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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE NEWS

JULY 2023

## Downtown Block Party!

JULY 21 & 22 | EMERSON STREET & BUSSE AVENUE

Our annual Downtown Block Party returns July 21 and 22 with music, food, and plenty of activities for the kids. Get a group of family members or friends together and make your way to the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue for two days of summer fun.

The Block Party opens Friday the 21st at 4 pm with Old School taking the stage at 4:30 to kick-off the wide variety of musical performances. Plan on grabbing dinner with offerings from some of your favorite local restaurants. Stop by the beer tent or visit one of the specialty drink providers and pair your beverage up with pizza, tacos, gyros, hot dogs, and more.

At 6:30 Fletcher Rockwell performs their blend of Americana, folk, and rock before making way for the night's headliner Sixteen Candles, providing one of the top 80's pop experiences. Don't leave without some ice cream or other sweet treats to complete the night.

Family fun starts at 11 am on the 22nd with free activities for the kids up until 4 pm, including a giant inflatable slide, a moonbounce house and crafts, face painting, and ponies, all in the Kids Zone. Much of the fun is made possible by the Mt. Prospect and River Trails Park Districts.

The music keeps rolling through the day and night starting with a mix of classic southern and country rock hits performed by Whiskey Road at 4:30. Murley, made up of local musicians, will share their exciting mix of blues, rock, and funk starting at 6:30. The



Block Party closes out with the high-energy eclectic style of Rod Tuffcurls and the Bench Press at 9 pm.

Free parking will be available both days in the Emerson Street Parking Deck. If you have friends from other communities joining you, the party takes place just a block from the Mount Prospect Metra station.

Special thanks to our Premier Sponsors who make so much of this possible, Nicholas & Associates and CloudHQ/Holder Construction.

**For up-to-date restaurant listings, band information and more, visit [mpblockparty.com](http://mpblockparty.com), like the Downtown Block Party Facebook page, or call Village Hall at 847.392.6000.**

### BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULE

**FRIDAY | JULY 21 | 4 PM – 11 PM**

- 4:30 PM | Old School
- 6:30 PM | Fletcher Rockwell
- 9:00 PM | 16 Candles

**SATURDAY | JULY 22 | 11 AM – 11 PM**

- 4:30 PM | Whiskey Road
- 6:30 PM | Murley
- 9:00 PM | Rod Tuffcurls and the Bench Press

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# Community Events

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**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  
**1**

**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).



JULY  
**4**

**4th of July Parade**

Tuesday | July 4 | 1 pm

Kicks-off at Emerson and Prospect and makes its way to Melas Park along Prospect and Central. Sponsored by Mount Prospect Special Events Commission.



JULY  
**6**

**Senior Connections**

Thursday | July 6  
9:00 – 11:00 am

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

Seniors are invited to enjoy this opportunity to learn something new, meet your neighbors, and get acquainted with the Village staff. Light breakfast snacks and beverages will be served. No registration is required, so come and join us for a fun event.



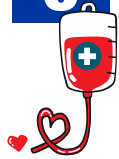
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**Monthly Blood Drive**

Thursday | July 6  
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).

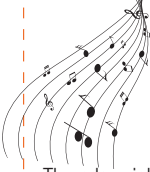
JULY  
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**Hometown Concert Series**

Thursdays | July 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 7:30 pm

**VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL**

411 S. Maple St.



Get your family and friends together every Thursday night in July to enjoy free concerts with something in everyone's favorite style.

**July 6** | Trabuco Latin Salsa Band

**July 13** | Lee DeWyze

**July 20** | Hi-Fi Superstar

**July 27** | Billy Elton

JULY  
**7**

**Christmas in July**

Friday | July 7  
6:30 – 9 pm

**WOODLAND TRAILS POOL**  
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Join us for a festive atmosphere, reindeer games, holiday treats, a special visit with Santa, and more. All ages welcome. Free for pool pass holders, \$3 for general entry.

JULY  
**8**

**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).

JULY  
**9**

**Second Sunday at the Society**

Sunday | July 9  
11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
101 S. Maple St.



Join the Historical Society on their campus to make patriotic crafts at this free open house event. The Dietrich Friedrichs House will also be open for tours.

JULY  
**10**

**History Camp Session II**

Monday | July 10 – 14  
9 am – Noon

**CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
101 S. Maple St.



Local history-themed day camp experience for children ages 6 to 11. Different aspects of local history will be explored each day on the Society's campus and at various community locations through activities, projects, and walking field trips. The camp showcases the history of the local community while teaching kids the importance of preserving the past in hands-on, interactive ways. Each week's programming is diverse, so if your child attended Session I in June they will have new experiences in this session. Programming varies from prior years as well, so repeat campers are welcome. Cost is \$100 per camper. Space is limited. Register now at [mthpist.org](http://mthpist.org).

JULY  
**10**

**Mount Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music**

Mondays | July 10, 17, 24 & 31 | 7:30 pm

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



Get each week off to a nice start by spending your Monday evenings with the Mount Prospect Community Band for their concerts under the stars.

**July 10** | Silver Screen Songs and free popcorn

**July 17** | Light and Lively Tunes

**July 24** | Dancing to Disney for the

Young at Heart (Enjoy an encore performance by the Mt. Prospect School of Classical Ballet)

**July 31** | Encore! Songs you love to hear again and again!

JULY  
**11**

**Play and Learn Group**

Tuesdays | July 11, 18 & 25  
11:30 am – 12:15 pm

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



Children aged 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.

JULY  
**12**

**Needlecraft Night**

Wednesday | July 12  
7 – 9 pm

**CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
101 South Maple Street



In Swedish huck weaving, the floss floats across the top weft of the material leaving the reverse side blank and dates to the early 1600s in Sweden. The Historical Society will provide the materials to make a bookmark. After the class, you'll have the confidence to make a beautiful hand towel set, like those in our grandparents' homes. All experience levels welcome. Advance registration recommended, and a \$5 donation is suggested. For more information or to register, visit [mthpist.org](http://mthpist.org) or call the Society at 847.392.9006.

JULY  
**12**

**Movies on the Green**

Dates shown below | Dusk  
**CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL**  
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, July 12** | *Minions: Rise of Gru*

**Wednesday, August 9** | *Sonic the Hedgehog*

JULY  
**13**

**Lee DeWyze VIP Meet and Greet**

Thursday | July 13  
6 – 7 pm

**LIONS RECREATION CENTER**  
411 S. Maple St.



Prior to his concert that night, pop star Lee DeWyze will



welcome 50 guests to a special meet and greet session. Tickets are \$40 per person. Attendees can enjoy a photo opportunity, receive a signed concert poster, and snack on light appetizers. One lucky winner will walk away with an autographed acoustic guitar. All proceeds benefit the ReGreen the Parks campaign sponsored by the Parks Foundation. Registration information is available at [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

**JULY 13**

### Fit 4 Life

Thursdays | July 13, 20 & 27 | 11 – 11:45 am

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

Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise class lead by the Villages Public Health Nurse that welcomes all fitness levels. Fit 4 Life is a fun, socially engaging, total body low-impact workout. The class aims to increase strength, improve flexibility, and promote daily movement to keep the body and mind healthy. Class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.



**JULY 14**

### Fridays on the Green

Remaining 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!

**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).

**JULY 14**

### Closest to the Pin Contest

Friday | July 14  
5 – 7:30 pm

**WOODLAND TRAILS DRIVING RANGE**  
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Have fun while participating in this fundraising event on behalf of our Send a Kid to Camp Campaign. Cash and other prizes can be yours by hitting that perfect shot and coming closest to the pin. Alcoholic beverages and snacks will be available for purchase at the event. Registration is not required, but early bird rates are available for buckets of balls online at [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org)

**JULY 15**

### Moose Lodge Craft Fair

Saturday | July 15  
10 am – 4 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT MOOSE LODGE**  
601 North Main Street



See the work of local artists and crafters including jewelry, pet accessories, purses, gourmet items, hand and knit crochet items, jams and jellies, clothing, and much more. Admission is free but donations for the spectacular bake sale items will be welcomed.

**JULY 17**

### Wits Workout

Monday | July 17  
11 – 11:30 am

**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 so please call 847.870.5680 to reserve your spot.

**JULY 18**

### Pool Party with the Police

Tuesday | July 18  
6:30 – 9 pm

**WOODLAND TRAILS POOL**  
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



Join the Mount Prospect Police Department and River Trails Park District for a night of music, pool fun, games, food giveaways, and much more. All ages are welcome as we celebrate our community.

**JULY 20**

### Life as a Prairie Kid I

Thursday | July 20  
9:30 – 11:30 am

**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
101 S. Maple St.



Kids aged 7 and up are invited to explore life in the late 19th century as a prairie kid. Try old-fashioned chores and games, make a yarn kid, sample homemade lemonade, and plant vegetables. Visit [mthist.org](http://mthist.org) to register. There is a \$25 per child fee.

**JULY 20**

### Life as a Prairie Kid II

Thursday | July 20  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
101 S. Maple St.



Continue your exploration of life in the late 19th century as a prairie kid. Try your hand at old-fashioned chores and games, make a paper chain and a no-bake snack, and learn sewing skills. Visit [mthist.org](http://mthist.org) to register. There is a \$25 per child fee.

**JULY 21**

### Downtown Block Party!

Friday | July 21  
4 – 11 pm  
Saturday | July 22  
11 am – 11 pm

**CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL**



50 S. Emerson St.  
Our annual Downtown Block Party returns with music, food, and plenty of activities for the kids. Details on page 1. For more info visit [mpblockparty.com](http://mpblockparty.com).

**JULY 27**

### The Science of History

Thursday | July 27  
9:30 – 11:30 am

**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
101 S. Maple St.



We'll guide kids 7 and older in the exploration of weather in this popular STEAM-based program. Rain sticks, weathervanes, and rain gauges will be put to use, and we'll even make rain and lightning! Visit [mthist.org](http://mthist.org) to register. There is a \$25 per child fee.

**JULY 27**

### If You Lived During the Gold Rush

Thursday | July 27  
1:30 – 3:30 pm

**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
101 S. Maple St.



Boys and girls aged 7 and up are invited to celebrate the 175th anniversary of gold being discovered in this fun, interactive program. Plan your route to head out west and learn what life was like in a mining town. We'll even pan for gold. Visit [mthist.org](http://mthist.org) to register. There is a \$25 per child fee.

**JULY 29**

### Five Dollar Fives

Saturday | July 29 | 10 am

**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
103 S. Maple St.



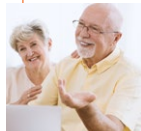
The Garden Club of Mount Prospect will discuss the history of the Mount Prospect Historical Society gardens and the efforts to keep the plants time-period appropriate. Different aspects of the museum campus gardens (sensory, butterfly, kitchen, and more) will be explained. After the presentation and some Q & A time, take a tour of the gardens with members of the Garden Club. Visit [mthist.org](http://mthist.org) to register. There is a \$5 per person fee.

**AUGUST 9**

### Transportation Resource Fair

Wednesday | August 9  
2 – 3:30 pm

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



The Village's Aging in Community Initiative invites you to learn about transportation resources for seniors and persons with disabilities in Mount Prospect. The event starts with a presentation and is followed by a resource fair. Registration is required and can be arranged by calling the MPPL at 847.253.5675.

**AUGUST 12**

### Family Bike Ride

Saturday | August 12  
9:30 am

**KOPP PARK**

420 W. Dempster St.



Join the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission for a family bike ride event. Pre-register at [mountprospect.org/familybikeride](http://mountprospect.org/familybikeride). Day-of registration will be available prior to the ride beginning at 8:30 am.

## News Around Town

### Great Turnout for First Disaster Preparedness Expo

On April 29, the Mount Prospect Emergency Management Team held their first Disaster Preparedness Expo. Along with a number of local and statewide agencies and various utilities and organizations, the team welcomed over 200 residents to the event.

In addition to answering questions about emergency response, the information presented focused on the prevention, mitigation, preparations, response, and recovery processes related to a natural disaster or other crisis in our community.



Vendors who attended included Nicor Gas, Penco Generators, ComEd, Julie 811, Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security, Red Cross, The Salvation Army, National Weather Service, Held Insurance Agency,

Northwest Central Dispatch, and Metra Rail. Our Village therapy dogs were also a big hit for adults and kids at this free event.

We thank all who attended and welcome your feedback. Share your thoughts and suggestions with Emergency Management Coordinator, Jim Miller via email at [Jmiller@mountprospect.org](mailto:Jmiller@mountprospect.org) or call 847.818.5254. We hope to see you next year!

### Summer Water Usage Tips

Warm summer temperatures often lead to an increase in water usage. We encourage everyone to be mindful of water conservation when filling the pool or watering plants.

- Installing rain barrels allows you to collect storm water run-off that can be used for watering.
- Watering the grass, trees, and plants first thing in the morning reduces waste caused by evaporation.
- You can save plenty of water by turning the tap off while brushing your teeth or washing dishes.
- Plumbing fixtures with a WaterSense label will help save water.

You can learn more about the Mount Prospect Water Sustainability plan at [mountprospect.org/community/sustainability](http://mountprospect.org/community/sustainability).

*See page 9 for the Village's lawn watering restrictions.*

### Weekly Walking Club Encourages Activity

Get a little exercise by joining neighbors and the Public Health Nurse for the Weekly Walking Club. The club meets every Wednesday and Thursday at 8:45 am. The Wednesday group meets at Sycamore Trails Park, 1500 East Kensington Road, while the Thursday group meets at Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park, 1781 West Lonquist Boulevard. There is no cost to participate but registration is required. Call 847.870.5680 to reserve your spot.

This new initiative aligns with the Village's Aging in Community (AIC) goals of supporting health and wellness of Mount Prospect's aging population. We are excited to report that the Village's AIC plan was officially certified by the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities! Go to [mountprospect.org/AIC](http://mountprospect.org/AIC) for more information.

## News from the Building Department

### Storm Chaser Scams

As if severe weather were not bad enough, after the weather clears it is not uncommon for suspicious individuals to follow storms and try to scam you out of large sums of money by posing as legitimate contractors. We advise you to be cautious of contractors who:

- Come to your home uninvited or are going door-to-door offering repairs.
- Attempt to scare you by saying you are in danger if you do not make immediate repairs to your home.
- Talk quickly and push you to sign papers right away.
- Quote you a price that is out of line with other estimates.
- Offer to drive you to the bank to withdraw funds to pay them.
- Can only be reached via an answering service.
- Drive an unmarked vehicle or have out of state license plates.
- Require payment in full before work begins.

### Tips on Choosing a Contractor

If you are looking to have work done on your home, be cautious when choosing a contractor. Start by calling the Illinois Attorney General or the Better Business Bureau to check on their record. Be sure to get written estimates from several providers but don't always go with the lowest bid. If you intend to hire a contractor, ask if they will be using any sub-contractors. If so, ask to meet them and be sure that they have current insurance coverage and licenses. You should also ask them if the primary contractor has always paid them on time.

### Online Permitting Available

Please remember you can apply for permits online through the Building Department webpage at the Village's website [mountprospect.org/permits](http://mountprospect.org/permits).

# Community/Economic Development

## Who's Hungry?

In recent years, Mount Prospect has become a true dining destination. Our selection of great restaurants continues to grow across all cuisines. We've got something for everyone whether you're looking for a quick bite, a fresh meal for a family night, or an upscale spot for a special event. Here are a few of our latest additions:



### Angelo Caputo's Fresh Markets/Bar

215 East Prospect Avenue  
Featuring soups, sushi, sandwiches and gelato  
shopcaputos.com/mount-prospect-location



### Hangry Joe's Hot Chicken

1025 North Elmhurst Road  
Enjoy Nashville hot chicken and wings  
hangryjoes.com



### Mr. Kimchi Korean BBQ

164 Randhurst Village Drive  
A new 2nd location for a popular local spot featuring all-you-can-eat Korean BBQ  
kimchibbq.com



### Straw & Bubbles Tea Bar

110 South Emerson Street  
Relax with bubble tea, coffee, and donuts

And there are more on the way. Watch for these exciting new options opening soon!



### Donerka Alma-Ata

2358 South Elmhurst Road  
Experience Central Asian-style shawarma sandwiches, burgers, and drinks  
facebook.com/almaata.donerka



### Salerno's Pizza and Eatery/Whiskey Hill Brewing & Kitchen

99 West Prospect Avenue  
Enjoy pizza, a brewery and live music  
salernopizza.com



### The Golf Factory

63 Randhurst Village  
Sample American cuisine while taking some swings in their golf simulators  
golfactory.golf

## Ribbon Cuttings



May 30, 2023  
**SYNERGY FITNESS STUDIO**  
131 Prospect Ave  
224.595.2005 | synergystudiollc.net



June 2, 2023  
**GRADE A CAFE**  
176 Randhurst Village Dr | Randhurst Village  
847.222.2222 | gradeacafe.com



June 7, 2023  
**JOE DONUT**  
720 E. Rand Rd  
224.247.3206 | joedonut.com





## Introducing Squad 13

Through the great work of our Public Works Vehicle Maintenance Team, on May 5 the Fire Department held a ceremony to dedicate, bless, and put into service our new Squad 13. Although we had targeted the purchase of a new vehicle for \$350,000, we were able to find a suitably used squad for just \$85,000 that our Public Works crew was able to refurbish for us. After their hard work, Squad 13 looks like it just rolled off the showroom floor.

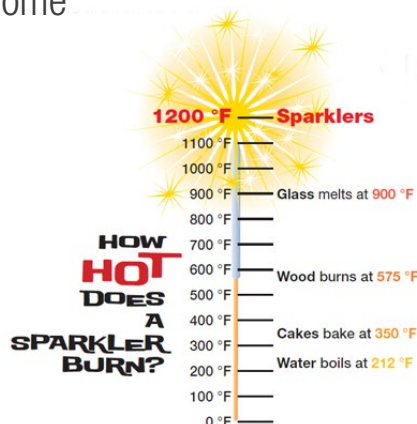
This new vehicle serves many purposes and responds to a variety of calls including working structure fires, chemical spills, white powder substances, suspicious packages, chlorine containment, and other situations involving hazardous materials. Some of the equipment the squad carries can be used to mitigate smaller fires caused by lithium-ion batteries such as those found in hoverboards, scooters, and lawn care appliances. The squad will also be used as an alternate command vehicle and to assist other regional fire departments when needed.

The completely refurbished squad is just one example of the ongoing behind-the-scenes maintenance done to all Village vehicles by Public Works. It is thanks to their dedication that these vehicles remain operating at an optimum level and allow our first responders to arrive on the scene of emergency calls as quickly as they do. Thank you Public Works Vehicle Maintenance!

## Enjoy the Fireworks... Just Not at Home

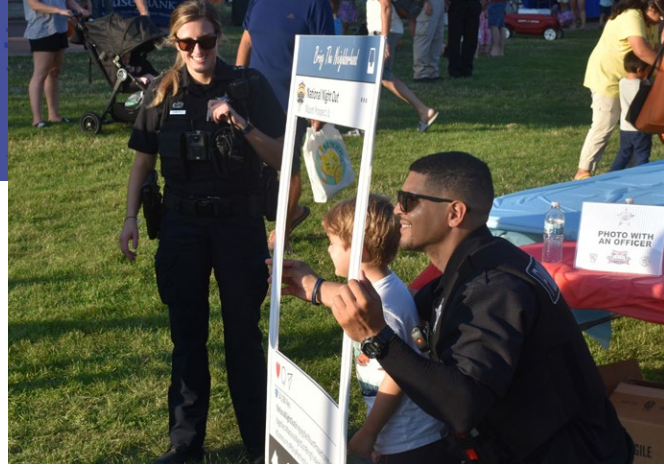
Each year in the United States approximately 10,000 people are treated for fireworks-related injuries. Here are some good reasons why you shouldn't use any fireworks at home:

- Almost 20,000 fires are started by fireworks each year.
- During the month of July, 44% of injuries treated in emergency rooms are burn-related.
- Of the fireworks injuries treated in emergency rooms, half are for hands, fingers, or legs. Over 30% involve injuries to the eyes or head.



- The highest rate of fireworks-related injuries is to children ages 10 – 14.
- Think you are keeping things low risk? More than 25% of all fireworks-related emergency room visits are caused by sparklers.
- Sparklers burn at about 1200°F. That is hot enough to melt some metals and twice the temperature at which wood will burn.

**Let's make it a safe 4th of July this year!**



## Celebrate National Night Out

The Mount Prospect Police Department, along with the Mt. Prospect Park District, will sponsor the Village's annual celebration of National Night Out Tuesday, August 1, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime and drug prevention event designed to strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. The event will take place at the Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park, located at 411 South Maple Street.

Attendees can purchase dinner from one of the participating local food

vendors. There will be entertainment for all ages on the Band Shell stage, an emergency vehicle show, and much more.

For more information, call Officer Greg Sill at 847.870.5650.

**#BringTheNeighborhood**

## Pool Party with the Police

Get acquainted with the Mount Prospect Police Department as we partner with River Trails Park District for Pool Party with the Police. Enjoy a pool party featuring games, music, and more on Friday, July 28 from 6:30 – 9 pm at the Woodland Trails pool, 1500 East Euclid Avenue.



## Police Cadet Program

The Police Department is forming a Police Cadet program for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 20 who are interested in law enforcement. This is a great opportunity for those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, as cadets will receive an overview of the criminal justice system through training and practical experiences led by active police officers.

The program promotes personal growth through character development, respect for the rule of law, physical fitness, good citizenship, and patriotism. Meetings will take place at the Police Headquarters two evenings a month. Participation is open to residents of Mount Prospect, Elk Grove Village, Des Plaines, Prospect Heights, and Arlington Heights. For more information and to express your interest, email Officer Mark Bechtold at [policecadets@mountprospect.org](mailto:policecadets@mountprospect.org).



## Five-0 5K

Lace up those shoes and join the Police Department for our 5-0 5K walk and run on August 19. The event kicks off at 8 am at Police Headquarters, 911 East Kensington Road. Registration is required, with a fee of \$30 for anyone 11 and over, and \$15 for those 10 and under. For more information visit [bit.ly/fiveo5k](http://bit.ly/fiveo5k).



## 2023 Citizens Police Academy

The Mount Prospect Police Department is now accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy. The Academy provides a firsthand look at police operations and gives participants the opportunity to experience police work from an officer's point of view.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and have no past criminal history. This year's Academy will begin September 11 and meet for 11 consecutive Monday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, ending on November 20.

Topics covered in the Academy will include traffic enforcement, traffic crash investigation, crime scene processing, and criminal law. Academy students will also be allowed to make simulated traffic stops and learn from the department's master firearms instructors on the department's pistol range.

Applications are available at the Mount Prospect Police Department front desk and at [mountprospect.org/police](http://mountprospect.org/police). Applications must be received by 9 am, August 25.

If you have any questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, please call Officer Greg Sill at the Mount Prospect Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit, at 847.870.5650.





## Document Destruction Event

The Village will host a secure document destruction event this August in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Mount Prospect residents are invited to drop off sensitive documents such as bills, medical and financial records, tax forms, and other paper materials on **August 5 from 8 to 11 am at the Mount Prospect Public Works Facility**, 1700 West Central Road.

Documents must be in paper bags or cardboard boxes; plastic bags cannot be accepted. Paper clips and staples may remain in place, but large clips or binders must be removed. There will be a limit of 6 bags or boxes per person.

As you pull into the facility, have your ID ready. Our staff will check the ID

and then take materials directly from your car to be placed into carts. Carts will then be emptied into the shredding truck for secure, on-site destruction.

If you have any questions, please call 847.870.5640 or contact [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).

## Overhead Sewer Rebate Program

The Village maintains an overhead sewer rebate program to provide financial assistance to residents who want to convert their existing gravity-fed sanitary system into an overhead sanitary sewer system. To be eligible, the single-family homeowner must be a Village wastewater utility consumer.

The program offers a rebate for costs incurred by a homeowner for the conversion. The Village will reimburse an eligible homeowner for up to 50%, but not more than \$7,500 of actual costs incurred. For more information, please visit [mountprospect.org/sewerrebate](http://mountprospect.org/sewerrebate) or contact Public Works at 847.870.5640.

## 2022 Water Report Available Online

The Illinois and Federal Environmental Protection Agency is now allowing water suppliers to offer electronic delivery of their annual Consumer Confidence Reports. This use of electronic delivery or e-delivery will save thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs for the Village. The use of the e-delivery method fully meets the public notification requirements. Please go to the following webpage [mountprospect.org/CCR2022](http://mountprospect.org/CCR2022) to view your 2022 annual water quality report and learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2022. If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the 2022 Annual Water Quality Report or have questions about the report, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 or you can email your request to [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).



## Watering Restrictions

As part of the Lake Michigan water allocation program, water suppliers are required to take steps to restrict outdoor water use. Water conservation measures are an important first step in maintaining a continuous adequate water supply for drinking, bathing, and fire protection.

Water usage laws are designed to regulate water usage for watering lawns, filling swimming pools, and other outdoor uses. In Mount Prospect, water usage is limited in the following way:

- Watering and/or sprinkling of yards is permitted for odd numbered addresses on odd numbered dates and for even numbered addresses on even numbered dates, only between the hours of 4 pm and 10 am.
- Newly sodded areas of lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the two-week period following installation.

These rules are in place 7 days a week. If you have any questions, call Public Works at 847.870.5640.



## Water Your Drain Traps

The traps in your floor drains can dry out if not used on a regular basis which can lead to sewer gas from the Village's sewer system entering your home. You can eliminate this possibility by keeping a small amount of fresh water in the trap and topping it off with a bit of cooking oil. The oil will float on top of the water preventing evaporation and reducing the chance of sewer gas being an issue for you.

## Tree Planting

Our continuous reforestation efforts will carry on into the fall as we attempt to replace all trees that have been removed from parkways. If you have lost a tree from the parkway in front of your home, you should expect to receive notification with details about the potential replacement. Our goal is to replace trees in the order they were removed, but in some cases, replacement may not take place until next year.

Trees will still be hand-selected by Village staff at an Illinois nursery. They will be planted by a landscape contractor and guaranteed for one year. To maintain a healthy variety of trees, eight to ten different species are generally available per planting season.

If you are interested in having a parkway tree planted, please contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org). **All requests for fall planting must be received at Public Works no later than August 1.**

## Cost Sharing Opportunity for Water Lines

The Village has established a cost sharing program to provide financial assistance to residents who want to replace their existing lead or galvanized steel water service with a copper water service from the public water main to the water meter inside the property.

Single-family and multi-family homes, and commercial buildings, are all eligible to participate in the program which offers a rebate for costs incurred by an owner to replace an existing lead or galvanized service line with copper. The Village will reimburse 100% of the cost to replace the service line from the water main to the water shutoff valve, known as the B-box, and two-thirds of the cost to replace the shutoff valve to the water meter, but not more than \$10,000 of the actual expenses incurred. Low-income homeowners may be eligible for a 0% interest deferred loan.

To be eligible, work must be performed with a valid Village of Mount Prospect permit issued by the Building and Inspection Services Department. Applicants must be Village of Mount Prospect water customers. Illinois American Water Company customers and residents with privately-owned wells are not eligible. All applicable permit fees and bonds will apply. The program is not retroactive; work performed in the past is not eligible.

For technical questions regarding installation, please contact the Village of Mount Prospect Plumbing Inspector at 847.870.5675. For other questions, call the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or [publicworksdept@mountprospect.org](mailto:publicworksdept@mountprospect.org).



# Human Services

## Transportation Resource Fair

The Village's Aging in Community Initiative invites you to learn about transportation resources for seniors and persons with disabilities in Mount Prospect. The event starts with a presentation and is followed by a resource fair. Registration is required and can be arranged by calling the Mount Prospect Public Library at 847.253.5675.

## School Supply Program

Our annual School Supply Drive is underway. Each year we collect backpacks and gift cards to help families in need purchase school supplies, allowing them to get the school year off to a great start. Families eligible to participate in this program regularly utilize our food pantry or have experienced a recent significant financial hardship. Residents can drop-off a new or gently used backpack at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street, or the Mount Prospect Library, 10 South Emerson Street, or make a monetary donation via PayPal at <https://t.ly/ntbz> earmarked School Supply Drive. Human Services will purchase gift cards for each child participating in the program. You can also make a donation using the QR code.



## Behavioral Health Subsidy Program

The Human Services Department offers a Behavioral Health Subsidy Program for uninsured or underinsured Mount Prospect residents that are experiencing barriers to access timely mental health services. To apply for the subsidy program, residents are required to schedule an appointment with a social worker. Eligibility is based on household income, family size, insurance provider, and financial hardship. For more information, or to make an appointment, call 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.



## Weekly Health Screenings

The Public Health Nurse offers weekly health screening clinics for Mount Prospect residents every Monday from 9-11 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

The Community Connections Center is located at 1711 West Algonquin Road, and can be reached by calling 847.506.4930.



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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**

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

- Emergency ..... 911
- Village Hall ..... 847.392.6000  
*(includes Finance & Village Administration)*
- 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
- MPPLC** Mount Prospect Lions Club
- Chamber** Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce
- VH** Village Hall

# 2023 July



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>LEARN MORE AT</b> <b>EXPERIENCE</b> MOUNT PROSPECT <a href="http://experience.mountprospect.org">experience.mountprospect.org</a></p>					
<b>2</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, 1-11pm Melas Park	<b>3</b> Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, 4-11pm Melas Park	<b>4</b> 4th of July Parade, 1pm Emerson & Prospect to Melas Park, Mount Prospect Special Events Commission Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, 1-11pm Melas Park	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Senior Connections, 9-11:00am, VH Monthly Blood Drive 2-8pm, FIRE STATION 14 Hometown Concert Series 7:30 pm, Lions Park Trabuco Latin Salsa Band	<b>7</b> Christmas in July 6:30-9pm, Woodland Trails Pool	<b>8</b> Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>9</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHIST	<b>10</b> History Camp Session II 9am-12pm through July 14, MPHIST Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30pm, Lions Park, Silver Screen Songs	<b>11</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>12</b> Needlecraft Night, 7-9pm Central School, MPHIST Movies on the Green, Dusk <i>Minions: Rise of Gru</i> , VH	<b>13</b> Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Lee DeWyze VIP Meet and Greet, 6-7pm, Lions Recreation Center Hometown Concert Series 7:30 pm, Lions Park Lee DeWyze	<b>14</b> Closest to the Pin Contest 5-7:30pm, Woodland Trails Driving Range, RTPD Fridays on the Green 6-8 pm, VH, Wall of Denial, Stevie Ray Vaughan Tribute Band	<b>15</b> Moose Lodge Craft Fair 10am-4pm, Mount Prospect Moose Lodge Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>16</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>17</b> Wits Workout, 11-11:30am VH Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30pm, Lions Park, Light and Lively Tunes	<b>18</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Pool Party with the Police 6:30-9pm, Woodland Trails Pool, RTPD	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Life as a Prairie Kid I 9:30-11:30am, MPHIST Life as a Prairie Kid II 1:30-3:30pm, MPHIST Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Hometown Concert Series 7:30 pm, Lions Park Hi-Fi Superstar	<b>21</b> Downtown Block Party 4-11pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>22</b> Downtown Block Party 11am-11pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>23</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>24</b> Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30pm, Lions Park, Dancing to Disney for the Young at Heart	<b>25</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC	<b>26</b> Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class, 10am VH Movies on the Green, Dusk <i>Top Gun</i> , VH	<b>27</b> The Science of History 9:30-11:30am, MPHIST Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH If You Lived During the Gold Rush, 1:30-3:30pm, MPHIST Hometown Concert Series 7:30 pm, Lions Park Billy Eton	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Five Dollar Five, 10am, MPHIST Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot
<b>30</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot	<b>31</b> Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30pm, Lions Park, Encore! Songs you love to hear again!					



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## Message from the Mayor

As your Mayor, I am extremely pleased to tell you that the Village's financial position is stronger today than it has ever been before. You should also know that the Village of Mount Prospect has had a long tradition of being fiscally responsible and laser-focused on reducing the financial burden on its residents and businesses.

The Village has maximized its alternative revenue sources allowing for less reliance on property taxes. Additionally, the Village Board has suspended the Vehicle Sticker Program due to the strong sales tax revenues, state-shared income tax revenues, and other revenue streams which have outperformed projections. In addition, a sharp focus on spending reductions by all Village Departments in 2022 produced a \$13.4 million surplus.

The Village will be using part of the surplus in abating/reducing various taxes for its residents and businesses. These abatements combined with the suspension of the Vehicle Sticker Program will save the average household \$212. In my opinion, it was and is a highly responsible action for your Village Board to deploy some of the surplus toward these abatements and tax reductions.

At the same time, the Village Board recently approved a new Fund Balance Policy. The new fund balance requirement is set at 30% to 50%, which equates to four-months' worth of operating cash. The revisions to the fund balance policy will help to ensure the continuity of Village operations.

In addition to the new Fund Balance Policy, the Village Board also approved the creation of an *Economic Emergency Fund* which was funded with \$6.5 million from our General Fund surplus. This move equates to one-months' worth of operating cash.

Over the past 30 years, we have seen some extremely difficult economic times. A prime example of such times was the economic recession of 2009-2010. While the Village weathered that economic storm well, the Village Board was forced to make many responsible but difficult spending cuts to programs, projects, and staffing. Had we had an Emergency Fund in place at that time, it would have helped us smooth out the impacts of the recession. Unfortunately, creating such a fund was not financially possible until now.

Our recently gained financial strength has allowed the Village to create this new *Economic Emergency Fund* and set aside dedicated dollars for natural or man-made disasters, economic downturns, unplanned expenditures, or other emergencies. However, I want everyone to know and understand that accessing the *Economic Emergency Fund* will require that certain criteria be met as well as discussion and approval by your Village Board.

As a final point, the S&P Credit Rating Agency recently affirmed the Village's very positive *AA+* credit rating. However, one of your Village Board's strategic goals is to attain a *AAA* credit rating which will allow the Village to borrow at lower market rates thus reducing the cost of borrowing for capital projects and again, reducing the overall tax burden for residents and businesses. The *Economic Emergency Fund* will be critical factor in helping us attain a *AAA* credit rating.

In closing, your Village Board and Village Administration are committed to providing our citizens and businesses with continuity of outstanding service, reducing reliance on the property tax, and being prepared for the uncertainties of the future. As your Mayor, I guarantee your Village Board will continue to support policies aimed at accomplishing these key goals.

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT