



Village of Mount Prospect Press Release

DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY AND CELEBRATION OF CULTURES EVENTS COMING TO MOUNT PROSPECT

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The Village of Mount Prospect announces the return of the Downtown Block Party and the Celebration of Cultures in 2021!

DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY | August 27-28

The Village of Mount Prospect and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce welcome residents and visitors downtown to enjoy a weekend's worth of great live musical performances, delicious food and beverages, and the return of the business expo. Admission is FREE.

The Downtown Block Party will be held in the heart of downtown Mount Prospect at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue (next to Village Hall on Centennial Green, 50 S. Emerson Street). Two full days of free entertainment are scheduled. The festival opens Friday, August 27 at 4 p.m. and runs through 11 p.m. The party continues on Saturday, August 28, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Bring the kids for fun, free activities from noon to 6 p.m. Kids will enjoy the various rides, face painting and crafts.

The entertainment lineup for the event includes:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

4:30 p.m. No Age Statement
6:30 p.m. One of the Boyzz
9:00 p.m. 16 Candles

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28

12:00 p.m. The Difference
2:00 p.m. Six on Friday
4:00 p.m. 7th Heaven
6:30 p.m. Exit 147
9:00 p.m. Underwater People

No party is complete without food! Indulge in Mount Prospect's local favorites, from pizza, tacos, gyros, and hot dogs to ice cream and cakes. Beer, wine and specialty beverages will be available.

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Food and beverage vendors include: Mia's Cantina, Olympus Gyros, Brick's Wood Fired Pizza & Café, The Red Barn Restaurant and Brewery, Capannari Ice Cream and Mount Prospect Junior Women's Club.

Rides/Activities in Kids Zone (Saturday, 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.) include: mini ferris wheel, mini carousel, giant slide, climbing wall, pony rides and crafts (2 p.m. – 6 p.m.). Thanks to our generous sponsors, all Kids Zone activities are free of charge!

The event would not be possible without our sponsors. Thank you to Arrow Road Construction, Enlightened Cannabis for People, IBI Health Performance Institute, Kramer Construction & Management, Mount Prospect State Bank, Busey Bank, Randhurst Village, Chokshi Filippone Law LLC, and Illinois American Water for their support.

For up-to-date restaurant listings, band information and more, visit mpblockparty.com, like the Downtown Block Party Facebook page, or call Village Hall at 847.392.6000.

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES | August 29 | 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 3rd Annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures returns! On the day immediately following the Downtown Block Party, the Celebration of Cultures will take place in the same downtown location and will once again feature cultural booths, ethnic entertainment, fair trade crafts from 10,000 Villages and food from around the world.

The Opening Ceremonies will take place at 11:00 a.m. and scheduled entertainment for includes:

- 11:30 a.m. Kalkrit Indian Dance Company (Indian)
- 12:00 p.m. Yellin Drum and Dance Company (Korean)
- 12:45 p.m. Na Kupuna Ukulele Club (Hawaiian/Pacific Islands)
- 1:30 p.m. Mariachi Monumental De Mexico (Mexican)
- 2:30 p.m. Bulgarica Dance Company (Bulgarian)
- 3:15 p.m. Maxwell Street Klezmer Band (Eastern European)

Mount Prospect restaurants are invited to participate – contact jkane@mountprospect.org for information.

Information, costumes, artifacts and other cultural items can be found at the cultural booths. In 2019 we had 15 cultures represented. If you would like to have your culture represented and want to create or participate in a cultural booth, please contact jkane@mountprospect.org.

Visit the Village website at www.mountprospect.org/CelebrationofCultures for more information on the event.

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