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SEPTEMBER 2026



FALL FUN TAKES OVER DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT!

Oktoberfest 🍂 Fall Festival

SEPTEMBER 18 + 19 | DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT

Mount Prospect will celebrate the change of the season as the Downtown Merchants Association brings its two-day Oktoberfest & Fall Festival back to Downtown Mount Prospect. The festivities promise a weekend of culture, live music, great food, and family fun for residents and visitors alike.

On September 18 and 19, Oktoberfest will transform the intersection of Emerson St. and Busse Ave. from 4 to 11 pm. Paloma will provide live entertainment both nights with a lively mix of classic German favorites, contemporary German hits, oldies, country, and classic standards. Traditional German food and beverages will be available throughout the celebration.

The family-friendly Fall Festival will take place from 1 to 4 pm on Saturday, the 19th, offering plenty of free activities, including pony rides, face painting, balloons, and other entertainment. From noon to 1 pm, the festival will offer a special sensory friendly hour for attendees of all ages with special needs. Registration for this specific hour will open several days before the event at mpdma.com.

Getting downtown is easy, with parking available in the Emerson St. and Maple St. Parking Decks, the Willie St. and St. Marks Church lots, and the West Metra Commuter Lot (Friday after 6 pm and all

day Saturday). Bike parking is available throughout the area, and for guests coming from neighboring communities, the festivities are conveniently located just one block from the Metra station!

Oktoberfest & Fall Festival are presented by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association (MPDMA), a nonprofit organization led by an all-volunteer board dedicated to promoting everything downtown Mount Prospect has to offer.

Proceeds from Oktoberfest & Fall Festival help support MPDMA community events throughout the year, including Progressive Dinners, the Derby De Mayo Pub Crawl, Movies on the Green, 56 Music Fix, Downtown Trick or Treat, the Santa Photo Shoot, and the New Years Eve Eve Celebration.

For more information about Oktoberfest & Fall Festival, visit mpdowntown.com or follow the event on Facebook at facebook.com/oktoberfestmp.



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Fit 4 Life
Fridays | September 4, 11, 18 & 25
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. Friday, September 25 will be a pop-up Tai Chi class. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. No registration is required.

SEPTEMBER
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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.



SEPTEMBER
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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.



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It's Not Too Late to Plant Perennials! by Kimberly Hartman
Tuesday | September 8
9:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



As the nights get cooler, Hartman will share tips for selecting and establishing perennials to be planted in the fall. Kim is an Illinois Certified Nursery Professional and Lake County Master Gardener. This Garden Club of Mount Prospect event will begin with a 30-minute social gathering, followed by an hour-long presentation by Hartman. Followed by

an 11 am business meeting. For more information visit gcmp.weebly.com.

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

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

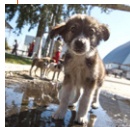
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Bessie's Workbasket: Knit Like a Viking
Wednesday | September 9
7 – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
A Viking knit is a fascinating wire-weaving

technique that results in a beautiful, tubular woven chain. The Historical Society will provide materials and step-by-step instructions, so no experience is necessary. Registration is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Space is limited, so reserve your spot at mtphist.org.

SEPTEMBER
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The Dogs of Chernobyl: A Story of Hope and Resilience
Thursday | September 10
7 pm | Virtual
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Stephen Quandt reflects

on his trip to Chernobyl to participate in a spay/neuter and research campaign for the descendants of dogs left behind after the 1986 nuclear disaster. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
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Weight Loss Medications: What to Know
Thursday | September 10
7 pm | Virtual
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
Join Dr. Annette

Carmichael, a clinical pharmacist, for an informative session exploring today's most common weight loss medications. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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

All are invited to join the Mount Prospect Fire and Police Departments as they gather to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. We would like to pay tribute, as a Village, to all of the lives lost and those that were forever changed by the events of that day. More details on page 4.

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Fridays on the Green
Friday | September 11
6 pm
The Socially Acceptable Band
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

This is the final Fridays on the Green, so grab your lawn chairs and blankets and stop by the Centennial Green. Visit experiencemountprospect.org for more information.

SEPTEMBER
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Free Parkour Takeover
Friday | September 11
6:45 – 8:45 pm
THE ZONE
550 E. Business Center Dr.
Ready to jump, climb, swing, and conquer obstacles? Put your skills

to the test on the obstacle courses, learn beginner-friendly parkour techniques from instructors, and experience the thrill of navigating challenges in a safe, supportive environment. Whether you're a first timer, a future ninja, or an experienced athlete looking for your next challenge, there's something for everyone. Plus, you can win giveaways, prizes, and more! Learn more at rtpd.org.

SEPTEMBER
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Coffee with Council
Saturday | September 12
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.

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Mount Prospect Fire Department Showcase
Saturday | September 12
10 am – 2 pm
RANDHURST VILLAGE
Families can get an up-close look at fire

trucks and ambulances, fire safety demonstrations, and an emergency management display. More details on page 6.

SEPTEMBER
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Senior Game Day
Monday | September 14
9:30 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Looking for a great way to kick off your week? Join a free senior game day on the second Monday of every month. Enjoy a relaxed morning of games, laughter, and great company.

SEPTEMBER
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True Crime: Financial Fraud
Monday | September 14
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Detective John Napoleon of the Mount Prospect Police Department will review real case examples of common financial scams, offer tips on how to keep your finances safe, and discuss what to do if you are the victim of a financial crime. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
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Mount Prospect Historical Society Book Club: This Land is Your Land
Monday | September 14
7 – 8 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Discuss Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Beverly Gage's exploration of the big ideas of our Founding Fathers. Her latest book chronicles her travels across the country to National Parks, tourist attractions, and gift shops that confront and celebrate 13 key moments that define America's greatest successes and challenges. Learn more about this free event at mtphist.org.

SEPTEMBER
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How to Perfect Your Query Letter
Monday | September 14
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

From sourcing the best

agents and publishers for your genre, to shaping your logline, writing a killer synopsis, and picking comp titles, you will walk away with the tools needed to successfully pitch and publish your manuscript. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
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Coffee Talk & Construction
Tuesday | September 15
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.

SEPTEMBER
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The Sound of Inspiration: A Gospel Music Performance
Tuesday | September 15
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Joyce Renee Walker and her ensemble during Gospel Music Heritage Month for an inspiring program celebrating the rich history, artistry, and sounds of gospel music. This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
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Mt. Melas Junior Adventure Run
Friday | September 18
4:30 – 6:15 pm
MELAS PARK
1500 Central Rd.

Kids ages 5 to 12 can test their limits and conquer obstacles in this adventure course. Time slots available every 30 minutes between 4:30 and 6 pm. Registration is \$20 until August 24, \$25 until September 16 and is \$30 day of. To learn more or register, visit mppd.org or call 847.640.1000.

SEPTEMBER
18/19

Oktoberfest
Friday & Saturday
September 18 & 19
4 – 11 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT
PROSPECT
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.
Check out all the details on page 1!

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Fall Festival
Saturday | September 19
1 – 4 pm
DOWNTOWN MOUNT
PROSPECT
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.
Check out all the details on page 1!

SEPTEMBER
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Fishing Derby
Saturday | September 19
8 – 11 am
CLEARWATER PARK
1724 W. Lonquist Blvd.
Grab your fishing gear and make your way to

Clearwater Park for a morning of family fun. Hundreds of fish are stocked during the week and worms are provided. Bring your own rod, reel, and tackle. Each child should register for \$11 (resident) or \$13 (non-resident), but the whole family can come share in the fun. Day-of registration is subject to availability. The Mount Prospect Police are a sponsor of this Mt. Prospect Park District event. Register and learn more at mppd.org.

SEPTEMBER
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Prospect Moose Lodge Craft & Vendor Fair
Sunday | September 20
10 am – 4 pm
PROSPECT MOOSE
CHAPTER #1481
601 N. Main St.

Explore an array of artisans, crafters, and vendors at this free event that is open to all. Refreshments will be available.

SEPTEMBER
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Bunco Night
Tuesday | September 22
6:30 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for an evening of good company and great laughs. No bunco experience needed – just bring a friend or two and enjoy the game. This event is for adults only and a donation of \$5 is suggested. Learn more at mtphist.org.

SEPTEMBER
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IDES Job Fair
Thursday | September 24
10 am – 1 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Connect with dozens of local employers at this all-industry job fair presented by the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Be sure to bring copies of your resume; some employers will be conducting on-the-spot interviews. No registration is required. For more information, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

SEPTEMBER
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Five-0 Family Fest
Saturday | September 26
1 – 3 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
911 E. Kensington Rd.

The Mount Prospect Police are hosting their 2nd annual Five-0 Family Fest. The event will feature games and activities for the kids, emergency vehicles for kids to sit in, fun giveaways, and a chance to meet your local police officers and police dogs. More details on page 7.

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Cemetery Walk
Sunday | September 27
(Rain Date: October 4)
12 – 3 pm
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
CEMETERY
1100 S. Linneman Rd.

The Mount Prospect Historical Society invites the community to step back in time and meet some of the Village's most notable residents from the past. Costumed actors will bring these former citizens to life, sharing their stories and shedding light on the early days of Mount Prospect. This unique event blends local history, theater, and community in a memorable and meaningful way. Visit mtphist.org for complete details.

SEPTEMBER
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Older Adult Transit Fair
Tuesday | September 29
2 – 3:30 pm
VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

The Transit Fair will present information on transit options for seniors and those with disabilities from a variety of service providers. Details are available on page 10.

SEPTEMBER
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Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County: Mobile Unit
Wednesday | September 30
1:30 – 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court's Mobile Unit is designed to help community members understand their legal rights using the Illinois Legal Aid Online tool. Representatives will provide guidance on accessing legal resources and will provide important information on how to navigate the Clerk's office. No registration is required. For more information, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

*Coming in
October!*

11th Annual American Legion Golf Classic
Thursday | October 1
Register by Thursday, September 24
MT. PROSPECT GOLF COURSE
600 S. See Gwun Ave.

All proceeds benefit homeless veterans through Veterans Path to Hope. \$130 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, sleeve of balls, various games, a hot dog, chips and drink at the turn, plus a buffet after golf, and an entry into the prize raffle. Email billstarr14@gmail.com.

Senior Connections
Thursday | October 1 | 9 – 10:30 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY
ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
For more information, please contact the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

12th Annual Pink Lemonade 5K
Sunday | October 4 | 9 am
VILLAGE GREEN
50 S. Emerson St.
Details on page 4.



THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 *Sponsors!*

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

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

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& DETAIL CENTER

Edward Jones



Scan to check out
the photo archive!

MOUNT PROSPECT

25 YEARS PATRIOT DAY

2001 • 2026

9/11 WE WILL NEVER FORGET

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 11 | 9AM

CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson Street

All are invited to join the Mount Prospect Fire and Police Departments as they gather to commemorate the **25th Anniversary of September 11, 2001**. We would like to pay tribute, as a Village, to all of the lives lost and those that were forever changed by the events of that day. Never to be forgotten are the families, volunteers, the men and women of the armed forces, and first responders who served so heroically. They will forever remain heroes in our hearts.

Do you have a personal connection or story from the 9/11 attacks?
Share your testimonial with us at ema@mountprospect.org.

VILLAGE HALL | 50 S. EMERSON ST. | MOUNT PROSPECT | IL 60056 | 847.392.6000

Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K Run/Walk New Location!

Join Lemons of Love for the 2026 Pink Lemonade 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, October 4 at 9 am at its new location, the Centennial Green at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.

This annual event brings our community together for a morning of fun and friendship while raising funds and awareness for Lemons of Love, a Mount Prospect based nonprofit. Lemons of Love provides care packages, programs, and ongoing support to people impacted by cancer. With your support, they can continue to share the love with those who need it most.

Gather your friends and family, lace up your shoes, and join in to walk or run for a great cause. All ages are welcome!

Register now at runsignup.com/Race/IL/MountProspect/Lemons5K



Community/Economic Development

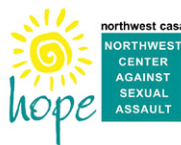
Community Block Grant Development Action Plan

Each year, Mount Prospect receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Village prepares an Annual Action Plan (AAP) to specify how those funds will be used. For Program Year (PY) 2026, funds support eligible activities from October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, and must address at least one of HUD's national objectives, including benefiting low- and moderate-income residents.

For PY 2026, the Village expects to receive approximately \$396,561.54 in total resources. This includes the PY 2026 entitlement allocation and estimated carryover program income from repayments of its Single-Family Rehabilitation loans. CDBG activities supported in PY 2026 align with the priority needs established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan: Public Services, Homeless Services, Affordable Housing, Community Facilities, and Public Infrastructure.

The Village's 2026 Action Plan development included a structured public participation and review period. The Village made funding applications available to subrecipient organizations in April 2026. The draft plan then went through a 30-day public review window from June 10 through July 10. In

SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT RECEIVED CDBG FUNDS IN 2026.



addition, the Village convened public meetings where the proposed CDBG budget and activities were discussed, including a Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on June 25 and a subsequent Village Board meeting on July 21.

Mount Prospect tracks progress and performance through defined objectives, outcomes, and indicators, with accomplishments reported through HUD's Integrated Disbursement and Information System. At the end of each program year, the Village submits a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to HUD. Copies of past and current CDBG plans and reports

are posted on the Village's website. For more information about the CDBG Program, contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328.

Openings & Ceremonies!



July 28, 2026 | Ribbon Cutting
Ivy Rehab Physical Therapy
1002 S. Elmhurst Rd.
ivyrehab.com | 224.205.3811



July 30, 2026 | Ribbon Tying Celebrating 10 Years
Trezeros Kitchen + Tap
302 W. Northwest Hwy.
trezeros.com | 847.749.4020



July 31, 2026 | Ribbon Cutting
Uyuhaus Ice Cream & Boba
110 S. Emerson St.
instagram.com/uyuhaus | 224.245.1500



Fire Department Showcase | September 12

What was once known as our annual Open House has now evolved into the Mount Prospect Fire Department Showcase. We look forward to meeting all of you at Randhurst Village on September 12 from 10 am to 2 pm. Families can get an up-close look at fire trucks and ambulances, police vehicles, and an emergency management display.

There will be a fire pole and combat challenge for the kids, along with a sensory friendly area. Everyone can enjoy hot dogs and ice cream, prizes and giveaways, special programs and presentations from Northwest Central Dispatch and local community partners, and fire safety and special team demonstrations.

Get all the details at mountprospect.org/firedepartment or facebook.com/mountprospectfd.



Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers can be a small but important part of a home fire escape plan. They can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or suppressing it until the fire department arrives. It's important to note that fire extinguishers don't last forever. You need to understand when they expire and how to properly maintain them so they work at the critical moment when they are needed.

Unlike the food in your kitchen, fire extinguishers do not have a traditional expiration date printed on them. Their limited-service life is based on their type, maintenance history, and physical condition.

A disposable extinguisher is commonly used in homes and is identified by a plastic valve. The average life expectancy for a disposable extinguisher is 10 to 12 years. These extinguishers must be replaced after they expire or after a single use.

A rechargeable extinguisher is commonly used in commercial properties and features a metal valve. With proper maintenance, these extinguishers can last between 12 and 20 years.

How do you know if it is time to replace an extinguisher? Check the pressure gauge on the device. If the arrow is in the red zone, it is time to replace the unit. Additionally, if you see a broken tamper seal, if the pin is missing, if there is evidence of cracked hoses or nozzles, or any rust, corrosion, or pitting on the cylinder, it's time to replace your fire extinguisher.

You can help the environment by not letting fire extinguishers end up in landfills. They contain materials that can be hazardous, so expired or depleted extinguishers should be taken to an approved facility for proper disposal. Here are three locations that will accept your fire extinguisher for disposal:

Chicago's Household Chemicals & Computer Recycling Facility

1150 N. North Branch St. | Chicago
312.744.3060

Tuesday 7 am to noon, Thursday noon to 7 pm, and the first Saturday of each month, 8 am to 3 pm

Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Facility

156 Fort Hill Dr. | Naperville
630.420.6095

Saturday and Sunday 9 am to 2 pm

Rock River Reclamation District

3333 Kishwaukee St. | Rockford
(815) 387-7400

*Saturday 8 am to 4 pm
Sunday noon to 4 pm*



We Need Your Help

Fire Station 13 is located along Main St. (Rt. 83) just south of one of the busiest intersections in the Village at Rand Rd., Main St., and Kensington Rd.. It is not uncommon for cars waiting for a light to change to be backed up along Main St. to the point where they block the Station's driveway. There is a sign asking drivers to not stop on the white lines that are visible on the road. When fire crews are called out for an emergency, we can lose valuable seconds and even minutes if the exit

is blocked. We ask that you do your part to take care of one another by never stopping in that space. This makes sure that our first responders arrive on scene quickly to provide emergency fire and medical services to those in need. If you are approaching the area and aren't sure how much space there will be, please stop before the white lines until it is clear for you to pull further up. Our emergency personnel and your neighbors who need our assistance will be grateful for your support.



Five-O Family Fest

Get ready for our 2nd Annual Five-O Family Fest to be held on Saturday, September 26. Join us at the Mount Prospect Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd., from 1 to 3 pm for a great family event. “Be the Hero Your Community Needs” is our theme this year, and we encourage everyone young and old to dress as your favorite hero.

The event will feature games and activities for the kids, emergency vehicles for kids to sit in, fun giveaways, a photo booth, a balloon artist, Kona Ice, and a chance to meet your local police officers and police dogs. Five-O Family Fest is free, but we would welcome non-perishable food items to stock the Mount Prospect Food Pantry. If you have any questions, please contact Officer Mark Bechtold at 847.870.5656.



See Tracks? Think Train Week

Railroad crossings are a part of everyday life in Mount Prospect, so when you see tracks, Think Train. September 21 through 27 is See Tracks? Think Train Week, a week focused on rail safety education. Our Police Department wants you to think about the importance of making safe choices when driving or walking near railroad tracks and trains. Regrettably, every three hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train. When walking, jogging, or riding through railroad crossings, it's important to know what to do when you see railroad signs and signals. Stay alert at places where the roadway crosses train tracks. Let's follow these important tips to stay safe when it comes to trains and rail crossings:

- Always expect a train. Trains are quieter and faster than you think, can run on any track at any time from either direction, and don't always run on schedule.
- Walking on or beside railroad tracks is not only dangerous, it is illegal.
- The only safe place to cross tracks is at designated public crossings with a crossbuck, flashing red lights, or a gate. Crossing anywhere else is illegal.

- Crossing tracks on a bike, with a stroller, in a wheelchair, or on other narrow wheels requires caution and extra attention. Plan ahead when choosing a route. When possible, walk, don't ride across the tracks. Cyclists should walk their bike across train tracks at a 90-degree angle. Those in wheelchairs should also cross at 90-degrees to prevent getting caught in gaps.
- Never pass flashing lights or go around lowered gates. Always wait until lights have stopped flashing and gates are completely raised.
- Wait to cross until you can see clearly in both directions. Multiple tracks may mean multiple trains.
- Do not attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment at any time. Trains, tracks, and railroad yards are NOT playgrounds. Never climb on, under, or through railroad cars. Never jump on or off a train while it's moving.
- Stay off railroad bridges and trestles. Stay out of railroad tunnels. There is only room for the train.

Be Aware at Your Front Door

If someone comes to your front door looking to sell or sign you up for something, be extra cautious and don't be intimidated by their persistent or pushy approach. It is not only disturbing and disruptive, but it may also be related to a scam. Here are some tips to protect you:

- Don't open your door if you are not sure who is there. Talk to the person through the door, window, or video doorbell if you have one.
- You have the power to say no to anything they are asking you to do, and you further have the right to ask that they leave your property immediately.
- If you have said no and asked them to leave and they do not comply, call 911 and one of our officers will be dispatched to intervene.
- You are never obligated to answer questions, take materials, or let anyone into your home.

The same situation may occur if you are outside your home, but we encourage the same response of saying no and asking them to leave. Calling 911 is not just for emergencies, so do not hesitate to call if either of these scenarios occur.

Be a good neighbor by sharing this information with others and be sure to help watch out to keep our community safe.

Family Reporting of Road Safety Concerns

On July 1st, the Road Safety and Fairness Act went into effect in Illinois to establish a process that allows immediate family members to report concerns when they believe a loved one's medical condition, cognitive decline, vision impairment, or driving behavior may affect their ability to drive safely.

Reports may be submitted only by an immediate family member and should be based on legitimate concerns that may affect a person's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

Every report is independently reviewed by the Secretary of State's office. A report does not automatically affect a person's driving privileges. Instead, each case is evaluated individually to determine whether additional review is necessary. To learn more or to file a report, go to ilsos.gov.



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Five Tips for Tree Care This Fall

Fall is a beautiful time of year in Mount Prospect, and it's also a great time to give your trees some attention before winter arrives. A little maintenance now can help keep trees healthy and ready for spring. Here are five easy steps you can take to help your trees:



1 | KEEP TREES WATERED

Aim for about 1" of water per week either from rainfall or by supplemental watering. Water the entire area below the tree's canopy to reach the entire root zone.

2 | MULCH AROUND THE BASE

Apply 2" – 3" of wood-chip mulch beneath the canopy to retain moisture, protect roots, and reduce weeds. Be sure to leave a little space between the mulch and the base of the tree; never pile the mulch against the tree.

3 | FERTILIZE AT THE RIGHT TIME

If you plan to fertilize, timing is important. Attempt to complete your fertilizing by early September or after the tree enters dormancy in late November. Avoid encouraging new growth prior to winter arriving.



4 | INSPECT AND PRUNE

Removing damaged limbs can improve tree health and reduce opportunities for insects and fungi. Check trees for insect damage, disease, and broken or dead branches. For difficult to reach branches, hire a qualified tree care professional.

5 | CLEAN UP

Remove fallen leaves, fruit, and other debris from around trees and plants. Cleaning up in the fall can help reduce the spread of diseases that may return next growing season.

Give your trees a little extra care this fall and they'll be better prepared for winter and the growing season ahead.



Fall Leaf Collection Begins October 19

As leaves begin to change color and fall to the ground, Mount Prospect residents can once again take advantage of the Village's fall leaf collection program. Public Works crews will collect unbagged leaves from the curb once each week on designated collection dates from October 19 through December 4. The best part is that this convenient program is free!

To help crews collect leaves safely and efficiently, please rake leaves onto the pavement approximately one foot from the curb line no earlier than the day before your scheduled collection day. Do not rake your leaves into the street if you miss your collection day; crews will only pass by once on each scheduled collection day. The program is for loose leaves only; branches, bushes, grass

clippings, and other yard waste should continue to be placed in collection bags and set at the curb as part of the Village's regular waste collection procedures.

Remember that burning leaves in Mount Prospect is prohibited.

For collection dates, additional information, and a map showing the collection schedule, visit mountprospect.org/publicworks.



Sewer Maintenance Matters

When you turn on a faucet or flush the toilet, you probably don't give much thought to where the wastewater goes. Beneath Mount Prospect's streets is an extensive network of sewer pipes that quietly carries wastewater away from homes and businesses. Keeping that system working properly takes ongoing inspection, cleaning, and maintenance by Public Works crews.

Over time, sewer pipes can collect grease, sediment, debris, tree roots, and other materials that restrict the flow of wastewater. If these materials are allowed to build up, they can lead to blockages, sewer backups, unpleasant odors, and potentially costly emergency repairs.

That's why preventive sewer maintenance is so important. Public Works routinely inspects and cleans sewer mains to keep wastewater flowing and identify potential problems before they become major issues. Regular maintenance also helps extend the useful life of the Village's underground infrastructure and reduces the likelihood of unexpected service disruptions.

Much of this work happens underground and out of sight, but it plays an important role in the services residents rely on every day.

By investing in regular sewer maintenance today, the Village can protect its infrastructure, reduce long-term costs, and help ensure a safe, reliable wastewater system for the community.

The next time you flush, remember there's a lot happening beneath your feet to keep Mount Prospect's sewer system flowing properly.



Styrofoam Recycling

This recycling program offered by the Village makes it easier for you to keep harmful materials out of landfills. Expanded polystyrene (EPS), commonly known as Styrofoam, is lightweight and bulky, making it difficult and costly to transport and process through traditional recycling programs. Most curbside recycling programs are not equipped to handle EPS, leading to much of that material ending up in landfills.

To help address this challenge, Public Works utilizes a foam densifier that processes both packaging and food-service foam, converting it into reusable and resalable EPS foam ingots.



Residents can participate by bringing eligible materials to Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd., on Tuesdays from 10 am to noon and on Thursdays between 1 and 3 pm.

Accepted materials include clean and dry:

**COOLERS | CUPS | FOAM PACKING BLOCKS
EGG CARTONS | PLATES
TO-GO CONTAINERS**

All materials must be free of food residue, tape, and labels.

The small items known as packing peanuts are not accepted in the program.

By participating, residents can help reduce the amount of EPS sent to landfills while supporting the Village's efforts to expand recycling opportunities and promote more sustainable practices in our community.

Winter is on Its Way

Public Works is looking for individuals with experience driving large trucks who may want to earn some extra income this winter as a supplemental snowplow driver. Applicants must have a valid-approved Class A or B commercial driver's license (CDL) with air brake endorsement who can be available as needed during snow events. First-year drivers must attend an orientation

class hosted by the Public Works Department. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Public Works at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org or call 847.870.5640 for details.



Human Services



Health & Wellness Expo

Older adults are invited to our free Health & Wellness Expo on September 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Stop by Village Hall to explore resource tables, receive health screenings, connect with local organizations, and visit our vaccine clinic. No registration is required.

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. To help with this, 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, Regional Transit Authority (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. Our transportation booklet can be found on our website, mountprospect.org/humanservices, and is available in print in the Human Services Department.



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Benefit Access Program

The Illinois Department on Aging offers a Benefit Access program available to income-eligible adults aged 65 and older and individuals with disabilities aged 16 and older.

If approved for the Benefit Access program, individuals are eligible for:

- A discount on license plate registration fee; and/or
- Ride Free transit card from the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) to ride Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) buses and trains, as well as Metra, for no charge

To be eligible, your total gross income for the last closed tax year must be less than:

- \$33,562 for a one-person household
- \$44,533 for a two-person household
- \$55,500 for a three-person household

If you are applying for the first time, please do so ninety days before the license sticker is due to expire. The certificate is good for two years from approval date.

For more information, contact Human Services at 847.870.5680.



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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September is Suicide Prevention 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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Human Services 847.870.5680
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	LEARN MORE AT  www.experiencemountprospect.org	1 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, Community Connections Center It's Not Too Late to Plant Perennials!, 9:30am, VH	2 Bessie's Workbasket: Knit Like a Viking, 7-9pm, MPHIST	3 The Dogs of Chemobyl: A Story of Hope and Resilience, 7pm, MPPL Weight Loss Medications: What to Know, 7pm, Virtual	4 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH	5 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
6 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot	7	8	9	10	11	12
		15 Coffee Talk & Construction, 9:30-11am, VH Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, Community Connections Center The Sound of Inspiration: A Land is Your Land, 7-8pm How to Perfect Your Query Letter, 7pm, MPPL	16	17	18	19
13 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot	14 Senior Game Day, 9:30-11am, VH True Crime: Financial Fraud, 2pm, MPPL MPHIST Book Club: This Land is Your Land, 7-8pm How to Perfect Your Query Letter, 7pm, MPPL					
20 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot Prospect Moose Lodge Craft & Vendor Fair, 10am-4pm	21	22 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, Community Connections Center Burco Night, 6:30pm, MPHIST	23	24 IDES Job Fair, 10am-1pm, MPPL	25 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH	26 Five-O Family Fest, 1-3pm, Mount Prospect Police Headquarters Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
27 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot Cemetery Walk, (Rain Date: October 4), 12-3pm, St. John Lutheran Cemetery	28	29 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm, Community Connections Center Older Adult Transit Fair, 2-3:30pm, VH	30 Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County: Mobile Unit, 1:30-4pm, MPPL			

MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
MPHIST Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPO Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.
VH Village Hall



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Message from the Mayor

Through my Mayor's Messages, many times I like to take the opportunity to share some of the behind-the-scenes work and advance preparation that goes into our Village capital projects to accomplish our strategic goals. A formalized part of our process is the Village's Five-Year Community Investment Plan (CIP) that provides a long-term framework for planning, prioritizing, and funding sources for significant investments in the community's infrastructure and other long-lived assets.

Projects may include improvements to streets, sidewalks, bridges, stormwater infrastructure, water and sewer systems, public buildings, vehicles, equipment, technology, and other major community assets. The Five-Year CIP helps your Village Board take a proactive approach to capital planning by considering the conditions and needs of existing assets, future infrastructure requirements, State and Federal mandated projects as well as available funding sources, financial capacity, and the Village's strategic priorities.

The 2027-2031 CIP is currently in progress. The following are some capital projects that are currently underway or will be in the near future in our Village.

1. Melas-Meadows Pedestrian Bridge | This bridge, which will span the Union Pacific tracks and Northwest Highway, will provide safer connections between North and South Mount Prospect to access parks, schools, and other destinations. The pedestrian bridge is being constructed at the northeast corner of Melas Park and the southwest corner of Meadows Park. Construction is ongoing through Fall of 2027. The Village secured \$10.8 million in grants to fund a majority of the project.

2. Rand Road / Rt 83 / Kensington Road Intersection Improvements | Improvements include adding turn lanes, modernizing traffic signal equipment, improving drainage, and adding street lighting, which will benefit motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and nearby businesses. Construction will begin during Winter of 2026/2027 and be completed by the Summer of 2028. The Village received multiple County, State, and Federal grants and other funding for the regional project totaling \$15.1 million.

3. Village Resource Center | Construction of a new Village Resource Center (VRC) in South Mount Prospect will replace our current outmoded Community Connections Center. The VRC will provide essential social service programs, a Village-operated food pantry, and a police substation to enhance public safety and community engagement. The facility will also serve as a dedicated library space with books, digital resources, computers, internet connectivity, and programming for children, teens, adults, and seniors.

4. Stormwater Management Master Plan | The Village is in the process of developing a comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan to guide future flood mitigation projects and policies. The process included a public outreach program to gain valuable insight from citizens. A final draft will be

completed by December 2026 and presented to the Village Board in January 2027. Over the past 35 years, approximately \$98 million has been invested in flood mitigation to protect our neighborhoods throughout the Village.

5. Water Main Replacement | This program includes the replacement of over 15,000 linear feet of aging water main and associated fire hydrants, main line valves, and service line connections in five locations around Mount Prospect. Current replacements will be completed this Fall. This is to achieve a complete system replacement cycle of 130 years, therefore reducing water main breaks and leaks.

6. Sewer Replacement and Lining | Through televised inspections of sanitary sewers, our Public Works Department identifies defects within the sewers and then replaces or resin lines defective pipe segments. The Village replaced or lined 18,000 linear feet of defective sewer in 2026.

7. Algonquin Road Shared-Use Path | This specific project aims to enhance pedestrian safety and promote walking and biking along a key corridor in our community, Algonquin Road. It also fulfills a key component of the Village's Strategic Plan to expand our pedestrian and bike network and provide multi-modal transportation options. Construction is planned for 2027.

8. Street Lighting Improvement | Our Public Works Department maintains a street lighting improvement program to enhance safety along major corridors and in neighborhoods. A Priority Matrix ranks missing streetlight segments based on many factors, including traffic volume, sidewalks, and bike routes. When prioritizing projects, we also consider nearby destinations such as schools, parks, churches, shopping, and restaurants. Residential streetlighting is planned for Gregory Street between Main Street and Dale Avenue and Rand Road between Wedgewood Lane and Camp McDonald Road with construction occurring in the Fall of 2026 and Spring of 2027.

Citizen safety is Priority #1 for your Village Board. Capital improvements such as these foregoing projects significantly enhance public safety and prepare Mount Prospect for the future. I encourage you to read our CIP and become engaged in the upcoming approval process. The 2027 Budget and 2027-2031 CIP will be discussed at public meetings in October and November. I think you will find both very informative as well as interesting.

For specific questions or more detail on any of these projects, I encourage you to contact our Public Works Team at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT