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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

JUNE 2024



FUN IN THE '56!

The '56 is the place to be this summer. Mount Prospect's iconic events season is upon us, and you won't want to miss what we've got in store for 2024!

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS | The Village's Human Services Department is giving its annual Mental Health Matters event a makeover – introducing Feel Good Friday! This all-ages event on June 14 will focus on wellness and the many ways to take care of your mental health. Learn how strategies like meditation, dance, yoga, art, and more can improve your mental health. Stick around for the Fridays on the Green concert directly after to enjoy some *music therapy!* Check out page 3 to learn more about Mental Health Matters and to view the Fridays on the Green concert schedule.



FAMILY BIKE RIDE | The Family Bike Ride, sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission, has a new date and new location! On June 15, all are invited to Burning Bush Park for a community bike ride. Before or after the ride, hang out for some bike safety education and visit booths from local organizations. See page 3 for registration information and details about an exciting bike-themed giveaway!



4TH OF JULY PARADE | The annual parade kicks-off at Emerson Street and Prospect Avenue and makes its way to Melas Park. Interested in marching? The Village's Special Events Commission invites all civic, youth, and neighborhood groups, businesses, schools, churches, non-profits, and more to participate! Floats, decorated vehicles, walkers, bikes, and live entertainment are welcome. The application deadline is June 17 – visit mountprospect.org/parade to apply. Following the parade, keep the celebration going at the Lions Club Festival at Melas Park. Get more details on page 3.



DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT BLOCK PARTY | Save the date for the biggest party of the year! The Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party returns on July 26 and 27 at the intersection of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue. Come out for a weekend of live music, food from local restaurants, beer and specialty beverages, and entertainment for all ages. Keep an eye on mpblockparty.com for more.

CELEBRATION OF CULTURES | Celebrate our diversity at the annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures on August 24! Located outside RecPlex (420 Dempster Street), all ages are invited to attend this free community event featuring cultural booths, ethnic entertainment, fair trade crafts from 10,000 Villages, and food from around the world. Want to represent your culture? Sign up to march in the *Parade of Cultures* or host a booth! Email speialevents@mountprospect.org if interested.

PARKING IN THE '56 | Did you know that there are more than 2,500 parking spaces in downtown Mount Prospect alone? Parking is available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Maple Street Parking Deck, the East and West Metra Commuter Lots, and the Busse Avenue Lot. Also look for posted signs to take advantage of on-street parking opportunities. Note that each location has its own time restrictions, limits, and guidelines. Details can be found at mountprospect.org/parking.

New to downtown Mount Prospect this summer is valet parking! Go to page 4 to learn about the Village's valet parking pilot program.

Flip to pages 2 and 3 to see what else is going on in the '56, including the Farmers Market, Movies on the Green, and even more events from our community partners.

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Community Events

JUNE
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Summer Reading Program

June 1 – July 31
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library's annual summer reading program for all ages. Keep track of your reading progress to earn fun prizes.

Participation is easy – sign up online at Beanstack or stop by the library to get started. Reading logs are available in English and Spanish. Visit mopl.org/reading-programs for more info. The reading program is sponsored in part by the Library Foundation.

JUNE
1

Afternoon Tea – Lady Churchill: On Being Winston's Mother
Saturday | June 1 | 11 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.

Step back in time and discover how this independent-minded New York socialite, Jennie Jerome, married into England's high society, how she left her mark on British society, and how she influenced Winston. Presented by Lynn Rymarz. Space is limited, no walk-ins will be permitted. Register at mtphist.org. Tickets \$20 for Historical Society members, \$25 for non-members.

JUNE
1

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays through September 28 | 3 – 9 pm
(No show on July 1)
EAST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Hwy. & Emerson St.

Come view the coolest classic cars around. The Mount Prospect Lions Club is sponsoring Bluesmobile Cruise Nights every Saturday. Each week there will be a new theme. Admission is free. For more information, visit mplions.org.

JUNE
2

Lions Club Farmers Market

Sundays | June 2 – October 27
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Hwy. & Main St.

Head downtown and experience one of the busiest Farmers Markets in the suburbs. Enjoy a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and much more. For more information, visit mplions.org.

JUNE
3

Julie Andrews: Dauntless Diva

Monday | June 3 | 2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Join the Mount Prospect Public Library as Susan



Benjamin highlights the Broadway, television, and movie triumphs of Dame Julie Andrews. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
4

Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | June 4, 11, 18 & 25
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin R.



Children ages 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.

JUNE
5

The 1893 Chicago World's Fair

Wednesday | June 5 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Historical presenter Michelle Gibbons will visit the Mount Prospect Public Library to discuss the turn of events that took place at the World's Columbian Exposition, later to be called the 1893 Chicago World's Fair. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
7

Fit 4 Life

Friday | June 7
10 – 10:45 am
Thursdays | June 13 & 27
11 – 11:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



This free seated exercise class welcomes seniors of all fitness levels. Fit 4 Life programming alternates between seated exercise with the Village Nurse, Whole Body Wellness, and Zumba Gold classes. It is a fun and socially engaging way to stay active. Class is open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.

JUNE
7

Backyard Bags Tournament

Friday | June 7 | 6:30 pm
MELAS PARK
1500 W. Central Rd.



Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for a day of food, drinks, and a bags tournament. The tournament format will be dictated by the number of registered teams, but there will be prizes for top finishers. Register as a team with a maximum of four players for \$60 at mppd.org. Players must be 21 or older to compete. Registration does not include food or alcohol.

JUNE
8

Family Pride Party

Saturday | June 8
9:30 – 11 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Love is love! Cultivate kindness, inclusion, and celebrate who you are at this family-friendly event. Enjoy storytime, rainbow-themed crafts, games, and other activities celebrating love, acceptance, and pride. No registration required.

JUNE
9

Second Sundays at the Society

Sunday | June 9
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.



Stop by Central School for this month's open house event featuring old-fashioned games. This free event is open to visitors of all ages and no registration is necessary. The Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum will also be open for tours.

JUNE
10

Making Change: A History of LGBTQ Activism

Monday | June 10 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



In this virtual Library program, John D'Emilio, UIC professor emeritus of gender and women's studies and history, will discuss the history of LGBTQ activism in the U.S. from the 1950s through the 20th century. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
11

Committee of the Whole On the Road
Tuesday | June 11 | 6 pm
REC PLEX
420 Dempster St.



The Mount Prospect Village Board is taking its June Committee of the Whole

(COW) meeting on the road, which allows the Village Board to highlight a different location, business, or area in Mount Prospect while giving residents a chance to attend a meeting closer to home. Like any other public meeting, COW On the Road meetings are open to all and recorded for public viewing. Get more details at mountprospect.org.

JUNE
11

Channel Your Calm: Jigsaw Puzzles

Tuesday | June 11
6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Spend some time calmly jigsaw puzzling away at the Library while enjoying friendly conversation and relaxing music. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
12

Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Options

Wednesday | June 12
6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



At this free event, Certified Financial Planners™ from Catalyst Planning Partners and affiliated with Northwestern Mutual, Inc. will talk about long-term care insurance options in addition to spousal discounts, policy upgrades, and long-term care riders. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
12

Bessie's Workbasket

Wednesday | June 12
10 am & 7 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple St.



During this month's Bessie's Workbasket event, guests will be making bag charms. Bring a special charm or beads if you wish or use some of ours. Make one for yourself and one for a friend. Registration is \$10 and can be completed at mtphist.org.

JUNE
12

Movies on the Green
Wednesday | June 12
Dusk
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT
VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Grab a blanket and chairs and join the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association for Movies on the Green! The event is free, and movies will begin at dusk. Movies will be shown on the dates below:

**June 12 | July 17 | August 7
August 21 | October 16**

JUNE
13

Documents You Don't Think You Need Until You Do
Thursday | June 13 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



At this free event, attorney Kathryn Casey will explain what forms are necessary to plan your estate. To register, visit mppj.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
14

Mental Health Matters Community Event
Friday | June 14
5 – 6:30 pm
BUSSE POCKET PARK
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.



The Human Services Department is excited to announce the 4th Annual Mental Health Matters community event. This year, the event will partner with Fridays on the Green on June 14th. Join us for Feel Good Friday outside of Village Hall as we focus on wellness strategies that support positive mental health and resilience. The event will feature a resource fair with mental health agencies, local businesses that focus on wellness, kid activities, speaker presentations, wellness demonstrations, and a cash raffle. Visit mountprospect.org/mhm or call 847.870.5680 for more information and ongoing updates.

JUNE
14

Fridays on the Green
Friday | June 14, 6:30 pm
Ken Dix and the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys
CENTENNIAL GREEN
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



The Village has another entertaining season of free outdoor concerts this summer, so grab your

lawn chairs and blankets and stop by Centennial Green for a variety of musical performances. Visit experiencemountprospect.org for more information.

June 28 | Metrofern | 6 pm
July 19 | Jay Goepfner and the Backdated Band | 6 pm
August 9 | Prairie Station Band | 6 pm
September 6 | Liquid Soul | 6 pm

JUNE
15



Family Bike Ride
Saturday | June 15
9:30 am
BURNING BUSH
TRAILS PARK
1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.

Join the Special Events Commission for a free community bike ride. Spend quality time with your family or just enjoy a leisurely 4-mile bike ride around Mount Prospect. Complimentary youth-sized bike helmets sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club will be available for the first 75 children of Mount Prospect residents registered. Children must be present at check-in to receive the complimentary helmet. Register online at mountprospect.org/familybikeride.

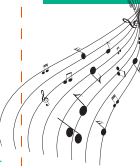
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Severe Weather and Storm Chasing
Tuesday | June 18 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join Nick Bartholomew of Storm Science LLC for an electrifying journey through the thrilling world of storm chasing. To register, visit mppj.org or call 847.253.5675.

JUNE
20



Mt. Prospect Park District 2024 Summer Concert Series
Thursdays, June 20 – August 1 (no concert July 4), 7:30 – 9:00 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL
BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

Gather family and friends for the best in Thursday evening entertainment. Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for a free concert series that offers something for everyone. Enjoy performances by 7th Heaven, a Latin salsa band, an ABBA experience cover band, and more. Check out the full lineup at mppd.org.

