



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATION OF CULTURES: SEPT. 29

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The Village of Mount Prospect is excited to announce a new event for the Village: the Celebration of Cultures on Saturday, September 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The event will be held at Kopp Park, adjacent to RecPlex (420 Dempster Street, Mount Prospect). The Celebration of Cultures will feature entertainment, cultural booths, craft fair, ethnic foods and beers from around the world. This event is a collaboration between the Village, the Mt. Prospect Park District and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor and the Village Board have long recognized the diversity that makes up the Village. As a result, the Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures has been planned as a way to honor the many diverse populations represented in the Village.

“We are thrilled to bring this new event to the Village and to celebrate our rich and diverse community. This inaugural year will be a celebration of everything that makes Mount Prospect unique and inclusive,” said Mayor Arlene Juracek.

Food options include Trezeros Kitchen & Tap (Italian), E & O Food & Drink (Asian), Qulinarnia (Polish), Mr. Kimichi (Korean), Mina Restaurant (Mediterranean), Canta Napoli (German), KD Market (Polish), Avanti Café (Italian), Hacienda El Sombrero (Mexican), Capannari Ice Cream (Vanillas from Around the World) and Nothing Bundt Cakes.

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Cultural Entertainment scheduled for the day includes: Hispanic Heritage Dancers from Euclid School, Korean Dance Company, Polonia Dance Ensemble, Zydeco Voodoo (Cajun/French/American), Aztec Dancers (Dist. 214 Newcomers), Saol Academy of Irish Dance. The closing act will be Funkadesi at 5:30 pm. Funkadesi blends Indian music — bhangra, Bollywood, Indian folk — with reggae, funk, and Afro-Caribbean grooves. The band hails from Chicago, proudly representing the diverse multi-ethnic communities within the city.

Free trade craft outlet Ten Thousand Villages will be participating in the craft fair. They bring goods created in communities throughout the developing world, every inspired design is crafted with love using local materials (usually natural or recycled) and time-honored skills by makers they have known and worked with for years. Every purchase improves the lives of makers by supporting their craft and providing a fair, stable income.

More information about the event is available on mountprospect.org.

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