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Celebration of Cultures

SATURDAY | AUGUST 22 | 11 AM – 4 PM | KOPP PARK (BEHIND RECplex) | 420 DEMPSTER ST

The Village of Mount Prospect is a proud multicultural community with its own unique fabric of residents, neighborhoods, and businesses with diverse backgrounds. This makes up who we are, our own special identity, and that's something to celebrate! For the 8th year, we invite you to join us for the Village's annual Celebration of Cultures. All ages are invited to enjoy live entertainment, cultural booths, kids activities, a craft tent, and food from around the world, all right here in Mount Prospect!

CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT | Entertainment will kick off at 11:30 am with a parade of cultures marching through the event grounds – attendees are welcome to join in! The opening ceremony will continue with a multi-stranded ribbon tying representing unity. Afterwards, there will be a day-long line up of cultural entertainment featuring the Korean Performing Arts Institute of Chicago, Kalakriti School of Dance, PACF Performing Arts – Filipino American Cultural Foundation, Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos, Chicago Cossacks Folk Singing and Dance, Samba1 Brazilian Dance Group, and Bulgarica Dance Group.

CULTURAL BOOTHS | Visit booths hosted by local volunteers to experience a wide array of cultures. Take a tour around the world with cultural displays representing Assyria, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, South Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, the Philippines, Romania, Russia, Türkiye, and the Mount Prospect Historical Society. Are you interested in sharing your culture at the 2027 festival? Hosting a cultural booth is free, fun, and open to anyone. Fill out the form at mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures or email jkaner@mountprospect.org to participate.

DIVERSE CUISINE | Have a taste of Mount Prospect with an array of small bites, treats, paletas, and drinks from local restaurants. The Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce will be offering beers from around the world, water, and non-alcoholic beverages. Try a little bit from multiple vendors to fill up a food passport and be entered to win a prize!



UNIQUE CRAFTS & KIDS' ACTIVITIES | Celebration of Cultures has something for everyone! Gather: Consciously Curated (formerly Ten Thousand Villages) will be selling fair trade crafts, décor, jewelry, and trinkets from a variety of countries. There will also be plenty of kid-friendly crafts and activities in the Kids Zone, including face painting, balloon art, and temporary tattoos. Kids can fill up a passport by collecting a sticker from each country and then spin the wheel to win a prize.

Each year we strive to make Celebration of Cultures better, so we've added some new additions! An activities tent will host a piñata game, a martial arts demonstration from Mount Prospect's own Threshold Martial Arts, and hopscotch. At the other side of the event grounds will be a soccer goal to relive the fun of this year's FIFA World Cup, courtesy of the Mt. Prospect Park District.

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLE BUS (NEW!) | Free event parking options are on site at RecPlex (420 S. Dempster St., excluding front lot) and at Mount Prospect Center (1500 S. Elmhurst Rd., plaza with Kohl's, VASA Fitness, and O'Reilly Auto Parts). Ample parking is available at Mount Prospect Center, right next to RecPlex, with the option to utilize a **free shuttle bus** or take a short walk to the event grounds. The shuttle will run back and forth continuously from 10:30 am to 4 pm. We ask that older adults, people with disabilities, and families with strollers park at RecPlex and those who are able bodied park at Mount Prospect Center. Clear signage will be posted to direct eventgoers.

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

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Community Events

AUGUST
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StoryWalk at Busse Park
August 1 – 31
BUSSE PARK
101 S. Owen St.
Enjoy a scenic stroll through Busse Park while reading “Can You Do This?: Super Silly Edition” by Megan Roy. Afterward, stop by the main library to grab a free book while supplies last. This StoryWalk, presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library in collaboration with the Mt. Prospect Park District, is designed to inspire a love of reading in our community. No registration is required.



AUGUST
1

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights
Saturdays through September 26
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 mplions.org.



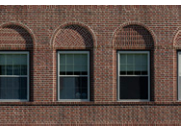
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Lions Club Farmers Market
Sundays through October
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT
Head downtown and experience one of the busiest Farmers Markets in the suburbs. Enjoy a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and much more. For more information, visit mplions.org.



AUGUST
3

Textures of Chicago: An Architectural Brick Journey
Monday | August 3
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join architectural photographer and historian Will Quam for a visually rich journey through the history of bricks in Chicago. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AUGUST
4

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | August 4, 11, 18 & 25
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
Children with a caregiver are invited to join the Human Services Department for a weekly program that includes story time, music, and play-based learning.



AUGUST
4

National Night Out
Tuesday | August 4
5:30 – 8 pm
GREGORY PARK
412 E. Gregory St.
Join the Mount Prospect Police Department and Mt. Prospect Park District for this event to strengthen police-community partnerships. Celebrate western-style with line dancing and country tunes along with JG Reptiles, community vendors, food trucks, games, and more. Additional information at mppd.org.



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4

Trail Blazers Preschool Open House
Tuesday | August 4
6 – 7 pm
WEISS COMMUNITY CENTER
1500 E. Euclid Ave.
Trail Blazers is a nurturing preschool program that supports each child's intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and creative development. Through hands-on activities in math, science, language, art, music, movement, and play, children build confidence, problem-solving skills, and kindergarten readiness using the Jolly Phonics curriculum. Get more details at rtpd.org.



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Monet Lives: A Portrayal of Claude Monet
Wednesday | August 5
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Artist Jim Parks embodies Monet to reveal the inner life of the gifted artist in 1860s Paris. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

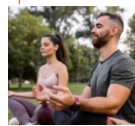
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Family Health Fair
Wednesday | August 5
6 – 7:30 pm
BUSSE POCKET PARK
21 S. Emerson St.
Be a part of this fun evening focused on family well-being. Connect with valuable resources, discover ways to keep your family healthy and safe, and visit with some friendly therapy animals. No registration required.



AUGUST
5

Amrit Yoga Meditation
Wednesday | August 5
7 – 8 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS PARK GROTTO
1600 E. Euclid Ave.
Join the River Trails Park District at the Grotto, in the newly developed area on the east side of Woodland Trails Park, to relax and explore the ancient principles of Amrit yoga. No experience or skills required. Please arrive early to settle into your space and bring a flashlight, yoga mat, and a blanket. Preregistration by August 3 is required. Go to rtpd.org.



AUGUST
5

Movies on the Green
Wednesdays
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson Street
Bring your family, friends, blankets, and lawn chairs and settle in for a relaxing outdoor movie night in the heart of the community.
August 5 | Zootopia 2 | Starts no later than 8 pm
October 14 | Wicked | Starts no later than 6:30 pm
Admission is free, and seating is first come, first served. Get more information at mpdma.org



AUGUST
6

Senior Connections: What to Expect When Calling 911
Thursday | August 6
9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Looking to connect with your community and learn valuable safety tips? Don't miss this month's Senior Connections event with a special presentation by Northwest Central Dispatch. It's a great chance to get crucial safety insights, meet fellow residents, and get

acquainted with Village staff. Coffee and refreshments will be served. This event is open to Mount Prospect residents only, and no prior registration is needed.

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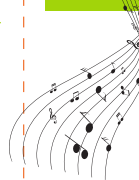
Professional Development: Play, Read, Write: Nurturing Early Literacy Naturally
Thursday | August 6
6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Sheila Kerwin, early childhood education specialist, presents a workshop on how to create engaging structured large-group time in the early childhood classroom. This is a Gateways-approved training session. Credit will be given automatically to your Gateways PDR. Presented in partnership with Good Shepherd Center. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AUGUST
6

Rockin' the Renovation Concert Series
Thursday | August 6
Billy Elton
7:30 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.



Let's dance around the construction with this free summer concert. Parking is limited and indoor facilities will not be available, but porta potties will be on site. Additional details are available at mppd.org.

AUGUST
7

Fit 4 Life
Fridays | August 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 10 – 10:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



This free seated exercise program is open to seniors of all fitness levels residing in Mount Prospect. 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. No registration is required.

AUGUST
7

Rob Roy's Live on the Deck

Friday | August 7
6 – 9 pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Enjoy great food, refreshing drinks, and live music while taking in the beautiful



views at Rob Roy Golf Course. Join your neighbors for live performances by Johnny Burnett—the perfect soundtrack to your night under the open sky.

AUGUST
8

Coffee with Council

Saturday | August 8
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.

AUGUST
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Senior Game Day

Monday | August 10
9:30 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



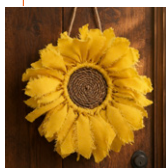
Mark your calendars for a morning of friendly competition and conversation. Drop-ins are always welcome. Whether you're a board game pro or just looking for a friendly chat, there's a spot at the table for you.

AUGUST
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Sunflower Décor Craft

Tuesday | August 11
7 – 8 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

In this adults-only Evening Creations workshop, you'll create a rustic decorative sunflower using fabric, twine, and



simple crafting techniques. Whether you're an experienced crafter or trying something new, this project is designed to be approachable, relaxing, and fun. Admission is \$10 per person. All materials and tools will be provided. Space is limited, so register to reserve your spot at mtphist.org.

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Seed Saving

Wednesday | August 12
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Learn effective seed-saving strategies from a University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Returning to Work After a Career Break

Thursday | August 13
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual



Navigating the transition back to work can be challenging, whether you've been away for two years or 20. Equip yourself with the clarity and confidence required for a successful return. Presented in partnership with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AUGUST
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56 Music Fix

August 14 – 16
THROUGHOUT
MOUNT PROSPECT
Experience three full days of music as over 80 local bands hit the stage



at bars, restaurants, and businesses throughout Mount Prospect. Musicians ranging in age from 15 to 70 play rock to bluegrass and oldies to new releases. Come see your neighbors rock! Details available at 56musicfix.org

AUGUST
15

Family Bike Ride

Saturday | August 15
9:30 am
SYCAMORE TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Kensington Rd.



Join the Special Events Commission for a free community bike ride! Spend time with your family or enjoy a leisurely four-mile bike ride around Mount Prospect with neighbors. Before or after the ride, hang out for bike safety education and visit booths from local organizations. Ride in style with our bike decorating station, take some giveaways home, and enjoy family-friendly activities! As a bonus, kids who complete the bike ride will receive a Bike Ride Achievement Award from the Mount Prospect Raising Cane's location – good for a free Kids Combo. To register visit mountprospect.org.

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Experience the LEGO Train

Saturday | August 15
9 am – 5 pm
Sunday | August 16
11 am – 5 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Watch, wonder, and be inspired as you follow a miniature electric LEGO train through various creative scenes, all hand-built by Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club members. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No registration is required.

AUGUST
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Coffee Talk & Construction

Tuesday | August 18
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 to 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.

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Mindful Chair Yoga

Friday | August 21
11 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Join the library for a gentle seated yoga practice



incorporating breath awareness and meditation. This program is presented by Mather, a not-for-profit organization 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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Celebration of Cultures

Saturday | August 22
11 am – 4 pm
KOPP PARK
(BEHIND RECPLEX)
420 Dempster St.



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

AUGUST
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Last Splash Bash Free Event

Sunday | August 23
11 am – 3 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Join the River Trails Park District for a day filled with summer fun. There will be huge inflatables, a petting zoo, lawn games, and more to enjoy! The pool is open for free for your last dip of the season and a kid's coin splash will take place. The DJ will keep the party going with a hula hoop contest, limbo, and more. Trusty the Turtle Race will take place at 12 pm. Don't miss out on the last party of the summer! All ages welcome. Get more details at rtpd.org.

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10 Tips for Getting the Most from Your Retirement Savings

Wednesday | August 26
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join financial educator Karen Chan to learn how smart retirement account strategies can help you reduce taxes, manage distributions, and make the most of the savings you've worked so hard to build. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Coming in September!

Free Pediatric CPR and First Aid Training

Wednesday | September 9
5 – 7 pm (Spanish) | 7 – 9 pm (English)
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Registration required – call 847.870.5660

25th Anniversary of 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

Friday | September 11 | 9 am
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

56 Music Fix | August 14, 15 & 16

Mount Prospect's own grassroots music festival is returning this month! For the 8th year in a row, 56 Music Fix culminates in three days of non-stop, free local music. The motto of the event, "Your Neighbors Rock," truly comes to life over this weekend with local musicians playing within bars and restaurants around Mount Prospect.

The 2026 event features over 80 bands rocking more than 20 venues throughout the Village—and keep an eye out for this year's custom t-shirt! The 56 Music Fix weekend is presented by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association. More details can be found at 56musicfix.org.



News from the Finance Department

GFOA Award

The Village recently received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR Award) for our Popular Annual Financial Report for fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

To be eligible for the PAFR Award, a government must also submit its annual comprehensive financial report to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program and receive the Certificate for the current fiscal year. Each eligible report is reviewed by judges who evaluate the report based on the following categories: reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity, and other elements.

This is the fifth year that our award-winning Finance Department has received this recognition.

News from the Village Clerk's Office

Village Elections

Residents are invited to explore the possibility of running for a seat on the Mount Prospect Village Board for the April 6, 2027 Consolidated Election. The election will feature three four-year terms on the Board.

Serving in an elected position is a meaningful way to contribute your time, skills, and perspective while representing the interests of fellow residents. If you are interested in becoming a candidate or would like more information about eligibility, filing requirements, and important deadlines, visit the Illinois State Board of Elections website, elections.il.gov, and download the 2027 Candidates Guide. This information is also available on the Village website, mountprospect.org.

We encourage all residents to stay informed, participate in the election process, and consider this opportunity to make a difference in our community.

Community/Economic Development

MP2040 Comprehensive Plan Process Continues

Residents can still contribute their questions and comments to the MP2040 Comprehensive Plan process. For the past year, the Village and outside consultants have been gathering and incorporating feedback from community outreach and technical analysis. The plan is nearing the end of the drafting stage and will reach final form for adoption soon.

The draft plan covers eight topic areas including land use, housing, transportation, parks, and economic development and outlines priority actions to guide how the Village grows and invests over the next 10 to 15 years. Feedback was compiled from a public open house that was held in June and a 30-day public comment period that took place in July. The plan will then go to the Planning and Zoning Commission, which will provide a final structured opportunity for residents to speak on the record before the plan moves forward to the Village Board. Additional comments during the period will still be welcome.

After the Planning and Zoning hearing, the Commission's recommendation will advance to the Village Board for consideration and adoption. Residents who were unable to participate in earlier engagement opportunities are encouraged

to review the draft plan and attend the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Details on the date, time, and location will be posted at mountprospect.org and mp2040.com.

The draft plan is currently available for review at mp2040.com/documents.



Lions Memorial Park Construction Update

Construction continues to make steady progress at Lions Memorial Park, with several major milestones recently achieved. In June, construction fencing was pulled back to allow partial public access to the east end of the property.

The new recreation center continues to take shape, with precast wall panels now installed. Crews have also completed the water main, sanitary connection, and associated underground utilities. Installation of structural steel and decking remains underway as work progresses on the building.

Site improvements are advancing as well. Construction of the skate plaza and basketball court has been completed, while work on the stormwater basin is nearing completion. Soil excavated from the basin will be reused to restore disturbed areas throughout the site.

Construction of the new community pool began in June, with major equipment deliveries expected to start in August.

Thank you for your continued patience and support as these exciting improvements move forward.





New Addition to Fire Department Apparatus

The Mount Prospect Fire Department recently put a new 2025 Pierce Tower aerial ladder into service. The new Tower 13 replaces a 2009 Pierce Tower.

The Fire Department's apparatus committee spent four years doing research and conducting meetings and evaluations before making the purchase. The research and planning identified a number of advantages to the new unit, including greater efficiency in fire suppression.

The 2025 Pierce Tower has rear steering capability, thereby resulting in a better turning radius. As the front end turns one way, the back end is turned opposite to make the turn tighter. Another benefit of the new tower is enhanced driver visibility. The driver's field of vision is greater because there is no basket/rescue platform hanging over the cab compartment blocking their view. The water capacity of both the old and new trucks is the same at 300 gallons, however the hoses on the 2025 model are made to produce an enhanced flow rate.

Better maneuverability, easier navigation, and increased safety are benefits provided by the overall lighter weight and shorter length of the 2025 model. A decrease in the overall footprint of the new



tower means it takes up significantly less space on fire scenes.

Tower 13 will be housed and operated out of the Fire Department Headquarters, Station 13 at 111 East Rand Road. Our Tower is new, but our commitment remains the same; "to protect our community and provide emergency medical service with professionalism, integrity, honor and respect."

Smoke Alarm Installation Initiative



The Mount Prospect Fire Department recently completed our second smoke alarm installation initiative at Oasis Mobile Home Community, Blackhawk Estates, and Willoway Terrace, significantly improving fire safety for residents in these manufactured home communities. The program

focused on identifying homes with inadequate smoke alarm protection and providing life-saving fire safety education. This was made possible through grant funding provided by Elk Grove Township.

Members of the Fire Prevention Bureau and twelve paid-on-call firefighters visited 29 homes across the three communities. During the event, firefighters assessed existing smoke alarm coverage, replaced non-functional devices, and installed 107 new working smoke alarms where needed.

In addition to installing smoke alarms, firefighters provided fire safety education materials in both English and Spanish. Topics included smoke alarm maintenance, home fire safety practices, and family escape planning. Approximately 41% of participating

households identified with Spanish or bilingual language preferences, underscoring the importance of accessible fire safety outreach.

The program represents a significant investment in community safety and demonstrates our commitment to proactive fire prevention. By combining smoke alarm installation with public education, we have helped reduce fire risk and improved the safety of dozens of local families.

The Fire Prevention Bureau hopes to continue this successful program with another installation event planned for fall 2026.





2026 Citizens Police Academy

Applications are now being accepted for the Mount Prospect Citizens Police Academy that will run for 10 consecutive Monday evenings beginning September 14. The Academy is open to any Village resident at least 18 years of age and free of any criminal history.

Classes will be held at the Mount Prospect Police Department Headquarters and will meet Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 pm through November 16.

The Academy will allow citizens to get a firsthand look at police operations and provide the opportunity to experience police work from the officer's point of view. Topics covered in the Academy will include traffic enforcement, crime scene processing, criminal investigations, 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 the Village website: mountprospect.org/police. Applications are due by 9 am, August 26. If you have any questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, call Officer Greg Sill at the Mount Prospect Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit, at 847.870.5650.

Tip-A-Cop for Special Olympics



Volunteers from the Department are partnering with Texas Roadhouse at 841 E. Rand Rd. to host a "Tip-a-Cop Night" on August 24, from 4 to 8 pm. Officers will be on hand helping wait tables while bringing awareness and raising money for Special Olympics Illinois. Law Enforcement Torch Run merchandise will be available

to purchase, and customers can leave an additional tip for local law enforcement, 100% of which goes directly to the Special Olympic athletes.

Online Citizen Reporting

Mount Prospect residents can now report certain incidents to the Police Department online at mtprospect.nwcds.org. Using this online system allows you to submit a report immediately. We encourage you to file an online citizen police report if the following conditions are met:

- The situation is not an emergency
- The incident occurred within the Mount Prospect Police Department Village limits
- There are no known suspects

If your incident is not listed in the category selection list, please call 911 or come into the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters for police assistance. All cases filed will be reviewed, and if further investigation is warranted, you may be contacted.

Avoiding Scams

Many criminal scams happen over the phone. To protect yourself, be aware of these important actions you can take:

- Block unwanted calls and text messages.
- Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect. Legitimate 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 and you think it's 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 decide. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- 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—and 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 — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

Firearm Safety

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

Public Works

Late Summer Tree Care

If you find yourself seeking air conditioning and a drink of cold water in the dog days of summer, imagine how your trees feel. A little attention now in the form of sufficient watering can help them get through the remainder of the season and jump start healthy growth next year.



Most trees need about one inch of water per week, whether from rain or your own watering can. If you've planted a tree in the last few years, it's especially important to keep up with watering because young trees haven't developed the deep root systems that help them ride out dry spells. Aim for at least one inch every seven to ten days during dry periods.

Periodic deep waterings are more effective than frequent, shallow sprinkling. A long, slow soak encourages roots to grow downward in search of moisture, making your tree more resilient down the road. A quick sprinkle barely wets the surface and can train roots to stay shallow, leaving the tree more vulnerable to drought.

But don't forget about your mature trees. If nature is providing enough rain, help them out with a good soaking as needed.

Once they are well-watered, a layer of mulch can help seal that moisture in and prevent the effects of hot dry spells. A layer of wood chips around your tree helps the soil hold onto water longer, improves how water soaks in, keeps the soil loose and healthy, and

shields roots from baking in the summer sun.

For best results, spread a 2-3" layer of mulch under the tree's canopy, reaching out as far as practical. Bonus: it also keeps weeds down and protects your tree's trunk from accidental nicks by mowers and string trimmers—damage that can open the door to disease.

However, don't overdo it with the mulch. You've probably seen mulch volcanoes, which look like little mountains of mulch piled up high against the tree trunk. While it might appear tidy, this popular practice traps moisture against the bark, invites pests and decay, and can slowly kill the tree. Instead, keep mulch level and pull it back a few inches from the trunk. Think donut rather than volcano.

The right amount of water and a little mulch go a long way. These simple, low-cost steps help protect the trees that shade our streets, beautify our yards, and make our Village a little greener, literally and figuratively. Your trees will thank you, even if they can't say so out loud.

Reduce the Risk of Sewer Backups

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) collects and treats all the sanitary sewer waste from the Village and works to reduce the amount of rainwater, often called clearwater, that can flow into their interceptor sewers through their Inflow and Infiltration Control Program (IICP). The MWRDGC has found that improperly sealed or open cleanouts on private sanitary sewer laterals are one of the largest sources of clearwater into their interceptors. These poorly sealed or open pipes become direct connections for storm water to enter the

sewers in times of wet weather. This excess storm water causes the pipes to become surcharged, which leads to local basement backup. Over 65% of the Village is located within a separate sanitary sewer basin, so we ask that all homeowners check their cleanouts to ensure they are properly sealed.



IMPROPERLY SEALED SEWER CLEANOUT



PROPERLY CAPPED SEWER CLEANOUT

Dog Owners – "Doo" Your Part

Besides being the right thing to do for your neighbors, picking up after your dog prevents damage to our waterways. Every time it rains or snow melts, water runs across yards, sidewalks, and trails—picking up dog waste along the way. That polluted water flows into storm drains and straight into streams without any treatment.

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

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

You can help protect our streams by following these simple tips:

- Always carry and use plastic bags to clean up after your dog.
- Be a good neighbor and carry an extra bag in case you bump into another dog owner who needs one.
- Properly dispose of waste in a trash can.
- Never leave a bag on a trail or other location.



- Clean up your yard regularly too. It's no different than anywhere else. Don't let the contaminants wash into waterways from your yard.

It's a small act that makes a big difference for our environment and community. "Doo" your part by being a responsible dog owner and good neighbor!

Recycling Tips

Here are a few tips to help us improve our overall commitment to recycling in Mount Prospect:

- Please don't put plastic bags in your curbside bin. You can drop them off at either Village Hall (50 S. Emerson St.) or Public Works (1700 W. Central Rd.), and we will properly recycle them.
- Items for electronic recycling can be dropped off at Public Works on Wednesdays between 10 am and noon. Find the details at mountprospect.org/recycling.
- Be a savvy recycler by using the Recycle Coach app. You can download it from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or from the Village website at mountprospect.org/departments/recycle-coach.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection September 26

Spring cleaning isn't the only time to clear out those forgotten cans, bottles, and containers lurking in your garage, basement, or under the sink. Old paint, expired chemicals, used motor oil, and other hazardous household items need special handling. The Village will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection for residents on September 26, from 8 am to 2 pm, at the Public Works Facility (1700 W. Central Rd.).

Household hazardous materials should never go in the trash or recycling, and they should never be poured down the drain, into a sewer, or flushed down a toilet. These items can contaminate our water, soil, and air, and pose risks to sanitation workers and the environment. Proper disposal keeps our homes safer and our community healthier.

Take a few minutes now to sort through your items and see what qualifies, then make your appointment to drop materials off on September 26. A full list of acceptable materials is available at mountprospect.org/hhw. **An appointment calendar will open on September 16 at 7:30 am.** Watch the Village website and social media for the link to the appointment calendar and additional details as the event approaches.

Keep your home, and Mount Prospect, clean and green.





Older Adult Transit Fair

As part of the Aging in Community Initiative, one of the Village's goals is helping older adults get around with ease. So, we are hosting an Older Adult Transit Fair on September 29 from 2 to 3:30 pm at Village Hall. The fair will present information on transit options for seniors and those with disabilities from a variety of service providers. Speakers from Connections to Care, PACE, RTA, Wheeling Township, and Elk Grove Township will be on site to share information, and attendees will be able to complete transit applications on the spot. This event is free and will include a resource fair after the presentations.

Older Adult Health & Wellness Expo

Take your first step toward a healthier you by attending our free Older Adult Health & Wellness Expo on September 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Village Hall. Connect with community organizations and discover new ways to boost your wellness while taking advantage of health screenings, a vaccine clinic, and local resource tables designed to help you live your healthiest life. There is no registration necessary – just plan on joining us on the 3rd.

Family Health Fair

Mark your calendar for a fun evening focused on family well-being on August 5. Join us from 6 to 7:30 pm at the Busse Pocket Park. Stop by to connect with valuable local resources and discover ways to keep your family healthy and safe. It's the perfect opportunity to check out valuable community safety resources and even meet some friendly therapy animals. Stick around after the fair for Movies on the Green, hosted by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association. No registration required.

We are also excited to announce the rescheduled date for the 6th Annual Mental Health Matters free community event, which is now partnering with the Family Health Fair at the same date, time, and location. Join us for music by DJ Scottify and free Kona Ice for the first 150 attendees!

Mental Health Matters will focus on positive mental health and resilience. The event will have kids' activities and a resource fair with mental health agencies and local businesses that focus on wellness. The Hidden in Plain Sight Trailer from the Heroin Epidemic Relief Organization will be available for adults to explore and ask questions to local experts.

Stay tuned for updates on the event by visiting mountprospect.org/mhm.

Give the Gift of Warmth

The Human Services Department is collecting monetary donations to purchase new winter coats for children whose families regularly utilize our food pantry or are experiencing financial hardship. Your donation will help provide brand-new, properly sized coats to ensure local children stay warm throughout the winter months.



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

Stay tuned for updates on the new location – coming in 2027!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	3 Textures of Chicago: An Architectural Brick Journey, 7pm, MPPL	4 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center National Night Out, 5:30- 8pm, Gregory Park Trail Blazers Preschool Open House, 6-7pm Weiss Community Center	5 Family Health Fair, 6-7:30pm Busse Pocket Park Monet Lives: A Portrait of Claude Monet, 7pm, MPPL Amrit Yoga Meditation, 7-8pm, Woodland Trails Park Grotto Movies on the Green, Zoo/or- pla, no later than 8pm, VH	6 Senior Connections, 9-10:30am, VH Professional Development: Play, Read, Write, 6:30pm, MPPL Rockin' the Renovation Concert Series, Billy Eton, 7:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	7 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH Rob Roy's Live on the Deck, 6-9pm, Rob Roy Golf Course	8 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
9 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	10 Senior Game Day, 9:30-11am, VH	11 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Sunflower Décor Craft, 7-8pm, Central School	12 Seed Saving, 7pm, MPPL	13 Returning to Work After a Career Break, 7pm, MPPL	14 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH 56 Music Fix, throughout Mount Prospect	15 Experience the LEGO Train, 9am-5pm, MPPL Family Bike Ride, 9-30am Sycamore Trails Park 56 Music Fix, throughout Mount Prospect Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
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23 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Last Splash Bash, 11am-3pm Woodland Trails Pool	24	25 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center	26 10 Tips for Getting the Most from Your Retirement Savings, 2pm, MPPL	27	28 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH	29 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
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MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
MPCL Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.
VH Village Hall



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Message from the Mayor

STRATEGIC PLANNING 2026 – 2027

During my time as Mayor, many of my Mayor's Messages have emphasized how the Village of Mount Prospect is forward thinking, fiscally responsible, and always progressing. I believe that if you are not moving forward, you are falling behind. One of the main reasons for your Village's ongoing forward progress is the annual Strategic Planning process, which was implemented more than 10 years ago during former Mayor Arlene Juracek's administration.

Strategic planning has become one of the most important tools of your Village Board's annual planning process and is extremely integral to the annual Budget process. The annual Strategic Plan update provides clear long-term direction as well as short-term tactical direction for various activities and initiatives...a road map of sorts!

Annually, the Village Board and Senior Leadership participate in a Strategic Planning Update process to identify key goals and priorities. Your Village Board and Senior Leadership dedicate a significant amount of time to this process so we can all make far better decisions for Mount Prospect's future. This attention to detail and strategic forward-thinking outlook is some of the attributes that set the Village of Mount Prospect apart from other communities.

This past May, we conducted the 2026-2027 Strategic Planning Workshop that included a two-day session with the Village's Leadership Team and three public meetings where the Village Board discussed dozens of action items before voting on key priorities for the coming year and beyond.

Through this process, your Village Board identified 12 priorities for the Policy agenda.

1. 111 E. Busse Development Project | Choose Development Concept, Select Developer, and Launch the Project
2. Community Survey | Direction and Funding
3. Bond Issuance | Direction and Village Actions
4. Micro-Mobility Enforcement | Evaluation and Report
5. Village's Lighting Policy | Update and Report, Share Recommendations, and Direction
6. Fire Station 12 (Golf & Busse) Renovation | Report and Funding
7. South Mount Prospect Village Resource Center | Determine Funding, Begin Construction, and Opening
8. Village Policy Book | Centralize all Village Policies | Report with Options and Final Direction
9. Deepen North Mount Prospect Connections with Citizens | Determine Outcomes and Provide Direction
10. Business Retention and Outreach/Engagement | Evaluation, Report, and Future Direction
11. Pension Funding Strategy | Direction and Implementation

12. MP2040 Comprehensive Plan | Community Input, Final Draft, and Adoption

These priorities provide direction for our Village Manager, Mike Cassady, our Senior Leadership Team, and ultimately all Village employees. Tracking the status of these priority actions results in significant progress and allows us to stay focused on moving the Village forward.

The annual Strategic Planning update and annual Budget process are some of the most important undertakings of your Village Leadership. Combined, they tell a clear story about the Village's focus for the coming year. These two documents are tied together because it is our responsibility to be well informed as we spend capital on various projects and activities that maintain and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Recall "Public Safety" is Priority #1 in our Village. Using our resources to create and maintain strong Police, Fire, Public Works, and Human Services Departments is key to keeping citizens safe and mitigating risk. In addition, robust community and economic development are essential in keeping the Village's portion of your property taxes low (down 11% over the past 5 years) and our Village highly desirable to prospective new residents, which results in strong property values.

The Strategic Planning process strengthens the annual Budget process by weaving desired actions and community financial resources together.

Strategic Planning Ultimately Provides 5 Critical Results:

1. Specific forward-looking direction to our Village Manager and Senior Departmental Leadership
2. Financial Sustainability so that dedicated Financial Resources are not exceeded
3. Aligns the use of Village Resources with community priorities
4. Significantly improves decision-making by converting future vision into current achievable actions
5. And, ultimately creates specific accountability through Measurable Goals, and as a Result...Strengthens Public Trust

Once completed, the 2026-2027 Strategic Plan will be published on the Village's website at mountprospect.org/strategicplan

There is an old adage..."Failing to Plan is Planning to Fail."

Please know that your Village has a plan, and we will not fail. Your Village will continue down the road of progress and success, and our Strategic Planning financial tool will ensure we get there!

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT