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# MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

AUGUST 2023



## CELEBRATION OF CULTURES

SATURDAY | AUGUST 26 | 11AM – 6PM | REC PLEX | 420 DEMPSTER ST.

The Village of Mount Prospect is proud to be home to a diverse blend of residents and businesses with unique cultural backgrounds. Join us as we celebrate and learn about these different ethnicities at the 5th annual Celebration of Cultures! This free event will be held Saturday, August 26, from 11AM – 6PM outside RecPlex, 420 Dempster Street. All ages are invited to enjoy live entertainment, cultural booths, crafts, and food from around the world.

### Entertainment

The day will kick off with an opening ceremony showcasing a parade of cultures and will culminate with a multi-stranded ribbon tied together as a symbol of unity. There will be a day-long line up of cultural entertainment featuring Kalkriti Dance Company, Terran's Greek Band, Kokyo Taiko Chicago Drumming, Dundee Scottish Pipe Band, Ayodele Drum and Dance, Mike Metzger Flamenco Dancing Trio, Bulgarica, and Chicago Arabic Music Ensemble.

### Cultural Booths

Visit booths and tables hosted by local volunteers to experience a wide array of cultures. Take a tour around the world to Assyria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Mongolia, Norway, Philippines, and Türkiye. Learn about our culture right here in Mount Prospect with the Mount Prospect Historical Society.

Do you represent a culture not listed? There's still time to join us! Hosting a cultural booth is free, fun, and open to anyone. Booths may have information, native dress, artifacts, and cultural crafts. Fill out the form at [mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures](http://mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures) or email [specialevents@mountprospect.org](mailto:specialevents@mountprospect.org) to participate. The deadline to apply is August 14.



## CELEBRATE CULTURAL DIVERSITY



### Food & Beverages

Have a taste of global cuisine from our restaurants right here in Mount Prospect! Small bites, ethnic fare, and sweets will be offered from A Thousand Tales, Canta Napoli, KD Market, Mr. Kimchi, Pueblo Viejo, and more. The Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce will provide beer flights for purchase, and the Mount Prospect Junior Women's Club will assist in selling water and soda.

### Crafts & Kids' Activities

Celebration of Cultures has something for everyone! Ten Thousand Villages will be selling fair trade crafts from a variety of countries. There will also be plenty of kid-friendly crafts and activities, including face painting, henna, balloon art, and a special *Instrument Petting Zoo* from Bach to Rock. Kids can fill up a *passport* by collecting a sticker from each country and then Spin the Wheel to win a prize.

**Attendees are encouraged to park in the north end of the Kohls parking lot at 1500 Elmhurst Road (Elmhurst Road and Dempster Street). For the most up-to-date details, keep an eye on the event website page at [mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures](http://mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures).**

*Information subject to change*

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# Community Events

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## Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | August 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
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.

AUGUST  
**1**

## National Night Out

Tuesday | August 1  
5:30 – 8:30 pm

VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL  
411 S. Maple St.



Join the MPPD and the Mt. Prospect Park District for a free event aimed at strengthening our community by supporting police-neighborhood relationships. National Night Out will include food trucks, the JG Reptile Show, a magician, and Six on Sunday, who take the stage at 7:30 pm. For details, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

AUGUST  
**2**

## Walking Club

Wednesdays | August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
Thursdays | August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
8:45 – 9:45 am



Walking Club takes place every Wednesday and Thursday, weather permitting. Wednesday's club will meet at Sycamore Trails Park and Thursday's club will meet at Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park. Mount Prospect residents of all fitness levels are welcome to join. Registration is required. To register, please call 847.506.4930.

AUGUST  
**3**

## Fit 4 Life

Thursdays | August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31  
11 – 11:45 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 South Emerson Street



Fit 4 Life is a free seated exercise class lead by the Village's Public Health Nurse that welcomes all fitness levels. It's 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 MP residents only. No registration is required.

AUGUST  
**3**

## Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | August 3  
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).

AUGUST  
**3**

## Movie in the Park

Thursday | August 3  
Dusk

WOODLAND TRAILS PARK  
1500 E. Euclid Ave.



The River Trails Park District is excited to present a free movie in

the park. *Space Jam: New Legacy* is perfect for all ages, and admission is free. Don't forget your blankets and lawn chairs.

AUGUST  
**4**

## Fridays on the Green

Remaining dates shown below  
6 – 8 pm



CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.

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!

**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).

AUGUST  
**5**

## 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).

AUGUST  
**6**

## 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).

AUGUST  
**9**

## Transportation Resource Fair

Wednesday | August 9  
2 – 3:30 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY  
10 S. Emerson St.



