



## *Village of Mount Prospect* **Press Release**

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### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures Planned for August 26**

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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, Dundee Scottish Pipe Band, Ayodele Drum and Dance, Mike Metzger Flamenco Dancing Trio, Bulgaria, 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, Russia, 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](https://mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures) or email [specialevents@mountprospect.org](mailto:specialevents@mountprospect.org) to participate. The deadline to apply is August 14.

#### **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](https://mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures).

\*Information subject to change

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