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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE **nev**

JUNE 2023



## Looking Ahead to Summer Events

Mount Prospect is known for its vibrant community events, especially in the summer months. Mark your calendars and gather your friends, family, and neighbors for another season of fun in Mount Prospect!

### 4TH OF JULY PARADE | Tuesday, July 4 | 1pm

The annual parade kicks-off at Emerson Street and Prospect Avenue and makes its way to Melas Park along Prospect Avenue and Central Road.

Interested in marching in the parade? The Village's Special Events Commission invites all civic, youth and neighborhood groups, businesses, schools, churches, non-profits and elected officials to participate! Floats, decorated vehicles, walkers, bikes and live entertainment are welcome. The application deadline is June 15, 2023.

Following the parade, keep the celebration going at the Lions Club Festival at Melas Park. Get more details on page 3.

### DOWNTOWN BLOCK PARTY | July 21 & 22

Save the date for the biggest party in Mount Prospect! All are invited to the downtown to enjoy a weekend's worth of great live musical performances, delicious food and beverages, and games for all ages.

The Downtown Block Party will once again 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).

For up-to-date details, band information, and more, keep an eye on mpblockparty.com, like the Downtown Block Party Facebook page, or call Village Hall at 847.392.6000.

### CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

August 26 | 11 am to 6 pm

Celebrate our diversity at the annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures! Located at Kopp Park outside RecPlex (420 Dempster Street), all ages and abilities are invited to attend this free community event. Celebration of Cultures will feature cultural booths, ethnic entertainment, fair trade crafts from 10,000 Villages, and food from around the world.

Want to represent your culture? Sign up to host a booth! Email [specialevents@mountprospect.org](mailto:specialevents@mountprospect.org) for more details.

### MORE TO LOOK FORWARD TO

**Fridays on the Green** | June 2, June 16, July 14, August 4 & September 8 | More details on page 2.

**Bluesmobile Cruise Nights** | Saturdays through September  
More details on page 2.

**Lions Club Farmers Market** | Sundays through October  
More details on page 2.

### PARKING

Free parking for all summer events is available in the East Commuter Lot (Northwest Highway & Route 83), in the Emerson Street Parking Deck (50 S. Emerson Street), and in the Maple Street Parking Deck (301 S. Maple Street). Rather take the train in? Centennial Green is just one block from the Mount Prospect Metra Train Station. More parking options can be found at [mountprospect.org/parking](http://mountprospect.org/parking).

For additional information on these events, visit [mountprospect.org](http://mountprospect.org) and [experiencemountprospect.org](http://experiencemountprospect.org).



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# Community Events

JUNE  
**1**

## Summer Reading: Find Your Voice

June 1 – July 31

**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 S. Emerson St.

Your voice has power. Explore your interests, discover new passions, and express yourself through the summer reading challenge at the Mount Prospect Public Library. Sign up starting June 1 and keep track of your reading to earn prizes. Participation is easy. Visit [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) or stop by the library to get started.



JUNE  
**1**

## Ageless Grace

Thursdays | June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 | 11 am

**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL**  
50 S. Emerson St.

This class for seniors is a mind body workout that is performed seated in a chair while incorporating music, creativity, balance, coordination, and cognition. Classes are open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration required.



JUNE  
**1**

## Conversations in English

Thursdays | June 1 & 15 | 1 – 2 pm

Thursdays | June 8 & 22 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER**

1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

If you are learning English, join the Human Services Department to practice your conversational skills, learn new skills, and enjoy interesting discussions. For more info or to register, call 847.506.4930



JUNE  
**1**

## Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | June 1 | 2 – 8 pm

**FIRE STATION 14**

2000 E. Kensington Rd.

The Fire Department has partnered with Vitalant and their Everyday Heroes

program. Donors generate points that are converted into a monetary award given to the Illinois Fire Chief's Association Scholarship Fund. Register at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org).



JUNE  
**2**

## Fridays on the Green

Dates shown below | 6-8 pm

**CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL**

50 S. Emerson St.

One of Mount Prospect's finest summer traditions returns for 2023! Bring your blanket and chairs and find your spot to enjoy a wide range of great music. Pack a picnic basket or treat yourself to food from one of our many great downtown restaurants.



Free parking is available at the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Metra Commuter Lot (after 5 pm) and throughout downtown.

Mark your calendar!

**JUNE 2** | Jay Goepfner Backdated Band

**JUNE 16** | Ken Dix and the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys

**JULY 14** | Wall of Denial *Chicago's Premiere Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Band*

**AUGUST 4** | Liquid Soul

**SEPTEMBER 8** | The Dill Spears

As these concerts are outdoors, they are weather-dependent. For more information and the most up-to-date music calendar, visit [experiencemountprospect.org](http://experiencemountprospect.org).

JUNE  
**3**

## Afternoon Tea: Breakfast at Tiffany's/Little Black Dress

Saturday | June 3 | 1 pm

**CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**MP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
103 S. Maple St.



Versatile, dependable, and affordable, the little black dress (or LBD) has become the fashion equivalent of a Ford Model T. This illustrated lecture explores the history of this fashion icon. Learn how Chanel helped dissociate black from mourning, how Audrey Hepburn helped establish the LBD, and how it has been reinvented by everyone from Betty Boop to Prada. We encourage attendees to wear their favorite version of the LBD for our *Breakfast at Tiffany's* themed tea. Visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) to register.

JUNE  
**3**

## Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays | Through September 30 | 3 – 9 pm

**WEST COMMUTER PARKING LOT**

Northwest Hwy. & Main St.



Bring the whole family out to enjoy some fun with classic cars. Attendance is free. Event is weather dependent each week. For more information, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org).

JUNE  
**4**

## Lions Club Farmers Market

Sundays | Through Oct 29 | 8 am – 1 pm

**WEST COMMUTER PARKING LOT**

Northwest Hwy. & Main St.



Stop by the Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers Market every week rain or shine to support local producers and one-of-a-kind vendors. Stock up on unique food and other goodies. The Farmers Market is also a food drop-off location for the Mount Prospect Food Pantry and a collection site for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. For more information, visit [mplions.org/farmers-market](http://mplions.org/farmers-market).

JUNE  
**6**

## Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | June 6, 13, 20 & 27

11:30 am – 12:15 pm

**COMMUNITY**

**CONNECTIONS CENTER**

1711 W. Algonquin Rd.



Children age 2 through 5 and their parents or caretakers are invited to join the Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning. To reserve your spot, please call 847.506.4930.

JUNE  
**10**

## Super Saturday: Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show

Saturday | June 10 | 11 – 11:45 am

**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 S. Emerson St.



Families will be bursting with giggles and joy at this thrilling performance from Smarty Pants filled with magic, comedy, and Smarty's award-winning eye-popping balloon props. To register, visit [mpl.org](http://mpl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE  
**10**

## Pride at the Mount Prospect Public Library

Saturday | June 10 | 12 – 2 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

10 S. Emerson St.



Love is love! Cultivate kindness, inclusion, and being who you are by visiting family-friendly activity stations throughout the library. Each station will feature a craft or activity that celebrates love, acceptance, and pride. Dress up, dress down, or come decked out in rainbow colors to show your support. All are welcome.

JUNE  
**12**

## History Camp Session One

Monday | June 12 – 16 | 9 am – 12 pm

**CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**MP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
103 S. Maple St.



Weeklong history-themed day camp for children aged 6 to 11. Campers will explore different aspects of local history through activities, projects, and walking field trips on the Mount Prospect Historical Society campus and at various community locations. The camp showcases the history of the local community while teaching kids the importance of preserving the past. Another session of History Camp will be held in July. Each week's programming is diverse, so campers registering for both sessions will have new experiences each week. Programming varies from prior years as well. \$100 per camper and space is limited, so register today at [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org).

JUNE  
**14**

## Needlecraft Night

Wednesday | June 14 | 7 – 9 pm

**CENTRAL SCHOOL**

**MP HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
103 S. Maple St.



The spotlight project will be iris paper folding. Iris folding is a paper craft technique that involves folding strips of colored paper to form a design. The center of the design forms an iris — a shape reminiscent of the iris diaphragm of a camera lens. All experience levels are welcome. Advance registration is recommended, and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information or to register, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) or call the Society at 847.392.9006.

JUNE  
**14**

**Movies on the Green**  
Dates shown below | Dusk  
**CENTENNIAL GREEN**  
50 S. Emerson St.



Join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for Movies on the Green. Bring your own

blankets and chairs to these free events. All movies will begin at dusk and will be shown on the Centennial Green.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14** | *Turning Red*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28** | *Top Gun*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29** | *Top Gun: Maverick*

*Maverick*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12** | *Minions: Rise of Gru*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9** | *Sonic the Hedgehog*

JUNE  
**17**

**Free Car Seat Safety Checks**  
Saturday | June 17  
12 – 2:00 pm



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER**  
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Stop by the Community Connections Center on June 17 to get your child's car seat checked to make sure it's installed correctly. Certified car seat safety technicians from the Mount Prospect Police Department will be available to conduct inspections – no appointment necessary. For more information, contact the Human Services Department at 847.506.4930.

