



Village of Mount Prospect
Press Release



**VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT
CELEBRATES ITS 100TH BIRTHDAY**

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The Village of Mount Prospect officially turned 100 on Friday and the Village's Centennial Commission and Special Events Commission teamed up over the weekend to mark the incorporation anniversary.

On Friday, February 3:

- The Mount Prospect Historical Society and the Mount Prospect Centennial Commission jointly presented a re-enactment of the 1917 vote to incorporate and other official events in the recently-restored 1896 Central School. Donors to the schoolhouse restoration effort were invited to three remote viewing locations and the re-enactment was streamed to them live, compliments of B & E Accounting, Busse Automotive and Car Wash and The Moorings of Arlington Heights. All residents will soon be able to view the historic program on the local cable station (MPTV) and via the Centennial website at www.mountprospect100.com.
- Shortly thereafter the general public was invited to assemble at the Village Green in front of Village Hall along Emerson Street where the Mount Prospect Lions Club provided complimentary hot chocolate and cookies in a heated tent.
- Mayor Arlene A. Juracek and the Village Board formally re-dedicated the Village Green in front of Village Hall as "Centennial Green" at 8:20 p.m. Memorial markers for the four founding families of Mount Prospect will be added to the Green in October.
- Finally, at 8:30 p.m., the anniversary evening festivities were capped off with a unique winter fireworks show, synchronized to music from 1917. The show, which was shot from the roof of the municipal parking garage in downtown Mount Prospect, was sponsored by Randhurst Village.

"This was a wonderful opportunity for all families, residents and businesses to join as a community to celebrate the 100th birthday and dedicate a lasting memorial to our heritage," explained Mayor Juracek. "Fireworks synchronized to music were something we had never done before, so it was really special and fun for everyone."

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On Saturday, February 4, well over 600 people will attend the Centennial Celebration Dinner Dance at The Cotillion Banquets in Palatine. The event is planned by Mount Prospect's Special Events Commission.

The evening includes dinner and dancing to The Orchestra 33, cocktail hour entertainment by Mount Prospect native Kaitlyn Bradley and a short commemorative video on the history of Mount Prospect. In addition, proclamations honoring the anniversary will be received from Governor Bruce Rauner, State Representatives Elaine Nekritz and David Harris and Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri and descendants of the founders will be introduced to the large crowd.

To learn more about Mount Prospect's history, visit the Centennial website at www.mountprospect100.com and view the resources listed under the "History" tab for important facts, profiles and a historical timeline.

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