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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

JULY 2024



Are you ready to rock the block? **The 2024 Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party returns on Friday, July 26, and Saturday, July 27.** This annual event is downtown Mount Prospect's biggest party of the year, drawing close to ten thousand people in 2023! Friends, family, neighbors, and newcomers will join together at the corner of Emerson Street and Busse Avenue for two days of music, food, and festivities.

Block Party kicks off at 4 pm on Friday the 26th. Classic rock band Old School takes the stage at 4:30 pm to start off an evening of musical performances. Hang out by the stage on the Centennial Green or watch the show from afar on the event's jumbotron.

No block party is complete without food! Stroll through the *Picnic in the Park* area located at the Edwin and Elsie (Meyn) Busse Pocket Park for food booths and trucks from local restaurants (available Friday and Saturday). Diverse menus offer something for everyone, whether you're in the mood for pizza, gyros, hot dogs, tacos, or pierogis! Pair your meal with a beverage from the beer tent or one of the specialty drink providers.

At 6:30 pm, Whiskey Road performs their blend of classic, country, and southern rock before making way for the night's headliner, Sixteen Candles, providing one of the top '80s pop music experiences. End the evening on a sweet note! Don't leave without grabbing some ice cream or other sweet treats to complete the night.

Saturday the 27th offers fun for all ages starting at 11 am. Make core memories with the family by checking out the free games, rides, and activities in the *Kids Zone*. Kids can enjoy old favorites like face painting, pony rides, balloon art, and giant inflatables or explore



DOWNTOWN MOUNT PROSPECT BLOCK PARTY



BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY | JULY 26 | 4PM - 11PM

4:30PM | Old School

6:30PM | Whiskey Road

9:00PM | Sixteen Candles

SATURDAY | JULY 27 | 11AM - 11PM

11AM-4PM | Kids Zone (*Saturday Only*)

4:30PM | Fearless

6:30PM | Infinity

9:00PM | Bobby Friss

new experiences like bumper cars and a ferris wheel until 4 pm. Booths provided by Kids Zone sponsors and community organizations add a special touch.

Partygoers can watch the Battle of the Ages Trivia Show, try out a state-of-the-art golf simulator, play a few games of cornhole, and take some snapshots in an old-school film photo booth outside the Kids Zone. Keep an eye out for custom Block Party t-shirts so you can represent the '56 all season long.

The music keeps rolling through the day and night starting with a DJ set and continuing with Taylor Swift tribute band, Fearless, at 4:30 pm. Infinity takes the stage next performing classic to current hits at 6:30 pm. Block Party closes out with the high-energy classic rock connoisseur Bobby Friss at 9 pm.

Whether you live blocks away, across town, or in another zip code, Block Party's downtown location offers easy access for all. **Free parking will be available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Maple Street Parking Deck, and the East and West Metra Commuter Lots.** Ample bike parking can be found throughout the area. If friends from other communities are joining you, the party takes place just a block from the Mount Prospect Metra station.

Special thanks to our Premier Sponsors who make so much of this possible: Nicholas & Associates and Whiskey Hill Brewery/Salerno's Pizza.

For up-to-date restaurant listings, band information, and more, visit mpblockparty.com or follow the Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party Facebook page. Want to get in touch? Email vmo@mountprospect.org or call Village Hall at 847.392.6000.

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Community Events

JULY 1

Summer Reading Program

Through July 31
The annual summer reading program continues through Wednesday, July 31. All are invited to keep track of your reading progress and 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 information. Sponsored in part with generous support from the Library Foundation.

JULY 1

Good Morning Sunshine Concerts

Mondays | 10:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

July 1 | Istvan and His Imaginary Band

July 8 | Little Parade

July 15 | Ben Tatar and the Tatar Tots

July 29 | Ralph Covert of Ralph's World

Brighten your Monday mornings with cheerful live music concerts for ages 8 years and younger. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. No registration required.

JULY 1

Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music

Mondays through July 29
7:30 – 8:30 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

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

Enjoy a free weekly concert series from the outstanding Mount Prospect Community Band. For questions, please visit [mppd.org](#) or call 847.640.1000.