JUNE  
**19**

**Wits Workout**  
Monday | June 19  
11 am – 12:30 pm



**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL**  
50 S. Emerson St.

Developed by the University of Illinois

Extension, this 90-minute class is a brain-teasing workout for seniors who enjoy keeping sharp and socializing with others. Class size is limited and open to Mount Prospect residents only. Registration is required and masks are optional. Call 847.870.5680 to register.

JUNE  
**19**

**Explore and Discover Together: Juneteenth**

Monday | June 19  
3 – 4 pm & 6:30 – 7:30 pm



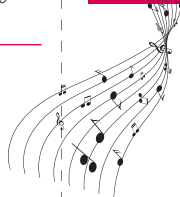
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
10 S. Emerson St.

Learn about the Juneteenth holiday, its historical significance, and the importance of its celebration. Then make a Juneteenth-themed craft together with your family. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE  
**19**

**Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music**

Mondays  
Dates shown below  
7:30 pm



**VETERAN'S MEMORIAL BANDSHELL LIONS PARK**  
411 S. Maple St.

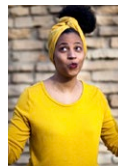
Join the Mt. Prospect Community Band for its summer concert series. Enjoy playful circus-themed music on June 19, and the vocal stylings of soloist Debbie Schreiner on June 26. Both concerts are put on by the Mt. Prospect Park District. Visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org) for details.

**JUNE 19** | Under the Big Top: Music from the Circus

**JUNE 26** | Portraits and Tributes: Saluting Musicians & America

JUNE  
**20**

**Fiftyeven Things to Say**  
Tuesday | June 20  
7 – 8 pm

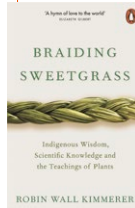


**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
10 S. Emerson St.

Enjoy stories and songs of Black history with award-winning musician, storyteller, and thought-provoker Kelly Campos. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE  
**21**

**Braiding Sweetgrass and the Honorable Harvest: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer**



Wednesday | June 21  
7 – 8 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
10 S. Emerson St.

Join us for a special virtual evening with Robin Wall Kimmerer, the award-winning author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*. In this insightful and inspiring talk, Robin will share her unique perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature and the importance of recognizing and respecting the gifts of the earth. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE  
**27**

**Nostalgic Video Game Night**

Tuesday | June 27  
7 – 8 pm



**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
10 S. Emerson St.

Level up at the library with nostalgic gaming. A PS2 and Wii will be set up for teens and adults to play some of the library staff's favorite games. The library will also have a vintage tech zoo on display to take you back to the future. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE  
**28**

**Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class**

Wednesday | June 28  
10 am



**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL**  
50 S. Emerson St.

This course is intended to give drivers the information and confidence they need to pass their license renewal examination. The class will be held during the Secretary of State's Mobile Facility visit. Registration is required. Please call 847.870.5680 to register.

JUNE  
**28**

**Secretary of State's Mobile Facility**

Wednesday | June 28  
10 am – 2 pm



**COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER**  
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Residents can renew driver's licenses with access to the Rules of the Road class and a vision screening exam. Those 65 and older can get a free, non-expiring state ID card with proper identification. For more information, call the Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

JUNE  
**29**

**Mount Prospect Stories: Local History Book Launch**

Thursday | June 29  
7 – 8 pm



**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
10 S. Emerson St.

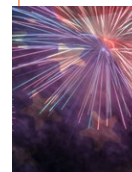
In this installment of Mount Prospect Stories, Mount Prospect Historical Society Director Emily Dattilo will discuss her newly released book, *Mount Prospect Historic Sites*, and share stories she gathered about local landmarks, including Randhurst, the Mrs. P & Me building, Wille Hardware, and Hotter Than Mother's Music. To register, visit [mopl.org](http://mopl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE  
**30**

**Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival 2023**

June 30 – July 4

**MELAS PARK**  
1500 W. Central Rd.



Join the Mount Prospect Lions Club for their 85th annual 4th of July Festival. The event will span five days and include food, entertainment, and

family fun. Fireworks June 30 and July 4! For more information, visit [mplions.org](http://mplions.org).

JULY  
**4**

**4th of July Parade**

Tuesday | July 4 | 1pm

Kicks-off at Emerson and Prospect and makes its way to Melas Park along Prospect and Central. Sponsored by Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. **Visit [mountprospect.org/parade](http://mountprospect.org/parade) to apply to join the parade!**



## News Around Town

### Environmental Health and Compliance



Summer weekends are often filled with home improvement projects. Whether it is simply mowing the yard or adding a new coat of paint to your home, property owners are responsible for the maintenance of their structures and landscape. The Village's Environmental Health and Compliance Inspectors survey property throughout the community to ensure that all residents can enjoy the look of their property and those around them. Inspectors may provide a notice for issues that are out of compliance including:

- Maintaining grass below 8" in height.
- Keeping wood trim and siding in good condition. Inspectors may provide notice if scraping and painting are needed.

- Outdoor storage of items should be limited to exterior furniture. Excess construction materials, metal recyclable collections, and debris shall be kept inside structures.
- Cracked or heaving pavement that presents a tripping hazard.

Residents may alert the Village of concerns on neighboring property and request an inspection by calling 847.870.5668 or via our website at [mountprospect.org/services/customer-service-request](http://mountprospect.org/services/customer-service-request).

Thank you for keeping Mount Prospect well maintained.

### Summer Sustainability Tips

As the summer heat sets in, you may wonder how to balance staying cool and remaining energy efficient. Check out the following sustainability tips to help:

- Use fans along with or instead of your air conditioner. Fans use far less electricity than air conditioners. Fans could allow you to raise the thermostat setting 4° with no reduction in comfort, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Shade sunny windows to keep your home cooler.
- Use caulk or weatherstripping to seal leaks around doors and windows. Visit ComEd to learn more about their free energy assessments.
- Solar panels generate electricity you can use to power your home offsetting your electric consumption from the grid while also emitting less carbon emissions.

Learn more about the Village of Mount Prospect's Sustainability initiatives at [mountprospect.org/sustainability](http://mountprospect.org/sustainability).

## News from the Village Clerk

### Respecting Our Flag

A symbol of freedom and liberty, the Flag of the United States is flown to honor our history, pride, and principals upon which this country was founded. In 1942, the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution establishing guidelines regarding how citizens should honor the United States flag. It has since come to be known as the U.S. Flag Code.

Summer offers some of the most celebrated opportunities to proudly display the flag including Memorial Day (to be flown at half-staff until noon), Independence Day, and Flag Day. It's important that all citizens understand and respect the standards for flying and displaying the U.S. flag.

According to the U.S. Flag Code, the flag may be displayed on any day of the year, according to the following guidelines:

- The custom is to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on flagstaves in the open, but it may be displayed at night—if illuminated—to produce a patriotic effect.
- In the United States, no other flag should be placed above the American flag or, if they are to be placed on the same level, to the right of the American flag.
- The American flag should be at the center and the highest point when displayed with a group of state flags.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.
- The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always aloft and free.
- The flag should never be used as covering for a ceiling.
- The flag should never have anything placed on it.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose, nor embroidered on cushions or handkerchiefs, printed on paper napkins or boxes, nor used as any portion of a costume.

To view the U.S. Flag Code in its entirety, visit:

[military.com/flag-day/us-flag-code.html](http://military.com/flag-day/us-flag-code.html) or contact Village Clerk Karen Agoranos at 847.818.5333 or [kagoranos@mountprospect.org](mailto:kagoranos@mountprospect.org).



# Community/Economic Development

## Easy to Use Restaurant Map

Choosing to dine out in Mount Prospect is a great decision but selecting which of our more than 100 restaurants to visit can be a challenge. In fact, you might not even be familiar with many of the newest dining options throughout town.

To make things easier, use our Interactive Restaurant Map. Conveniently accessed at [mountprospect.org/restaurants](http://mountprospect.org/restaurants) or via the Business dropdown menu on the Village website, the map provides information on more than 100 restaurants located in our Village.

Browse through nine categories of cuisine and then see a description for any restaurant along with the address, phone number, and website link. With the website it's never been easier or more enjoyable to dine in Mount Prospect.

## Take the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative Survey

### MOUNT PROSPECT ENTREPRENEURS INITIATIVE

The Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI) is focused on supporting new or prospective small businesses

in Mount Prospect by providing access to learning opportunities, professional networking, and economic development opportunities.

In order to plan for the future of MPEI, the Village of Mount Prospect and the Mount Prospect Public Library are gathering input from the

local business community on what kinds of support would be the most beneficial. Input from entrepreneurs, founders, home businesses, well-established businesses, start-ups, and everything in between is greatly appreciated. Please take a moment to fill out a brief survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/MPEI2023](http://surveymonkey.com/r/MPEI2023) or by scanning the QR code.



## Ribbon Cuttings



May 1, 2023  
**MR. KIMCHI**  
 164 Randhurst Village Drive  
 Randhurst Village  
 224.248.8151 | [kimchibbq.com](http://kimchibbq.com)



May 3, 2023  
**ANGELO CAPUTO'S FRESH MARKETS**  
 207 S. Maple St.  
 (within Maple Street Lofts)  
 224.857.7784 | [shopcaputos.com](http://shopcaputos.com)



## SUMMER GRILLING SAFETY

*Everything You Need to Know for a Safe and Fun Grilling Season!*

### Summer BBQ Safety

The smell of food cooking on the grill is a sure sign that summer has arrived. To ensure that you safely enjoy grilling season follow these important safety tips.

Begin by placing your grill at least 10 feet away from any structures and keep it on a non-flammable surface.

**If you are using a propane grill, always follow the manufacturer's instructions.**

- Check the gas lines for leaks by mixing 1 teaspoon of soap in a spray bottle of water. When you spray the hose, you will see bubbles anywhere you have a leak.
- Only light the grill with the cover open.
- If the flame goes out, turn the burners off and wait 5 minutes before re-lighting.
- To prevent excess gas from leaking, turn the tank off before turning off the burners.

**If you are using a charcoal grill proceed cautiously.**

- If you use a charcoal chimney starter which allows you to ignite the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel, use a long match when lighting the paper.

- If you are using lighter fluid, make sure it is the appropriate type for your grill.
- Never add starter fluid to coals that have already been ignited.
- Never use any substance other than charcoal lighter fluid to start your grill.

While cooking, be sure that children and pets are kept well away from the grill. Be sure to keep items like food wrappers, oven mitts, or towels at least three feet away. Use long-handled grilling tools and never leave the grill unattended while cooking.

Safety doesn't end when the food comes off the grill. After cooking, empty all coals into a metal container; don't ever empty them into your trash can. Place your starter fluids out of the reach of children and away from other heat sources.

*Let's make it a safe and fun grilling season!*

### New Hires and Promotions

The Mount Prospect Fire Department is happy to introduce our seven newest firefighters.



Katia Campos



Jack Logan



Riley Mahon



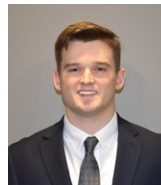
Sarah Arnold



Nathan Cook



Joseph Finnegan



Grant Reese

We are also pleased to announce that 13-year firefighter/paramedic **Phil Wnek** has been promoted to Lieutenant. Congratulations Phil!





## Freezee Fridays Are Back!

Keep an eye out every Friday this summer for Mount Prospect police officers in your neighborhood. They will once again be stocking up on freeze pops to share with residents they see out and about. It's a cool way to get to know the officers in your beat.

## Protect Kids and Pets from the Heat

During the hot and humid weather, the inside of your vehicle can heat up quickly, creating a dangerous situation for any children or pets left in the car, even for just a few minutes. Leaving windows open a bit does not reduce the build-up of heat or decrease temperatures in the vehicle, which can reach 125° in minutes.

### To ensure you are not leaving a child behind, try these basic tips:

- Place the child's diaper bag or item on the front passenger seat as a visual cue that the child is with you.
- Make it a habit of opening the back door every time you park to ensure no one is left behind. To enforce this habit, place an item that you can't start your day without on the back seat (employee badge, laptop, phone, or handbag).
- Ask your childcare provider to call you right away if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.
- Clearly announce and confirm who is getting each child out of the vehicle. Miscommunication can lead to thinking someone else removed the child.
- Use drive-thru services when available at places like the pharmacy or restaurants.

### Of equal importance is making sure kids cannot get into an unattended vehicle. Some best practices include:

- Keeping vehicles locked at all times, especially in the garage or driveway. Ask neighbors and visitors to do the same.
- Never leave car keys within reach of children.
- Use childproofing knob covers and door alarms to prevent children from exiting your home unnoticed.
- Teach children to honk the horn or turn on hazard lights if they become stuck inside a car.
- If a child is missing, immediately check the inside, floorboards, and trunk of all vehicles in the area carefully, even if they're locked.

Besides never leaving your child alone in a car, even for a minute, call 911 immediately if you see a child alone in a hot car. If they appear hot or sick, get them out of the vehicle as quickly as possible. Be especially diligent at peak times, including schedule changes, periods of crisis, and during holidays.

## Beware of Possible Home Improvement Scams this Summer

Summer brings with it a unique set of criminal scams to be aware of. Watch carefully for these common scams:

- Someone who is just passing through the neighborhood and has materials left over from another job. Often, the materials used are sub-standard and money is demanded up front.
- Scammers not providing a written quote before starting work. Get written contracts before a job is agreed to including specifics on pricing and payment. Scammers may offer services at a certain rate, but after they start the work, they demand more money and will not finish the job until you pay.
- Be wary of offers to sealcoat your driveway for a discounted price. The person may use cheap materials that wear off in a short time. There are similar concerns with chimney repair and roof sealant offers.
- Someone knocks on the door claiming to have done prior work at your home; however, this is a distraction to allow their partner to enter your home through another door.

