resume Refresh
Thursday | September 18
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
This program walks

attendees through the primary sections of a resume and provides guidelines for creating an effective resume. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
19

Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run
Friday | September 19
4:30 – 6 pm
MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Rd.
Kids ages 5 through

12 are invited to test their limits and conquer obstacles in this challenging but fun 1.5 mile run. Run, climb, jump, crawl, pull, and push your way to the finish line. Medals will be awarded to all finishers. Obstacles are not mandatory. Early Bird Registration (\$20) prior to September 7. Standard registration \$25. Day-of \$30. Register at mopd.org.

SEPTEMBER
19/20

Oktoberfest
Friday & Saturday
September 19 & 20
4 – 11 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT
PROSPECT
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.

Check out all the details on page 1!

SEPTEMBER
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Fall Festival
Saturday | September 20
1 – 4 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT
PROSPECT
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.

Check out all the details on page 1!

SEPTEMBER
20

Fishing Derby
Saturday | September 20
8 – 11 am
CLEARWATER PARK
1717 W. Lonquist Blvd.
Kids ages 3 through 16

can grab their gear and find a spot at the fully stocked pond at Clearwater Park. This event is in partnership with the Mount Prospect Police Department. Register at mopd.org. \$11 for residents and \$13 for non-residents. Walk up registration available while spots last.

SEPTEMBER
20

Family Concert: LITTLE LUNAS
Saturday | September 20
10 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and have fun with music and movement in this interactive performance presented in Spanish and English by members of the Luna Blues Machine. The event is best for ages 7 and younger with their families. No registration required. For more programming celebrating Hispanic Heritage month, visit mopl.org/events.

SEPTEMBER
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Blacksmith Demonstration
Sunday | September 21
11 am – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.

Step back in time and experience the art of blacksmithing in action. Modern-day blacksmiths will be showcasing the skill and strength behind this historic trade. Don't miss the chance to explore the John Meyn Blacksmith Shop exhibit. This free event is a unique opportunity to witness history at work.

SEPTEMBER
23

Mount Prospect Stories: Bandaging Up the Town
Tuesday | September 23
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Mount Prospect Historical Society Director Emily Dattilo will discuss some of the physicians and specialists who practiced medicine in Mount Prospect. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
24

Fire in the Sky: Secrets of the Earth's Auroras
Wednesday
September 24 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Astronomer and professor Shane L. Larson will delve into the aurora borealis, one of nature's most widely

recognized and admired phenomena. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
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Five-O Family Fest
Saturday | September 27
1 – 3:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE
HEADQUARTERS
911 E. Kensington Rd.
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SEPTEMBER
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Starting a Business in Mount Prospect
Monday | September 29 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Presented by the Mount

Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI), this meeting will allow you to connect with local business advisors and learn about some of the essential steps for launching and growing a successful business in our community. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
30

Light Pollution: What Can Be Done?
Tuesday | September 30
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC
LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Michelle Nichols, Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium, as she discusses the problems of light pollution. Discover practical solutions you can implement at home. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Coming in October!

Senior Connections
Thursday | October 2 | 9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL | 50 S. Emerson St.

Fall Fest
Saturday | October 4 | 11 am – 2 pm
RANDHURST VILLAGE

Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K Run/Walk
Sunday | October 5 | 9 am
LIONS PARK | 411 S. Maple St.

Movies on the Green
Wednesday | October 15 | No later than 8 pm
Hocus Pocus
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2025

Sponsors!

Another successful season of the Fridays on the Green (FOTG) concert series has come to a close. The Village strives to make each year of FOTG better than the last, and that would not be possible without our community-minded sponsors:



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Mayor Paul Hoefert

You can relive the wonderful memories you made at Fridays on the Green this year with our online photo archive, courtesy of local photographer Mike Zarnek. Scan the QR code or visit mountprospect.org/photos to access a complete collection of photos from this year's concerts.



News Around Town

How To Avoid a Scam

Scammers are always coming up with new tricks, but there are simple steps you can take to protect yourself.

- Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Honest organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, like your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers.
- If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with that you think is real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy, or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- Resist the pressure to act immediately. Honest businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- Know how scammers tell you to pay. Never pay someone who insists that you can only pay with cryptocurrency, a wire transfer service like Western Union or MoneyGram, a payment app, or a gift card. Never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- Stop and talk to someone you trust. Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

By staying alert, asking questions, and trusting your instincts, you can protect yourself and help stop scammers in their tracks.

News from the Building Department

Coffee Talk and Construction

Plan your next home project with the experts. Join the Village's Building and Inspection Services team for coffee and a donut on Tuesday, September 16, from 7:30 to 9 am in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. Get answers to all your questions on building, code, and inspections in Mount Prospect. No appointment is needed.



Community/Economic Development

Pace Revision

Regional transportation provider Pace has been analyzing existing services, demographic and travel trends, and gathering public input for its strategic planning initiative to redesign the bus and On Demand service network in response to changing travel needs. The goal is to build a transit system that aligns with current travel patterns, supports regional growth, and delivers better service to riders.

A draft plan outlining proposed service changes is expected to be released soon. A final plan is expected by the end of the year, with major service changes launching in 2026, pending funding.

You are invited to provide vital feedback on topics such as increasing bus frequency, adjusting routes, adding new stops, or introducing mobility options in underserved areas.

Visit PaceBus.com/ReVision to view network concepts and draft plans and to sign up for email and text alerts. Your feedback is welcome at revision@pacebus.com.



Have Your Say

Take the MP2040 Community Survey

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

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

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

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

Thank you for helping us plan a stronger Mount Prospect!



Scan to take
the survey!

Ribbon Cutting!



August 4, 2025

**BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY STARCK REAL ESTATE
MOUNT PROSPECT OFFICE**

1 W. Prospect Ave.

847.750.4519

starckre.com



Learn More About CERT

The Mount Prospect Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a great way to get involved in the community, help those in need, and support our first responders. CERT members step in to assist before, during, and after disruptive events like storms, power outages, and flooding. The CERT program also contributes to community safety by helping with emergency events, safety initiatives, and disaster preparedness efforts.

We invite you to consider becoming a part of this important group. Mount Prospect's Emergency Management team is hosting a Meet and Greet on September 25 at 6:30 pm. This is a perfect opportunity to talk with CERT members and ask questions.

CERT has monthly training and typically assists with one community event a month. Our monthly training is held on the 4th Wednesday of each month for 2 to 3 hours in the evening at Fire Station 13, 111 East Rand Road. As a CERT member, you will be taught proper fire extinguisher techniques, basic first aid, and many other skills to help you with your own disaster preparedness.

For more information or to RSVP to the Meet and Greet, contact Jim Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator at 847.818.5253.



Prevent Falls at Home

Every 11 seconds an older adult is seen in an emergency room for a fall-related injury. Falls threaten older adults' safety and independence and come with significant personal costs. September 22 through 26 is Fall Prevention Awareness Week, and it serves as a great time to consider some important steps to keep you or loved ones safe. Preventive measures include practical lifestyle adjustments, educational programs, and clinical community partnerships. Family and friends can assist by proactively learning the risk factors and implementing steps to minimize the risk of a fall occurring.



- **Develop a good balance and exercise regimen to build balance, strength, and flexibility.** There are a variety of programs available for all levels of mobility,

and you can even bring a friend with you to support one another's effort! The Village's Human Services Department hosts numerous free classes for residents. Call 847.870.5680 for details.

- **Discuss any history of recent falls with your physician.** Ask if they offer fall assessments.
- **Review medications you are taking with your doctor or pharmacist.** Some medications have a known side effect of disturbing balance and could potentially increase the risk of falling.
- **Don't forget about vision and hearing checks.** Both are essential to keeping you on your feet, so schedule annual appointments.
- **Keep your home safe.** Efficient lighting, clutter-free stairs, and removing all tripping hazards caused by furniture or rugs are good ideas to maintain a safe home environment. If necessary, install grab bars in key areas.
- **Talk to your family members.** Keep family members and neighbors informed of any issues and enlist their support in taking simple steps to stay safe at home.

Police Department



Five-O Family Fest

Our inaugural Five-O Family Fest takes place from 1 – 3:30 pm on Saturday, September 27. This free event will be held at the Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd. The theme is *Be the Hero Your Community Needs*, and we encourage everyone, young or old, to dress as your favorite hero. There will be games and activities for kids, giveaways, a photo booth, a balloon artist, emergency vehicles to check out, and the chance to meet our officers and working police dogs. **Admission is free, but we invite everyone to please bring non-perishable food items to stock the Mount Prospect Food Pantry.**



Thank You Cindy Rumore

Congratulations to Administrative Assistant Cindy Rumore on retiring after 40 years of service to the Mount Prospect Police Department! Over her time here, Cindy has worked in 3 different buildings and worked for 9 Chiefs and 15 Deputy Chiefs. Some of the community engagement events and programs Cindy assisted with include Shop with the Cops, Kickin' it with the Cops, Cop on a Rooftop, District 26's Holiday Giveaway Program, the Mount Prospect Youth Commission, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Association. Chief Eterno paid tribute to Cindy by saying **"Cindy's commitment, dedication, selflessness, and hard work over the years has been instrumental to our success, and she has been a tremendous ambassador for the Department."**

Cindy, the entire community thanks you and wishes you well in retirement.



Neighborhood Meetings This Fall

Our officers are getting ready for fall meetings in the areas they serve. These informal sessions are a terrific way to meet your neighborhood officers, learn about crime trends in the area, and hear brief presentations about a variety of police-related topics. Some of the gatherings take place outdoors to allow kids to interact with the officers and see police vehicles up close. Feel free to attend the meeting in your area or visit any of the others. The schedule for upcoming meetings is as follows:

Beat 3164 | October 2 | 5:30 pm

Mrs. P & Me, 100 E. Prospect Ave. (outdoors)

Beat 3166 | October 15 | 6 pm | Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.

Beat 3168 | October 17 | 7 pm

Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.

Beat 3170 | October 23 | 9 am

Sycamore Trails Park, 1500 E. Kensington Rd. (outdoors)

Beat 3160 | November 12 | 6 pm | Moretti's, 1799 S. Busse Rd.

Beat 3162 | December 1 | 6 pm

Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

If you are not sure which police beat you are in, you can confirm boundaries at mountprospect.org/policebeats.



Public Works

Fall Leaf Collection

The Village's fall loose-leaf collection program provides a convenient, no-cost means of disposing of leaves without having to bag them. Through the program, residents can place loose leaves at the curb once each week on scheduled dates between October 20 and December 5 for collection by Public Works crews.



Leaves should be raked onto the pavement one foot from the curb line no sooner than the day before your collection day. If you miss the collection, do not rake leaves to the curb because trucks will pass each street only once on the collection day.

The program is for loose leaves only; materials such as branches, bushes, and grass clippings must still be placed in collection bags and taken to the curb as usually done with waste collection.

Please remember that burning leaves is not allowed in Mount Prospect.

To identify your scheduled leaf pickup day, call Public Works at 847.870.5640.

Water Quality and Your Home

Did you know that there are simple steps you can take at home to protect our water quality? The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has the following tips to share about water quality hot spots in your home and yard:

- Compost grass clippings and leaves into nutrient-rich mulch for your planting beds and gardens.
- Add natural areas and planting beds to create variety in your lawn, attract wildlife, and reduce the amount of lawn to mow and fertilize.
- Direct downspouts to unpaved areas to let rainwater soak into the ground and reduce runoff into local waterways.



- Store lawn chemicals, car care products, and household cleaners in sealed containers, safely away from people, pets, and runoff water.
- Limit the use of fertilizers and pesticides; sweep any excess from paved areas to prevent runoff into storm sewers.
- Maintain your car to prevent oil drips or gas leaks, which can wash into waterways during rain.
- Plant bare spots with grass or other vegetation, and cover with mulch or hay until the vegetation takes root to prevent soil erosion and runoff.

By implementing these tips, you can help protect local waterways, safeguard wildlife, and ensure cleaner, healthier water for your home and community.

Fall Tree Care

If you enjoy beautiful fall colors on your trees, be sure to take good care of them after the leaves have fallen for the season. As trees enter dormancy, it is the right time to provide some care and nurturing for the year ahead.

- Begin by keeping trees watered in the fall season. Generally, an inch of rain per week will be sufficient, but if we run into a dry period, you will want to do some watering yourself. Simply run a sprinkler under the tree canopy. Roots can extend out as far as a tree is tall, so keep that entire area watered.
- A layer of mulch beneath the canopy of the tree will help retain soil moisture and prevent the ground from freezing, both of which will help promote root growth. Wood chips are a great, natural means of covering. A 2 – 3" layer will also help reduce weed growth, allowing you to keep harmful power lawn trimmers away from the base of the tree. Be careful, though, not to pile the mulch up against the trunk of the tree. Keep it at ground level right next to the trunk instead.
- While fall fertilizing is great, timing is critical. If not completed by early September, it is better to wait until a tree has gone dormant in late November. This prevents a flush of new growth that will not be hardened off prior to the arrival of freezing temperatures.



- Invest some time to inspect trees, looking for insect damage or pruning needs. While most insect damage occurs early in the season, some control measures may be needed in the fall for best results. If significant damage is noted, it is best to consult a tree-care professional as insect life cycles vary and can impact your trees at different times.

- Finally, some light pruning in fall is a great idea. Removing dead and broken limbs can improve the health of a tree and reduce insect damage and fungi. Removing fallen leaves, fruit, and other tree debris from the landscape can help reduce foliar diseases the following season. If you can't safely take on the pruning, call a professional to get the work done for you.



Styrofoam Recycling Program

Current estimates indicate that expanded polystyrene (EPS) comprises as much as 30% of landfill volume worldwide. EPS is 98% air and 2% polystyrene plastic, and due to its lightweight and bulky form, it is very expensive to transport. Most curbside recycling programs do not have the capability to accept this material.

To reduce our EPS contributions to landfills, the Village has a Styrofoam recycling program for residents. With funds from two grants, Public Works purchased a foam densifier that will allow our staff to process both packaging and food service foam into reusable and resalable EPS foam ingots.

We invite you to be a part of this important initiative by dropping Styrofoam materials off at Public Works, 1700 West Central Road on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, except for holidays. Coolers, cups, foam packing blocks, egg cartons, plates, and to-go containers that are clean of food residue, dry, and free of tape and labels are welcome; packing peanuts are not eligible for this program and cannot be accepted.

Supplemental Snowplow Drivers

It's time again for us to prepare for the possibility of heavy snow in our community. We are looking for supplemental snowplow drivers to assist us with snow removal during winter storms. Applicants must have experience driving large trucks, a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement, and a schedule that allows you to be available as needed. First year drivers must attend an orientation class. Please contact the Public Works Department at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5640 for details.



Human Services



Older Adult Health and Wellness Expo

Take the first step toward a healthier you by attending our Older Adult Health and Wellness Expo on October 24. The free event is open to all residents and will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Village Hall. Discover new ways to boost your health, connect with local organizations, and visit interactive demos, health screenings, and a wide array of resource tables that will be on hand.

Substance Abuse Awareness

Join us October 8 from 6 to 8 pm at Village Hall for an important event dedicated to substance use education, prevention, and community support. There is no charge to attend the event that will feature a keynote presentation on recovery and support, Narcan training, and a resource expo with local organizations. The Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer will also be available to educate attendees on how to spot signs of teen substance use. Space is limited and registration is required, so reserve your spot today by calling 847.870.5680.

Transportation Resource Fair

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



FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Human Services Department continues to see 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. Donations can also be dropped off at the Human Services Department on the second floor of Village Hall.



Senior Buzz Newsletter

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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September is Suicide Prevention Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices for information and resources on this topic.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Senior Game Day 9:30-11:00am, VH AARP Driver Safety Course 1pm, MPPL How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College 7pm, MPPL	2 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, CCC One Book, One Village Book Giveaway Kickoff, 5-7pm MPPL	3 Bessie's Workbasket: Creative Lettering, Calligraphy, and Tangles 7-9pm, MPHIST	4 Learning With Web Resources 2pm, MPPL Transportation Resource Fair 2-3:30pm, VH Book Club Discussion - The Great Gatsby, 7-8pm MPHIST	5 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall	6 Fall Arts & Eats Craft and Vendor Fair, 10am-4pm Prospect Moose Chapter #1481 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
7 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	8 Senior Game Day 9:30-11:00am, VH AARP Driver Safety Course 1pm, MPPL How to Prepare for the Rising Cost of College 7pm, MPPL	9 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, CCC AARP Driver Safety Course 1pm, MPPL Plant Propagation 9:30am-noon, VH	10 Bessie's Workbasket: Creative Lettering, Calligraphy, and Tangles 7-9pm, MPHIST	11 Learning With Web Resources 2pm, MPPL Transportation Resource Fair 2-3:30pm, VH Book Club Discussion - The Great Gatsby, 7-8pm MPHIST	12 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall	13 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Mount Prospect Fire Department Open House 10am-2pm, Randhurst Village Bluesmobile Cruise Nights 3-8pm, East Metra Commuter Lot
14 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, Central School MPHIST	15 MPPL Writers Group, 7pm MPPL	16 Coffee Talk & Construction 7:30-9am, Village Hall Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC True Crime: Financial Fraud 2pm, Virtual, MPPL	17	18 Resume Refresh, 7pm MPPL	19 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Downtown Mount Prospect Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run, 4:30-6 pm, Melas Park	20 Fishing Derby, 8-11am Clearwater Park LITTLE LUNAS, 10am, MPPL Fall Festival, 1-4pm Downtown Mount Prospect Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot Oktoberfest, 4-11pm Downtown Mount Prospect
21 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Blacksmith Demonstration 11am-3pm, MPHIST	22	23 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, CCC Mount Prospect Stories: Bandaging Up the Town 7pm, MPPL	24 Fire in the Sky: Secrets of the Earth's Aurorae 7pm, MPPL	25	26	27 Five-O Family Fest, 1-3:30pm Mount Prospect Police Headquarters 911 E. Kensington Rd. Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
28 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	29 Starting a Business in Mount Prospect, 6pm MPPL	30 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, CCC Light Pollution: What Can Be Done?, 7pm, MPPL			LEARN MORE AT www.experiencemountprospect.org	



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Message from the Mayor

Mount Prospect is comprised of people who have come from many other places or whose ancestors came from other lands. The Celebration of Cultures honors and celebrates our people and their diverse origins. The Celebration of Cultures provides an opportunity to understand and appreciate our fellow citizens and their traditions. And finally, the Celebration of Cultures helps us to strengthen our bond of community unity.

The following are my opening comments from the 7th Annual Celebration of Cultures held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Kopp Park.

Good morning, everyone! It is so great to see so many people here today! I am Paul Hoefert, the Mayor of Mount Prospect and on behalf of our Village Board, I am here to welcome you all to our Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures for 2025, a day where we come together not just as neighbors, but as a vibrant, diverse, and unified community.

Today, we recognize and celebrate the many cultures and traditions of the people who live and work in our Village. Make no mistake about it, it is the people who make our Village so incredibly unique. Whether your roots stretch across continents or your roots are right here in our soil, you are part of the rich tapestry that defines who and what Mount Prospect is. I am also confident that we share the same hopes for community, belonging, and a bright future for our families.

This event is more than a celebration or a learning opportunity, it's a reflection of our values: respect, inclusion, curiosity, and unity. Through cultural booths, food, music, dance, art, and conversation, we will learn more about our neighbors.

In the late 1970's, Sister Sledge performed a song entitled, *We are Family*. One line in the lyrics is *we feel like one big family*. That's

the vibe I get at the Celebration of Cultures each year. While we all come or came from different places, *We are Family*.

I would like to thank everyone who had a hand in pulling the Celebration of Cultures together including Village staff, the Mount Prospect Park District, Special Events Commission members, resident volunteers, cultural booth participants, the performers, Mount Prospect restaurant food vendors, and so many more. Thank you all for being part of this beautiful mosaic we call Mount Prospect.

Let's make this day a day of learning, a day of connection, and a day of joy. And, remember "*We all are Family*"!

So, as I say each year to all Mount Prospect citizens, no matter your origins, thank you for choosing to live in Mount Prospect and for bringing your uniqueness to our Village. Each and every one of you makes Mount Prospect an incredibly rich place to live and as such, we are truly a blessed community!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