The Aging in Community Initiative is hosting a fair for residents to learn about transportation options for seniors and persons with disabilities from the providers that serve our community. Presentation is followed by a resource fair. Speakers include representatives from Connections to Care, Wheeling Township, Elk Grove Township, PACE, and Right at Home powered by Lyft. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions during the presentation and after. Call 847.253.5675 to register.

AUGUST  
**9**

## Needlecraft Night

Wednesday | August 9  
7 – 9 pm

CENTRAL SCHOOL MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
103 S. Maple St.



Join us to repurpose (clean) old t-shirts into soft yarn, then use the yarn to crochet it into a coaster, or the start of a rug or bag. All experience levels are welcome. \$5 donation is suggested. For more info or to register, visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org).

AUGUST  
**9**

## Movies on the Green

Wednesday | August 9  
Dusk

*Sonic the Hedgehog*  
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL  
50 S. Emerson St.



Bring your own blankets and chairs to this free event sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association.

AUGUST  
**11**

## Rob Roy's Live Music on Deck

Friday | August 11  
5 – 7 pm

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE  
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd, Prospect Heights



Enjoy a free show by Mike Jansen, an acoustic performer who specializes in current pop hits and familiar classics. He's an 'Acoustic Jukebox' and musical entertainment extraordinaire. The restaurant and bar will be open for food and drinks.

AUGUST  
**11**

## Glow in the Hole

Friday | August 11 | 7 pm

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE  
505 E. Camp McDonald Rd, Prospect Heights



This tournament is all about having a great time and supporting the River Trails Park Foundation. There are two different levels to accommodate all types of players, cash prizes for first place, and a full-service bar. Proceeds help fund program scholarships, summer camp, and special projects. Teams must consist of two people over the age of 21. The registration deadline is Friday, August 4. Register at [rtpd.org](http://rtpd.org).

**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.

**AUGUST 12** **Super Saturday: Little Parade**  
 Saturday | August 12  
 10:30 am  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 10 South Emerson Street

Celebrate the unique creativity within each child at this interactive bilingual music program from Little Parade. To register for this family event, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**AUGUST 13** **Second Sunday at the Society**  
 Sunday | August 13  
 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 101 S. Maple St.

Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society on their campus to chat with Director Emily Dattilo about her newly released book, *Mount Prospect Historic Sites*. Books will be available for purchase. No registration is necessary. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

**AUGUST 13** **Summer Music Cabaret**  
 Sunday | August 13  
 6 pm  
**FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY**  
 395 Algonquin Rd.

Take in the song stylings of veteran performer, Peter Oprisko, while enjoying dinner provided by Giuseppe's. You can also scoop up a few sweet treats and a complimentary raffle ticket and grab a drink at the cash bar. Doors will open at 4:30 pm and music begins at 6 pm. This event is hosted by the Mount Prospect Parks Foundation and all proceeds benefit the Foundation's annual Scholarship Program. Purchase tickets in person at the RecPlex or Central Community Center or by phone at 847.640.1000.

**AUGUST 15** **Miscellany and Mirth of the Midwest**  
 Tuesday | August 15  
 7 pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 10 S. Emerson St.

During this performance, musician and storyteller Dave Martin takes a good-natured romp through the Midwest, exploring the culture and storied history of the region. He performs both traditional and original songs while infusing quixotic anecdotes about his family's place in America's heartland. To register, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**AUGUST 16** **Every Color Has a Story: History on the Palette**  
 Wednesday | August 16  
 7 pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 10 S. Emerson St.

All tints, hues, dyes, and shades of the colors around you can be traced back to a specific point in history and the stories they tell are amazing. Which came first, the fruit or the color orange? Was Lincoln Green named after Mary Lincoln? Join Laura Keyes for this illustrated, virtual lecture where she will share with you the powerful history of color. This program will be presented using Zoom. To register, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**AUGUST 18** **Kindergarten Kickoff Party**  
 Friday | August 18  
 5 – 6 pm  
 Saturday | August 19  
 10 – 11 am  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 10 S. Emerson St.

This special celebration is for kids entering kindergarten this fall. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Come party with the Mount Prospect Public Library to recognize this big step forward. The event includes fun activities, games, and crafts to get excited about the first day of school. To register, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**AUGUST 18** **Celebrating 5 years! 56 Music Fix**  
 August 18, 19 & 20  
**THROUGHOUT MOUNT PROSPECT**  
 A three day, village-wide celebration of live music, art & food! Regional bands of all sizes and genres play throughout Mount Prospect's terrific bars, restaurants and shops over one amazing summer weekend. For more info and schedules visit [56musicfix.org](http://56musicfix.org).

**AUGUST 19** **Strawfest Bus Tour**  
 Saturday | August 19  
 9 am – 5 pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 101 S. Maple St.

Join us on a bus trip to the 8th Annual U.S. National Straw Sculpting Competition, also known as Strawfest, in Mt. Morris. It was inspired by former Arlington Heights resident/artist Fran Volz. Participants will leave at 9 am in a luxury coach and will have plenty of time to enjoy the large, unique straw sculptures arranged around the picturesque town square and vote for their favorites. Participants will enjoy boxed lunches from Jen's Artisan Breads in the air-conditioned Pinecrest Grove Auditorium, where Fran Volz will speak. Following lunch, participants will board the bus for a guided tour of local points of interest, including White Pines Forest State Park and *The Eternal Indian* or *Blackhawk* statue along the river. This full-day tour is \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. Visit [mtphist.org](http://mtphist.org) to register.

**AUGUST 19** **56 Artisan Fix**  
 Saturday | August 19  
 12 – 5 pm  
**LIONS PARK**  
 411 S. Maple St.

Shop an array of locally-made wares from over 40 artists while enjoying great music and dancers from the MPPD! Bring the family or meet your friends, grab some food and enjoy a picnic lunch. For more details, visit [mppd.org](http://mppd.org).

**AUGUST 21** **Wits Workout**  
 Monday | August 21  
 11 am – 12:30 pm  
**FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL**  
 50 S. Emerson St.

Come tease your brain in this challenging class for seniors. Registration is required as class size is limited. This class curriculum is designed for seniors who are not experiencing memory loss. Mount Prospect residents interested in attending can call 847.870.5680 to register.

**AUGUST 24** **Calm Coloring Night**  
 Thursday | August 24  
 6:30 pm  
**MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 10 S. Emerson St.

Adults, color your worries away while listening to calming music and enjoying friendly conversation. The MPPL will provide plenty of coloring pages, colored pencils, and markers. To register, visit [mppl.org](http://mppl.org) or call 847.253.5675.

**AUGUST 27** **Last Splash Bash**  
 Sunday | August 27  
 11 am – 5 pm  
**WOODLAND TRAILS PARK AND POOL**  
 1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Join us for a day filled with summer fun! There will be huge inflatables, a petting zoo, lawn games, and more. The pool is open for free and a kids coin splash will take place at noon. The DJ will keep the party going with a hula hoop contest, limbo, and more. A Trusty the Turtle Race will take place at 5 pm with a \$300 prize for first place and other prizes for top turtle racers. Money raised for the Turtle Race will help raise funds for River Trails Park Foundation. All ages are welcome.

## News Around Town

### Citizens Academy

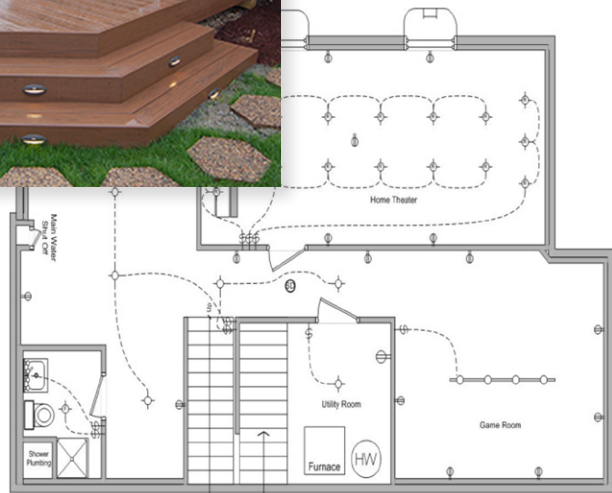
Residents are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Mount Prospect Citizens Civics Academy. The Academy is a series of free educational sessions designed to teach residents about the inner workings of their local government, including the many responsibilities and functions of the Village, the relationships between Village departments and the community, and how services are provided. The Academy runs for 8 weeks beginning September 6 with classes meeting at different locations including Village Hall, Public Works, the Police Headquarters, and Fire Station 13. For more information and to fill out an application visit [mountprospect.org/citizenscivicsacademy](http://mountprospect.org/citizenscivicsacademy).

## News from the Building Department

### Pre-Submittal Meetings

If you are thinking about a home improvement project such as finishing a basement or adding a deck, you should be familiar with the Building Division's pre-submittal review process. These free meetings are meant to ease homeowners through the application process, explain code requirements, and make your permit review process go smoothly and quickly. We provide free code handouts and checklists and are happy to meet on any size project. The handouts include checklists and code details that change from year to year, so be sure you have the latest information before you begin.

While a pre-submittal meeting is offered for all projects, they are required for larger projects such as remodels, additions, or new construction. To schedule a pre-submittal meeting for your project, please contact the Building Division at 847.818.5290 or email [building@mountprospect.org](mailto:building@mountprospect.org).



## News from the Finance Department

### More Recognition for Our Team

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has announced that the Village of Mount Prospect has received the organization's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting (PAFR Award) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

To be eligible for the PAFR Award, a government must also submit its annual comprehensive financial report to GFOA's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program and receive the Certificate for the current fiscal year. Each eligible report is reviewed by judges who evaluate the report based on the following categories: reader appeal, understandability, distribution methods, creativity, as well as other elements.

In addition, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Village of Mount Prospect for our annual comprehensive financial report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

The report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive *spirit of full disclosure* to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

**Congratulations to all involved!**

### Ribbon Cuttings



May 17, 2023 | **TAQUIZAS ERNESTO** | 13 E. Prospect Ave. | 224.202.3510



July 11, 2023 | **WORLD COURIER** | 2240 S. Busse Road  
800.221.6600 | [worldcourier.com](http://worldcourier.com)

# Community/Economic Development

## Zoning Information

Zoning information about your property is readily available to you by accessing [mountprospect.org/zoning](http://mountprospect.org/zoning).

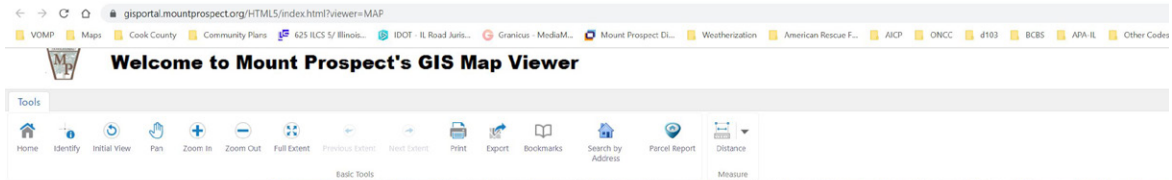
You can find zoning requirements such as the maximum lot coverage, setbacks, and density, all of which are driven by the zoning designation on any given property. On the site you will find a GIS map viewer which can be used to create a property/parcel report on a property's zoning, various school, park, political districts, and more simply by entering a valid address.

Color-coded or black and white zoning maps are available for download in pdf format. Illinois statutes require the Village Board to approve the Official Zoning Map by March 31 of each year to reflect the changes that have occurred the previous calendar year. Changes can include zoning

map amendments, planned developments, and administrative and Village Board approved plat of subdivisions.

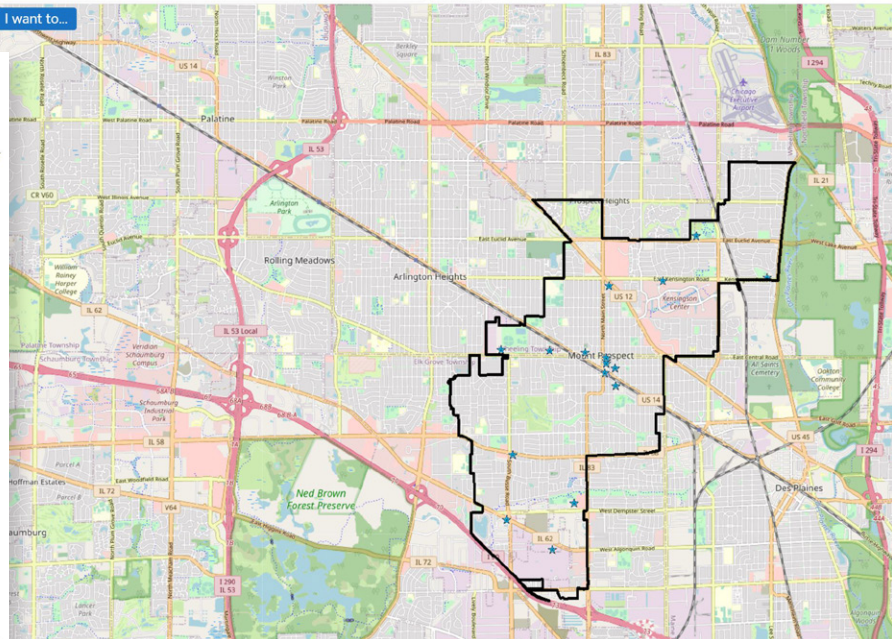
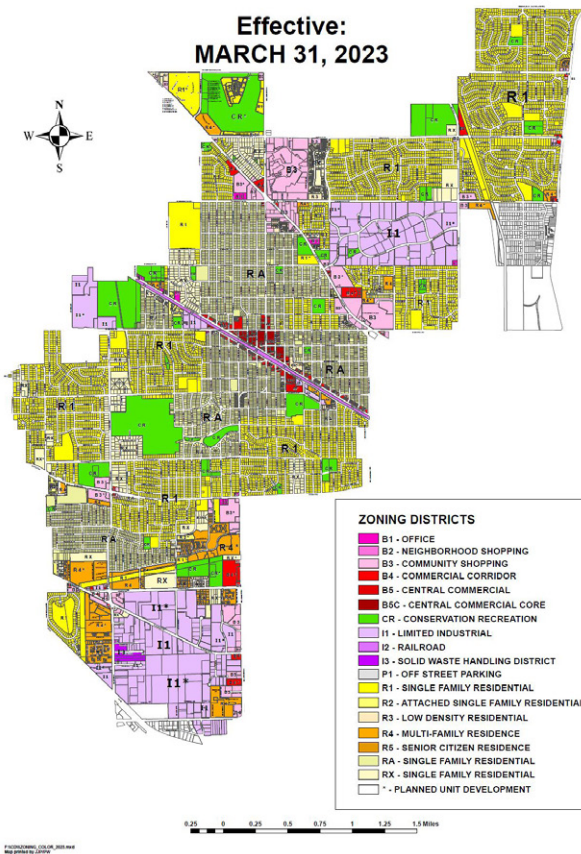
You will also find land use tables of permitted and conditional uses in Chapter 14 Zoning of the Village. These provide direction on land uses that may be established in the associated zoning districts as either permitted or conditional uses.

Finally, an illustrative quick-reference guide for bulk regulations provides the required setbacks, lot coverage, height, and floor area ratio requirements for all zoning districts.



## VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Effective:  
MARCH 31, 2023





## Congratulations to Our FRAT Graduates

On May 25, 12 students from area high schools became the second graduating class of our First Responder Academy. Hosted by the Police and Fire Departments, the program welcomes high school students who are interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or the fire service.

The students met one day a week for 8 weeks and were provided a look at the roots and history of both career fields, a first-hand look into life as a first responder, and comprehensive knowledge and practical hands-on experience on a variety of topics.

The Fire Department portion introduced fire department vehicles and equipment, and addressed EMS response, CPR and Stop the Bleed techniques, the use of ladders and firehoses on fire scenes, fire extinguisher training, and auto extrication including the *jaws of life* at accident scenes. Students also had the opportunity to wear a self-

contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), go through a unique maze, and complete a firefighter combat fitness challenge.

The Police Department discussed crime scene investigation, processing evidence, impaired driving simulations, along with active communication and de-escalation techniques. Students also conducted mock traffic stops.

All students received certificates as part of their graduation. **Thank you and congratulations to all the students who participated.**

## Fire Safety Tips for College Students

Whether your college-aged student will be living in a dorm or moving into an on-campus apartment or house, before you send them off, take a few minutes to review some fire safety tips to ensure a safe year at school. There are several recurring factors that are present when discussing on or off-campus fires. These risks include a lack of automatic fire sprinklers, missing or disabled smoke alarms, unattended cooking, and careless disposal of smoking materials.

Here are some tips to share with your college student to keep them safe.

- Working smoke alarms save lives. Never disable or remove batteries from smoke alarms.
- Check smoke alarms at least once a month to ensure they are working properly.
- Do not overload outlets.
- Only use surge protectors or power strips that have internal overload protection and are UL certified.
- Keep the cooking area clean and free of anything that can burn (including notes for an upcoming exam).
- Never leave cooking food unattended.
- Should a fire start in a microwave, keep the door closed and unplug it.

- Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires in the kitchen.
- Keep a type 3A:40BC fire extinguisher in or near the kitchen.
- Keep anything that can burn away from lamps, light fixtures, and light bulbs.
- Never use an extension cord with large appliances like a refrigerator.
- Avoid overcharging devices or using incompatible chargers that can cause batteries to overheat and explode.
- Place candles in sturdy holders out of the way of high-traffic areas.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended.
- Consider flameless candles. They come in all sizes, colors and offer superior fire safety protection.
- Clean the dryer lint trap before and after each use.

Always create a fire escape plan and practice with your roommates to ensure you know two ways out of every room. Good luck to all new college students and their parents! Have a safe and fun move-in day.





## Are You Ready for the Five-O 5K?

Our annual Five-O 5K is set for an 8:00 am start on August 19. Get your friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors together for a 5K run or walk alongside members of the Mount Prospect Police Department. The fun kicks off at the Police Headquarters, 911 East Kensington Road. Scan the QR code or visit [mountprospect.org/police5k](http://mountprospect.org/police5k).



## Share the Road

Our community continues to work toward creating a safe, comfortable, and bicycle-friendly environment. Here are some tips for drivers and bicyclists to keep safety in the forefront of conversations.

### For Drivers

- Those on a bike have the same rights and responsibilities as those of you behind the wheel of a vehicle.
- Yield to bicyclists as you would motorists and do not underestimate their speed. This will help avoid turning in front of a bicyclist traveling on the road or sidewalk, as often occurs at an intersection or driveway.
- In parking lots, at stop signs, when backing up, or when parking, search your surroundings for other vehicles, including bicycles.
- Drivers turning right on red should look to the right and behind them to avoid hitting a bicyclist approaching from the right rear. Stop completely and look left-right-left and behind before turning right on red.
- Obey the speed limit, reduce speed for road conditions, and drive defensively to avoid an accident with a cyclist.
- Give cyclists room; do not pass too closely. Pass bicyclists as you would any other vehicle—when it's safe to move over into an adjacent lane.

### For Cyclists

- Always inspect your bike prior to riding.
  - Adjust your seat to the proper height and lock it in place.
  - Confirm that tires are properly inflated, brakes are functioning, and your chain is secure.
  - Equip your bike with reflectors on the front, rear, pedals and spokes.
  - Horn or bell, a rear-view mirror and a headlight are recommended.
- Plan to be seen and be sure that drivers can see you.
  - Wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright clothing.

- When possible, ride during the day. If you ride at night, wear reflective clothing and use flashing lights.
- Every rider should wear a properly-fitting helmet regardless of the length of ride you are going on. Helmets should be certified by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.
  - The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration provides these guidelines to properly fit a helmet.
    - > Adjust sizing pads or fit ring until the helmet is snug.
    - > Position the helmet level on your head, covering the forehead about one to two finger widths above the eyebrow and not tipped backward or forward.
    - > Adjust the side straps so they form a V shape under and slightly in front of your ears.
    - > Center the buckle on the chin strap under your chin. Buckle and tighten the chin strap until it is snug; no more than one to two fingers should be able to fit between the chin and strap.
    - > When fitted, the helmet should not rock more than 1" side to side or front to back on your head.
- Follow the Rules of the Road
  - Bicyclists must follow the same rules as motorists so be sure you are acquainted with traffic laws.
  - Before entering traffic, stop and look left, right, left again, and over your shoulder.
  - Ride single file in the direction of traffic.
  - Remain alert, keep your head up and look around; watch for opening car doors and other hazards.
  - Use hand signals when turning and use extra care at intersections.
  - Never hitch onto cars.

## New Police Cadet Program

If you are 14 to 20 years old and interested in a career in law enforcement, we invite you to be a part of the new Mount Prospect Police Cadet program. Open to residents of Mount Prospect, Des Plaines, Prospect Heights, Arlington Heights and Elk Grove Village, the program will meet bi-weekly at Police Headquarters. Cadets will be issued uniforms, learn from current officers about all facets of police work, and have opportunities to use the skills they learn working alongside officers at community events. Contact Officer Mark Bechtold at [policecadets@mountprospect.org](mailto:policecadets@mountprospect.org) with questions or scan the code for details.



## Welcome New Officers

We are proud to welcome two new officers to our Police Department. Officer Louis Smith is a graduate of Prospect High School and joins us from the Chicago Police Department. Officer Ruben Perez is a first-time officer who is completing his academy training at the Police Training Institute in Champaign. Please join us in welcoming Officers Smith and Perez to the department.





## Recycling Updates

Recycling plastic bags is a great practice but unfortunately, they should not be placed in your recycling bin. To assist, plastic bags may be dropped off at Village Hall (50 South Emerson Street) and Public Works (1700 West Central Road).

Stay up to date on what can be recycled by downloading the Recycle Coach app from the Apple App Store, Google Play, or [mountprospect.org/recyclecoach](http://mountprospect.org/recyclecoach).

### Mercury Recycling

In conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), the Village offers residents a means to recycle mercury-containing thermometers, thermostats, and wall switches. Residents may bring their mercury thermometers, thermostats, and wall switches

to the Public Works facility between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm weekdays except holidays.

Mercury poses health and environmental risks so products which contain it should be properly recycled whenever possible. As an example, old thermometers contain up to 700 milligrams of mercury, 140 times more than a CFL.



## Refuse Cart Storage

Please adhere to the following requirements related to storing your refuse carts:

- Carts and yard waste containers may be stored in the garage, or on the side or back of property.
- If your property is on a corner, carts or yard waste containers stored on the side of the house facing the adjacent street must be screened by bushes or a fence.
- Storing carts in front of the property is a violation of Village Code and may result in a citation.



- Carts and yard waste containers may not be placed at the curb earlier than 4:30 pm the day before collection.
- Leaving carts at the curb beyond your scheduled collection day is a violation of Village Code and may result in a citation.
- Residents of multi-family developments should check with your association, as they may have further restrictions for cart storage.





## Stormwater Pollution

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has provided the following information on stormwater pollution.

### What is stormwater pollution?

When it rains, some of the rainwater soaks into the ground, and part of it flows over the ground and directly into creeks, streams, or rivers. This water that runs off into waterways is called runoff, or sometimes stormwater runoff. Sometimes this stormwater runoff gets polluted. Pollution is anything that harms natural resources, whether it is air, soil, or in this case, water. In some cases, the pollution is something you can see, like trash floating on top of the water; in other instances, you can't see the pollution like when motor oil from a car washes into a nearby creek. Polluted runoff is the number one cause of water pollution in the United States.

### Why is stormwater pollution a concern?

It is of concern for two main issues: one related to the volume and timing of runoff water, and the other related to potential contaminants that the water is carrying from human and animal activities. These contaminants are picked up as water from a storm (or garden hoses and sprinklers) enters the system through our catch basins and storm drains. From there, they are transferred untreated directly to rivers and streams. Anything that is dumped or dropped on the ground or in the gutter contributes to stormwater pollution.

### Is stormwater treated before it reaches the river?

No. Stormwater systems flow directly from streets, parking lots, and lawns into the rivers, lakes, and streams. The cost of treating stormwater would be so high that it would exceed available resources.

## Reduce Basement Sewer Backups

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRDGC) collects and treats all the sanitary sewer waste from the Village and also works to reduce the amount of rainwater, often called clearwater, that can flow into their interceptor sewers through their Inflow and Infiltration Control Program (IICP). The MWRDGC has found that improperly sealed or open cleanouts on private sanitary sewer laterals are one of the largest sources of introducing clearwater into their interceptors. These poorly sealed or open pipes become direct connections for storm water to enter the sewers in times of wet weather. This excess storm water causes the pipes to become surcharged which leads to local basement backup. Over 65% of the Village is located within a separate sanitary sewer basin, so the Village is asking that all homeowners check their cleanouts to ensure they are properly sealed to prevent clearwater inflow into the sewers. Please help prevent sewer backups by ensuring that your cleanouts are capped and properly sealed to keep clearwater out of the sewers.

## Is there a difference between a storm drain and a sewer drain?

Yes, they are two separate drainage systems. The sewer system takes all household wastewater from toilets, showers, and sinks and routes it through your plumbing system to a treatment plant. The storm drain is intended to quickly route rainwater off the streets during a heavy storm. Unfortunately, it takes all the runoff along with it. Chemicals, trash, debris from lawns, parking lots and streets, either intentionally or accidentally spilled, goes straight into our waterways.

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people in a variety of ways.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow.
- Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris such as plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Let's all work together to lessen the impact of stormwater pollution one drop at a time.

## Keep Trees Healthy with a Layer of Mulch

Proper mulching can provide numerous health benefits for trees including helping to retain soil moisture, increasing water infiltration, improving soil structure, and reducing compaction. Additionally, mulching under the canopy helps regulate soil temperatures, protecting roots from extreme weather conditions. For best results, place a 2" – 3" layer of mulch under the tree canopy at ground level but not directly against the trunk. This will help reduce weeds and allow you to keep weed whips and lawn mowers away from the trunk of the tree.



# Human Services

## Transportation Resource Fair

The Aging in Community Initiative will present a Transportation Resource Fair on August 9 at the Mount Prospect Library. The 90-minute event begins at 2:00 pm with a presentation on transportation options for seniors and persons with disabilities from the providers that serve our community, followed by a resource fair. Speakers include Connections to Care, Wheeling Township, Elk Grove Township, PACE and Right at Home – Lyft Program. Contact the Mount Prospect Public Library to register at 847.253.5675.



## Parenting Class

The Human Services Department will offer the *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® training course in September, in both English and Spanish. The *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*® Curriculum was developed by Jim Fay, Charles Fay, Ph.D., and Foster W. Cline, M.D., of the Love and Logic Institute, Inc., in Golden, Colorado. Call the Human Services 847.870.5680 or the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 to register for the course.



## 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.



## Conversations in English

Conversations in English group will return in September. If you are learning English, join us for a casual conversation group to practice your conversational skills. Please contact the Community Connections Center to register and reserve your spot.



## 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  
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(South Branch Library only)

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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

# August 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p><b>LEARN MORE AT</b></p> <p><b>EXPERIENCE MOUNT PROSPECT</b></p> <p><a href="http://experience.mountprospect.org">experience.mountprospect.org</a></p>	<p><b>1</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC National Night Out 5:30-8:30pm, Lions Park Mount Prospect Police Department, Mt. Prospect Park District</p>	<p><b>2</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park</p>	<p><b>3</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Monthly Blood Drive 2-8pm, FIRE STATION 14 Movie in the Park, <i>Space Jam: New Legacy</i>, Dusk Woodland Trails Park, RTPD</p>	<p><b>4</b> Fridays on the Green 6-8pm, Centennial Green at VH, Liquid Soul</p>	<p><b>5</b> Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot</p>
<p><b>6</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC</p>	<p><b>9</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park Transportation Resource Fair, 2-3:30pm, MPPL Needlecraft Night, 7-9pm Central School, MPHist, Movies on the Green, Dusk <i>Sonic the Hedgehog</i> Centennial Green at VH</p>	<p><b>10</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH</p>	<p><b>11</b> Rob Roy's Live Music on Deck, 5-7pm Rob Roy Golf Course, RTPD Glow in the Hole, 7pm Rob Roy Golf Course, RTPD</p>	<p><b>12</b> Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH Family Bike Ride, 9:30am Kopp Park Super Saturday: Little Parade 10:30am, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot</p>
<p><b>13</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Second Sunday at the Society 11:30am-1:30pm, MPHist Summer Music Cabaret, 6pm Friendship Park Conservatory</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC Miscellany and Mirth of the Midwest, 7pm, MPPL</p>	<p><b>16</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park Every Color Has a Story: History on the Palette 7pm, MPPL</p>	<p><b>17</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH</p>	<p><b>18</b> 56 Music Fix, Throughout Mount Prospect Kindergarten Kickoff Party 5-6pm, MPPL</p>	<p><b>19</b> Strawfest Bus Tour, 9am-5pm MPHist Kindergarten Kickoff Party 10-11am, MPPL 56 Artisan Fix, 12-5pm, Lions Park 56 Music Fix, Throughout Mount Prospect Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot</p>
<p><b>20</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot 56 Music Fix, Throughout Mount Prospect</p>	<p><b>21</b> Wits Workout, 11-11:30am VH</p>	<p><b>22</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC</p>	<p><b>23</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park</p>	<p><b>24</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH Calm Coloring Night, 6:30pm MPPL</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b> Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show, 3-9pm West Commuter Parking Lot</p>
<p><b>27</b> Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Commuter Parking Lot Last Splash Bash 11am-5pm Woodland Trails Park and Pool</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Play and Learn Group 11:30am-12:15pm CCC</p>	<p><b>30</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Sycamore Trails Park</p>	<p><b>31</b> Walking Club 8:45-9:45am, Robert T. Jackson Clearwater Park Fit 4 Life, 11am, VH</p>		



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## Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer of 2023. For many, summer is the time of year to get away on a vacation to see the many sights that our great country has to offer or to travel to another part of the world. However, summer is also a time of the year to enjoy all the activities occurring right here in Mount Prospect.

While it may feel like summer is beginning to wind down, there are still many local activities to enjoy. I hope many of you were able to attend the recent Fourth of July Parade and Lions Club Festival at Melas Park and the Downtown Block Party. Our local summer festivities continue with the Friday Nights on the Green at Village Hall, Monday Night Concerts at the Lions Park Bandshell, Saturday Evening Cruise Nights, Sunday Morning Farmer's Markets, National Night Out, The Family Bike Ride, Five-0 5K Walk Run, our Annual Celebration of Cultures at Kopp Park, and more. I invite you to come out and enjoy one or more of these remaining events – you will be glad you did.

I would also like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of a grateful community to all the organizations and the many volunteers who contribute their time and resources to produce and execute these events and activities. I can say with certainty that without your efforts, summer would not be nearly as much fun in Mount Prospect.

**Paul Wm. Hoefert**  
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