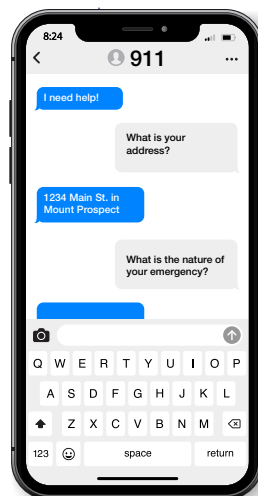
Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Never let anyone inside your home you do not know or that you did not first contact. If you are ever in doubt of someone at your door or you do fall victim to a scam, please call 911 to assist us in catching these criminals and protecting others.

## Text to 911 Available in Mount Prospect

Mount Prospect utilizes Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) for its 911 services. While a phone call is the preferred method of alerting NWCDS of a request for police, fire or EMS, texting can be used as an alternative.

Unlike a phone call, the dispatcher will not be able to determine the location from your text, so provide clear location information in your first text. Send your next text with the nature of what you need assistance with, avoiding slang terms or abbreviations.

While NWCDS accepts texts to 911, many surrounding areas do not. In the event text-to-911 is not available you will receive a bounce back message indicating to make a voice call. If you do not receive a response for a text-to-911 call, make a voice call.





## Getting Through Road Construction Season Safely

If you've traveled anywhere in the area recently you know that there are road construction projects happening everywhere—from local street resurfacing to major construction on several area expressways. While it can be an inconvenience to you, it further compounds the danger for many workers whose office is actually a vehicle. Consider the daily routine for police officers, sales personnel, utility workers, truck drivers, construction workers, firefighters, and emergency personnel. According to the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) transportation accidents have been the leading cause of on-the-job deaths in the United States every year since 1992.

Everyone plays a role in maintaining a safe work zone area during roadway construction. To play your part, follow these tips while driving through a work site:

### DO

- Pay attention to the orange diamond-shaped warning signs or electronic message boards posted in advance of a road construction project.
- Stay alert and dedicate your undivided attention to driving. Watch how traffic is flowing around you.
- In addition to monitoring traffic, watch for construction workers, equipment, and work vehicles, paying extra attention at night.
- Minimize distractions. Avoid changing radio stations or making even hands-free calls while in a work zone.
- Always obey posted speed limits in a work zone.
- Pay close attention to directions on work zone warning signs and follow instructions from flaggers.
- Watch for slow or stopped traffic. A work zone is no place for tailgating.
- Expect the unexpected.
- Be prepared for detours and lane configuration changes.

### DON'T

- Speed up or slow down significantly when going through a work zone.
- Slow down to look at the work that is being done.
- Resume normal speed until you have exited the work zone.
- Change lanes in a work zone.

Most states have instituted laws regarding work zones; penalties for speeding in these areas are double that of the normal penalties for speeding in a non-work zone area.





## Tree Planting Program

Village right-of-ways are home to more than 25,000 trees that provide numerous benefits to the Village and to property owners, including limiting storm water runoff, improving air quality, reducing noise, minimizing heat island effects, and increasing property values.

These benefits are among some of the reasons we attempt to replace every tree that is taken down throughout the year.

Replacing every tree is not always possible due to several factors ranging from previous trees being planted too close to other trees, to existing infrastructure, or the previous tree was simply planted in a poor location not suitable for a new tree. With that in mind, the village does its best to place trees on our parkway in all viable locations to provide a healthy canopy.

Partnering with the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), the Village procures trees from several nurseries in northern Illinois. Each spring and fall, a member of the Forestry Department visits each nursery and selects the trees to be planted in our community, choosing varieties that have proven to do well in urban areas. While the selection varies from season to season, over the past five years, the Village has planted more than 2,600 trees chosen from among 24 different species covering 62 varieties.

## Need a Little Help Recycling?

Become a better and more active recycler with the Recycle Coach app. Available for computers, mobile devices, and through digital assistants like Amazon Alexa or Google Home, Recycle Coach makes it easy for you to get local disposal information on thousands of household items with a simple voice command. With the free Recycle Coach app, you can:

- Get organized with custom curbside collection and other recycling events calendars.
- Receive collection reminders and real-time updates on service interruptions.
- Expand your recycling knowledge on local disposal information and collection requirements with the What Goes Where? feature that covers everyday items along with less common ones.
- Take the What Type of Recycler Are You? quiz to pick up useful recycling tips and suggestions.

Visit the iTunes Store or Google Play to download the free Recycle Coach app and start making a difference.



## 5G in Our Community

You may have noticed workers installing new equipment on Village-owned streetlights and other locations including free-standing poles throughout Mount Prospect. This is part of the next generation of telecommunications technology, 5G, which is designed to meet consumer demand for faster internet and cellular data transmission. While higher in frequency than 4G, 5G signals do not travel as far. Rather than traditional cell towers that are usually 200 feet or more in height, wireless service providers are turning to smaller facilities – bundles of antennas, transmitters, and other equipment called small cells. Small cells are typically 30 feet tall or less; however, due to their lower height, they must be installed in closer proximity to provide coverage for the areas they serve.

A 2018 state law gives wireless service providers broad permission to install small cell facilities within the public right-of-way. The law was not designed to give municipalities control over the location and number of small cells within their jurisdictions. In addition, a 2018 Federal Communications Commission order similarly limits municipal control over small cell facilities with the intent of streamlining the rollout of 5G services nationwide. Despite that, wireless service providers must still submit a permit application and receive approval from the Village for each small cell location. Using the streetlights helps us protect the aesthetic integrity of your neighborhood.

The Public Works Department has created an interactive map to track permitting and construction activity which can be found at [mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/village-infrastructure-projects/5g-and-small-cell-wireless-facilities](http://mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/village-infrastructure-projects/5g-and-small-cell-wireless-facilities). Further questions can be directed to the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).



## Rand-Central-Mount Prospect Intersection Improvements Project

Construction has begun at the Rand-Central-Mount Prospect intersection. For more details on the project and to sign up for updates, visit [mountprospect.org/rcmp](http://mountprospect.org/rcmp) or scan the QR code. We appreciate your patience during construction and look forward to the completion of these improvements.



# Human Services

## Secretary of State's Mobile Facility

The Mount Prospect Human Services Department will host a visit by the Secretary of State's Mobile Facility on June 28 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street. At the event, residents can renew driver's licenses, with access to the Rules of the Road class and a vision screening exam. Those 65 and older can get a free, non-expiring state ID card with proper identification. Seniors 75 and older must visit a Secretary of State office to renew a driver's license. For more information, call the Mount Prospect Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

## Legal Aid Clinic

The Human Services Department is collaborating with The North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic to offer a free monthly legal clinic to low-income residents. Consultations are available for various services including domestic violence, housing, and immigration. For more information, contact Human Services at 847.506.4930.



## Free Car Seat Safety Checks

Certified Car Seat Safety Technicians from the Mount Prospect Police Department will be at the Community Connections Center, 1711 West Algonquin Road, from noon to 2:00 pm on June 17 to check the installation of your child's car safety seat. No appointment is necessary. Please stop by and ensure the safety of your car seat.



## Weekly Health Screenings

The Public Health Nurse offers weekly health screening clinics for Mount Prospect residents every Monday from 9:00 – 11:00 am at Village Hall in the Human Services Department and at the Community Connections Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 4:30-5:30 pm. No appointment is required. Clinics include free checks on blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen saturation. An optional free blood glucose screening and a \$2 total cholesterol screening are also available. For more information, call 847.870.5680.



## Community Connections Center

**June is National Hunger Awareness Month.** For information on the Mount Prospect Food Pantry visit [mountprospect.org/foodpantry](http://mountprospect.org/foodpantry). To make a monetary donation visit [mountprospect.org/donation](http://mountprospect.org/donation). Follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about this important topic by following us at: [facebook.com/MPHumanServices](https://facebook.com/MPHumanServices)

The Community Connections Center is located at 1711 West Algonquin Road, and can be reached by calling 847.506.4930. Follow us at [facebook.com/MPHumanServices](https://facebook.com/MPHumanServices).



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**Hours**  
Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm  
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm  
(South Branch Library only)



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**VILLAGE HALL HOURS**

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**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency ..... 911  
Village Hall ..... 847.392.6000  
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Village Clerk ..... 847.818.5355  
Television Services ..... 847.870.5685  
Community Development  
Building Division ..... 847.870.5675  
Environmental Health ..... 847.870.5668  
Planning Division ..... 847.818.5328  
Fire Department *(non-emergency)* ..... 847.870.5666  
Human Services ..... 847.870.5680  
Police Department *(non-emergency)* ..... 847.870.5656  
Public Works ..... 847.870.5640  
Water Billing ..... 847.392.6000

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- MPPL** Mount Prospect Public Library
- MPPD** Mt. Prospect Park District
- RTPD** River Trails Park District
- MPDMA** Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.
- MPHist** Mount Prospect Historical Society
- MPLC** Mount Prospect Lions Club
- Chamber** Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce
- VH** Village Hall

# June 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>LEARN MORE AT</b></p>  <p><b>EXPERIENCE</b> MOUNT PROSPECT <a href="http://experiencemountprospect.org">experiencemountprospect.org</a></p>					
<b>4</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>5</b> Whis Workout 11am-12:30 pm, VH History Camp Session I 9am-12pm through June 16, MPHist	<b>6</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>7</b> Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>8</b> Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC Monthly Blood Drive 2-8pm, FIRE STATION 14	<b>9</b> Fridays on the Green 6-8 pm, VH, Jay Goepfner Backkated Band	<b>10</b> Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH Super Saturday: Smarty Pants Big Balloon Show, 11-11:45am MPPL Pride at the Mount Prospect Public Library, 12-2 pm Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>11</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>12</b> Whis Workout 11am-12:30 pm, VH History Camp Session I 9am-12pm through June 16, MPHist	<b>13</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>14</b> Needlecraft Night, 7-9pm Central School, MPHist Movies on the Green, Dusk <i>Turning Red</i> , VH	<b>15</b> Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 1-2pm, CCC	<b>16</b> Fridays on the Green 6-8 pm, VH, Ken Dix and the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys	<b>17</b> Free Car Seat Safety Checks 12-2pm, CCC Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>18</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>19</b> Whis Workout 11am-12:30pm, VH Explore and Discover Together: Juneteenth 3-4pm & 6:30-7:30pm MPPL Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30pm, Under the Big Top: Music from the Circus, Lions Park	<b>20</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Fifteen Things to Say 7-8pm, MPPL	<b>21</b> Braiding Sweetgrass and the Honorable Harvest: A Conversation with Robin Wall Kimmerer, 7-8pm MPPL	<b>22</b> Ageless Grace, 11am, VH Conversations in English 5:30-6:30pm, CCC	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>25</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Nostalgic Video Game Night 7-8pm, MPPL	<b>28</b> Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class, 10am VH Movies on the Green, Dusk <i>Top Gun</i> , VH	<b>29</b> Mount Prospect Stories: Local History Book Launch 7-8pm, MPPL Movies on the Green, Dusk <i>Top Gun: Maverick</i> , VH	<b>30</b> Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival 2023, through July 4 Melas Park	



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## Message from the Mayor

As Mayor, I recently chartered an Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee charged with beginning to build a framework around the concept of sustainability in our Village. So as not to overwhelm the Committee given the many facets of sustainability, the initial scope of the Committee's mission was limited. However, I must tell you that as a Charter member of the Recycling Commission back in 1988, I am very excited about the work that Alex Bertolucci, Assistant to the Village Manager, and the Village's Sustainability Committee have begun. As we all know, sustainability is a critical movement for our village, our state, our nation, and the world.

What does sustainability mean to the Village and what does sustainability mean to you? On a macro level, sustainability means contributing to saving our planet through use of non-detrimental, alternate resources, stretching our limited and non-renewable resources to go farther, eliminating or reducing emissions through zero or minimized emissions methods, eliminating environmentally harmful products from our everyday use, and so much more. Sustainability, by definition, requires a holistic approach towards a healthy and secure community in an environmental, economic, and social front not just for today's citizens but for our future citizens as well.

Everyday efforts around sustainability can be as simple as keeping in mind the 4 R's: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Repair .

**Reduce** | Don't take a shopping bag if you can simply carry your purchased items home. If you have a choice, buy an item that is offered with less packaging. If you can do without, maybe consider not buying the product at all.

**Reuse** | My son, Alex, frequently lists items our family no longer needs on Facebook via the Mount Prospect Free Group. I often see usable items at the curb on garbage day. Ask a friend or neighbor if they could use the item or please consider donating those items to various service organizations so those items can have a second life in another's home. I realize that some residents do not have time nor the ability to get those items to the donation center. However, many service organizations will pick those items up from you if you contact them.

**Recycle** | Recycling plastics, glass, and paper goes without saying as Mount Prospect has had our curbside Recycling Program in place for more than 30 years. The Village also has a drop-off at Public Works for plastic bags, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, Styrofoam, electronics, and many other items. The Village even offers household hazardous waste recycling events the make it easier for residents to dispose of a variety of household chemicals.

**Repair** | Things in our homes break; it is a fact of everyday life. If you can get a few more years of usable life from an item in your home, think about repairing it. Also consider buying items that are made to last. I understand there is an upfront cost, but spreading that cost out over the additional years of usable life may be reasonable on a per year basis.

I absolutely know that people inherently want to do the right thing when it comes to sustainability. Providing convenient and beneficial ways to do those things should be the primary goal of any local sustainability program.

So, stay tuned; new and exciting programs, efforts, and legislation focused on sustainability from which we will all benefit are on their way. Until then, do what you can as all of our individual efforts can really add up and have a positive impact on our world as a whole!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT