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NEWS RELEASE

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Weather Siren Testing June 7, 2022

The Village of Mount Prospect has six (6) warning sirens located throughout the community to notify residents of a "Tornado Warning and Severe Wind Events." These sirens are a proven method to warn people who are outdoors at ball games, in their yard, or anywhere else outside and not in contact with a radio or television.

The Mount Prospect six sirens will remain at the following locations;

1. Lions Park (Maple St. & Shabonee Trail)
2. Marcella Road & Gregory Lane
3. Algonquin Road & Linneman Road
4. Indian Grove School (1304 N. Burning Bush Lane) (**In process of being upgraded**)
5. Prospect High School (Forest Avenue & Kensington Road)
6. Busse Road at Estates Drive (Mount Prospect Golf Club)

The Village of Mount Prospect is in the process of replacing the old electrical sirens with new, more efficient mechanical sirens. Currently, five of the six weather sirens have been updated. The decision to replace the sirens was based on several factors. The current sirens were over 25 years old and had exceeded their life expectancy. The new sirens will rotate while taking in air and omitting an amplified tone in a more patterned sound. The previous electrical sirens did not rotate and put out a more monotone blanket alert blast.

Residents may notice the new siren sound during siren testing on Tuesday June 7, 2022. Please take note of the new sound as this will be re-occurring every first Tuesday of the month. Sirens are only tested on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. so if you are hearing the siren at another time or day of the week always err on the side of caution and take shelter.



“It is important to remember that the weather sirens are intended to notify people who are outdoors in the event of severe weather,” stated Jim Miller, Emergency Management Coordinator for the Village of Mount Prospect. “Weather sirens are not intended to notify residents in their homes in the event of inclement weather. It is important to have a weather radio or other notification device in your home to notify you in case of severe weather.”

In addition, the weather siren system **will not** be set off to announce an **“all-clear”** to signal the end of the severe weather. Please monitor local media for updates regarding the passing of the storm. For more information regarding the weather sirens or emergency preparedness please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Department at 847-818-5253.

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