

# *COMMUNITY SUMMIT 2022*

Mayor and Village Board



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# **SECTION 1**

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## **COMMUNITY SUMMIT 2022: OVERVIEW**

# **Community Summit 2022**

## **Village of Mount Prospect**

### **August 8, 2022**

#### ***PURPOSES***

*The Mayor and Board of Trustees are seeking input from the community on your ideas for Mount Prospect's future as they update the Village's Strategic Plan – a 15 year Vision – the preferred future; a 5 year Plan with outcome-based goals – map to the future; and a 1 year Action Plan – a "to do list" with deliverable products and results.*

#### ***FIVE BASIC RULES***

- (1) Everyone's ideas and comments are important.**
- (2) Treat everyone with respect even if you disagree with their comment.**
- (3) Record everyone's ideas on the large sheets of paper.**
- (4) Star (\*) the "most important" for your table as determined by a majority vote.**
- (5) Relax, enjoy yourself and make new friends.**
- (6) Mayor and Trustees are here to LISTEN – avoid commenting or sharing ideas**
- (7) Village staff will serve as recorders – recording all ideas mentioned during discussion**

#### ***AGENDA***

- 1. WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**
  - Mayor and Village Board of Trustees**
  - Village Manager**
- 2. STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR MOUNT PROSPECT OVERVIEW**
  - Working Model**
  - Connecting the “Dots”**
  - Our Vision 2037**
  - Goals for 2027**

**3. ROUND 1: MOUNT PROSPECT TODAY**

**Question 1:** What have been Village successes during the past two years and during COVID pandemic?

**Question 2:** Why do you make the choice to live in Mount Prospect - add value to your life?

**4. ROUND 2: MOUNT PROSPECT'S FUTURE**

**Question 3:** Today, what are Mount Prospect community assets that are important to preserve and to enhance?

**Question 4:** What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Mount Prospect over the next 5 years?

**5. ROUND 3: MOUNT PROSPECT NEXT TWO YEARS**

**Question 5:** What actions could the Village take to enhance your quality of life in Mount Prospect?

**Question 6:** During the next two years, what would you suggest as issues, projects or service enhancement for Village government?

**6. MESSAGE TO THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*On the 3x5 card on your table, write an open message to the Mayor and Village Council.*

*“To the Mayor and Board of Trustees: ...”*

**7. FINAL COMMENT**

**Mayor and Village Trustees  
Village Manager**

***and THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE FUTURE OF MOUNT PROSPECT!***

# Village of Mount Prospect Community Summit 2022 Discussion Participants

## »» Participants

1. Christine Barr
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3. Cindy Bork
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5. Chris Bozonelos
6. Ken Brey
7. Jeanne Brock
8. Trisha Chokshi
9. Katie Cousino
10. John DeGroot
11. Ned Derfler
12. Jim Drew
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14. Beth Dukes
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35. Tom Nelson
36. Jim Peterson
37. Steve Polit
38. Julie Prempas
39. Susan Quinlan
40. Tom Quinlan
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42. Raul Romero
43. Erich Roush
44. Kyle Schwartz
45. Chris Steinicki
46. Walter Szymczak
47. John Ward
48. Lisa Wheeler
49. Mary Zander
50. Tom Zander

# Village of Mount Prospect Community Summit 2022 Discussion Teams

## **TEAM A:**

1. Mary Anne Benden
2. Susan Quinlan
3. Bill Grimpe
4. Steve Polit
5. Christine Barr
6. Mark Pope
7. John DeGroot

## **TEAM B:**

1. Ken Brey
2. Lisa Wheeler
3. Trisha Chokshi
4. Julie Prempas
5. Katie Cousino
6. Jim Drew
7. John Ward



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1. Jeanne Brock
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3. Karin Kipp
4. Tom Nelson
5. Chris Steinicki

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1. Catherine Dunnington
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3. Bret Fahnstrom
4. Katie Miller
5. Bert Hamann
6. Jill Friedrichs
7. Bill Knee

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1. Debra Kutska
2. Jim Jarog
3. Kyle Schwartz
4. Jeff NejdI
5. Barb Laz

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1. Sue Reynders
2. Erich Roush
3. Walter Szymczak
4. Ned Derfler
5. Raul Romero

## **TEAM G:**

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2. Maureen Meersman
3. Gerri McClusky
4. Mary Zander
5. Chris Bozonelos
6. Cindy Bork
7. Jim Peterson

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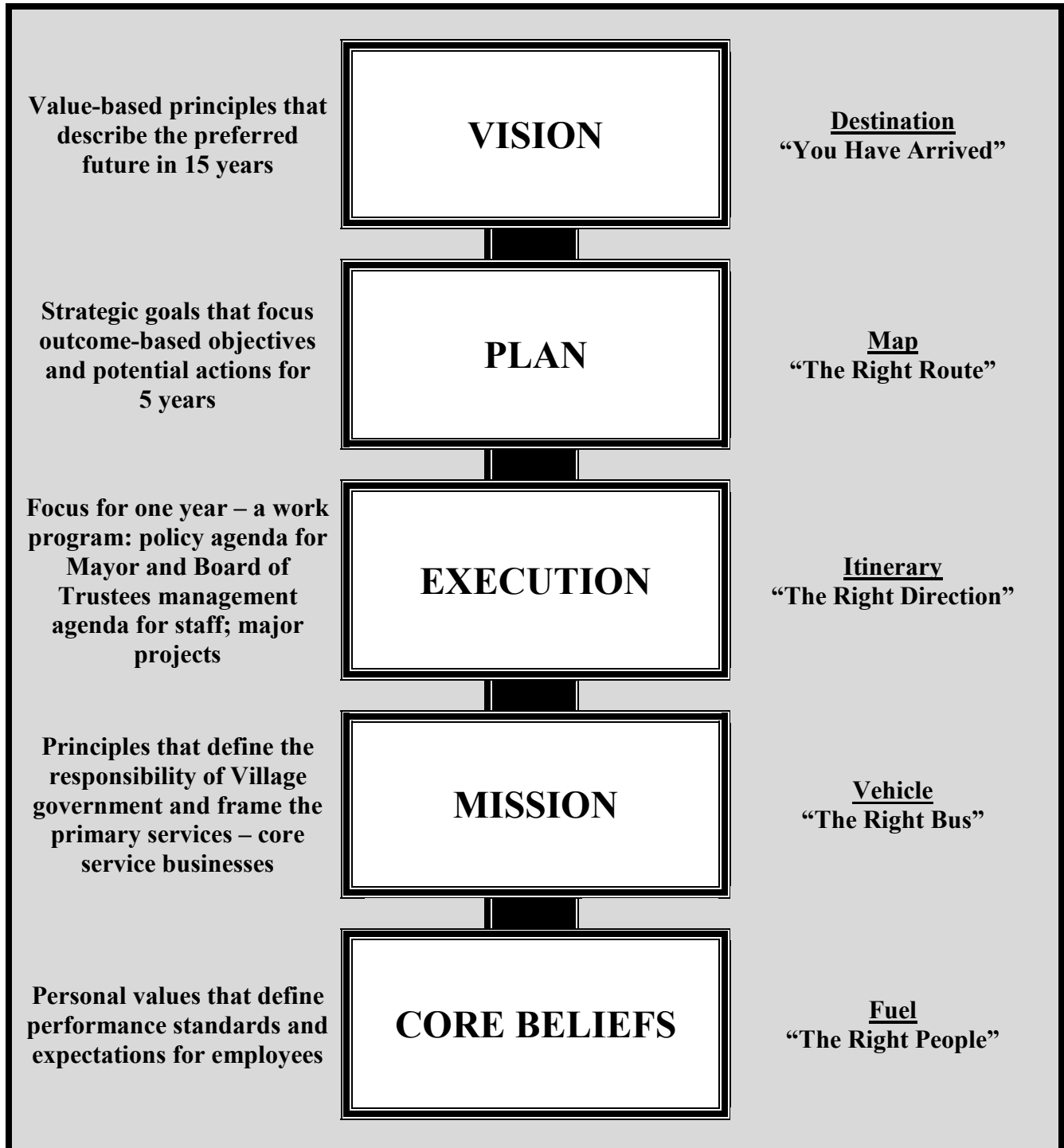
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2. Tom Zander
3. Ray McCollim
4. David Minter
5. Beth Dukes
6. Rock Bork
7. Tom Quinlan

# **SECTION 2**

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## **STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT**

# ***STRATEGIC PLANNING MODEL***



**Mount Prospect  
Vision 2036**

*Mount Prospect Vision 2036*

*represents the*

**BEST OF SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES –**

**THRIVING,**

**PROUD,**

**DIVERSE**

**and CONNECTED –**

**having a RICH HERITAGE,**

**STRONG VALUES,**

**TIMELESS YET**

**CONTEMPORARY ATMOSPHERE.**

**Mount Prospect City Government:  
Our Mission**

*The Mission of Mount Prospect Village  
Government*

*is to* **ADVANCE OUR COMMUNITY'S  
COLLECTIVE QUALITY OF LIFE AND  
POTENTIAL**

*through* **ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP  
and LEADING – EDGE SERVICE DELIVERY.**

**Mount Prospect City Government:  
Core Values**

**MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE GOVERNMENT:  
CORE VALUES**

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**RESPECT**

**LISTEN**

**ETHICAL**

**POSITIVE AND OPTIMISTIC**

**COMMITMENT TO SERVICE**

**SOUND ANALYSIS AND DECISION MAKING**

**CONSENSUS**

# **Village of Mount Prospect Goals 2026**

**EFFECTIVE VILLAGE GOVERNMENT:  
FINANCIALLY SOUND, EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE**

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**ENHANCING MOUNT PROSPECT CHARM/CHARACTER:  
HONORING HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND DIVERSITY,  
EQUITY AND INCLUSION**

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**TOP-QUALITY VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE:  
BALANCED AND PROACTIVE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT**

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**FAMILY-FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOODS:  
SAFE AND LIVABLE FOR ALL**

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**VIBRANT COMMUNITY DESTINATIONS:  
DOWNTOWN, RANDHURST VILLAGE, SOUTH MOUNT  
PROSPECT AND OTHER COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS**



**Policy Agenda 2021 – 2022  
Targets for Action  
Village of Mount Prospect**

**TOP PRIORITY**

**Community Human Service: Needs Assessment and Direction**

**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion: Definition, Report and Direction**

**COVID-19 Pandemic: Village Plan and After-Action Report**

**Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District:  
Intergovernmental Agreement**

**Police/Fire Redevelopment: Approval and Construction**

**Randhurst Village Area: Future Direction**

**Comprehensive Information Technology Master Plan: Update**

**HIGH PRIORITY**

**Connect South Mount Prospect Plan: Implementation**

**Village Boards/Commissions/Committees/Task Forces:  
Review and Modifications**

**Redundant Water Supply: Direction and Funding**

**United Airlines Property Business Development:  
Direction and Actions**

**Village Government Operational Sustainability Plan: Development**

**Community Electric Vehicles Plan: Report and Direction**

**Downtown Pedestrian Crossings Projects: Direction and Funding**

**Management Agenda 2021 – 2022  
Targets for Action  
Village of Mount Prospect**

**TOP PRIORITY**

**Village Employees Mental Health: Implementation**

**Community Policing Enhancements: Report and Future Activities**

**Fire and EMS Response Improvements in South Mount Prospect:  
Evaluation Report and Funding**

**Village Code Chapter 11 – Businesses and Merchants Update:  
Completion**

**American Rescue Dollars: Direction**

**Rand/Central//Mount Prospect Road Project – Phase 2:  
Engineering Design and Construction**

**Forest River Annexation: Direction**

**HIGH PRIORITY**

**Water and Sewer Projects Debt Issuance**

**20 West Market/Restaurant Development: Opening**

**Maple Street Lofts Project – Phase 2: Construction and Leases**

**Algonquin Road Pedestrian Improvements – Phase 1:  
Study and Direction**

**Aging in the Community Actions: Implementation**

**Online Collection of Local Taxes: Implementation**

**MODERATE PRIORITY**

**Recruitment Strategy Expansion**

**International Building and Fire 2021 Code Update: Adoption**

**MPEI: Re-Launch**

**Prospect Place Redevelopment/Business Relocation: Permitting and  
Construction**

**Complete Streets Policy: Implementation (Based upon Projects)**

**Kohl’s Center Outlots/Vacancies Parcel Development: Direction**

# **SECTION 3**

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## **ROUND 1: MOUNT PROPECT TODAY**

**A**

**Question 1:  
What have been Village successes during the  
past two years and during COVID  
pandemic?**

## **Village Successes during COVID Pandemic 2020-2021: Common Themes**

### **► Common Themes**

- 1. Financial Condition of Village Government**
- 2. Mount Prospect Downtown Development**
- 3. Support of Local Businesses during COVID Pandemic**
- 4. No Property Tax Increase**
- 5. Building Services Online**
- 6. Village Staff Flexibility and Pivoting**
- 7. New Police/Fire Facility**
- 8. Public Works Projects and Performance**
- 9. Library Programming**
- 10. Additional Restaurants and Stores, including Outdoor Dining**
- 11. Community Events**

## Village Successes during COVID Pandemic 2020-2021: Discussion Teams

| »» Team A   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. No Tax Increases Over 3 Years (Property Tax Levy)                                    | 5        |
| 2. More Support for Teachers, Schools, Students   | 4        |
| 3. Kept Businesses  | 3        |
| 4. Relaxed Rules/Increased Opportunities to Use Publix Spaces, (Walk Golf Course, Etc.) | 3        |
| 5. Community Looked After One Another   | 2        |
| 6. More Senior Housing  | 2        |
| 7. Five Changes (HQ Residence, 20W, MSL, 10 N., Prospect Place                          | 1        |
| 8. Stayed Connected (Zoom Meetings)   | 1        |
| 9.  |          |
| 10.   |          |



| »» Team B   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Transit-Oriented Projects                        | 6        |
| 2. Sound Financial Footing – Sales Tax              | 4        |
| 3. Downtown Vibrancy                                | 3        |
| 4. Public Works Maintained High Level of Service    | 2        |
| 5. South Mount Prospect Redevelopment and South TIF | 2        |
| 6. Pedestrian Crossing Across Central/Near Library  | 2        |
| 7. Redevelopment Overall                            | 1        |
| 8. Data Center                                      | 1        |
| 9. We Had Better Access to Immunization             | 0        |
| 10. New Construction – Building                     | 0        |
| 11. Reinvestment in Mount Prospect                  | 0        |
| 12. Location and Redevelopment of Police and Fire   | 0        |
| 13. Annexation of Unincorporated Cook               | 0        |

| »» Team C                                     | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Downtown Events/Community Events (Rebirth) | 4        |
| 2. Downtown Development                       | 3        |
| 3. Preserving Local Businesses                | 3        |
| 4. Bringing Services Online (Electronic)      | 3        |
| 5. Good Communication from Village            | 2        |
| 6. Following CDC/State Recommendations        | 0        |
| 7. Keeping Up with Public Works' Obligations  | 0        |
| 8. Citizen App for Reporting Concerns/Issues  | 0        |

| »» Team D  | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Ability of Staff to Pivot and Offer Online Services – Government Didn’t Shut Down                               | 6        |  |
| 2. Number of Successes – Development   | 4        |  |
| 3. New Police Department and Fire Department Facilities – Major Accomplishments Done in a Fiscally Responsible Way | 3        |  |
| 4. Public Works – Didn’t Miss a Beat During COVID  | 3        |  |
| 5. Partnerships in Community – Village Did a Good Job of Maintaining These Relationships                           | 2        |  |
| 6. Creativity – Commissions and Different Groups Found Ways to Stay on Task  | 1        |  |
| 7. Navigating Business to Serve Community  | 1        |  |
| 8. Input from Citizens, Quarterly Meetings in Different Parts of Community   | 1        |  |
| 9. Restaurants Stayed Open   | 0        |  |
| 10. Newsletter Gets Perinat Information Out  | 0        |  |

| »» Team E   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Library Programming                            | 3        |
| 2. Public Works Services                          | 3        |
| 3. Access to Restaurants and Stores               | 3        |
| 4. Life as Normal While World Was Not             | 2        |
| 5. Community Stuck Together                       | 2        |
| 6. Park District Programming                      | 1        |
| 7. Commercial Developments Stayed on Track        | 1        |
| 8. Residents Listened to Rules                    | 0        |
| 9. Village Communication with Other Taxing Bodies | 0        |

| »» Team F   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Helped Business – Didn’t Fine Small Businesses – Provided Financial Assistance                           | 3        |
| 2. New Police and Fire Facility   | 2        |
| 3. Government Cooperation   | 2        |
| 4. Park District Remained Active  | 2        |
| 5. The Apartment Complexes That Were Built – Gave an Opportunity for New Families to Move to Mount Prospect | 0        |
| 6. Pocket Park Was Opened   | 0        |
| 7. Block Party/Movie in the Park  | 0        |
| 8. National Night Out   | 0        |
| 9. Library Has Expanded Their Services  | 0        |

| »» Team G   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. New Developments in Town and Their High Rental Rates (Occupancy)       | 5        |
| 2. Continued Development, Even with Setbacks                              | 3        |
| 3. Event Planning/Adaptation  | 3        |
| 4. Construction on Projects on Time                                       | 2        |
| 5. Limited Interruption to Residents                                      | 2        |
| 6. Village of Mount Prospect Didn't Over Govern the Pandemic (Regulating) | 0        |

| »» Team H  | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Downtown Development  | 4        |  |
| 2. Outdoor Dining Expanded – Village Allowing                                    | 4        |  |
| 3. Handling/Appreciative for Young/Diverse/Minority Involvement – Patch          | 4        |  |
| 4. Pocket Park and the Use of Park   | 2        |  |
| 5. Maintain Financial Responsible – Stability                                    | 2        |  |
| 6. Not Forgetting Importance of Randhurst  | 2        |  |
| 7. United Site Development   | 2        |  |
| 8. Increased Residential Units/Housing   | 1        |  |
| 9. Village Tried to Increase Greenspace and Native Plants – Green Infrastructure | 1        |  |
| 10. Great Snow Removal   | 0        |  |
| 11. Added Grocery Store/Potentials   | 0        |  |
| 12. Early Voting – Successful  | 0        |  |
| 13. Alternative for Shining Stars – Village Refund to Village Businesses         | 0        |  |

**B**

**Question 2:  
Why do you make the choice to live in  
Mount Prospect – add value to your life?**



## **Reasons for Living in Mount Prospect: Common Themes**

### **► Common Themes**

- 1. Schools**
- 2. Access to Transportation/Trains**
- 3. Parks District and Recreational Activities**
- 4. Hospital and Quality Healthcare**
- 5. Small-Town Feeling**
- 6. Location**
- 7. Safe Community and Police Protection**
- 8. Community Events/Festivals**
- 9. Family-Focused/Friendly Community**

## Reasons for Living in Mount Prospect: Discussion Teams

| »» Team A                                  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Community Activities and Park Districts | 5        |
| 2. Schools                                 | 4        |
| 3. Transportation                          | 4        |
| 4. Neighborhood Aesthetics/Downtown        | 2        |
| 5. Government Services                     | 2        |
| 6. Got Married                             | 1        |
| 7. Private School Options                  | 1        |
| 8. Born, Raised, and Stayed                | 1        |

| »» Team B                                | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Schools                               | 7        |  |
| 2. Trains                                | 6        |  |
| 3. Access to Good Healthcare – Hospitals | 3        |  |
| 4. Taxes                                 | 2        |  |
| 5. Family Here                           | 2        |  |
| 6. Good Neighborhoods                    | 2        |  |
| 7. Housing Costs                         | 2        |  |
| 8. Park District – Parks                 | 1        |  |
| 9. Safety                                | 1        |  |
| 10. A Downtown                           | 1        |  |
| 11. Ease to Childcare                    | 1        |  |
| 12. Tight-Knit Community                 | 1        |  |

| »» Team B (continued)                 | PRIORITY |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| 13. Location to O’Hare and Downtown   | 0        |
| 14. High Aggregate of Great Qualities | 0        |
| 15. Good Village Events               | 0        |
| 16. Support for Families of All Ages  | 0        |
| 17. Great Library                     | 0        |

| »» Team C                                      | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Appreciation in Homes (Thriving Community)  | 4        |
| 2. Small-Town Feel                             | 2        |
| 3. Schools                                     | 2        |
| 4. Village Services                            | 2        |
| 5. Library                                     | 2        |
| 6. Parks/Green Spaces                          | 2        |
| 7. Community Events                            | 2        |
| 8. Reputation (“Best Place to Raise Family”)   | 2        |
| 9. Friendliness                                | 1        |
| 10. Safety                                     | 1        |
| 11. Park District/Recreation                   | 0        |
| 12. Public Transportation (Train)              | 0        |
| 13. Proximity to Other Communities/Attractions | 0        |

| »» Team D  | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Location  | 6        |  |
| 2. Safe Community                                  | 6        |  |
| 3. Schools Had Good Reputation                     | 5        |  |
| 4. Like the Community                              | 2        |  |
| 5. Excellent Services                              | 2        |  |
| 6. Affordability of Housing                        | 2        |  |
| 7. People Support One Another in Community         | 2        |  |
| 8. Property Taxes Lower Than Neighboring Community | 1        |  |
| 9. Near Metra                                      | 1        |  |
| 10. Small-Town Feel                                | 1        |  |
| 11. Services Are Good                              | 0        |  |

| »» Team E                                      | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Community Events                            | 5        |
| 2. Abundance of Services – Quality of Services | 4        |
| 3. Schools (All Levels)                        | 4        |
| 4. Family/Generations                          | 2        |
| 5. Location                                    | 2        |
| 6. Mount Prospect Friendliness                 | 1        |
| 7. Love of Community/Area                      | 1        |
| 8. Kid Friendly                                | 1        |

| »» Team F   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Family Focused   | 4        |
| 2. Good Schools   | 3        |
| 3. Small-Town Feeling   | 3        |
| 4. Train Station  | 2        |
| 5. Village – Community Services (Farmer’s Market Services Provided)   | 2        |
| 6. Safety   | 2        |
| 7. Wide Variety of Rental – Large Assortment  | 2        |
| 8. Affordability  | 1        |
| 9. Accessible   | 1        |
| 10. Quaintness of Downtown  | 0        |
| 11. The Village Needs to Update Village Code (e.g., If Tree Branch Falls on Private Property) – Certain Regulations Are Out of Date | 0        |



| »» Team G                                      | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Schools                                     | 5        |
| 2. Safety/Police Protection                    | 3        |
| 3. Community Events                            | 3        |
| 4. Sense of Community                          | 3        |
| 5. Public Works Services                       | 3        |
| 6. Park District Facilities                    | 1        |
| 7. Library Services                            | 1        |
| 8. Village Interaction with Business Community | 1        |
| 9. Family Generational Feeling                 | 0        |

| »» Team H  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. School System   | 5        |
| 2. Great Community Festivals/Events                                  | 4        |
| 3. Recreational Opportunity for Young Kids – All Ages                | 3        |
| 4. Closeness to Chicago  | 2        |
| 5. Police Protection   | 2        |
| 6. Cultural Diversity  | 2        |
| 7. Great Close-Knit Neighbors  | 2        |
| 8. Young Move Out – Move Back to Town – Leave It to Beaver Neighbors | 2        |
| 9. All Good Park Districts – Work Together                           | 2        |
| 10. Transportation Access – Planes, Trains, Autos                    | 1        |
| 11. People   | 1        |
| 12. Local Shopping   | 1        |

| »» Team H (continued)                                 | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 13. Great Library – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Story             | 1        |
| 14. Multi-Generation of Residents                     | 0        |
| 15. History – Sense of Belonging – Desire of Downtown | 0        |
| 16. Originally Affordable Housing Stock               | 0        |
| 17. Randhurst Unique History                          | 0        |
| 18. Great Swimming Pools                              | 0        |

# **SECTION 4**

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## **ROUND 2: MOUNT PROSPECT'S FUTURE**

**A**

**QUESTION 3:**

**Today, what are Mount Prospect community assets that are important to preserve and to enhance?**

## **Mount Prospect Community Assets to Preserve and to Enhance: Common Themes**

### **► Common Themes**

- 1. Salary Increase for Mayor and Trustees**
- 2. Increased Opportunities to Participate on Committees**
- 3. Infrastructure Maintenance – Public Works Maintenance**
- 4. Public Landscaping**
- 5. Human Services Programs**
- 6. Green Spaces and Trees**
- 7. Family-Friendly Events – Activities That Draw Families Out**
- 8. Re-Imagining Randhurst**
- 9. Downtown Development – Wants to See Full of Restaurants, Outdoor Dining**
- 10. “Small-Town” Feel**
- 11. Schools**
- 12. Library**
- 13. High-Quality Village Services**

## Community Assets To Preserve and To Enhance: Discussion Teams

| »» Team A   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Salary Increase for Mayor and Trustees               | 5        |
| 2. Preserve Schools                                     | 5        |
| 3. Increased Opportunities to Participate on Committees | 5        |
| 4. More Village Staffing (Police/Fire/Public Works)     | 3        |
| 5. Keep Civic/Special Events Vibrant/Viable             | 3        |
| 6. Public Library                                       | 3        |
| 7. Improve Public Communication (Quantity and Quality)  | 2        |

| »» Team B  | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Infrastructure Maintenance – Public Works Maintenance | 4        |  |
| 2. Public Landscaping                                    | 4        |  |
| 3. Human Services Programs                               | 3        |  |
| 4. Parks High Quality                                    | 3        |  |
| 5. Police and Fire                                       | 3        |  |
| 6. Great Schools   | 3        |  |
| 7. Good Library  | 2        |  |
| 8. Sidewalks   | 1        |  |
| 9. Veterans Memorial Park                                | 1        |  |
| 10. Walkability  | 1        |  |
| 11. Farmers Market                                       | 1        |  |
| 12. Lending Closet Medical Supplies                      | 1        |  |



| »» Team B (continued)                     | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 13. Sustainability Programs               | 1        |
| 14. Trees                                 | 0        |
| 15. Good Signage – Coordinated – Lighting | 0        |
| 16. Lion’s Festival                       | 0        |
| 17. Diversity of Residents                | 0        |
| 18. Food Pantry                           | 0        |
| 19. Safety in Town                        | 0        |
| 20. Proximity to Good Community Colleges  | 0        |
| 21. Strong Industrial Areas               | 0        |

| »» Team C                                       | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Green Spaces/TREES                           | 3        |
| 2. Library                                      | 3        |
| 3. Schools                                      | 3        |
| 4. Viable Businesses (Local/Small)              | 2        |
| 5. Double the Amount of Community Events        | 2        |
| 6. Family-Owned/Quality Restaurants             | 2        |
| 7. Village/Municipal Facilities                 | 2        |
| 8. Recreation Options – Additional Facilities   | 2        |
| 9. Community Centers (for Teens, Seniors, etc.) | 1        |
| 10. Playgrounds/Parks                           | 0        |
| 11. Attracting Quality Employees to Village     | 0        |
| 12. Cleanliness                                 | 0        |

| »» Team D   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Family-Friendly Events – Activities That Draw Families Out                             | 5        |
| 2. Re-Imagining Randhurst   | 5        |
| 3. Downtown Area Needs to Be Preserved – Wants to See Full of Restaurants, Outdoor Dining | 4        |
| 4. Tree Inventory – Diversity of Green Space and Trees                                    | 4        |
| 5. Development in Downtown  | 4        |
| 6. Workforce – Financial Accessibility for Housing  | 2        |
| 7. Clubs and Organizations  | 1        |
| 8. Parks  | 1        |
| 9. New Apartments Attracting Density and Younger People                                   | 1        |
| 10. Look for Shopping and Entertainment Opportunities in South Mount Prospect             | 1        |
| 11. Attract Tenants That Will Stay  | 0        |
| 12. Farmers Market  | 0        |

| »» Team E                                    | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Community Events in All Areas             | 4        |
| 2. Sustainability – Public Works Initiatives | 3        |
| 3. Preserve “Small-Town” Feel                | 3        |
| 4. Parks – Conserve                          | 3        |
| 5. Public Works Services                     | 2        |
| 6. More Restaurants Downtown                 | 2        |
| 7. Infrastructure – Preserve                 | 2        |
| 8. Enhance Transportation                    | 1        |
| 9. Public Safety Departments                 | 0        |
| 10. Religious Places (Church, School)        | 0        |

| »» Team F  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Community Events  | 3        |
| 2. Schools   | 3        |
| 3. RecPlex   | 3        |
| 4. Library   | 3        |
| 5. Randhurst – Try to Keep the Business and Enhance the Layout – Similar to Old Orchard Mall | 2        |
| 6. Community Connections Center Should Be Enhanced   | 2        |
| 7. Enhancement of South Side of Mount Prospect   | 2        |
| 8. Beautification of Town  | 1        |
| 9. Doreen – She Always Helps Businesses  | 1        |
| 10. Aesthetics – Look of Downtown  | 0        |
| 11. Basic Infrastructure   | 0        |
| 12. Parks  | 0        |

| »» Team G  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. School Enhancements (Full-Day Kindergarten)   | 4        |
| 2. Library, Beautiful, Modern, Activities for Kids   | 2        |
| 3. Randhurst   | 2        |
| 4. Connecting North and South Sides – Physically Getting There Is Tough  | 2        |
| 5. Walkability   | 2        |
| 6. Up-to-Date and Competitive Parks and Pools (Improve to Keep Folks in Town), Neighboring Community Competition | 2        |
| 7. Keep Residents in Town  | 2        |
| 8. Keep (Bring In) Essentials – Grocery Store  | 2        |
| 9. Public Works Services   | 2        |
| 10. Building Department Working with Construction Owners   | 0        |

| »» Team H   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Public Works Services  | 7        |
| 2. Community Events   | 5        |
| 3. School System  | 4        |
| 4. Randhurst – Preservation, Tax Base, Enhance                  | 3        |
| 5. Local Businesses – Community Minded, Cool School – Give Back | 3        |
| 6. Park Districts   | 2        |
| 7. Growing Reputation for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion          | 2        |
| 8. Possible Redevelopment of Randhurst                          | 1        |
| 9. Available Space Downtown for Redevelopment for Block 56      | 1        |
| 10. No Serious Drama to Tarnish Good Reputation                 | 0        |
| 11. Train Station   | 0        |
| 12. Capannari’s   | 0        |

**B**

**QUESTION 4:**

**What do you see as the biggest challenges facing Mount Prospect over the next 5 years?**



## **Major Challenges Facing Mount Prospect: Common Themes**

### **► Common Themes**

- 1. Attracting/Keeping New Businesses, including Populating Retail Business Spaces**
- 2. Attract Input from Diverse Community**
- 3. Controlling Inflationary Impacts on the Budget**
- 4. Public Safety at Civic Events/Special Events**
- 5. Attracting Major Employers**
- 6. Keeping Our Community Safe**
- 7. Providing Services to Low-Income Residents**
- 8. Aging Workforce in Public Government, Lack of Applicants to Public Service**
- 9. Aging Community**
- 10. Maintaining a Financially Sound Village Government**
- 11. Doing Better as a Community in Listening and Having Respectful Dialogues**
- 12. Involving our Community including Our Younger Residents**
- 13. Addressing School Facility Issues**

## Major Challenges Facing Mount Prospect: Discussion Teams

| »» Team A   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Attracting/Keeping New Business  | 7        |
| 2. Population Decline (Mobile/Remote Work) Don't Have to Stay                       | 3        |
| 3. Lack of Diversity, Attract Input from Diverse Community                          | 3        |
| 4. Controlling Inflationary Impact on Budget  | 3        |
| 5. Public Safety at Civic Events/Special Events                                     | 3        |
| 6. Lack of Affordable Housing for Service Workers                                   | 2        |
| 7. Need More Civic/Special Events in NE Section of the Village, including Randhurst | 2        |
| 8. Smaller Inventory in Retail Stores   | 1        |
| 9. Aging in Place   | 1        |
| 10. Need Retail/Grocery Shopping Opportunities in Downtown                          | 1        |

| »» Team B  | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Populating Retail Businesses and Keeping Open           | 6        |  |
| 2. Getting Big or New Employers                            | 3        |  |
| 3. Competitive Schools – Keeping Them Excellent            | 3        |  |
| 4. Not Enough Telecommunication Companies in Town          | 3        |  |
| 5. Flooding Issues   | 2        |  |
| 6. More High-Speed Internet                                | 2        |  |
| 7. Walkability of Rand, Kensington, 83                     | 2        |  |
| 8. Need More Bike Paths in Town                            | 2        |  |
| 9. Youth Job Opportunities – Community Jobs                | 2        |  |
| 10. Recession and Impact on Local Families                 | 1        |  |
| 11. Frequent Power Outages – Too Many Power Lines on Poles | 1        |  |
| 12. Increase in Crime                                      | 1        |  |

| »» Team B (continued)                                | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 13. Vacancies at Randhurst – Retail                  | 0        |
| 14. Balance of Businesses                            | 0        |
| 15. Inflation and Impact on Local Businesses         | 0        |
| 16. Increasing Sizes of Classrooms                   | 0        |
| 17. Teens Need More Things to Do, Keep Them Occupied | 0        |

| »» Team C                                      | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Attracting New Businesses                   | 3        |  |
| 2. Safety – Keeping Our Community Safe         | 3        |  |
| 3. Village Staffing                            | 3        |  |
| 4. Providing Services to Low-Income Residents  | 3        |  |
| 5. Mental Health Services                      | 2        |  |
| 6. Walkability/Bike-ability                    | 1        |  |
| 7. Climate Change (“Do Our Part”)              | 1        |  |
| 8. Affordable Housing (Providing More)         | 1        |  |
| 9. Providing Programs for Teens                | 1        |  |
| 10. Services for Seniors (Growing Population)  | 1        |  |
| 11. Expanding Schools for Increased Population | 1        |  |

| »» Team D   | PRIORITY |  |
|---|----------|--|
| 1. Aging Workforce in Public Government, Lack of Applicants to Public Service             | 5        |  |
| 2. Aging Community  | 4        |  |
| 3. Be Proactive for Positive and Negative of Bears Coming to Arlington Heights            | 4        |  |
| 4. Financial  | 3        |  |
| 5. Make Sure Block 56 Can Be Completed  | 3        |  |
| 6. Do Better as a Community in Listening and Having Respectful Dialogue                   | 3        |  |
| 7. Attracting and Keeping Restaurants   | 2        |  |
| 8. Internet Affecting Mom and Pop Stores and Local Businesses (Online Shopping)           | 2        |  |
| 9. Cost of Housing  | 1        |  |
| 10. Workforce Issue in Community to Support Services and Businesses                       | 1        |  |
| 11. Housing Stock for Older Adults  | 0        |  |
| 12. Creativity with Regard to Zoning Related to an Aging Population and Extended Families | 0        |  |

| »» Team E                                    | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Sustainable Business Development          | 4        |  |
| 2. Aging Community/Youth Involvement         | 4        |  |
| 3. Funding                                   | 2        |  |
| 4. Affordable Housing                        | 2        |  |
| 5. Diversity – Recognition                   | 2        |  |
| 6. Full-Day Kindergarten                     | 2        |  |
| 7. Traffic Congestion                        | 2        |  |
| 8. South Mount Prospect Development          | 2        |  |
| 9. Entertainment Downtown                    | 2        |  |
| 10. Keeping Services with Growing Population | 1        |  |
| 11. Spending Vs Taxation                     | 1        |  |
| 12. Flooding/Storm Water                     | 0        |  |

| »» Team F   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Schools – Overcrowding – Allocating Resources  | 4        |
| 2. Increasing Political Divide Especially as It Applies to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion | 3        |
| 3. Affordable Housing – Starter Homes – Diverse Portfolio of Homes                      | 2        |
| 4. Parking in Downtown Area – Prepared for Growth                                       | 2        |
| 5. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Water Source for Mount Prospect                                      | 2        |
| 6. Making Sure We’re Not Marginalizing Any of Our Community                             | 2        |
| 7. Funding for Village and Businesses   | 2        |
| 8. Trying to Keep Crime Down – More Police Presence on South Side of Mount Prospect     | 1        |
| 9. Supporting Our Police Department – Criticizing – Attack on Police                    | 1        |



| »» Team G                                | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. North/South Connection                | 4        |
| 2. Involving Young Community             | 4        |
| 3. School Facilities Upgrades            | 4        |
| 4. Filling Retail Vacancy                | 3        |
| 5. If Not Retail, What to Do with Space? | 2        |
| 6. Community Outreach                    | 2        |
| 7. Diversity Inclusion Throughout        | 1        |
| 8. Filing Staffing Needs                 | 0        |

| »» Team H  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Empty Commercial Space – Attract People to Establish Businesses in Mount Prospect                     | 5        |
| 2. Get People Out of Their Cars – Bike Paths – Protected Bike Lanes – Needed                             | 3        |
| 3. Promoting All Businesses – Not Just Downtown  | 3        |
| 4. Adapting to Changing Climate – Flooding   | 3        |
| 5. Keep Chicago Crime Out of Town  | 3        |
| 6. Transportation/Traffic Flow through Town – Get to North to South                                      | 2        |
| 7. Selling of Train Property – Keep Department and Parking Intact  | 2        |
| 8. Continue Fiscal Responsibilities  | 2        |
| 9. Improve Paving Condition – Main Thorough Fares – Euclid Intersection – Just Stops                     | 1        |
| 10. Need Sustainability Plan – Storms, Waste Water Plan  | 1        |
| 11. Encourage People to Return to Establish Their Family   | 1        |
| 12. Lack of Green Space (e.g., Instead Hard Infrastructures – Provide Green Infrastructure – Tree Canopy | 1        |
| 13. Need Definition of Affordable Housing, Assess, Do We Need More?                                      | 0        |

# **SECTION 5**

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## **ROUND 3: MOUNT PROSPECT NEXT TWO YEARS**

**A**

**QUESTION 5:  
What actions could the Village take to  
enhance your quality of life in  
Mount Prospect?**

## **Action Ideas to Enhance Quality of Life: Common Themes**

### **► Common Themes**

- 1. Keeping High-Quality Village Services**
- 2. Bring Community Together, More Opportunities to Connect – Events and Festivals**
- 3. Expanded Recreational Options and Diversity**
- 4. Walkability/Bike-Ability**
- 5. Retail/Entertainment Diversity**
- 6. Village Assistance for Sewer/Water Line Issues and Storm Water Issues**
- 7. Entertainment Venues/Places (All Ages)**
- 8. Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations**
- 9. Finding Something for Teens and Pre-Teens to Do**
- 10. Traffic Flow Improvements**
- 11. More Development in South Mount Prospect**
- 12. Anything That Can Be Done to Avoid Flooding**

## Action Ideas to Enhance Quality of Life: Discussion Teams

| »» Team A  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Keep High-Quality Village Services                                  | 5        |
| 2. Move Location of Civic/Special Events                               | 5        |
| 3. Continue to Bring Community Together, More Opportunities to Connect | 5        |
| 4. Celebrate Successes of Other Local Governments                      | 3        |
| 5. More Pickleball Facilities  | 3        |
| 6. More Bike Paths   | 2        |
| 7. More Environmental Testing (PFAS Soil and Water Contamination)      | 1        |

| »» Team B  | PRIORITY |  |
|--|----------|--|
| 1. Bigger Park District Gym – Closer to Downtown                   | 4        |  |
| 2. Better Bike Paths – No Gaps                                     | 4        |  |
| 3. Better Intersection Passage for Cars – Traffic                  | 3        |  |
| 4. Food Truck Park   | 3        |  |
| 5. Sakura Spot Should Be a Community Garden – Garden Beds          | 2        |  |
| 6. Charging Stations – Required for Apartments                     | 2        |  |
| 7. More Places (Restaurants) to Spend Money in Town                | 2        |  |
| 8. Live Music in the Downtown at a Venue                           | 2        |  |
| 9. Connecting Residents to Local Events – Trolley or Busing        | 2        |  |
| 10. Better Walkability from One Place in Mount Prospect to Another | 2        |  |
| 11. Put Garden Plots on South Side                                 | 1        |  |
| 12. Improve Recycling in Town                                      | 0        |  |

| »» Team B  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 13. Public Access to O’Hare from Mount Prospect            | 0        |
| 14. Mount Prospect – What Should It Be Known for? Identity | 0        |



| »» Team C  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Recreational Options/Diversity                          | 4        |
| 2. Walkability/Bike-Ability                                | 3        |
| 3. Retail/Entertainment Diversity (\$ →Mount Prospect)     | 3        |
| 4. Emergency Services Enhancement                          | 3        |
| 5. Increase Community Events                               | 3        |
| 6. Broadening/Blending Police Services                     | 1        |
| 7. Human/Social Services Communication                     | 1        |
| 8. 24-Hour Street Parking                                  | 1        |
| 9. Eliminate Vehicle Sticker (Alternative/Incorporate Fee) | 1        |

| »» Team D  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Sidewalks – Fix Them, Not Just Patchwork  | 7        |
| 2. Some Kind of Village Assistance for Sewer/Water Line Issues and Storm Water Issues                    | 7        |
| 3. Expand Community Events to Include Different Areas in Mount Prospect                                  | 7        |
| 4. Structure within Village to Discuss Community Issues That Is More in Depth Than COW or Board Meetings | 7        |
| 5. Address Problem Intersections in Mount Prospect   | 0        |

| »» Team E                                 | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Entertainment Venues/Places (All Ages) | 5        |
| 2. Keep Kid-Friendly Services/Safety      | 5        |
| 3. Alleviate Traffic Flow Problems        | 4        |
| 4. Maintain Trees/Forestry                | 3        |
| 5. Recreational Opportunities             | 3        |
| 6. Keep “Local” Issues Local              | 2        |
| 7. Bury Overhead Lines/Power Outages      | 1        |

| »» Team F   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Anything That Can Be Done to Avoid Flooding  | 4        |
| 2. Bike Lanes and/or Paths  | 3        |
| 3. Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations – Need More   | 3        |
| 4. More Infrastructure Improvements on South Side of Town   | 2        |
| 5. City Provided and Citywide Wi-Fi (Public Areas)  | 2        |
| 6. Citywide Alternative Power Sources (e.g. Solar)  | 2        |
| 7. Divy Bike Program  | 1        |
| 8. Traffic Congestion at Rand/83/Kensington – No Left Turns Off Rand  | 1        |
| 9. Better Define What a Business Can Do in the Business License – Sometimes Confusing – Difficult to Enforce Violations | 1        |
| 10. Pickleball Courts   | 1        |

| »» Team G   | PRIORITY |  |
|---|----------|--|
| 1. Schools (Full-Day Kindergarten)  | 4        |  |
| 2. Finding Something for Teens and Pre-Teens to Do – Skate Park or Whatever They Might Be Interested In – Get Input from Them | 4        |  |
| 3. Make It More Walkable  | 4        |  |
| 4. Traffic Flow Improvement   | 3        |  |
| 5. Affordable Housing (Less Expensive to Buy to Keep People in Town)  | 2        |  |
| 6. Shuttle Bus (Community)  | 2        |  |
| 7. Senior Community Center  | 1        |  |
| 8. Social Services  | 0        |  |

| »» Team H  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Added Street Lights – Safer, Better Quality of Life                 | 5        |
| 2. More Development in South Mount Prospect – Improve                  | 4        |
| 3. Improve Walkability – More Pedestrian Safety                        | 4        |
| 4. People Think “WTF” Intersection – Kensington, 83, Rand              | 4        |
| 5. Village to Pilot Electric Vehicle Program                           | 3        |
| 6. Not All Events in Downtown – Spread Events Out in Mount Prospect    | 3        |
| 7. More Quality Restaurants – Downtown                                 | 2        |
| 8. Ban on Combustion Leaf Blowers (and Commercial)                     | 1        |
| 9. More Diversity (Cultural), Racial, Socio-Economic                   | 1        |
| 10. More Enforcement on Stop Signs – Better/Faster Enforcement Overall | 1        |

**B**

**QUESTION 6:**

**During the next two years, what would you suggest as issues, projects or service enhancement for Village government?**

## **Short-Term Issues, Projects and Service Enhancements: Common Themes**

### **► Common Themes**

- 1. Increase Outreach to Diverse Community Members**
- 2. Revitalization and Beautification Efforts on the South Mount Prospect**
- 3. Continued Downtown Development and Filling Vacant Commercial Spaces**
- 4. Address Randhurst (Vacancies) (Layout)**
- 5. Pedestrian Crossings, including Crosswalk Cathy Lane**
- 6. Increased Community Events**
- 7. DC/EV Charging Stations**
- 8. Increase Opportunities for Residents to Participate in Village Governance**
- 9. Melas/Meadows Pedestrian Bridge**
- 10. Vehicle Sticker**
- 11. Community Sustainability Plan and Village Actions**
- 12. Kensington/83/Rand – Continue to Plan for Fix**
- 13. Community Trolley Consideration**



## Issues, Projects and Service Enhancements: Discussion Teams

| »» Team A  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Increase Outreach to Diverse Community Members                                  | 5        |
| 2. Increase Outreach to Diverse Community to Participate on Boards and Commissions | 5        |
| 3. Motivate Residents to Participate in Government                                 | 5        |
| 4. Develop Management/Leadership Programs – Train People to Become Leaders         | 5        |
| 5. Teach Civics – How the Village Operates   | 2        |
| 6. Eliminate Village Sticker   | 1        |
| 7. Keep Employee Staffing Levels   | 1        |

| »» Team B   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Beautification Efforts on the South Side       | 5        |
| 2. Solar Prospects – Promote Solar Sustainability | 3        |
| 3. Kensington/83/Rand – Continue to Plan for Fix  | 3        |
| 4. More Events on the South Side of Town          | 3        |
| 5. Resolution to Chase Building Redevelopment     | 3        |
| 6. Soccer Fields – Turf to Attract Outside People | 2        |
| 7. Build a Landmark in Downtown – Community Art   | 2        |
| 8. Make a Mural in the Downtown                   | 2        |
| 9. More Effective Engagement with Residents       | 2        |
| 10. Fix Flooding Issues                           | 1        |
| 11. Allow Towers for Telecommunications’ Antennas | 1        |
| 12. Siri for Mount Prospect                       | 1        |

| »» Team B   |  | PRIORITY |
|---|--|----------|
| 13. Push Solar Training Jobs  |  | 0        |
| 14. Management Needs to Pay More Attention to Core Values and Obey Them |  | 0        |
| 15. More Elder Services – Link Up with Community Volunteers             |  | 0        |

| »» Team C   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Continued Downtown Development                     | 5        |
| 2. Address Randhurst (Vacancies) (Layout)             | 3        |
| 3. Pedestrian Crossings                               | 3        |
| 4. Increased Community Events                         | 3        |
| 5. Increased Recreational Opportunities (for Teens)   | 3        |
| 6. Affordable Housing                                 | 2        |
| 7. Eliminate Vehicle Sticker                          | 1        |
| 8. Address Vacant Businesses/Buildings                | 0        |
| 9. Recruitment and Retention Plan (Village Employees) | 0        |
| 10. Plant More Trees!                                 | 0        |
| 11. Craft Brewery                                     | 0        |

| » Team D   | PRIORITY                   |
|--|----------------------------|
|  | 1. DC/EV Charging Stations |
| 2. Increase Opportunities for Residents to Participate in Village Governance (Committees and Commissions), Increase Awareness and Community Engagement | 6                          |
| 3. Add Task Force Model to Address Issues/Initiatives  | 6                          |
| 4. Greater Community Awareness of Sustainability Initiatives and Opportunities   | 4                          |
| 5. New Structure Catering to Events  | 3                          |
| 6. Trolley Car for Community   | 3                          |

| »» Team E  | PRIORITY |
|--|----------|
| 1. Melas/Meadows Pedestrian Bridge   | 5        |
| 2. Youth Voices Heard/ Surveys, Options for Engaging                       | 4        |
| 3. Crosswalk Improvements (Cathy Lane)                                     | 4        |
| 4. Full-Day Kindergarten   | 3        |
| 5. Convenience Stores  | 3        |
| 6. Car-Free Downtown (Safety/Vibes)  | 2        |
| 7. Renewable Energy (Village Buildings)                                    | 2        |
| 8. Innovative Options to Engage Residents (e.g., Meetings, Communications) | 1        |

| »» Team F   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Village Trolley to Help Transport Residents from North to South  | 5        |
| 2. More Infrastructure and Business Improvements on South Side, including the Community Connections Center  | 3        |
| 3. Additional Pace Bus Lines  | 3        |
| 4. Kindergarten – Full Days – Not Half Days   | 2        |
| 5. Create an Appearance Commission (Background in Architecture, Landscaping, Arborist, Design)  | 2        |
| 6. Elected Officials Need to Patronize Local Businesses More Often  | 2        |
| 7. Eliminate Village Sticker  | 1        |
| 8. Stronger Village Board and Commissions That Direct Village Staff, Compared to Just Rubber Stamping Things – Enforces Standard – Village Board Should Take Information and Make Decision. | 1        |
| 9. Village Should Help Spotlight Businesses in Town   | 1        |
| 10. Bingo Night   | 0        |

| »» Team G   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Fill Up Downtown District                                    | 4        |
| 2. School and Park District Facility Upgrades                   | 4        |
| 3. South Side Investment  | 3        |
| 4. Direct Invitation to Under Represented Groups to Participate | 3        |
| 5. Youth and Senior Engagement – Keep Current with Trends       | 3        |
| 6. Village Board Reach Out to Specific Groups or Demographics   | 2        |
| 7. Crosswalk at CCC Park on Central                             | 1        |
| 8. Intersection Improvements                                    | 0        |



| »» Team H   | PRIORITY |
|---|----------|
| 1. Evaluate Impact of Eliminating Village Sticker   | 4        |
| 2. Establish Grant Program to Plant Native Plants/Rain Gardens, Promote Existing Programs | 4        |
| 3. Continue/Expand Recycling Program  | 4        |
| 4. Enhance “Bike Rides” – Community Events, Green Events                                  | 3        |
| 5. Senior Program – Promote and/or Expand   | 3        |
| 6. Hazardous Material/Paint Recycling, Expand Electronics                                 | 3        |
| 7. Implement “Good Will” Program – Clothing, Household Essentials                         | 2        |
| 8. Village Take Lead/Outreach Environmentally Sustainable Efforts                         | 2        |
| 9. Beautification Program Expanded – Flowers Throughout Village – Both Public/Private     | 2        |
| 10. Integrated Pest Management Program – Eliminate/Reduce Pesticides                      | 1        |
| 11. Combine Two Community Events – Town or Park Districts                                 | 0        |

# **SECTION 6**

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## **OPEN MESSAGE TO MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL**

## Message to Mayor and Village Council

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I want to Thank You, Mike, the Trustee for inviting me to this meeting.

We need more improvement to the South Side of Mount Prospect.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Please vocally support tolerance around DEI issues.

We don't all have to agree, but the Board should not allow discrimination or marginalize communities.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Preserve the small town and traditions of Mount Prospect. Do not be pressured or bullied into all the progressive agendas.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I am pleased with what the Board has accomplished in the last 2 years.

Thank you for your service.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Chief Eterno is the best!

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thank you for inviting me to the Community Summit Event! It is my sincere wish to see our Village hold high expectations for itself, particularly with new development – developers will rise to the bar you set. We could be doing so much more to ensure our Village is both prosperous and attractive. Thank you for engaging the community.

Sincerely,

Erich Roush

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Continue to listen to community

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thank you for your service.

I've been proud to call Mount Prospect our hometown since 1980.

Tom Quinlan

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

By and far, good job. Please maintain good police policies.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Please continue the job you are doing. I understand there are many factions, pulling you in many ways. Keep on the path of which Mount Prospect was founded on.

Thank you!

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Please actively encourage and seek out ways to increase and promote diversity in our village.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

1. To improve the appeal of village meetings, the Mayor and Village Board should dress in uniforms like the Leaders of Munchkin Land in the land of Oz.
2. The Village administration and staff do a fabulous job and are certainly above average in your field.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thinking progressively: what can really put M.P. on the map and make us the #1 village known for \_\_\_\_\_ in 10 years

Some ideas:

- Coordinate with a contractor and be #1 in solar
- Amazing bike path/loop around town
- Food Truck Capital of the Northwest Suburbs
- Diversity in the Northwest Suburbs

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

- Please develop a climate change/sustainability plan
- Please focus on creating greenspace instead of “build, build, build”. It should not be all about money and development in the Village
- Please consider enhancing residents’ quality of life by getting people out of their cars, making Village more pedestrian friendly, installing protected bike lanes
- Reduce use of any toxic pesticides, chemicals, herbicides in the Village
- Please focus on residents’ Health and welfare through a clean environment
- I want to see a more racially, culturally, socio-economically diverse community
- I don’t want to just see older, white men in positions of power. Promote, hire and support women, people of color, young people, etc.
- Mount Prospect needs to be seen as a progressive, inclusive, adaptable Village, NOT stodgy, backward looking place.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I believe policy making is hard and there are always winners and loser, economic and cultural.

I feel the prior year’s handling of the badge hurt our MOUNT PROSPECT culture. I hope we can act quickly and earlier next time.

Thanks for your service

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Lyle has been the facilitator for too long. Need a change! Finance Audit changes every 3 years.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Your continuing to make Mount Prospect a safe, welcoming and well-manage community. Congratulations! I would urge you to continue to form and maintain solid relationships with local businesses. Seek out more opportunities to form public-private partnerships to promote downtown retail development and make MOUNT PROSPECT more competitive with our neighbors. Keep efficient, friendly public service.

BK

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Keep up the great work. Over the last decade you have made some great strides on the redevelopment front despite many hurdles. So please keep (can’t read – looks like lighting).

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts and hopes for forward progress in the Village of Mt Prospect. It was a great experience and I look forward to seeing how everyone's thoughts are used to shape your "adaptability" in governance!

My creates hope for the focus of your efforts is to include ideas in your planning from diverse backgrounds. I love your idea about going into specific communities to seek out what their views for governing are. Please continue to participate in that kind of outreach and make an effort to INIVITE people of diverse backgrounds to the opportunities.

Thank you,

Katie Hattori

**To the Mayor:**

Keep up good work saying involved.

**To the Trustees:**

Practice what you preach.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Be more thoughtful about inclusion. Inviting more new people to meeting or to consider appointments. Be open minded about who is impacted by your decisions.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I'm very excited about the major redevelopment downtown. Keep it up!

I wish so many people didn't continue to experience basement flooding issues. Mine are fixed but continue to hear about this often.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Several people are now working from home and Comcast seems to be having more problems in our Village than I believe they should. I am not certain if this is a problem with large trees in homeowners' backyards or what. Would appreciate anything you can do. Otherwise, great job. Good luck figuring out the school problems vs older people c///o taxes being raised because of schools.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Engagement is always key. It's hard to make the horse drink the water, but always reach out. Encourage youth.

Don't kick cans down the road on issues/projects.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Communications Plan, Page 7 #1 “Use clear, transparent messaging”

Cassady’s plan for dealing with the Patch/Sticker in 2019 was to use Opaque language and dodge the issue. This mess lasted 3 years now. Cassady could have fixed it in 2019 and did not because he does not believe in the above.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

You have reiterated that DEI continues to be a top priority for MOUNT PROSPECT; however, this Citizen Summit was not fully representative of the community at large. If additional sessions are scheduled please be cognizant of this so these sessions can be fully inclusive and residents can feel welcome to share thoughts.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thanks for including me on this discussion.

Please help optimize the session. It lacked structure at times.

Lots of good ideas and discussion,

Village government did not always abide by rules, which made it hard to achieve #5.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I’m very happy with the hard work and dedication from all of you.

My biggest hope for my community is the continued safety and quality of life the residents of Mount Prospect.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Continue to develop opportunities in the Downtown area. I feel it’s important to continue to work with local government and support them as necessary. Please continue to consider the use of impact fees for large scale developments to help support the Park District and its recreational opportunities for the public

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thank you for your service to our community. At times, your job may be thankless, but know that your efforts are appreciated.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

A great step forward – keep moving the Village FORWARD

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

We a a village, need to work on improving Downtown and Randhurst area.

Increase ability of citizens to be involved in community and be able to be part of decisions.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I think that this is a great Village and you do a great job! I strongly hope that we continue to be a bipartisan group that looks out for all the people!

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thanks for today's Citizen Summit.

Don't give up on getting citizen involvement.

Continue to be open to listening and not taking things personally when we have different opinions.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thank you for all of your hard work managing a safe, comfortable, effective Village. Huge thanks to Public Works, MOUNT PROSPECT Library, Park District staff and for the opportunities provided to all residents. I would love to see more opinions, more diversity, more support for families with small children, for youth to be engaged in Village planning. Our community is changing and not all changes are bad. Please be open to residents' voices. Respectful to all. I would love to see more affordable housing. Let's not price out families with all these new developments. Thank you for a continued commitment to the environment through tree planting, rumble pavement, 2050 wash initiatives.

Deb Kutska

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

There is more than just one school district in Mount Prospect. Your more than welcome to W.26

I look forward to seeing the Village meeting out in the community.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this forum of ideas and suggestions.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

It is very much appreciated that outreach to the community for participation in the planning of Mount Prospect's future is being done.



**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Hold more open meetings like this one for Village improvement!

Keep up all of what you're doing!

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

We really need to make sure we continue to work hard to maintain MOUNT PROSPECT as a friendly and welcoming place for everyone – ethnic background, religion, skin color, sexual orientation, etc. Intolerance is unacceptable in a place as welcoming and friendly as MOUNT PROSPECT.

(Also a craft brewery would be great – LOL!)

Rachel Leiner

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- Also, in all seriousness – increasing the diversity within the Village staff and the people who run our Village would be a big step forward,

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Please keep the Village on course for services – Keep the social justice/politics out of our Village.

Please be frugal with tax - \$85k for DEI is not productive for tax payers, laws are already on the books to protect all of us!

Thank you.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Thank you for all the time and energy you spend trying to make Mount Prospect the best it can be. I love living here and know that I am privileged to do so. I wish everyone had such great opportunities and am hopeful we will continue to be a welcoming and inclusive community. Whenever you can, put people first.

Jeanne Brock

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

I love Mount Prospect. I want to spend more of my money and time in Mount Prospect. I want my kids to play sports here and walk downtown and bike safely to restaurants and stores and the library. Let's make Mount Prospect a destination!

Karin Kipp

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Thanks to all of you for all your hard work in building and maintaining our great Village. You have my support in whatever you need.

Best,

Tom Nelson

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

Trustees keep talking about diversity as well as community members. Our community is diversified. Engage the people of Mount Prospect to interact and have more conversations to inform those that are uninformed. You can't force people to interact or join committees. Be welcoming to engage interaction.

**To the Mayor and Village Board of Trustees:**

1. Comments and reframing of residents' and attendees' statements should not be made by Mayor, Trustees and Village Manager
2. Term limits on all elected positions – Trustees and Mayor – all Committee and Commission positions.
3. Diverse opinions and input is essential to progress