JULY 2

Play and Learn Group

Tuesdays | July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30
11:30 am – 12:15 pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

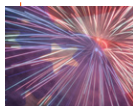


Children ages 2 – 5 and their parents or caretakers are invited to join the Human Services Department for bilingual English/Spanish story time, music, and play-based learning.

JULY 3

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 [moplions.org](#).

JULY 4

4th of July Parade

Thursday | July 4 | 1 pm
The parade kicks-off at Emerson and Prospect and makes its way to Melas Park along Prospect and Central. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission. Visit [mountprospect.org/parade](#) to apply to join the parade!



JULY 6

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

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



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. Visit [moplions.org](#) for more information.

JULY 7

Lions Club Farmers Market

Sundays through October 27 | 8 am – 1 pm
WEST 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. Visit [moplions.org](#) for more information.

JULY 8

Big Surf 40 Year Celebration

Monday | July 8
4 – 8 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.



Catch a wave and celebrate Big Surf pool turning 40 with a pool party, raffles and lots of throwback fun! Raft rental \$3. No outside food allowed. First 250 guests receive a free Hubby's hotdog. Free for pass holders. Non-pass holders: resident \$10, non-resident \$12. Register at [mppd.org](#)

JULY 9

How Corn Changed Itself and then Changed Everything Else

Tuesday | July 9 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Food historian Cynthia Clampitt will present the compelling history of corn, how it transformed the Americas and its impact on the creation of the historic Midwest. To register, visit [mopl.org](#) or call 847.253.5675.

JULY 10

Storytime in the Park Cuenta Cuentos en el Parque

Wednesdays | July 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10 am
SYCAMORE TRAILS PARK
1500 E. Kensington Rd.



Families can listen to stories and learn new songs in English and Spanish. Presented in partnership with Mt. Prospect Park District and River Trails Park District. No registration required.

JULY 10

Bessie's Workbasket

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



This month, you can dye white silk scarves using tissue paper at the Mount Prospect Historical Society. The results are beautiful! Registration is \$10 and can be completed at [mtphist.org](#).

JULY 10

Power of Attorney Presentation

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



Join North Suburban Legal Aid Clinic (NSLAC) for a presentation on the significance of Power of Attorney (POA) documents for both health care and financial matters. To register, visit [mopl.org](#) or call 847.253.5675.

JULY 11

Fit 4 Life

Thursdays | July 11, 18 & 25 | 11 – 11:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



This seated exercise class welcomes seniors of all

fitness levels. 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. Classes are free and open to Mount Prospect residents only. No registration is required.

JULY 11

Bi-Monthly Blood Drive

Thursday | July 11
2 – 7 pm
FIRE STATION 13
111 E. Rand Rd.

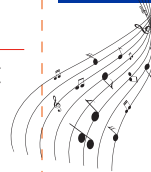


The Fire Department, partnered with Vitalant, hosts bi-monthly blood drives from 2-7 pm. In order to increase donations, blood drives are being held on odd-numbered months only.

JULY 11

Mt. Prospect Park District 2024 Summer Concert Series

Thursdays through August 1 (no concert July 4)
7:30 – 9:00 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.



July 11 | Billy Elton

July 18 | Trabuco Sounds of Salsa

July 25 | 7th Heaven

August 1 | Kashmir Led Zeppelin Tribute
Gather family and friends for the best Thursday evening entertainment. Join the Mt. Prospect Park District for a free concert series that offers something for everyone.

JULY
13

Super Saturday: Bubble Bonanza!
Saturday | July 13 | 10 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Experience art, science, and a touch of magic with Bubble Ben's interactive bubble show. For ages 4+ and their families. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY
14

Second Sundays at the Society
Sunday | July 14
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 & 103 S. Maple St.



Stop by Central School for this month's open house event featuring summer crafts! 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.

JULY
15

Night Off? Game On!
Mondays | July 15 & August 19 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Spend your night off playing tabletop games with other gaming enthusiasts! To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY
16

Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops
Tuesday | July 16
7:30 – 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.



Building and Inspection Services invites you to meet with our team members and discuss any construction topics including aging in your current residence and steps to make your home more accessible. For more information, call 847.818.5289 or email building@mountprospect.org.

JULY
16

Channel Your Calm: Mind Puzzles
Tuesday | July 16 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Exercise your mind with crossword puzzles, word searches, logic puzzles, and sudoku puzzles! To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY
17

Family Theater: Squirrel Stole My Underpants Presented by The Gottabees
Wednesday | July 17 | 6 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



A poignantly silly adventure tale for families featuring puppets, original music, a tiny bit of acrobatics, and a giant pile of laundry! To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY
17

Movies on the Green
Wednesday | July 17
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. Movies will be shown on the dates below:

August 7 | August 21 | October 16

JULY
18

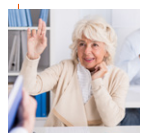
Life as a Prairie Kid
Thursday | July 18
1:30 – 3:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.



Continue your exploration of life in the late 19th century as a prairie kid. Try your hand at old-fashioned chores and games, make a paper chain and a no bake snack, and learn sewing skills. Registration is \$25 and can be completed at mtphist.org.

JULY
18

Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know



Thursday | July 18
6:30 – 8:30 pm
VILLAGE BOARD ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Learn about local community resources for older adults and their loved ones as they navigate the aging process. Presented in partnership with the Village of Mount Prospect Aging in Community Initiative. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY
18

MPHS Book Club
Thursday | July 18 | 7 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL AT MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
103 S. Maple Street



Swarms of locusts devouring everything. Blizzards for seven months. Malaria, wolves, and fire storms. All told from a child's point of view and written for children. Look back at the famous *Little House* books written by Laura Ingalls Wilder but with adult eyes guided by *Prairie Fires* by Caroline Fraser. We'll have a great conversation about Ingall's place in frontier history and how her stories shaped our vision of what being a Midwesterner means. Registration is \$5 (suggested donation) and can be completed at mtphist.org.

JULY
19

Fridays on the Green
Friday | July 19 | 6 pm
Jay Goepfner and the Backdated Band
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.

August 9 | Prairie Station Band | 6 pm
September 6 | Liquid Soul | 6 pm

JULY
20/21

Friends Book Sale
Saturday | July 20
9 am – 4:30 pm
Sunday | July 21
11 am – 4 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's used book sale. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional library programs, events, and services. For more information about the Friends of the Library including volunteer opportunities, visit their website: friendsofmopl.org.

JULY
24

Small Business Morning Meetup
Wednesday | July 24 | 9 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Share a cup of coffee with other local entrepreneurs, start-ups, founders, freelancers, home businesses, and solopreneurs. Expand your network, exchange ideas, and make valuable connections while enjoying coffee and donuts. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

JULY
25

Old-Fashioned Game Day
Thursday | July 25
9:30 – 11:30 am
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.



Explore games from the past and present! You'll have the opportunity to make and take home a few. Registration is \$25 and can be completed at mtphist.org.

JULY
25

If You Lived During the Olympics
Thursday | July 25
1:30 – 3:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101 S. Maple St.



Discover what athletes did at the first Olympics in Athens, Greece. What has been added and changed? Participate in some fun *Olympic* events and see if you can bring home the gold. Are you up for the challenge? Registration is \$25 and can be completed at mtphist.org.

JULY
26/27

Downtown Mount Prospect Block Party
Friday | July 26 | 4 – 11 pm
Saturday | July 27
11 am – 11 pm
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
Emerson St. & Busse Ave.



Our annual Downtown Block Party returns with music, food, and plenty of activities for the kids. Details on page 1. For more info visit mpblockparty.com.

JULY
31

Let's Talk Books
Wednesday | July 31 | 11 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.



Join other readers to share which books inspired recent raves, rants, or *it's complicated* reactions. To register, visit mopl.org or call 847.253.5675.

News Around Town

2024 Celebration of Cultures

The annual Mount Prospect Celebration of Cultures is scheduled for August 24 from 11 am – 4 pm behind RecPlex (420 Dempster St.).

This event is family-friendly and free! All ages are invited to enjoy cultural booths, ethnic entertainment, fair trade crafts from 10,000



Villages, kids activities, and food from around the world. This event honors the many diverse populations that live side by side in the Village of Mount Prospect.

Look forward to visiting cultural booths representing the following countries: Assyrian, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Germany, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, Philippines, Russia, and Turkey.

If you wish to participate, you can email speialevents@mountprospect.org to sign up for a booth or join the Parade of Cultures. For more information, visit mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures.



Community Job Board

Helping Mount Prospect residents and employers find the perfect match is important to the Village. With the Community Job Board, the Village provides an accessible resource for residents looking for local employment and employers looking for valuable employees.

New listings are added all the time! Keep an eye on our webpage to find your next job opportunity! For more information, visit mountprospect.org/communityjobboard.

News from the Finance Department

Property Tax Relief Grant

Property tax bills are expected to be on time this year and go out in July with a due date of August 1. Applications for the Property Tax Relief Grant will be available online sometime in September.

The Property Tax Relief Grant is meant to provide funds to qualifying owners of single-family residences. There will be an opportunity to receive assistance in completing the application, which will be announced at a later date.

Be on the lookout for updates about the Property Tax Relief Grant on the Village of Mount Prospect's website, social media, and newsletters through the fall season.

Generous Food Donation from VFW Post 1337

This past May, members of Mount Prospect VFW Post 1337 delivered over 1,500 pounds of non-perishable food items to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry. The donation marked the culmination of a 5-week food drive sponsored by the Post.

Contributions came from residents throughout the community who dropped donations off at Mount Prospect Police and Fire Departments, Mt. Prospect Park District locations, the Village Library, Costco at Randhurst Village, Jewel Food Store on Euclid Avenue, and other places throughout town.

The Food Drive was organized through a joint venture between the VFW national organization and Humana's Uniting To Combat Hunger Grant Program (UTCH).

"Humana is a strong supporter of the Illinois VFW and UTCH is a great example of that. This drive gave our Post the opportunity to fight hunger locally and receive a grant from UTCH," Food Drive Chairman Jim Parker said. "This donation is a great example of the incredible generosity of Mount Prospect's citizens and government officials."

Post 1337 is planning another Food Drive this fall with the target of matching this donation.

Veterans may contact Post Commander Les Durov at lwdurov@gmail.com to learn about joining VFW Post 1337.



Community/Economic Development

New Dining Option Coming Soon

The downtown Mount Prospect dining scene will expand later this year with the arrival of The Prospect.

The new eatery will fill a two-story 5,400 square foot space located in the 20West luxury apartment complex. General Manager Garrett Supples and Chef Mauro Berruti (Gibson's Italia, Bazaar Meat Chicago, and Chicago Cut Steakhouse) will offer an elevated food experience with an Italian Artisan flare, incorporating charcoal and wood-fired elements. Seating for the restaurant will span across two floors, accommodating 90 to 100 guests on the first floor and 50 to 75 guests on the second floor. A full-service bar will be located on each level, with the second floor offering outdoor rooftop dining. The long-awaited restaurant is actively under construction and expected to open in late 2024.



Connections Field

Community members gathered at Euclid Elementary School (711 E Euclid Ave) for the soft opening of Connections Field on Saturday, June 15. The 4,500 square foot mini-soccer pitch is open to the public from dawn to dusk, except for the hours that school is in session. The pitch features rebound boards and netting to keep the ball contained, and high-quality synthetic turf to provide a safe level playing surface. The project was conceived by Daniel Martinez, a former resident of Mount Prospect, in partnership with Euclid Elementary School staff. The Village contributed \$186,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Mr. Martinez secured private donations from community members and local businesses to bring the pitch to life. The field will positively impact the community by improving access to recreational amenities in the Boxwood area, increasing physical activity, providing a safe space for youth, and building community through stewardship of the field. Euclid School will host a grand opening and ribbon cutting in the fall when school is back in session.



Now Open!



La Novia Bridal Boutique

Randhurst Village
98 Randhurst Village Drive
267.808.4242
IG @lanovia.chicago



Stay Safe during 4th of July Celebrations and Leave Fireworks to the Professionals

Celebrating the Fourth of July weekend is synonymous with barbecues, friends and fun. The Mount Prospect Fire Department would like to remind all residents that there are plenty of firework displays conducted by professionals to add to your celebration.

Every year, thousands of people are injured and require medical treatment for fireworks-related incidents. Most of these injuries occur to children and young adults. The Village of Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Code prohibits the use, purchase, and possession of fireworks. Fines for using fireworks can range from \$500 to \$2,500 per incident.

All fireworks are dangerous and can result in serious burns, hearing loss, and other serious injuries. One-third of these injuries result in permanent eye damage. In addition, fireworks have led to a number of fires that have caused significant property damage. Contrary to popular belief, sparklers are not a safe alternative as they can reach temperatures of up to 2000°F, hot enough to burn some metals! Sparklers can quickly ignite clothing and children have received severe burns by dropping them on their feet. Sparklers alone account for more than 25% of



emergency room visits for fireworks injuries.

Instead of fireworks, you can celebrate the holiday safely by using glow sticks, glow in the dark toys, flashlights, and party poppers.

The Mount Prospect Fire Department wishes you a safe Fourth of July celebration. For any questions regarding fireworks or fire safety, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Department at 847.818.5253.

Interacting with Your Powerlines



Whether you are performing some home maintenance or repairs, or cleaning up after a summer storm, powerlines require safe behavior. They are an important part of modern living, but are hazardous if not properly respected.

Always assume powerlines are live. This applies to utility poles and the powerlines that are entering a home or building. Even momentary contact with live powerlines can cause injury or even death.

If you ever see a downed powerline, call 911 and ComEd immediately to report your findings. Do not touch anyone or anything that is in contact with the downed powerline, as the ground around powerlines can be energized up to 35 feet away. Keep children and pets away and never drive over the powerlines.

Overhead powerlines can also be dangerous. Items like kites, balloons, and remote-controlled aircrafts should be flown away from overhead electric lines to avoid power outages, fires, and serious injuries. Avoid using metallic balloons outdoors; when metallic balloons come in contact with electric powerlines, they can conduct electricity and create a short circuit that overheats and damages electrical equipment. Enough damage can cause powerlines to fall to the ground.

If a balloon or a toy is caught in a powerline, contact ComEd immediately at 1.800.334.7661. Never attempt to retrieve these items on your own. When working around the home, look up before lifting ladders to avoid contact with electrical lines. Stay at least 10 feet away from all overhead powerlines. Use only wooden and fiberglass ladders outdoors as metal ladders conduct electricity. Never climb or trim trees that are growing into or near powerlines. Accidentally cutting or coming in contact with a powerline can be deadly.

Remember these important safety tips. Stay away to stay alive!

Lawn Mower Safety

Whether you view lawn care as a chore or an enjoyable hobby, safety should be a primary concern. You can keep your lawn looking great while still adhering to important safety steps.

An important first step is to dress for safety. Long pants and sturdy shoes are a good combination to protect your body from any flying debris or objects. Ensure that all shields on your lawn mower are in place and secure to protect any contact with the blades.

Protective eyewear and hearing protection are highly recommended.

Keeping your mower well maintained not only extends its life, but also keeps you safe. Check your lawn mower's belts for any cracks or broken parts. If you notice any wear and tear, that could be a sign of mechanical issues that could pose a fire hazard. Take your lawn mower to be serviced to ensure that everything is properly maintained.

When refueling the mower, make sure the engine is off and fully cooled. Hot engines can ignite the gasoline vapors causing fires and potentially major burns. Keep your gas container at a safe distance from a running mower.

Before mowing, be sure to check the area for any rocks or loose debris.





Pool Party with the Police

Join representatives from the Mount Prospect Police Department and the River Trails Park District for a Pool Party with the Police. Enjoy a FREE pool party with games, music, and more on Friday, July 19 from 6:30 – 9 pm at Woodland Trails pool (1500 E. Euclid Ave.).

Five-0 5K

Gather your friends, family, and co-workers to join the Police Department for our Five-0 5K on Saturday, September 7 at 8 am! Walk or run through the neighborhood surrounding the Police Headquarters at 911 E. Kensington Rd. Registration is required, with a fee of \$30 for anyone 11 and over, and \$15 for those 10 and under. Registration must be submitted by August 9 to guarantee a race shirt. All proceeds will be donated to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry. More information about the race and where to register can be found by scanning the QR code or at bit.ly/five05k.



Mount Prospect National Night Out

The Mount Prospect Police Department and the Mt. Prospect Park District will sponsor the Village's celebration of National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.



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

Attendees can purchase dinner from one of the local food vendors. There will be entertainment for all ages on the Band Shell stage, an emergency vehicle show, and more.

Mark your calendars for a fun evening celebrating community spirit with your neighbors. For more information, call Officer Greg Sill at 847.870.5650.

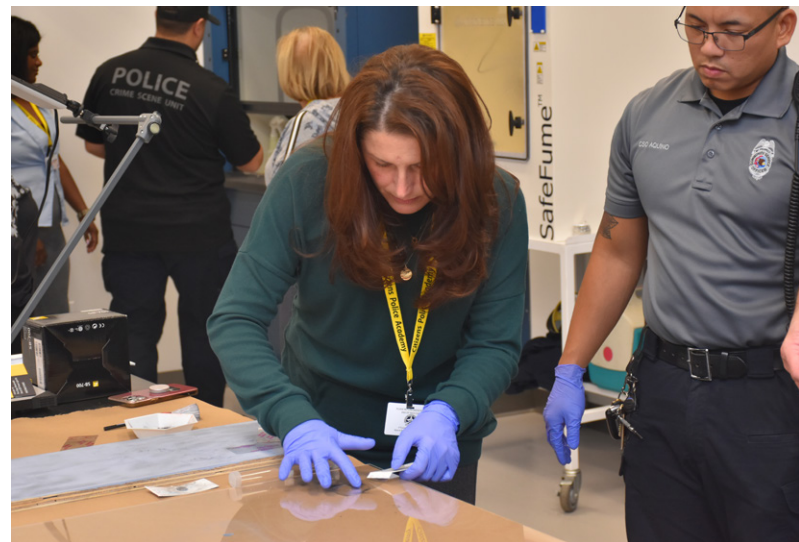
#BringTheNeighborhood

Enroll Now for 2024 Citizens Police Academy

The Mount Prospect Police Department is now accepting applications for the Citizens Police Academy. The Academy is open to any Village resident 18 years old with no past criminal history. This year's Academy will begin September 9 and meet for 11 consecutive Monday evenings through November 18, from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. Classes will be held at the Mount Prospect Police Department (911 E. Kensington Rd.).

The Academy will allow citizens to get a firsthand look at police operations and give them the opportunity to experience police work from the officer's point of view. Topics covered in the Academy will include traffic enforcement, crime scene processing, traffic crash investigation, and criminal law. Academy students will also be allowed to make simulated traffic stops and learn from the department's master firearms instructors on the department's pistol range.

Applications are available at the Mount Prospect Police Department front desk and at mountprospect.org/police. Applications must be received by 9 am on August 23. If you have any questions regarding the Citizens Police Academy, please call Officer Greg Sill of the Mount Prospect Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 847.870.5650.





Watering Restrictions

As part of the Lake Michigan Water Allocation Program, water suppliers are required to place certain restrictions on outdoor water use to ensure that there is a continuous adequate water supply for drinking, bathing and fire protection. Water conservation measures are an important first step in protecting our water supply.

Current restrictions prevent anyone from using any water, drawn directly or indirectly from public wells and/or public water supply distribution systems, for the purpose of watering or sprinkling lawns and gardens, filling or refilling swimming pools, outside washing, or other exterior uses, except under these conditions:

Watering and/or sprinkling is permitted for odd numbered addresses on odd numbered dates and for even numbered

addresses on even numbered dates only between the hours of 4 pm and 10 am.

Newly sodded areas of lawns may be watered at any time on any day for the two-week period following the installation.

These rules are in effect seven days a week.

If you have any questions, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640.

2024 Water Report

The state of Illinois and federal Environmental Protection Agency are now allowing water suppliers to offer electronic delivery of their annual Consumer Confidence Reports. Sending electronic copies will save thousands of dollars in printing and postage costs for the Village and fully meets the public notification requirements. Please visit mountprospect.org/CCR2023 to view your 2023 annual water quality report which contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water during 2023. If you would still like to receive a paper copy of the 2023 Annual Water Quality Report or have questions about the report, please call Public Works at 847.870.5640 or email your request to publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

Overhead Sewer Rebates

In order to provide financial assistance to residents who want to convert their existing gravity-fed sanitary system into an overhead sanitary sewer system, the Village has established an Overhead Sewer Rebate program. To be eligible for this program, homeowners of single-family dwellings must be a Village wastewater utility consumer.

The program offers a rebate for costs incurred from converting an existing gravity sewer system to an overhead sewer system. **The Village will reimburse an eligible homeowner for up to 50%, but not more than \$7,500 of actual costs incurred.** For more information, please visit mountprospect.org or contact Public Works 847.870.5640.

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 the river 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. Sometimes the pollution is something you can see, like trash floating on top of the water. Other times you can't see the pollution at all, 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 drain from streets, parking lots and lawns and enter the system through our catch basins and storm drains. From there, they are transferred straight to rivers and streams untreated. 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 into the rivers, lakes and streams. The cost of treating stormwater would be so high that it would exceed available resources.

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

Yes! They are two completely separate drainage systems. The sewer system takes all household wastewater from toilets, showers and sinks and routes it through your plumbing system and directs it to a treatment plant.

Tree Planting

As we do each year, the Village has set a goal to replace every tree that has been removed through the fall planting season to the extent that our budget will allow. Residents who have lost a parkway tree should expect to receive notification explaining the replacement. The Village will continue replacing trees, at suitable planting sites, in the order they were removed although in some cases replacement trees will not be available until next year.

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

All requests for fall planting must be received at Public Works no later than August 1.

If you are interested in having a parkway tree planted, please contact Public Works at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.

The storm drain is intended to route rainwater quickly 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.

The Effects of Pollution

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals and people.

- 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, 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!

Paper Shredding Event

Public Works in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) will host a shredding/document destruction event on August 3 from 8 – 11 am. You can drop off up to six file-size cardboard boxes or shopping bags filled with paper material to be securely shredded at 1700 W. Central Ave. This is a great opportunity to securely destroy materials such as medical records, tax forms, personnel files, investment records, and more.

Paper clips and staples do not need to be removed, but please remove binders and **do not use plastic bags** to deliver the materials. The event is open to Mount Prospect residents only so some form of ID will be required. No business or institutional users please. Please direct questions to the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640 or publicworksdept@mountprospect.org.





Senior Activities

Transportation Resource Fair

The Mount Prospect Public Library will host a free Transportation Resource Fair on Wednesday, August 14 from 2 – 3:30 pm. Come learn about transportation resources in our community beginning with a presentation and followed by a resource fair. The event is sponsored by the Village's Aging in Community Initiative. Registration is required, please call the Mount Prospect Public Library at 847.590.4090.

Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know

The Village's Aging in Community Initiative invites you to their *Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know* event. Join the Village and other community partners to learn about local resources for older adults and their loved ones as they navigate the aging process. The event will be free and hosted in the Village Board Room (3rd floor of Village Hall) on Thursday, July 18, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The event starts with a presentation and is followed by a resource fair. Registration is required. Please call the Mount Prospect Public Library at 847.253.5675 to register.

Public Health Nurse

The Public Health Nurse is offering A1C testing for Mount Prospect residents. This is a \$20 test that does not require any fasting. The results tell you what your average blood sugar (glucose) level was over the past three months. It is a simple fingerstick test that gives your results in five minutes. Please note, the weekly screening clinic is now held on Tuesdays from 9 – 11 am. An appointment is required. Please call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680 to schedule your appointment.

School Supply Program

The Human Services Department is launching its yearly School Supply Drive. Each year the department collects backpacks and gift cards to help families in need purchase school supplies, allowing them to get the school year off to a great start. Families eligible to participate in this program regularly utilize the food pantry or have experienced a recent significant financial hardship. Residents can drop-off a new backpack at Village Hall (50 S. Emerson St.) or the Mount Prospect Public Library (10 S. Emerson St.), or make a monetary donation via PayPal at <https://t.ly/ntbz> earmarked *School Supply Drive*. You can also make a donation using the QR code. Human Services will purchase gift cards for each child participating in the program.



Community Connections Center Quinceañera

The Community Connections Center is celebrating its 15 Year Anniversary! On August 8 from 4 – 6:30 pm, join us for a *Quinceañera* to celebrate being a part of the Mount Prospect community since 2009. The entire family is welcome— there will be kids activities, face painting, music, light food, and beverages. For more information, call 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 the 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.



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- 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	
7 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, Melas Park	8 Good Morning Sunshine Concerts, 10:30 am, MPPL Big Surf 40 Year Celebration, 4-8 pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30-8:30 pm Veterans Memorial Bandshell	9 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center How Corn Changed Itself and then Changed Everything Else, 7 pm, MPPL	10 Storytime in the Park Cuenta Cuentos en el Parque, 10 am Sycamore Trails Park Bessie's Workbook, 10am-noon & 7-9pm, Central School, MPHHist Power of Attorney Presentation, 7 pm, MPPL	11 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Bi-Monthly Blood Drive 2-7 pm, Fire Station 13 MPPL Summer Concert Series, 7:30-9pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	12 13 Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH Super Saturday: Bubble Bonanza!, 10 am, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot	6 Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival, Melas Park	
14 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Metra Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society, 11:30am - 1:30pm Central School, MPHHist	15 Good Morning Sunshine Concerts, 10:30 am, MPPL Night Off Game On!, 7 pm MPPL Mt. Prospect Community Band Summer Festival of Music, 7:30-8:30 pm Veterans Memorial Bandshell	16 Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops, 7:30-9 am, VH Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Chapel Your Calm: Mind Puzzles, 7 pm, MPPL	17 Storytime in the Park Cuenta Cuentos en el Parque, 10 am Sycamore Trails Park Squirrel Stole My Underpants, 6 pm, MPPL Movies on the Green, Dusk Centennial Green at VH	18 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Life as a Prairie Kid II, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, MPHHist Aging in Mount Prospect 6:30-8:30 pm, MPPL MPHS Book Club, 7 pm, MPHHist MPPL Summer Concert Series, 7:30-9pm, Veterans Memorial Bandshell	19 Fridays on the Green, 6:30pm, Jay Goepfner and the Backdated Band Centennial Green at VH	20 Friends Book Sale, 9 am-4:30 pm, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot	
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MPHHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPL Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPL 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

Prosperity and Opportunity

The last few years have been a time of great *prosperity and opportunity* throughout our Village with many new

buildings being built, new businesses opening up, growth in the actual land size of Mount Prospect through annexations, and major commitments of capital within our Village by the investment community.

What does this mean to the citizens of our Village? The more unincorporated land area we bring into the Village and the more the new development we can attract, there is and will be a growth in our Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) and growth in our overall real estate tax base. With more businesses opening their doors in Mount Prospect, there is and will be a growth in a variety of other taxes paid by those businesses to the Village with sales taxes being a primary example. The growth of EAV and new business openings are two very significant factors bringing huge benefit to **all** of the citizens of Mount Prospect.

Bottom line, our Village is growing and becoming more valuable. This growth in value and the growth in taxes paid based on that value benefit all of the residents of our Village by reducing our need for *residential* property taxes to operate the Village day-to-day. This, in turn, allows your Village Board to keep the Village's portion of your *Residential Property* tax low, flat, or reduced year over year.

• **Annexations:** Since 2017, 224 acres of land have become a part of the Village of Mount Prospect through annexation. These annexations have added \$134.7 million of new Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) which generates \$1.2 million of property taxes to the Village, annually. We have welcomed the businesses that are in those 224 acres to the Mount Prospect business community. These businesses generate \$215,000 of additional sales taxes to the Village, as well.

• **Development:** Three new developments being built on land that has recently been annexed into the Village include Cloud HQ Data Center, the Commonwealth Edison Substation, and the Dimeo Brother Contractors. In addition, we have also seen new developments being built or soon to be built on land in South Mount Prospect that has been a part of the Village for many years. These new developments include a mixed-use retail/residential building at 1798 Elmhurst Rd., a 53-unit senior living facility at 2040 W. Algonquin Rd., and a new car wash at 1791 Wall St.

As you have heard me state many times before, the entirety of Mount Prospect has huge potential for growth. However, more specifically, South Mount Prospect holds significant potential for development given the lack of investment that has occurred there over the years.

South Mount Prospect is the *Land of Opportunity* given its future potential for new development such as industrial development, additional data center development, and even residential development. This area is unique due to its close proximity to O'Hare Airport and other industry (potential business to business opportunities). Paired with planned public improvements like a newly renovated Fire Station 11, investment in water mains, roadways, and beautification projects, South Mount Prospect will be very desirable for new development into the future.

It is an incredibly exciting time of growth and development in our Village, and as your Mayor, I wholeheartedly believe Mount Prospect has an extremely positive future!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT