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JULY 2026



**DOWNTOWN
MOUNT
PROSPECT**

BLOCK PARTY!

**JULY 24 & 25
EMERSON ST
& BUSSE AVE**

Big stage. Big flavors. Big fun. The Village of Mount Prospect's 2026 Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party returns on Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25. This annual event brings the community together for two days of music, food, and festivities. Join us at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue to make some memories with friends, family, and neighbors.

Block Party begins at 4 pm on Friday night. *Serendipity*, playing pop hits from the '60s to the '90s, takes the stage at 4:30 pm to get the crowd excited for a night of musical performances. Take in the experience by the stage on the Centennial Green or watch the show from afar on the event's jumbotron. At 6:30 pm, *Old School* performs their lineup of classic rock before introducing the night's headliner, *Sixteen Candles*! A Block Party tradition, *Sixteen Candles* brings the music of the '80s to life in full force.

It's not a party without food! Booths and trucks from local restaurants will be dishing out food on Friday and Saturday. Sample diverse offerings from *Canta Napoli*, *Cap's Ice Cream*, *Chick-Fil-A*, *Hubby's Hotdogs*, *Khepri Kitchen*, *Lenny's Chop Shop*, *Mia's Cantina*, *Montrose Market*, and *Salerno's*. Food trucks include *Buona Beef*, *Taquizas Ernesto*, and *Rainbow Cone*. Pair your meal with a beverage from the beer tent, serving not only beer but also hard seltzers and wine.

Saturday has fun for all ages starting at 11 am. Families are invited to check out free games, rides, and activities in the "Kids Zone" (Saturday only). Until 4 pm, we'll have fan favorites like face tattoos, the combo express train, pony rides, balloon art, and giant inflatables – for some newer favorites, try out go-karts, pickleball, and euro bungee. Booths from Kids Zone sponsors and community organizations add to the fun.

At 2 pm, kids of all ages are invited to a mini dance party on the Green with a DJ from Bizar



DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

BLOCK PARTY

FRIDAY | JULY 24

4:30 PM | *Serendipity*

6:30 PM | *Old School*

9:00 PM | *Sixteen Candles*

SATURDAY | JULY 25

11 AM – 4 PM | Kids Zone
(Saturday Only)

2:00 PM | Bizar Entertainment DJ

4:00 PM | *Lee DeWyze*

6:30 PM | *ARRA*

9:00 PM | *Rod Tuffcurls*
and the *Bench Press*

Entertainment! Also outside the Kids Zone, partygoers can watch the Battle of the Ages Trivia Show, play a few games of cornhole, and take some snapshots in an old-school film photo booth.

New this year, hometown musician and American Idol Season 9 winner *Lee DeWyze* returns to Mount Prospect to take the stage at 4 pm! The music keeps going with classic rock band *ARRA* at 6:30 pm. Block Party closes out with *Rod Tuffcurls* & *The Bench Press* performing their unique song repertoire with a top-tier light show at 9 pm.

Whether you live blocks away, across town, or in another zip code, Block Party's downtown location offers easy access for all. Free parking will be available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck and Maple Street Parking Deck. Ample bike parking can be found throughout the area. If friends from other communities are joining you, the party takes place just a block from the Mount Prospect Metra station.

For up-to-date details, band information, restaurant menus, and more, visit mpblockparty.com or follow the Downtown Block Party Facebook page. Want to get in touch? Email vmo@mountprospect.org or call Village Hall at 847.392.6000.

The Village would like to extend a special thank you to our Premier Sponsor, *Nicholas & Associates*, for their generous investment in Block Party and the Mount Prospect community.



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Community Events

**JULY
1**

Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival
July 1 – 5
MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Rd.
Join the Mount Prospect Lions Club for their 87th annual 4th of July Festival.

The event will span five days and include food, entertainment, and family fun. Fireworks July 1 and 4! For more information and to purchase wristbands, visit mplions.org.



**JULY
1**

Spirit of St. Louis: Exploring Records at the National Personnel Records Center
Wednesday | July 1 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual

Explore military and civilian records held at the National Personnel Records Center with Mount Prospect Public Library librarian and genealogist Tina Beaird. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



**JULY
2**

Let Freedom Ring Concert
Thursday | July 2 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Vocalist Heather Braoudakis entertains with a trip down memory lane, including a medley of historic, patriotic tunes just in time to celebrate Independence Day. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



**JULY
4**

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



**JULY
5**

Lions Club Farmers Market
Sundays through October
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT
Head downtown and experience one of



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

**JULY
6**

Mt. Prospect Community Band 50th Anniversary Concert Series
Mondays through July 27
7:30 pm
INDOORS AT RECPEX
420 W. Dempster St.



Celebrate 50 years of the Mt. Prospect Community Band! The series moves indoors in 2026 due to ongoing construction at Lions Memorial Park. Go to mppd.org for additional details.

July 6 | America: Coast to Coast

July 13 | Thanks for the Memories

July 20 | Band on the Run

July 27 | Fantasia! (with Ballet Expressions)

**JULY
7**

Play and Learn Group
Tuesdays | July 7, 14, 21 & 28



11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
Children with a caregiver

are invited to join us for a weekly program that includes story time, music, and play-based learning.

**JULY
7**

Craft Party at Willow Trails Park
Tuesday | July 7
1 – 3 pm
WILLOW TRAILS PARK
1 Apple Dr.
Prospect Heights

Join the River Trails Park District in the park for a fun, free event where creativity takes center stage. Visit a variety of craft stations and leave with handmade masterpieces. For more information, visit rtpd.org.

**JULY
8**

Summer Sound Meditation
Wednesday | July 8
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join sound meditation facilitator and musician Jay Taylor for an hour-long, immersive sound meditation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

**JULY
10**

Hawaiian Luau
Friday | July 10
7 – 10 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Escape to the islands for a tropical adults-only night by the pool. Throw on your favorite Hawaiian shirt or dress, grab your friends, and enjoy an evening of delicious food, refreshing drinks from The Red Barn Restaurant & Brewery, Hawaiian dancers, music, and laid-back vibes under the summer sky. The pool will also be open for swimming, making this the perfect summer night out, no passport required! Each guest will receive two drink tickets and additional drinks will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$50 per person, and all proceeds will benefit the River Trails Park & Recreation Foundation. Register by Friday, June 26, at rtpd.org.

**JULY
10**

Fit 4 Life
Fridays | July 10, 17, 24 & 31
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 who live 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.

**JULY
10**

Storytime in the Park
Fridays | July 10, 17, 24 & 31 | 10 – 10:30 am
SYCAMORE TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Kensington Rd.
The River Trails Park District, in partnership with the Mount Prospect



Public Library, is celebrating summer with storytime in the park. Listen to stories, learn new songs in English and Spanish, and enjoy playful activities interwoven throughout our time in the great outdoors. Don't forget your favorite picnic blanket or lawn chair and sunglasses. No registration is necessary for this free event.

**JULY
11**

Coffee with Council
Saturday, July 11
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.

**JULY
11**

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. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.

**JULY
13**

Senior Game Day
Monday | July 13
9:30 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Summer is here, and it's the perfect time to connect with neighbors



over fun and games. No registration is required. Come meet new friends, sharpen your skills, and enjoy a morning of great company.



**JULY
14**

Game On at Willow Trails Park

Tuesday | July 14
1 – 3 pm
WILLOW TRAILS PARK
1 Apple Dr.
Prospect Heights
Meet the River Trails

Park District in the park for a fun-filled free sports day! Participants will rotate through different sports and activities designed for all skill levels. Come have fun and enjoy being active outdoors. For info, visit rtpd.org.

**JULY
14**

Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services

Tuesday | July 14 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Virtual

Join the Mount Prospect Public Library to learn how to cut the cord on cable TV to lower your monthly bills. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

**JULY
15**

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.

July 15 | *The Minecraft Movie* | Starts no later than 8:30 pm

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

**JULY
16**

Rockin' the Renovation Concert Series

Thursdays | July 16 – August 6 | 7:30 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

We'll dance around the construction for four weeks of free summer concerts.

July 16 | Pure Prairie Station and pre-concert line dancing

July 23 | The Petty Kings

July 30 | 7th Heaven

August 6 | Billy Elton

Parking is limited and indoor facilities will not be available, but porta potties will be on site. Additional details are available at mppd.org.

**JULY
17**

Fridays on the Green

Friday | July 17 | 6 pm
Anchors Away (Yacht Rock)
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

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

**JULY
17**

Rob Roy's Live on the Deck

Friday | July 17
6 – 9 pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.
Enjoy great food, refreshing drinks, and live music by Johnny Burnett

while taking in the beautiful views at Rob Roy Golf Course. Grab your friends, kick back, and make the most of a perfect summer evening. For more information, visit rtpd.org.

**JULY
17**

Pool Party with the Police

Friday | July 17
6:30 – 9 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL
1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Join the Mount Prospect Police Department and River Trails Park District for a night of music, pool, games, food giveaways, and more. Come celebrate community. All ages are welcome at this free event. For more information, visit rtpd.org.

**JULY
18**

Friends Book Sale

Saturday | July 18
9 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday | July 19
11 am – 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services.

**JULY
21**

Coffee Talk & Construction

Tuesday, July 21
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.

**JULY
21**

Small Business Morning Meetup

Tuesday | July 21
9 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Share a cup of coffee with other local entrepreneurs, start-up professionals, founders, freelancers, home businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections while enjoying coffee and donuts. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

**JULY
22**

Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know

Wednesday | July 22
6 – 8 pm
VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

The Human Services Department is offering this helpful seminar on navigating the aging journey. Flip to page 10 for more details.

**JULY
23**

Botanical Names Demystified

Thursday | July 23
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Explore the fascinating world of scientific plant names with botanist Chris Benda. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

**JULY
24/25**

Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party

Friday | July 24
4 – 11 pm
Saturday | July 25
11 am – 11 pm
(Kids Zone 11 am – 4 pm)
EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE.

Our annual Downtown Block Party returns with music, food, and plenty of activities for the kids. Details on page 1. For more info, visit mpblockparty.com.

**JULY
29**

An Evening With Abigail Adams

Wednesday | July 29
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

In this living history portrayal, actress and scholar Leslie Goddard brings spirited and bold Abigail Adams to life. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

**JULY
31**

Christmas in July

Friday | July 31
6:30 – 9 pm
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL
1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Santa will be visiting the Woodland Trails Pool on his off season. Join the River Trails Park District for a festive atmosphere, reindeer games, holiday treats, a special visit with Santa and more. All ages are welcome. This event is free for pool pass holders and \$7 for general entry. For information, visit rtpd.org.

Coming in August!

Family Health Fair

Wednesday | August 5 | 6 – 7:30 pm
BUSSE POCKET PARK ACROSS FROM VILLAGE HALL

56 Music Fix

August 14-16
VILLAGE-WIDE

Family Bike Ride

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

Celebration of Cultures

Saturday | August 22 | 11 am
KOPP PARK BEHIND REC PLEX
420 Dempster St.

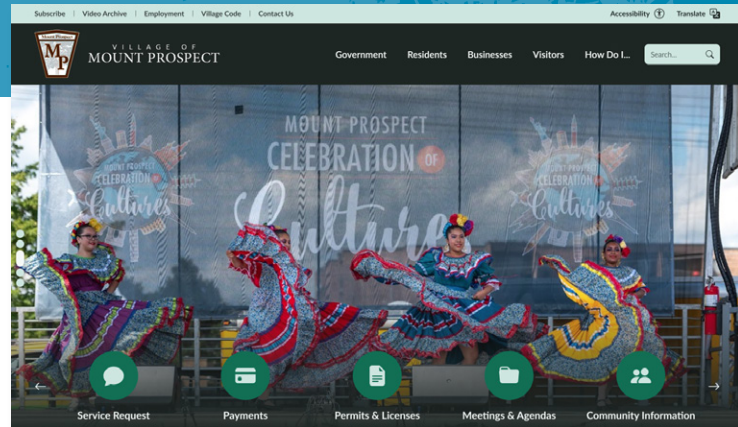
New Village Website Coming Soon!

The Village is excited to announce that we are in the final stages of implementing a new Village of Mount Prospect website. We understand the importance of providing a high-quality website for the community, and the new website is focused on improving the user experience.

For many residents, the website may be their primary interaction with the Village. Whether paying a water bill, reviewing a Village Board agenda, reading a news update, or learning about one of the Village's economic development projects, the website serves as an important resource for accessing information and services. The new website has been designed to reflect the Village's commitment to delivering exceptional resident service.

Analytics from the current website were used to help determine the structure and organization of the new site. Frequently visited pages and services will be displayed more prominently, making them easier to find rather than being buried within multiple layers of navigation. Users will also benefit from a website tailored to their needs, with improved access to information, online payments, and Village services. In addition, the website will feature an updated color scheme, a modernized design, and an enhanced layout.

Beyond design and functionality, the Village is committed to creating a website that is accessible to all users. Mount Prospect's new website will be fully ADA compliant and will continue to be monitored and updated as accessibility standards and regulations evolve. The Village is also evaluating additional accessibility tools and features to further enhance the user experience for all visitors.



Family Bike Ride

SATURDAY | AUGUST 15

Explore the north side of Mount Prospect at the annual Family Bike Ride, hosted by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. This year's event is on Saturday, August 15, kicking off at 9:30 am at Sycamore Trails Park, 1500 E. Kensington Rd. All are invited to this free community bike ride, whether you live in Mount Prospect or a surrounding area!

The Family Bike Ride will have free bike lights and giveaways, a bike decorating station, booths from local organizations, and other kids' 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!

Register in advance at mountprospect.org/familybikeride or sign up day-of between 8:30 and 9:30 am.

Thank you to the Special Events Commission's platinum sponsors: Busse Automotive; Friedrichs Funeral Home; Mount Prospect Lions Club; Nicholas & Associates; and Peterson Roofing Inc. We would also like to thank the Mount Prospect Raising Cane's for their generous contribution to the Family Bike Ride.



Celebration of Cultures

SATURDAY | AUGUST 22

Save the date for the Village's annual Celebration of Cultures on August 22 at Kopp Park behind RecPlex (420 Dempster St.). This event is both family-friendly and free!

All ages are invited to experience cultural booths, musical performances, food booths from local restaurants, kids' activities and giveaways, and a craft fair from Gather: Consciously Curated (formerly Ten Thousand Villages).

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



Community/Economic Development

Mount Prospect continues to grow and thrive!

From new restaurants and retail destinations to major redevelopment projects and expanded recreational opportunities, exciting things are happening throughout Mount Prospect. These projects represent continued investment in our community and reflect the Village's commitment to enhancing quality of life for residents and businesses.

Skechers (1057 N. Elmhurst Rd.)

Later this year look for a new Skechers store to open at Randhurst Village, strengthening the center's position as a regional shopping and lifestyle destination. Skechers is a global footwear retailer offering casual sneakers, dress shoes, sandals, boots, and apparel for men, women, and children. We look forward to the addition of this major brand to our community.



Mia's Cantina (143 W. Prospect Ave. & 101 S. Pine St.)

Joy and Esteban Aguado, Mount Prospect residents and owners of Mia's Cantina since 2012, are wrapping up a significant renovation of their building that will bring some exciting additions to the downtown.

The first-floor restaurant is being fully remodeled with an expanded dining room, a new 14-seat bar, and a modernized kitchen complete with a tortilla machine for fresh homemade tortillas. The team will also be launching a new lunch concept with fast-casual Mexican fare from 10:30 am to 2 pm.



Upstairs, the long-vacant second floor is being converted into five residential apartments ranging from a studio to a two-bedroom, offered at moderate rents as an affordable alternative to newer downtown housing. The project is a welcome addition to Mount Prospect's continued downtown revitalization.

MOM's Organic Market (201 W. Rand Rd.)

Known for its commitment to organic produce, sustainable practices, and locally sourced products, MOM's Organic Market plans to open a new store this year as part of its expansion into the Chicago market. The independent grocery chain is bringing a new location to Randhurst Commons, marking an exciting addition to the community's retail and dining landscape. The Mount Prospect location offers a wide selection of organic groceries, eco-friendly initiatives, and community-focused partnerships, further enhancing shopping options for residents while supporting the Village's continued economic growth.



VASA (1490 S. Elmhurst Rd.)

The vacant spaces that formerly housed True Value Hardware and Hobby Lobby at 1490 S. Elmhurst Rd. will soon be home to a new fitness and wellness destination. The Mount Prospect Center

shopping center will soon be home to VASA. The project will redevelop approximately 49,498 square feet into a modern fitness center featuring wellness spa amenities and an indoor pool, bringing renewed activity, investment, and energy to a long-vacant commercial space along the South Elmhurst Road corridor.



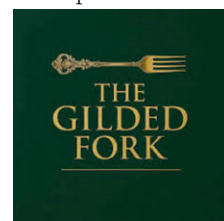
DiMeo Brothers (2400 E. Oakton St.)

Founded in 1973, Dimeo Brothers, an established sewer and water contractor serving the region, will be relocating from Elk Grove Village to a new 34,500 sq. ft. facility that will serve as their corporate headquarters and primary warehouse facility. Situated on a three-acre site, the two-story development will include office and warehouse space along with storage areas for materials and heavy equipment. The company will continue operating a location in Wilmette while consolidating Elk Grove operations into this new facility, which is expected to open in September.



The Gilded Fork (1716 E. Kensington Rd.)

The Gilded Fork is a new European-cuisine restaurant opened by Polish immigrant owners Krystyna and Sandra, to serve residents and workers in North Mount Prospect. Offering a seasonally evolving menu featuring locally sourced ingredients and contemporary culinary techniques, the restaurant includes private dining spaces for events and a curated cocktail and wine program. The Gilded Fork brings an upscale, full-service dining option to the Kensington Road corridor and expands the range of restaurant offerings available in the community.



Your Groomer (710 E. Northwest Hwy.)

As part of the Village's goal to attract small business investment to our commercial zones, we welcome Your Groomer to the Northwest Highway corridor. Your Groomer is a local pet grooming salon offering luxury bathing and professional grooming services for dogs and cats of all breeds. The salon provides customized grooming based on each pet's coat and skin type, emphasizing a stress-free experience and personalized attention.





250TH Anniversary of our Nation

Firefighting has changed with the times

Imagine waking up in 1776 to a fire alarm knowing your local fire response depended on neighbors, wooden buckets, and pure teamwork. During that time the primary methods used to sound an alarm were church bells, handbells, or town criers running through the streets shouting "FIRE!" to wake and warn neighbors.

These early firefighters were not professionals, but volunteers, who left their daily work at a moment's notice when alarms rang. They formed bucket brigades to fight fires. These brigades would form two lines, one passing full buckets to the fire and another one passing empty ones back to the well. By 1800, hand-pumped engines improved the response, but it still took 20 to 30 strong men working the handles just to produce a steady stream of water.

By 1875, fire response involved massive coal fired boilers that were pulled by powerful teams of horses. These horses were so well trained that they could move into position almost instantly when the alarm bell rang. It was during the 1920s that fire response transitioned to motorized apparatus. In the early 1940s WWII profoundly impacted fire engines, as major manufacturers

shifted almost entirely to producing military trucks, aircraft, and heavy machinery. The 1970s changed everything as firefighters transitioned from riding in the open air to sitting in enclosed cabs with breathing equipment that allowed them to move into active fire scenes instead of fighting everything from the street.

Today's fire engines are truly rolling command centers. They carry thermal imaging cameras, hydraulic rescue tools, and specialized foam systems. The modern fire company handles everything from high-rise fires to hazardous material incidents to complex medical rescues.

As the United States approaches its 250th anniversary, the legacy of these early firefighters remains deeply relevant. Modern fire departments, now highly trained and professionalized, still trace their roots to those volunteer brigades. The spirit of service, bravery, and community cooperation that defined the first firefighters continues to embody the same principles that shape our nation today.

First Responder Academy for Teens

Congratulations to nine students from surrounding high schools who recently graduated from the First Responder Academy for Teens. The eight-week program is hosted by the Police and Fire Departments specifically for teens considering a career in law enforcement or the fire service.

The teens attended class once a week at either the police or fire station on a rotating basis. The students were given a first-hand look into life as a first responder along with comprehensive knowledge and practical hands-on experience on many key topics associated with these careers.

The Fire Department shared information regarding vehicles and equipment, EMS response, CPR and Stop the Bleed techniques, use of ladders and firehoses at fire scenes, training on proper use of fire extinguishers, and auto extrication including use of "jaws of life" at accident scenes.

Students also had the opportunity to wear an SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) and go through a unique maze as well as complete a firefighter combat fitness challenge.



The Police Department discussed crime scene investigations, processing evidence, impaired driving simulations, active communication and de-escalation techniques as well as conducting mock traffic stops.

Class concluded with a graduation ceremony on May 21 followed by a celebration. Thank you and congratulations to the students who participated.

Mayday Training

Mayday training focuses on high-stress hands-on instruction during life threatening situations such as becoming lost, trapped, injured, or running out of air. These events, while rare, require training, coordination, communication, and immediate actions.

To address the need for training, shift officers participated in officer development training as incident commanders in Mayday fire situations. The Fire Department partnered with telecommunicators from Northwest Central Dispatch System to rehearse training exercises involving various fire simulations, each of which involved a Mayday scenario.

The training focused on:

- Risk assessment and size-up.
- Radio communication of the Mayday and "who, what, where."
- Commanding all aspects of the incident while prioritizing communications and personnel accountability.
- Testing our incident command personnel in high-pressure situation.
- Implementing our new command software and other methods to help track crews' activities.
- Evaluating our compliance with operational guidelines.

Through training of this nature, our crews will develop muscle memory response, applying the skills required for an immediate and accurate emergency response.





Welcome New Officers

The Mount Prospect Police Department welcomes **Officers Kobe Frenette and Joseph Podzcerwinski** to our community.

Kobe grew up in the Elgin area and graduated from Hampshire High School before earning an associate's degree in criminal justice from Elgin Community College.

Joseph is a local resident who attended Prospect High School. After graduation he proudly served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army for five years.

Our two newest additions are currently attending the police academy at the Police Training Institute in Champaign. Welcome to the team!



National Night Out Takes Place August 4



The Mount Prospect Police Department and Mt. Prospect Park District will come together to sponsor the annual National Night Out celebration on August 4 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. National Night Out is a nationwide community-building event to strengthen Mount Prospect spirit and police-community partnerships.

This year's event will be held in a new location, Gregory Park, 404 E. Gregory St. Come out to purchase dinner from one of the food vendors that will be onsite. There will also be entertainment for all ages, an emergency vehicle show, and more.

For more information, call Officer Greg Sill at 847.870.5650. [#BringTheNeighborhood](#)



Chillin' with the Blue Line

We're lacing up our skates for one of our favorite annual events, Chillin' with the Blue Line, on July 10. Come skate with the police from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Mount Prospect Ice Arena, 1501 Feehanville Dr. There will be ice hockey on one rink and ice skating on another. This is a free event, and skate rental is included.

The Children's Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County will be onsite to raffle off Mount Prospect Police sweaters. See you on the ice!



Pool Party with the Police

Join representatives from the Mount Prospect Police Department and the River Trails Park District, as they host a free pool party with games, music, and more on July 17. The event will take place at the Woodland Trails Pool, 1500 E. Euclid Ave., from 6:30 to 9 pm.



Public Works

Document Destruction Event

The Mount Prospect Public Works Department will partner with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) to host a free document shredding event on August 1. The event will be open from 8 to 11 am and is for Mount Prospect residents only. A valid ID will be required. No business or institutional materials will be accepted.

Residents may drop off up to six file-sized cardboard boxes or paper shopping bags filled with paper materials. Please do not deliver materials in plastic bags. All materials will be securely shredded onsite. This is a great opportunity to safely dispose of sensitive documents such as medical records, tax forms, personal files, and investment statements.

Paper must be removed from binders, but staples and small paper clips are acceptable. For questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Construction Season is in Full Swing



Have you noticed any construction work beginning in your neighborhood? With the arrival of warm weather, Mount Prospect's Public Works Department is in the midst of a busy construction season. Residents can expect to see crews and contractors working throughout the Village this summer.

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

The Public Works Department encourages residents to stay informed about ongoing and upcoming projects by visiting the village's construction updates page at mountprospect.org/construction.

2025 Water Report Available Online

The Illinois and federal Environmental Protection Agencies are now allowing water suppliers to offer electronic delivery of their annual Consumer Confidence Reports. This use of electronic delivery, or e-delivery, will save thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs for the Village. The use of the e-delivery method fully meets the public notification requirements. Please go to www.mountprospect.org/CCR2025 to view your 2025 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2025. If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the 2025 Annual Water Quality Report or have questions about the report, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 or you can email your request to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Prevent Sewer Gas from Entering Your Home

A dry sewer trap in your home can allow sewer gas from the Village sewer system to seep into your home. This happens most commonly when floor drains become dry but can occur with any drain trap in the home. Traps will dry out when not frequently used.

Traps need to have a layer of water in the lower portion to prevent sewer gas from coming up through the system. You can prevent the problem from occurring by adding a little fresh tap water to the drain and topping it off with a bit of cooking oil. The oil will float on top of the water and seal it against evaporation.

Tree Replacements

The Village is progressing with reforestation efforts to replace every tree that has been recently removed. Budget permitting, the effort will continue in the fall. The Village will continue replacing trees at suitable planting sites in the order they were removed. In some cases, replacement trees will not be available until the following year. Residents who lost a parkway tree should expect to receive a notification detailing the replacement process.

Trees will be hand-selected by Village staff at an Illinois nursery. Eight to ten different species are generally available per planting season. All requests for fall planting must be received at Public Works no later than August 1. Trees planted are guaranteed for one year.

If you are interested in having a parkway tree planted, contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.



Watering Restrictions

As part of the Lake Michigan water allocation program, water suppliers such as the Village are required to restrict outdoor water use. Restrictions are set to ensure that there is a continuous adequate water supply for drinking, bathing, and fire protection. Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply.

Current laws and regulations prevent homeowners from using water drawn directly or indirectly from public wells or public water supply distribution systems for the purpose of watering lawns and gardens, filling swimming pools, outside washing, or other exterior uses, except under the following conditions:

- Watering and sprinkling lawns may take place on odd numbered dates for odd numbered addresses and on even numbered dates for even numbered addresses. Watering periods are restricted to the hours of 4 pm to 10 am.
- Newly sodded lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the 2-week period following the installation of the sod.
- The rules apply seven days a week.

If you have any questions, call Public Works at 847.870.5640.



Stormwater Pollution

When it rains, some rainwater soaks into the ground, and some flows over the ground and directly into creeks, streams, or rivers. This water that runs off into the river is called runoff, or stormwater runoff. Sometimes this stormwater runoff gets polluted by materials that are harmful to natural resources, including air, soil, or in this case, water. Sometimes pollution is something you can see, like trash floating on top of the water. Other times you can't see the pollution at all, such as motor oil from a car that washes into a nearby creek. Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in the United States.

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

Stormwater systems flow directly into the rivers, lakes, and streams without treating the water. The cost of treating stormwater would be so high that it would exceed available resources.

There is a difference between a storm drain and a sewer drain. They are two completely separate drainage systems. The sewer system takes all household wastewater from toilets, showers, and sinks, routes it through your plumbing system, and directs it to a treatment plant.

The storm drain is intended to route rainwater quickly off the streets during a heavy storm. Unfortunately, it takes all the runoff along with it. Whether intentionally or accidentally spilled, chemicals, trash, and



debris from lawns, parking lots, and streets go straight into our waterways.

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

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

Let's all work together to lessen the impact of stormwater pollution, one drop at a time.



Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know

The Human Services Department will be offering an additional session of our What Families Need to Know presentation for those who could not attend earlier in the year. Join us **July 22 from 6 to 8 pm** at Village Hall for this helpful seminar on navigating the aging journey.

We'll follow the story of a fictional local couple to show exactly how Mount Prospect's support systems work in action. Following the presentation, attendees will have the chance to connect with community partners at our resource fair.

Registration is required and can be done through Eventbrite. You may also reserve your spot by calling the Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



SCAN TO REGISTER



Preparing for Winter

The Human Services Department is collecting monetary donations to purchase new winter coats for the children of families that regularly utilize our food pantry or have experienced a recent significant financial hardship. Our goal is to purchase new, size-specific coats for the children in our programs before the harsh winter months. Residents can make a monetary donation via PayPal or in person at the Human Services Department on the 2nd floor of Village Hall at 50 S. Emerson St.



SCAN TO DONATE



Family Health Fair

Get ready for an evening dedicated to keeping your family happy, healthy, and connected! The Human Services Department is thrilled to announce the return of our Family Health Fair on Wednesday, August 5, from 6 to 7:30 pm at Busse Pocket Park across from Village Hall.

This year's fair is all about empowering families to make healthier, safer choices while connecting you with incredible local resources. It's a night of fun for the whole family, featuring exciting giveaways, interactive kids' activities, and a chance to meet some lovable therapy animals!

And the fun doesn't stop there! Stick around after the fair for Movies on the Green, hosted by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association. No registration is required. For any questions, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



Save the Date for the Next Senior Connections

Our next Senior Connections gathering will take place on August 6 from 9 to 10:30 am. This is a great opportunity to stay informed about Village activities and to socialize with friends new and old. There will be an opportunity to meet and talk with members of the Village staff, enjoy light snacks and coffee, and hear a presentation from Northwest Central Dispatch on what to expect when calling 911, ensuring you feel confident and prepared in an emergency.



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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT  www.experiencemountprospect.org					
5 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	6 Mt. Prospect Community Band 50th Anniversary Concert Series, 7:30pm, Indoors at RecPlex	7 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Craft Party at Willow Trails Park, 1-3pm, Willow Trails Park	8 Summer Sound Meditation, 7pm, MPPL	9	10 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am Sycamore Trails Park Hawaiian Luau, 7-10pm Woodland Trails Pool	11 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
12 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot	13 Senior Game Day, 9:30-11am, VH Mt. Prospect Community Band 50th Anniversary Concert Series, 7:30pm, Indoors at RecPlex	14 Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Game On at Willow Trails Park, 1-3pm, Willow Trails Park Cutting the Cord: Getting the Most out of Streaming Services, 6pm, MPPL	15 Movies on the Green, <i>The Minicraft Movie</i> , Starts no later than 8:30pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall	16 Rockin' the Renovation Concert Series, 7:30pm Veterans Memorial Bandshell	17 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am Sycamore Trails Park Fridays on the Green, 6pm, Village Hall Rob Roy's Live on the Deck, 6-9pm, Rob Roy Golf Course Pool Party with the Police, 6:30-9pm, Woodland Trails Pool	18 Friends Book Sale, 9am-4:30pm, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
19 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Friends Book Sale, 11am-4pm, MPPL	20 Mt. Prospect Community Band 50th Anniversary Concert Series, 7:30pm, Indoors at RecPlex	21 Coffee Talk & Construction, 7:30-9am, Village Hall Small Business Morning Meetup, 9am, MPPL Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center	22 Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know, 6-8pm, VH	23 Botanical Names Demystified, 7pm, MPPL	24 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH Storytime in the Park, 10-10:30am Sycamore Trails Park Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party, 4-11pm, Emerson St. & Busse Ave.	25 Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party, 11am-11pm, (Kids Zone 11 am - 4 pm) Emerson St. & Busse Ave. Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-6pm, East Commuter Lot
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MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPL Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

MPDPA River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.



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Message from the Mayor

On May 26, 2026, the Village dedicated the Clock Tower at the beautiful new Central Gateway Plaza located at the corners of Northwest Highway and Central Road in Downtown Mount Prospect. The following are excerpts from the Mayor's dedication comments that morning.

I welcome you to the dedication of our New Clock Tower here at Central Gateway Plaza. It is a pleasure to mark the completion of a project that says something so important about Mount Prospect: we invest carefully, we plan thoughtfully, and we take pride in the places that bring people into the heart of our community.

This Clock Tower is new, but the idea behind it is timeless. A Community needs places that help tell its story. It needs landmarks that say "You are here. You have arrived. And this place matters." That is what Central Gateway Plaza now does for Mount Prospect.

In June 2024, our Village took a bold step by purchasing this property from longtime owner and Mount Prospect businessman, Joe Pentz. This decision gave the Village Board an opportunity to purchase the property, which had been an automotive service property and a gasoline station for over 50 years. It had certainly served an important purpose in its time, but it no longer reflected the best of what we want people to see when they enter our downtown. Through planning, environmental review, remediation, and reinvestment, the Village has taken a challenging property and turned it into a true public asset.

This Plaza is not just a beautification project. It is a statement about stewardship. It reflects our commitment to environmental responsibility, smart redevelopment, and long-term investment in the Village's future. We now have a welcoming downtown gateway park with native plantings, trees, shrubs, seasonal flowers, decorative brick walkways, pedestrian lighting, and public parking. And at the center of it all stands this incredible Clock Tower, a visible marker of Mount Prospect's identity and momentum.

A Clock Tower is a fitting symbol for a community like ours. It reminds us of where we have been. Mount Prospect has a proud history built by families, small businesses, civic organizations, volunteers, public servants, and residents who cared enough to get involved.

And it reminds us of where we are going. Time keeps moving, and so must we. Our responsibility is to keep improving, investing, and

making decisions that serve not just today's residents, but the generations who will come after us. Projects like this really matter to keep Mount Prospect a place where people want to live.

These projects in our downtown are about confidence. They are about saying that Mount Prospect believes in its downtown, thoughtful redevelopment, and in creating public spaces that make our community more appealing, more welcoming, and more connected.

I want to thank the Village Board for its support and careful consideration of this project. I want to thank our Village staff for moving this project from "concept to completion." These projects clearly do not happen by accident. They take persistence, coordination, and attention to detail. The Village Board and I want to express our gratitude to the Public Works employees who designed and constructed this plaza. What you see here today was largely the work of Forestry/Grounds Superintendent Dave Hull, Grounds Foreman Matt Stickels, and Maintenance Worker Keith Kuhn. They did a great job and built a beautiful public improvement that our community can be proud.

And, most of all, I want to thank the residents of Mount Prospect. Your pride in this community is what makes investments like this totally worthwhile. Every time we improve a corner, support a business district, strengthen our infrastructure, or create a more welcoming public space, we are doing it for the people who call Mount Prospect home.

So today, we dedicate this Clock Tower and Central Gateway Plaza to all the people of Mount Prospect. In commemoration of this day, we have installed a plaque that will remain a permanent feature of the plaza. Our new Clock Tower will not only mark the time of day, but also this moment in our Village's continuing story: a moment of renewal, reinvestment, and a moment of positive momentum.



Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT