



Village of Mount Prospect **Press Release**

MOUNT PROSPECT CELEBRATION OF CULTURES – SEPTEMBER 14

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The 2nd Annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Kopp Park, located just behind RecPlex, 420 Dempster Street.

Mayor Arlene Juracek and the members of the Village Board have long recognized the diverse population that makes up the Village. Celebrating our community's diversity has been identified as high priority in the Village's Strategic Plan. As a result, the Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures event was created as commemoration to honor the many diverse populations that live side by side in the Village.

The Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures is a partnership between the Village of Mount Prospect, the Mt. Prospect Park District and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. The event will feature entertainment, cultural booths, a craft fair and food from around the world. Community partners/agencies will also be present with booths and information.

The day will kick off with an opening ceremonies, which will begin with a parade of cultures and culminate with a multi-stranded ribbon being tied together as a symbol of unity. There will be a day-long lineup of cultural entertainment featuring bands, singers, dancing groups and sports demos.

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Celebration of Cultures Entertainment Schedule

11:30am	Opening Ceremony
12:00pm	Thai Cultural and Fine Arts Institute Dance Company
12:30pm	Yellin Korean Traditional Drumming & Dancing Troupe
12:45pm	Euclid School Chorus
1:00pm	Na Kapuna Ukulele Club (Hawaiian Music)
2:00pm	Jasmine Jahal Dance Group (Egyptian Folkloric Dances)
2:30pm	Mt. Prospect Park District Dancers
3:00pm	Chicago Cossacks (Traditional Russian Music)
4:00pm	Anita's Bollywood Dancers (Indian Dance)
4:30pm	Chicago Korean Dance Company
5:00pm	Bulgarica Dance Company (Traditional Bulgarian Dance)
5:30pm	The Diana Mosquera Group (Latin Jazz Quartet)

Cultural booths will feature participating organizations, allowing attendees to learn about other cultures. There will be a variety of kids' crafts celebrating cultural diversity. Ten Thousand Villages will sell fair trade crafts from a variety of countries. Local restaurants will offer tastes from around the world, featuring small plates for \$3. Food vendors include: Avanti Café, Canta Napoli, Capannari Ice Cream, Hacienda El Sombrero, KD Market, Mia's Cantina, Mina Restaurant Mediterranean Cuisine, Minta Restaurant and Social Lounge, Mr. Kimchi Korean BBQ, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Qulinarnia Modern Polish Cuisine and Trezeros Kitchen + Tap.

Parking in the RecPlex parking lot will be limited. Attendees are encouraged to park in the north end of the Kohl's parking lot at 1500 Elmhurst Rd. (at the corner of Elmhurst Rd. and Dempster St.).

Information about participating organizations, performers, restaurants and more is available on the Village website, www.mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures.

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