JUNE
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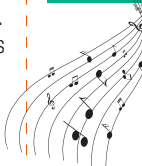
Randhurst Village Street Fest
Saturday | June 22
12 – 5:00 pm
RANDHURST VILLAGE
1 Randhurst Village Dr.



Stop by Randhurst Village for a fun-filled, family-friendly afternoon. The

event offers a free kids' zone area with games and bumper cars, face painting, food for purchase, beer garden, vendors, and live music from fan favorites Mike & Joe and Wedding Banned. Admission is free, and tickets are not required. For more information, visit randhurstvillage.com.

JUNE
24



Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music
Mondays | June 24 – July 29 | 7:30 – 8:30 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL
BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

Enjoy a free weekly concert series from the outstanding Mount Prospect Community Band. A full schedule can be found below. For questions, please visit mppd.org or call 847.640.1000.

June 24 | Music of Champions
July 1 | America the Beautiful
July 8 | European Holiday
July 15 | Summer Fiesta
July 22 | Sousa Spectacular
July 29 | Ticket to Broadway including an encore performance by the Mount Prospect School of Classical Ballet

JUNE
24



MPEI Workshop: Funding Options for Small Business
Monday | June 24
6 – 8 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

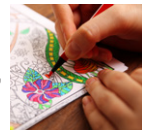
10 S. Emerson St. | Room A
Learn about the many aspects of obtaining funding for existing or start-up businesses. Presented by the Mount Prospect Public Library, the Mount Prospect Entrepreneurs Initiative (MPEI), and SCORE, this workshop will cover:

- Funding sources and how to access them.
- Requirements for obtaining funding.
- Advantages and disadvantages of different funding sources.

Additionally, the workshop will cover

the fundamentals of a business plan and financial projections. Business mentoring from SCORE members will be available after the event. Registration is recommended, but not required. Register online at mppj.org.

JUNE
25



Coloring Extravaganza
Tuesday | June 25 | 6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Join the Library to color a variety of things including coloring pages, donut

squishies, magnets, velvet posters, unicorn squishies, and more. To register, visit mppj.org or call 847.253.5675.

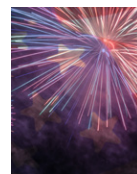
JUNE
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Secretary of State's Rules of the Road Class
Wednesday | June 26 | 10 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

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

Coming in July!



Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival
July 3 – 7
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 July 4 and 7! For more information, visit mplions.org.



4th of July Parade
Thursday | 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. **Visit mountprospect.org/parade to apply to join the parade!**

News from the Building Department

Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops

Building and Inspection Services invites you to meet with our team members at our Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops June 18 and July 16. Sessions run from 7:30 – 9:00 am in the Community Room on the 1st Floor of Village Hall. Just drop by – no reservations needed.

We look forward to discussing any construction topics you have including aging in your current residence and steps to make your home more accessible.

For more information call 847.818.5289 or email us at building@mountprospect.org.



News from the Finance Department

National Recognition for Budget & Financial Reporting

The Village's Finance Department was recently recognized for Outstanding Achievement for its Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. With this award, the Finance Department has now won the Triple Crown award for three consecutive years!

Presented by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), the Triple Crown recognizes departments that receive three distinct awards in the same fiscal year - Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, Popular Annual Financial Reporting Award, and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Mount Prospect is one of approximately 600 local governments across the entire United States and Canada to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations to our Finance Department on another year of outstanding financial management and reporting!

News Around Town

Does Your Family Include Military Members on Active Duty?

If your family includes a member of the U.S. military on active duty, American Legion Post 525 would like to present you with a Blue Star banner.

Blue Star banners date back to World War I when they were hung in the windows of family members to let neighbors know they had a loved one in the service. The American Legion Family has brought this practice back in recent years.

Blue Star families are invited to a ceremony and complimentary lunch on July 14 at Moose Lodge 660. Your entire family is invited to join us at 602 North Main Street.

Please contact Marcie Kane at mfkane6@gmail.com by July 1 to register. We ask that you provide the name, branch of service, and rank of your immediate family member currently serving in the military.



Valet Parking Pilot Program

As the list of new restaurants in downtown continues to grow, parking lots in the area have been experiencing heavy use. To support our downtown businesses, increase customer service, and ease demand for parking spaces, the Village is launching a one-month pilot valet parking program run by a private valet service serving the downtown triangle area.

Patrons of downtown businesses can drop vehicles off at a valet kiosk located between the 20 West apartment building and the Chase Bank parking lot at 2 West Northwest Highway. Valet staff will park cars in the nearby Metra/UP parking lot across Northwest Highway and the Emerson Street Parking deck. Patrons can pick their cars up at a second kiosk located at the north driveway in the Chase Bank parking lot.

Services are now available on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights beginning at 5:00 pm and running until midnight. Patrons visiting any of the downtown establishments can take advantage of the valet service during those hours.

For any questions regarding the valet parking pilot program, please contact the Community Development Department at 847.818.5328 or email comdev@mountprospect.org.

Ribbon Cuttings



April 30, 2024
Straw & Bubbles Tea Bar
110 S. Emerson St.
847.227.7918



Child Safety Seats

With families doing more traveling during the summer, and with kids home from school, now is the right time to ensure that your child safety seats are properly installed and operational. When placing your child in the seat, begin by properly positioning the harness. For rear-facing seats, harness straps should lie flat without any twists and be placed through the slot that is at or below the child's shoulders. For forward-facing units, straps should be in the slots at or above the shoulder, and similarly, flat against the child. After buckling the harness, make sure the chest clip is in position at armpit level and tighten accordingly. The harness is snug enough when extra material cannot be pinched at the shoulder.

Drivers and Pedestrians Need to Share Responsibility

Drivers are encouraged to remain aware of these steps to keep pedestrians safe on our roadways.

- When pedestrians are on their half of the roadway or so close from the opposite half to be a danger while in a marked or unmarked crosswalk, drivers must stop to allow the pedestrian to cross safely.
- When approaching from behind, drivers may not pass another vehicle that is stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway.
- Whenever stop signs or red flashing lights are in place at an intersection or at a crosswalk in between intersections, drivers must give the right of way to pedestrians.
- Always exercise greater caution when driving when signs are posted to watch for people walking, biking, and at school crossings.

Some responsibility also falls on pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Bicyclists on the roadway must follow the rules of the road like any motor vehicle including stopping at stop signs and traffic lights, stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks, and using the right-hand side of the roadway.
- Whether walking or biking, everyone is expected to follow Walk and Don't Walk indicators at intersections.
- Pedestrians and cyclists using marked or unmarked crosswalks at locations not controlled by traffic signals or stop signs may not walk, ride, or run off a curb or place of safety into the path of a moving vehicle that is close enough to present an immediate danger.
- Before walking or biking across any intersection or roadway, pedestrians should check for oncoming traffic from all directions.
- When crossing a road at any point other than within a marked crosswalk or within an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, pedestrians shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles on the road.

Don't Leave Kids Unattended in a Hot Car

As the summer heats up, the Police Department would like to remind everyone about the dangers of leaving children or pets inside vehicles. The inside of vehicles can heat up very quickly, and even with windows cracked open, the heating process does not slow down. The inside temperature of a vehicle can reach up to 125 degrees in minutes. Do your part to prevent a tragedy from happening:

To be sure you never leave a child in a car:

- Place the child's diaper bag or other item in the front passenger seat as a visual cue that the child is with you.
- Make it a habit of opening the back door every time you park to ensure no one is left behind. To enforce this habit, place an item that you can't start your day without in the back seat such as an employee badge, your laptop, phone, or handbag.
- Ask your childcare provider to call you right away if your child hasn't arrived as scheduled.
- Because miscommunication can lead to thinking someone else will remove the child from the car, clearly announce and confirm who is getting each child out of the vehicle when you arrive at your destination.

It's also important to make sure a child cannot get into a parked car on their own:

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

Other general tips include:

- Never leave children alone in or around cars even for a minute.
- If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. Call 911 immediately. If the child seems hot or sick, get them out of the vehicle as quickly as possible.
- Be especially careful during busy times, schedule changes, and periods of crisis or holidays. This is when many tragedies occur.
- Use drive-thru services when available at places like restaurants, the bank, pharmacy, or dry cleaner and pay for gas at the pump.

Freezee Fridays are Back

Keep an eye out every Friday throughout summer for members of the Mount Prospect Police Department who will be out sharing freeze pops throughout the community. It's a great way to beat the heat and build relationships between residents of all ages and our police officers.





MPFD TO OPEN FOURTH FIRE STATION

Earlier this year, Mount Prospect became the primary emergency service provider of the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District, and we would like to officially welcome the unincorporated area of Cook County to our response area! With this service agreement comes a newly acquired fire station at 1415 Algonquin Road, which will serve the southernmost areas of our Village as well as the unincorporated areas along I-90, formerly known as the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District. The new fire station, Station 11, is currently being renovated and is expected to be fully operational early next month.



Balanced Service Throughout the Village

This significant enhancement to our response capabilities means that for the first time in our 100-year history, the Mount Prospect Fire Department will be serving the community out of four fire stations. For over 50 years, our emergency response plan has been configured around three stations, two north of the UP/Metra railroad tracks and one south. Over the past several years, calls for service south of the UP/Metra railroad tracks have steadily increased, due in part to new residential development and an aging community. When our southside station units are out responding to a call, we have had to draw resources from either one of our two northside stations or from neighboring departments when a second call comes in. With the fourth station, we can now truly split our resources evenly on both sides of our community. We will now have two fire stations north of the tracks and two south of the tracks, giving us two ambulances and two fire suppression vehicles north and south.

South Mount Prospect is home to our most densely populated areas. It also consists of the highest hazard occupancies in the Village, and for the last several decades, south Mount Prospect has consistently generated the most fire calls as well as emergency medical (EMS) calls. The new station will improve overall response times to the entire Village and cut our requests for help from other fire departments by

over 50%. The maps depict how going from a 3-district response to a 4-district response evenly distributes call volume and improves response times.

Superior Staffing and Equipment

Just like our other three fire stations, Station 11 will be staffed with a lieutenant and four firefighters, all five being licensed paramedics. With 75% of our calls for service being emergency medical calls (EMS), this significantly improves our service capability. It means that no matter which vehicle arrives first, our firefighters are trained and equipped to provide the highest level of care, including advanced life support (ALS). What will be unique to Station 11 is the 2000-gallon tanker truck. Tender 11 is a mobile water source built to quickly provide water for fire suppression to the unincorporated areas currently without fire hydrants.

Our fleet includes three fire engines and one ladder truck. The two northside stations house three of our four frontline fire apparatus, leaving just one fire engine south of the railroad tracks. With a 1500 gallon per minute pump, a full complement of fire hoses, and staffed with three firefighters, our ladder truck has essentially the same firefighting capabilities as our other three fire engines





and can effectively operate as a fire suppression vehicle when needed. This gives us the ability to reallocate one of our engines to Station 11 to balance capabilities across the entire Village.

With increasing call volume and dissolution of the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District, early last year we hired six additional firefighters and purchased a fourth frontline ambulance. This enabled us to place a second ambulance in service south of the railroad tracks. This has had an overall positive impact to the entire Village as it allowed us to adjust our response plan to evenly distribute the workload of all our apparatus covering the nearly 7,300 calls for service we receive each year. Later this year we will hire an additional three firefighters to shore up our fire suppression capabilities on our tower ladder truck.

No Financial Impact to Residents

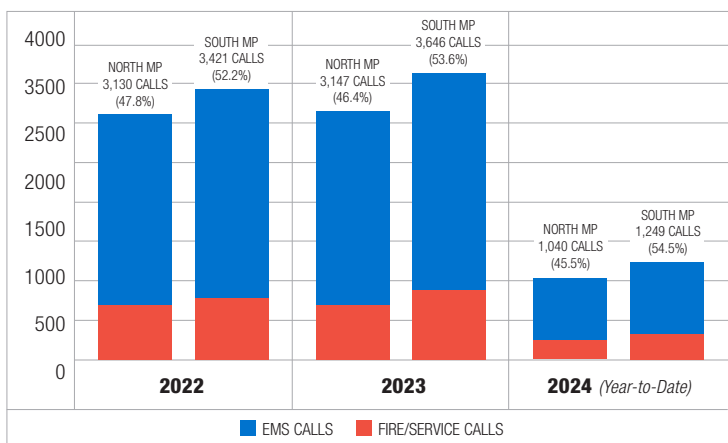
Our goal is to continue to provide enhanced levels of service our residents have come to expect, while extending that same level of service to those in the unincorporated areas we now protect.

Services to the unincorporated area will be paid for through a Special Service Area tax (SSA) unanimously approved by the Cook County Board. This tax levy will replace the previous Elk Grove Rural Fire District tax that residents had been paying and ensure Mount Prospect receives \$1 million annually to offset the costs of providing emergency services to the area. The special service area will have its first levy for the year 2024 payable in 2025. Other services we will be extending to the unincorporated areas include public education programs.

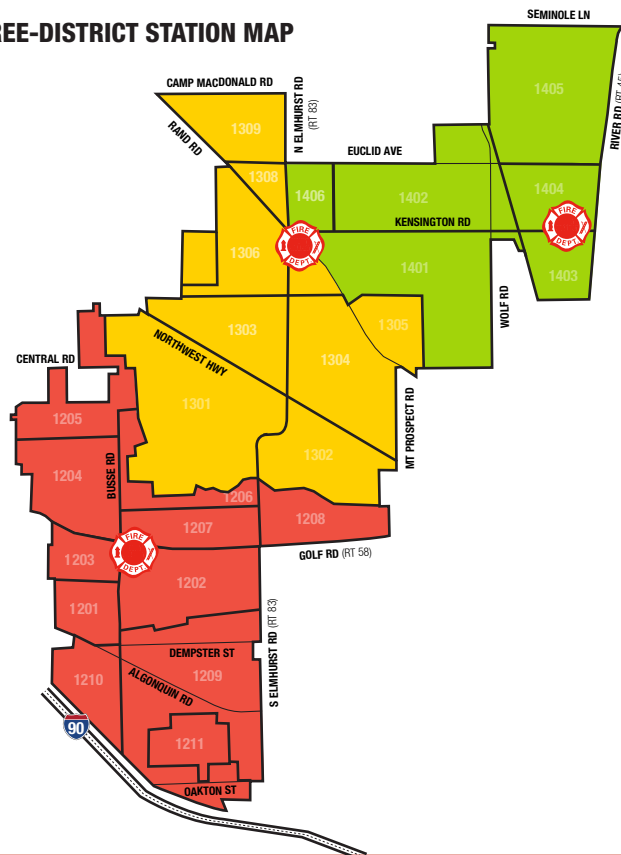
We are excited about this transformational opportunity and the ability to balance, and more importantly, improve response times across the Village. Being able to enhance services and add staff and equipment while not placing any additional tax burden on those being served is a unique and significant opportunity. We look forward to providing the finest fire, EMS, and community safety services to residents and businesses throughout our service boundaries.

NUMBER OF CALLS PER YEAR

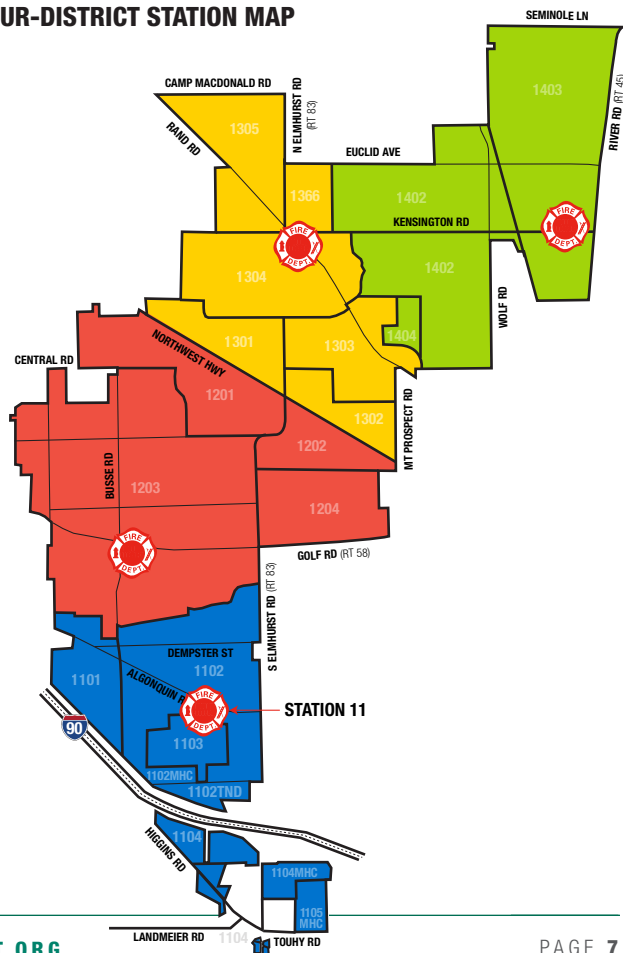
North Mount Prospect & South Mount Prospect



THREE-DISTRICT STATION MAP



FOUR-DISTRICT STATION MAP



Flood Management

Last month we shared some tips on protecting your property from potential flooding. This month we will continue that topic with information on ways to minimize the possibility of damage from flooding.

As noted, some property is more susceptible to flooding than others. If your property has a higher risk, consider these preventative measures:

- Regrade the lot or construct a small earthen berm to keep water away from the structure.
- Prevent water from entering through doorways during a large rain event by adding watertight closures over doors and windows. This method is not recommended for houses with basements, or if water will get over two feet deep.
- Place air conditioners, water heaters, and furnaces on a platform or move them to a higher floor in the property.
- If a major rain event is expected, placing sandbags around your home or building can prevent water from getting in.
- Many houses, even those not in the floodplain, have sewers that can back up into the basement during heavy rains. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. These options are available at most hardware stores for approximately \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. These measures are called floodproofing and retrofitting. More information is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Before building, filling, regrading, or otherwise altering your property, be sure to check with the Building Division as permits may be required. The staff will review to ensure that any changes you make do not adversely impact surrounding properties.

If you are planning construction within a floodplain, the Floodplain Requirements of the Village Code require a Floodplain Development permit from the Building Division.

Most properties are designed with the home or building at the high point with the intention of having stormwater runoff down and to the property lines where it should eventually connect with a storm sewer or street. If your property is experiencing water collecting in your backyard, it is most likely because the flow of water is being obstructed in some way. To utilize your backyard draining system as designed, try to adhere to these general guidelines:

- Avoid installing sheds, detached garages, raised gardens, or other structures that could restrict the flow of water along the property line.
- Trees and bushes will lift the ground around their roots as they grow, so it is best not to plant them along the property line.
- Fences may be installed on the property line but any fence which is largely solid should be elevated 6" above the ground where it crosses a swale.
- Avoid dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage, and even woodchips in a swale or drainage structure.
- It is a common misconception that placing dirt in a low area will reduce pooling of water. It is likely to divert the water and can cause damage elsewhere. Don't try to fill a low spot; instead remove any obstructions that prevent water from flowing along the property line.

The Village's public drainage systems include storm sewers, combined sewers, and parkway drainage ditches. It is the Village's responsibility to keep these clean

and functioning properly, but if you observe what appears to be a blocked inlet, or water ponding over a grate after a storm, contact the Public Works Department.

Never dump any materials such as grass clippings, branches, garbage, oil, paint, or other chemicals into any of the Village's waterways, including the Des Plaines River, McDonald Creek, Feehanville Ditch, Weller Creek, and Higgins Creek, or any drainage ditches. This not only compromises the ability of the system to carry water away, but it can also adversely affect the health of the overall ecosystem. Contact the Public Works Department if you see any debris in any part of the water system that may potentially cause flooding problems.

While the Village is responsible to maintain the drainage ditches along the side of the road, the culverts under driveways crossing the ditches are considered part of the driveway, and are therefore the driveway owners' responsibility to maintain and keep unobstructed.

If you have flooding or drainage concerns or would like any additional information, call the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 (TDD 847.392.1235) and ask for the Engineering Division. Engineering staff welcome the opportunity to assist you, including visiting your site, to identify possible ways to reduce the risk of flooding your property.

In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website can provide additional information at fema.gov.



This information is provided by FEMA and shared as an annual requirement to maintain the Village's CRS rating, which provides a 20% discount on flood insurance for Village residents.

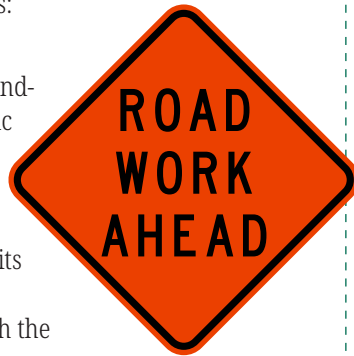
Work Zone Safety Tips

The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) reminds us that for many workers, their vehicle is their primary place of business. Everyone from police officers and construction workers to salespeople and local or long-distance truck drivers spend much of their day in their vehicles. For the rest of us, it serves as a reminder to keep these workers safe as they do their jobs all around us.

According to ASSE, transportation accidents have been the leading cause of on-the-job deaths in the United States every year since 1992. Each year, hundreds of deaths are the result of motor vehicle crashes in road construction work zones in the U.S. Do your part to keep work zone areas safe during construction season by following these important guidelines:

DO

- Pay attention to the orange diamond-shaped warning signs or electronic message boards posted in advance of a road construction project.
- Always obey the posted speed limits in the work zone area.
- Drive carefully and slowly through the construction site.
- Stay alert. Avoid all distractions in your car while driving in a work zone, particularly your phone and radio.
- Watch for stopped or slowing traffic. Follow traffic flow patterns.
- Anticipate potential dangers and be ready to react to unexpected events.
- Watch for construction workers, their equipment, and vehicles moving in and through a construction zone.
- Use extra caution when driving through a site at night.
- Be prepared for detours and lane diversions.



DON'T

- Significantly alter your speed while going through a work zone.
- Slow down to look at the construction work being done – you can admire their work when the project is complete.
- Resume normal speed until after you emerge completely out of the work zone area.
- Follow other vehicles too closely. Most of the accidents within a work zone are rear-end collisions.
- Change lanes until you are safely out of a work zone.

In most states, penalties for speeding in work zones are double that of the normal penalties for speeding in a non-work zone stretch of road.

Get Construction Updates Online

If you are out and about you've probably seen our Village crews and contractors working on resurfacing streets, cleaning and repairing inlets, crack sealing streets, and starting a number of capital projects. For a full list of active projects, visit mountprospect.org/construction.

In Full Bloom

While tree planting has been completed for spring, there are plenty of beautiful flower beds being installed across the community.

The Village designs, plants, and maintains annual flower plantings at fifteen different locations throughout the Village. Some of the larger displays can be found at:

- The monument sign at Central and Rand Roads
- Public Works Entrance, 1700 West Central Road
- Rt. 83 and Lincoln Street
- Wolf Road and Feehanville Drive
- Water Tower at Maple Street and Northwest Highway
- The Metra Station and West Commuter Lot

You'll also see hanging baskets throughout the downtown area and along Prospect Avenue.

Our monarch and pollinator gardens will soon be receiving additional plantings. The Village has several butterfly gardens, with the Village's largest ones located at Mount Prospect and Central Roads. The Garden Club of Mount Prospect maintains a butterfly garden at Moehling Park, which serves as a focal feature of the park. The Village also maintains five gardens as part of the Monarch Waystation program. By creating and maintaining these gardens, Mount Prospect helps to contribute to useable habitat for the purpose of increasing monarch butterfly populations.

If you have any tree care questions, including updates on the plan for fall planting, contact the Public Works Forestry/Grounds Division at 847.870.5640.





Mental Health Matters

The Human Services Department is partnering with Fridays on the Green to raise awareness about mental health at the 4th Annual Mental Health Matters community event. Join us for Feel Good Friday on June 14 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm at the Edwin & Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park outside of Village Hall.

This event includes kid's activities, wellness demonstrations, a resource fair, and cash raffle. Military veteran Ryan Shannon will share his story of resilience. Visit mountprospect.org/mhm for details.



Rules of the Road Class

The Secretary of State's Mobile Facility will be in the Village for a 10:00 am. Rules of the Road class on June 26. The course is intended to give drivers the confidence they need to pass their license renewal examination. To register, call 847.870.5680.

Help Us Stock the Food Pantry

The Human Services Department has seen a significant increase in the number of families needing assistance from our food pantry this year. Because of the increased demand, we are asking for those who are able to donate food to help us keep the shelves stocked for those in need. We recently launched an easy way to donate needed items to the food pantry through an Amazon Wish List. If you would like to donate, scan the QR Code.



Memory Screenings

As part of an Alzheimer's Foundation of America initiative, the Village Nurse is now offering free, confidential memory screenings. While the screening results are not a diagnosis, they can help identify any memory issues to be addressed with a physician. Sessions are free but limited to Mount Prospect residents only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 847.870.5680.



Legal 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 offered for issues regarding domestic violence, housing, and immigration. For more information, contact Human Services at 847.506.4930.

Senior Buzz Newsletter

Older adults in Mount Prospect can stay up to date on services and activities designed for them by signing up to receive our Senior Buzz newsletter. Published six times per year, the newsletter is full of great community information, resources, and a calendar of activities. The Senior Buzz is available online by scanning the QR code and is also available in print in the Human Services Department at Village Hall. If you would like to receive the Senior Buzz, call 847.870.5680.



community connections center

1711 West Algonquin Road
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Hours
Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Please follow the Human Services Facebook page for information and resources about awareness topics by liking us at:
facebook.com/MPHumanServices

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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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot</p>	<p>3 Julie Andrews: Dauntless Diva, 2pm, MPPL</p>	<p>4 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center</p>	<p>5 1893 Chicago World's Fair 7pm, MPPL</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Backyard Bags Tournament, 6:30pm, Meias Park</p>	<p>8 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, VH Family Pride Party, 9:30-11am, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot</p>
<p>9 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society, 11:30am - 1:30pm Central School, MPHist</p>	<p>10 Making Change: A History of LGBTQ Activism, 7pm MPPL</p>	<p>11 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Committee of the Whole On the Road, 6pm, RecPlex Channel Your Calm: Jigsaw Puzzles, 6:30pm, MPPL</p>	<p>12 Bessie's Workbasket, 10am-noon & 7-9pm, Central School, MPHist Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Options, 6:30pm, MPPL Movies on the Green, Dusk Centennial Green at VH</p>	<p>13 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, Village Hall Documents You Don't Think You Need Until You Do, 7pm, MPPL</p>	<p>14 Mental Health Matters Community Event, 5-6:30pm, Busse Pocket Park Fridays on the Green, 6:30pm, Ken Dix and the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys Centennial Green at VH</p>	<p>15 Family Bike Ride, 9:30am, Burning Bush Trails Park Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot</p>
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<p>23 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot</p>	<p>24 MPEI Workshop: Funding Options for Small Business, 6-8pm, MPPL Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, Music of Champions 7:30-8:30pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell</p>	<p>25 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Coloring Extravaganza, 6:30pm, MPPL</p>	<p>26 All Summer Long Container Flower Garden, 6:30pm, Dolores Haugh Education Center Patrol Beat 3168 Meeting, 6pm, Prospect Meadows Park, 1101 N. Forest Ave. Rules of the Road, 10am, Village Hall</p>	<p>27 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, Village Hall</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
MPHIST Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.



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Message from the Mayor

As you have heard me say in my Mayor's Message before, Public Safety is *Priority One* for your Village Board. In line with that priority, providing excellent Fire and Emergency

Medical Services to the Village has been a priority identified in our Strategic Plan for the past several years. This priority is also supported by our recent Community Survey which indicated a high degree of citizen satisfaction with our Fire and Emergency Response Services.

In this Mayor's Message, I have some significant and exciting Fire Department updates I would like to share with you . . .

Over the past few years, the Village has been growing in the south with the annexing of unincorporated properties adjacent to Mount Prospect. In 2016 and 2017, we annexed the Birchwood Manor Condominium and the former United Airlines property, among other formerly unincorporated commercial and industrial properties. Our goal, over time, has been to annex most of the unincorporated properties all the way to the Tollway (I-90). By doing this, all of the property tax revenues associated with those new properties will come to the Village of Mount Prospect and help your Village Board keep our residential property taxes low throughout the entire Village. As you may know, there has been no increase to the Village portion of the property tax levy for the past 3 years.

As we moved forward with this objective of annexation, we were providing those new properties that had come into the Village with emergency services from Station 12 located at Golf Road and Busse Road. With the abrupt closing of the Elk Grove Rural Fire Protection District that was providing emergency services to the remaining unincorporated areas, the Mount Prospect Fire Department is now the primary emergency service provider to those remaining unincorporated areas just south of our Village.

With the agreement to provide these emergency services, the Village took over the former Elk Grove Rural Fire Station. The Village now has a fourth Fire Station (Station 11) from which to provide Fire and Emergency Services. Station 11 is located just south of Algonquin Road at Linneman Road. We are currently in the process of upgrading that building to meet our standards. We have increased our staffing and

emergency vehicles to cover this area and we retain a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Des Plaines and Elk Grove Village when additional help is needed.

Again, in line with our *Public Safety Priority*, in 2023, we hired six new firefighters, and placed a fourth frontline ambulance in service. With our ambulances and our *paramedic staffed* fire trucks, this gives us eight Advanced Life Support (ALS) vehicles in our fleet from which to save lives throughout our community. I am also very happy to tell you that the number of new-hire firefighter candidates is up, and our proactive hiring process has resulted in greater diversity.

As an aside, you should know that we are extremely fortunate to have a team of very talented firefighters serving the entire community who are building their skill sets by going above and beyond their required training. Our firefighters hold advanced degrees and certifications in over a dozen *rescue* areas ranging from Below Grade Trench Rescue to Confined Space Rescue to High Angle Rope Rescue to Underwater Dive Rescue to Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Response. Rest assured that you and your fellow citizens are safer because of the dedicated, highly skilled members of the Mount Prospect Fire Department.

In closing, I wholeheartedly believe South Mount Prospect is the *Land of Opportunity*. With the upcoming development of the Cloud HQ Data Center and the recently approved new Dimeo Brother Construction facility along with the additional property annexations on the Oakton Street Corridor, there is extremely high potential for new economic development in South Mount Prospect. The new revenues coming from these potential developments will benefit all the citizens of the Village of Mount Prospect. With the Emergency Service enhancements I have described in this Mayor's Message, we are well prepared to provide emergency services to the citizens and businesses of South Mount Prospect as well as continuing our excellent track record of service to our community, as a whole.

Paul Wm. Hoefert
MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT