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SATURDAY | AUGUST 24 | 11 AM – 4 PM | KOPP PARK (BEHIND RECPLEX) | 420 DEMPSTER ST.

The Village of Mount Prospect is proud to be home to a diverse blend of residents and businesses with unique cultural backgrounds. Join us as we celebrate and learn about these different ethnicities at the 6th annual Celebration of Cultures! This free event will be held Saturday, August 24, from 11am – 4pm at Kopp Park outside RecPlex (420 Dempster St.). All ages are invited to enjoy live entertainment, cultural booths, crafts, and food from around the world.



free, fun, and open to anyone. Booths may have information, native dress, artifacts, and cultural crafts. Fill out the form at mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures or email speialevents@mountprospect.org to participate. The deadline to apply is August 14.



Ethnic Cuisine

This year features diverse cuisine available for purchase from local restaurants that represent the diversity within our Village.



Cultural Entertainment

The day will be filled with cultural performances from a variety of performing groups, including: Barefoot Hawaiian Dancers, Tierra Colombiana Dance Ensemble, Mariachi Ameca, Metzger Afro Cuban Jazz Ensemble, Belarusian Charaunitsa Dance Group, The Supernovas and Bulgaria Vivanov Dance Group.



Unique Crafts & Kids' Activities

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



Cultural Booths

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

Do you represent a culture not listed? There's still time to join us! Hosting a cultural booth is



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

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Community Events

AUGUST
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**Tiny Art Show
2024 Kit Pickup**
August 1 – 20
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St. &
SOUTH BRANCH
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

In preparation for our Tiny Art Show on September 3 – 29, stop by either library location to pick up your supply kit. Children ages 3 and up, teens, and adults are invited to create your own masterpiece. Return your finished work to the Library between August 21 and September 4 and we'll prep it for the show.

AUGUST
1

**Park District 2024
Summer Concert Series
Final Show: Kashmir
Led Zeppelin Tribute**
Thursday | August 1
7:30 – 9 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL
BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

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.

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**Super Saturday: Choose
Your Own Balloon
Adventure Presented by
Smarty Pants**
Saturday | August 3 | 10 am
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

This interactive show packed with magic, comedy, and Smarty's giant balloons is perfect for the whole family. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

AUGUST
3

**Bluesmobile
Cruise Nights**
Saturdays through
September 28 | 3 – 9 pm
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 mplions.org for more information.

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**Lions Club
Farmers Market**
Sundays through
October 27 | 8 am – 1 pm
WEST COMMUTER LOT
Northwest Hwy. & Main St.
Experience one of
the busiest Farmers Markets in the
suburbs. Enjoy an array of fruits,
vegetables, baked goods, and much
more. Visit mplions.org for more info.

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**Play and
Learn Group**
Tuesdays | August 6, 13,
20 & 27
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.

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National Night Out
Tuesday | August 6
5:30 – 8:30 pm
LIONS MEMORIAL PARK
411 S. Maple St.
Be a part of our Tropical
Vibes celebration
at this annual event. Enjoy JG
Reptiles, a barefoot Hawaiian show,
balloon art, obstacle course, food
trucks, emergency vehicles, games,
giveaways and more family fun. Get all
the details at mppd.org.

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Movies on the Green
Wednesdays
August 7 & 21
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. Final Movies on the Green will be October 16.

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Fit 4 Life
Thursdays | August 8, 15,
22 & 29 | 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.

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**Community
Connections Center's
Quinceañera**
Thursday | August 8
4 – 6:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY SOUTH
BRANCH
1711 W. Algonquin Rd.

Be a part of this exciting open house packed with tasty food, colorful face painting, lively music, and fun giveaways to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Community Connections Center. The Library and Human Services Department are collaborating on this great family event. No registration required.

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**Second Sundays at
the Society**
Sunday | August 11
11:30 am – 1:30 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL

101 & 103 S. Maple St.
Stop by the Dietrich Friedrichs House and meet the Friedrichs, the first owners of the home. Costumed interpreters will guide you through the house and tell you what life there was like in the early 1900s. Central School will also be open for fun seasonal make-and-takes and visits. This free event welcomes all ages, and no registration is necessary.

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**A Brief History of
Stevie Wonder**
Monday | August 12
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Music historian Professor Moptop presents the music and legacy of influential and pioneering artist Stevie Wonder. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Bessie's Workbasket
Wednesday | August 14
10 am & 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

This month we will work on chicken scratch. This type of embroidery dates to colonial times. You can embroider your design on gingham material. Register at mthist.org.

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**Transportation
Options for Seniors**
Wednesday | August 14
2 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT
PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Learn about the transportation options to help seniors get where they need to go locally. To register for this presentation that is made possible in conjunction with the Mount Prospect Aging in Community Initiative visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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56 Music Fix
August 16 – 18
THROUGHOUT MOUNT
PROSPECT
A three day, village-wide
celebration of live music,
art & food! Regional bands
of all sizes and genres play

throughout Mount Prospect's terrific bars, restaurants and shops over one amazing summer weekend. For more info and schedules visit 56musicfix.org.

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56 Artisan Fix
Saturday | August 17
Noon – 5 pm
VETERANS MEMORIAL
BANDSHELL
411 S. Maple St.

Get together with family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy a picnic lunch at the park, shop an array of fine arts and crafts, and listen to great music. In the event of rainy weather, the event will move indoors. Details available at mppd.org.

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2024 Dance Season Premier Party
Saturday | August 17
1 – 4 pm
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
411 S. Maple St.

Welcome new and returning dance students as we kick-off the season. Be a part of free demo dance classes for both kids and adults and performances by Ballet Expressions, Impulse Dance Ensemble, and Riff Raff Dance Crew. See the full party schedule at mppd.org.

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Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation Summer Cabaret

Sunday | August 18
Doors open at 4:30 pm
Dinner and Cabaret follow
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY

395 W. Algonquin Rd., Des Plaines
Reid Spears, lead vocalist of Billy Elton provides the entertainment to accompany dinner by Giuseppe's. Proceeds from the event benefit the Parks Foundation Annual Scholarship Program. Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased at the RecPlex, the Central Community Center, or by calling 847.640.1000. \$35 at the door. Cash bar.

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Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops

Tuesday | August 20
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.

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Free Programs on the Internet
Tuesday | August 20
10 am
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Discover how you can cut subscription costs with these useful, free, or inexpensive online programs. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Celebration of Cultures
Saturday | August 24
11 am – 4 pm
KOPP PARK (BEHIND REC PLEX)
240 Dempster St.

All ages are invited to enjoy live entertainment, cultural booths, crafts, and food from around the world. Parking is available in the north end of the Kohls parking lot (1500 Elmhurst Rd.). For more info visit mountprospect.org/celebrationofcultures.

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History of Sears Houses
Monday | August 26
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Architecture enthusiast Lara Solonickne will share the interesting history of ready-cut houses once manufactured by Sears. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Planning Your Retirement
Wednesday | August 28
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
John Daly, Certified Financial Planner and

CEO of Daly Investment Management will address some important financial questions to consider when planning for retirement. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

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Channel Your Calm: Paint by Sticker
Thursday | August 29
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Adults are invited to treat themselves to an enjoyable night as you paint by sticker while listening to calming music and participating in friendly conversation. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.

Coming this fall!

Oktoberfest/Fall Festival
Friday | September 20 | 4 – 11 pm
Food, fun & music – Oktoberfest
Saturday | September 21
Fall Family Fest | 1 – 4 pm
Oktoberfest | 4 – 11 pm
EMERSON ST. & BUSSE AVE.
For details visit, mpdowntown.com.

Lemons of Love Pink Lemonade 5K Run/Walk
Sunday | October 6
LIONS RECREATION CENTER
444 S. Maple St.
Questions? Please contact the race director at lemonsoflove14@gmail.com.



Fridays on the Green

The sun may be setting on summer, but Fridays on the Green will keep the summer vibes rolling through September.

The Prairie Station Band will be playing their modern country music on August 9, and Liquid Soul will close out the year performing their Grammy nominated music on September 6!

The Village hopes you made enjoyable memories with your friends, family, and community this summer. You can relive and remember your Fridays on the Green experiences with our online photo collection courtesy of local photographer Mike Zarnek. Scan the QR code or visit mountprospect.org/community/village-events-photo-archive/2024 to access a complete collection of photos from this year's concerts.

Fridays on the Green would not be possible without our great sponsors:



Check out all the fun photos from a great summer of music!



Share Your Thoughts on the Village Newsletter

Per the 2023 Community Survey, the Village newsletter ranks number one for how residents get information on Village issues, services, and events. 78% of survey respondents selected the newsletter as their primary source of information, with the Village website coming in second at 56%.

Also established in 2023 was the Village's marketing plan, which identifies guiding principles encompassing the vision for the community and goals to achieve that vision. Some main objectives include the following:

- **Promote new and unique programs and initiatives**
- **Better communicate amenities offered by the Village and promote community collaboration**
- **Effectively share information about why Mount Prospect is a great place to live**

To help us meet these objectives, we want to make sure our largest communications piece – this newsletter – showcases the Village and its services in the most effective manner. We also want to ensure that you – our readers – have a voice in this process.

Please fill out our survey...

...to let us know what is working and what could be improved upon in the Village newsletter. This information is being collected for communications purposes only – it will not be shared or sold to a third party.

DIRECTIONS: *Tear out this page and return to Kylie Cerk, Director of Marketing and Public Relations. **Survey can be mailed or dropped off in person at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., Mount Prospect, Illinois 60056.***

DEMOGRAPHICS

1. How long have you lived in Mount Prospect? _____
2. What is your age group?
☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65 & over
3. How would you describe your ethnicity? _____
4. What is your gender? _____
5. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? _____
6. What language do you mainly speak at home? _____

NEWSLETTER PREFERENCES

1. What is your main source of information for Village events, services, and programs? _____
2. How frequently do you read the newsletter? _____
3. Which newsletter pages do you gravitate towards or find most useful? (list page numbers) _____
4. How satisfied are you with the layout of the newsletter? _____
5. How satisfied are you with the content in the newsletter? _____
6. Do you feel the newsletter effectively provides information for your needs? _____
7. Agree or disagree:
 - a. I think the event listings are useful (pages 2-3) ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
 - b. I think the calendar is useful (page 11) ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
 - c. I think the newsletter is well organized ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
 - d. I wish the newsletter had more information ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
 - e. I wish the newsletter content had more variety ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
 - f. I think the newsletter is hard to read ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
 - g. I think there should be more information about businesses ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree
8. What do you wish to see more of in the newsletter? _____
9. What do you wish to see less of in the newsletter? _____
10. Any other thoughts on the newsletter? _____

Want to take the survey online? Scan this QR code.
Email kcerk@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5201
with questions or to share feedback.



Community/Economic Development

Parking Conversion Supports Alfresco Dining Program

As part of our downtown alfresco dining experience, six parking spaces on Prospect Avenue have been temporarily converted into a new patio space to accommodate additional diners. The new tables are being utilized by Lady Dahlia and Patina Wine Bar who contributed some beautification elements to the program.

The Village provided concrete safety barriers to enclose the designated parking spaces, ensuring a safe and secure environment for outdoor dining. The restaurants collaborated with the Village to disguise these barriers as elegant planter boxes and installing catenary lighting overhead. This thoughtful approach enhances the ambiance and maintains the charming curb appeal for which Prospect Avenue is known.

Accessibility remains a priority in this initiative. A five-foot wide walkway along the face of the buildings has been preserved, ensuring people of all abilities can enjoy Mount Prospect's emerging restaurant row. The sidewalk area in front of most nearby Prospect Avenue businesses remains open, minimizing disruptions to pedestrian traffic and neighboring establishments.

The six converted parking spaces have been a hit since their debut early this summer and will remain in place until the first week of November. Depending on the reception from residents, business owners, and Village leaders, the program will then be evaluated for a potential return in 2025.



Ribbon Cuttings!



June 20, 2024
Salerno's Pizzeria
33 W. Prospect Ave.
847.699.2822
salernopizza.com



June 20, 2024
Prospect Place
11 W. Prospect Ave.
708.997.0164
liveatprospectplace.com



*Ribbon tying
to celebrate
20 years!*

June 25
Mrs. P & Me
100 E. Prospect Ave.
847.259.9724
mrs-pandme.com



SAVE THE DATE! Fire Department Open House

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 14 | 10 AM – 2 PM | RANDHURST VILLAGE

Last year, our event brought together over 2,000 residents and guests to experience what the Fire Department does through a community showcase of our fire trucks, ambulances, special teams' demonstrations, and various other presentations.

Kids can feel like real firefighters by sliding down a kid's firepole and joining in on the kid's combat challenge. There will be Emergency Management and preparedness displays as well as information about fire safety programs to sharpen your fire safety knowledge. Local community partners such as the Police, the Mount Prospect Public Library, Northwest Central Dispatch, and the Human Services Department will represent their organizations as well. This is a great event for all ages. Hope to see you there!



Keep your Home Fire-Safe when Traveling

August is a key time for families to travel, whether it is for a vacation or perhaps taking kids off to college. If you are going to be away for a few days or more, follow these fire safety tips to protect your home.

- Disconnect the power to electronics such as desktop computers, coffee pots, blow dryers, toasters, space heaters, and televisions. It will save you money and eliminate the potential for a fire caused by a lightning strike or electrical surge.
- Check to make sure all stoves and electrical appliances have been turned off or disconnected.
- If you have a fire alarm, make sure it is set properly and turned on. If you have a security company, notify them you will be away.
- Turn off air conditioners.
- Turn off the washer and dryer units.
- Preferably keep lights on timers.

- Dispose of any oily rags or place anything flammable in a fire-safe container.

While away, look for lodging that includes working smoke detectors, and preferably, a sprinkler system. You can check FEMA's Hotel/Motel Safe List at <https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/hotel/> to help you find fire-safe lodging for your travels.

Once in your room, read the fire safety information provided. It is usually found on the back of the entry door. Locate the closest two exits and always plan your escape ahead of time. Make sure the fire exit doors work and are unlocked.

Follow these precautions to ensure that you and your travel companions remain safe.



FULL-TIME FIREFIGHTER/ PARAMEDIC POSITION!

Application Deadline: August 24, 2024

mountprospect.org/departments/fire-department/career-opportunities

STARTING PAY FOR A FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, IS \$76,610



Minimum Testing Requirements

- \$30.00 non-refundable application processing fee;
- Be a United States citizen;
- Possess a High School Diploma (or its equivalent);
- Possess a Valid Driver's License;
- Submit proof of a valid Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) and Approved Ladder Climb card from a licensed agency at time of Final Eligibility List posting;
- Be 20 to under 35 years of age by the date of the application deadline (August 21, 2024), unless exempt by state statute.

Preference Points are offered for the following categories:

- Veteran's Status
- Education (Associate's degree in Fire Science/EMS or Bachelor's degree in any field)
- Paramedic Experience (Fire Service/Paramedic)
- EMT P
- EMT B
- Mount Prospect Residency
- Fluency in a Second Language



Welcome Officer Anderson

We are pleased to welcome Jake Anderson as the newest officer on the Mount Prospect Police Department. Jake grew up in nearby Palatine where he graduated from Palatine High School before receiving his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Jake previously served as a Community Service Officer for the University of Wisconsin Police Department and is currently attending the Police Training Institute in Champaign. Welcome to the team, Jake.



Lock Up at Night

The Mount Prospect Police Department continues to receive calls regarding thefts from vehicles. In almost all cases, the vehicle in question was unlocked. To keep your property safe, add these steps to your nighttime routine.

- Remove valuables from vehicles.
- Lock your vehicle and be sure that windows are closed.
- Close and lock garage doors.
- Lock up all doors and windows in your home.
- Leave exterior lights on overnight.

If you observe any suspicious activity, please call 911.



Five-O 5K is Back

This year's Five-O 5K is scheduled for Saturday, September 7 and registration is now open. The 5K walk/run kicks off at 8 am and winds through the neighborhood surrounding Police Headquarters at 911 E. Kensington Road.

Registration is \$30 for anyone 11 and over, or \$15 for those 10 and younger, and if you register by August 9, you are guaranteed a race shirt. All proceeds will be donated to the Mount Prospect Food Pantry. More info about the race and registration information can be found by scanning the QR code or at bit.ly/fiveo5k.

DON'T FORGET! The Mount Prospect Police Department and the Mt. Prospect Park District's **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** is on Tuesday, August 6, from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at Veterans Memorial Band Shell in Lions Park, 411 S. Maple St. **#BringTheNeighborhood**



Kids Are Heading Back to School – Be Alert on the Roads

As summer winds down, children throughout Mount Prospect will be returning to school. That means kids walking or biking, parents dropping-off, and school buses making their way through town, are all trying to get to school before the bell rings. Mornings are a critical time for drivers to exercise caution – and the same is true at the end of the day as everyone hurries off to after-school activities.

Parents should be familiar with how congested streets get during these times. It also brings out some bad behavior from drivers – blocking private driveways around schools, parking in fire lanes and crosswalks, ignoring or being abusive toward volunteers helping with traffic safety, and double- or even triple-parking which leads to kids running in-between stopped cars.

The Mount Prospect Police are asking parents to schedule after-school events and appointments accordingly so that you have the time to park safely and drive away from the school at a safe speed. If we all obey the traffic and parking laws and follow the school's pickup and drop off procedures, we can prevent the injury or death of a child.

And remember, use of cell phones by drivers in school zones is strictly prohibited when in the vehicle unless the vehicle is parked.



Keep Trees Healthy with Proper Mulching

The proper use of mulch can provide substantial benefits to the health of your trees. Wood chips provide a natural means of keeping trees healthy by retaining soil moisture, increasing water infiltration, reducing compaction, regulating soil temperature, and protecting roots from extreme weather conditions, all while improving soil structure.

Simply place a 2" – 3" thick layer of mulch under the tree canopy but be careful not place it directly up against the tree. The mulch also helps prevent weeds and keeps weed whips or lawn mowers from coming into contact with the tree and causing damage.

Storage for Refuse Carts

To keep your property clean and looking its best, please follow these guidelines for storing your refuse carts.

- Carts and yard waste containers may be stored in the garage, or on the side or back of your property. Do not store them in the front of your house as this is a violation of Village Code and may result in a citation.
- For those with houses on a street corner, if carts or yard waste containers are stored on the side of the house facing the adjacent street, they must be screened by bushes or a fence.
- Carts and yard waste containers may only be placed at the curb after 4:30 pm the day prior to your collection day. All carts must then be put away on the day of collection once service is complete. Leaving them out until the following day may result in a citation.
- Town homes or other multi-family structures may have further association guidelines for cart storage.



Keep Sewer Traps Watered

You are accustomed to watering your grass, trees, and flowers, but did you know you also need to check water levels in the floor drains in your home? Those drains, and in fact, any drain which is not used often, will eventually dry out. When that occurs, your home will be exposed to sewer gas from the Village sewer system.

To prevent the sewer gas from entering your home, you just need a layer of water sitting at the bottom of the trap. You can simply pour a little fresh water down the trap or drain, and then cover it with a little bit of cooking oil. The oil will form a liquid seal that will keep the water from evaporating. This will allow the drain to hold water for a much longer period.

Prevent Basement Backups by Checking Sewer Cleanouts

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



**PROPERLY CAPPED
SEWER CLEANOUT**



**IMPROPERLY CAPPED
SEWER CLEANOUT**

Thermostat Recycling

The Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offer residents a recycling program for mercury-containing thermometers, thermostats, and wall switches.

Old thermostats contain up to 700 milligrams of mercury, 140 times more than a CFL. Mercury poses health and environmental risks and mercury-containing products should be properly recycled whenever possible.

Residents may bring their mercury thermometers, thermostats, and wall switches to Mount Prospect Public Works Department, 1700 W. Central Road weekdays from 7:30 am – 4 pm except for holidays.



Recycling Updates

A few quick notes on your home recycling efforts:

- Plastic bags should not be placed in your curbside recycling bin. You can collect plastic bags and drop them off at Village Hall or the Public Works Department.
- Electronics recycling is available for Mount Prospect residents every Wednesday from 10 am – noon at the Public Works facility, 1700 W. Central Road. Information on the program can be found at mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/solid-waste/recycling-programs.
- Be a smarter recycler with the Recycle Coach app. Learn what can or can't be recycled and get updates on the best recycling tips. The app can be downloaded from Apple App Store or Google Play or from the Village website at mountprospect.org/departments/recycle-coach.





Senior Connections

Join Village staff on Thursday, September 5 for the Senior Connections program offering seniors the opportunity to learn something new and meet your neighbors. It's a great opportunity to make some new friends and get to know your community. Join us at Village Hall for a light breakfast and beverages. Open to Mount Prospect residents only.



Transportation Resource Fair

The Aging in Community Initiative will present a Transportation Resource Fair on Wednesday, August 14 from 2 – 3:30 pm at the Mount Prospect Public Library. You are invited to learn about transportation options for seniors and persons with disabilities from the providers that serve our community. This event starts with a presentation and is followed by a resource fair. Speakers include Connections to Care, PACE and Right at Home – Lyft Program. Contact the Mount Prospect Public Library to register at 847.253.5675.



Upcoming Parenting Class

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



Help Us Celebrate 15 Years

Join us as we celebrate the Community Connections Center's 15 Year Anniversary on August 8 from 4 – 6:30 pm. It's been our pleasure to serve the South Mount Prospect Community since opening our doors in 2009. This special Quinceañera celebration will feature face painting, kids' activities, food, refreshments, and cake.



Conversations in English

Conversations in English group will return in September. If you are learning English, join us for a casual conversation group to practice your conversational skills. Please contact the Community Connections Center at 847.506.4930 to register and reserve your spot.



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.



**community
connections
center**

1711 West Algonquin Road
Mount Prospect | IL 60056
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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am – 7:30pm
Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm
(South Branch Library only)



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VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot	5	6 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center National Night Out 5:30-8:30pm, Lions Memorial park	7 Movies on the Green Dusk, Centennial Green at VH, MPDMA	8 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Community Connections Center's Quinceañera 4- 6:30pm, MPPL South Branch	9 Fridays on the Green, 6pm Centennial Green at VH	10 Coffee with Council, 9-11am, VH Super Saturday: Bubble Bonanza!, 10 am, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot
11 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot Second Sunday at the Society, 11:30am – 1:30pm Central School, MPHist	12 A Brief History of Stevie Wonder, 7pm MPPL	13 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	14 Bessie's Workbasket 10am & 7pm Mount Prospect Historical Society Central School Transportation Options for Seniors, 2pm, MPPL	15 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH	16 56 Music Fix Throughout Mount Prospect	17 56 Music Fix Throughout Mount Prospect 56 Artisan Fix, Noon – 5 pm Veterans Memorial Bandshell 2024 Dance Season Premier Party 1-4pm, Lions Recreation Center Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot
18 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot 56 Music Fix, Throughout Mount Prospect Mt. Prospect Parks Foundation Summer Cabaret, 4:30 pm, Friendship Park Conservatory	19	20 Coffee Talk and Construction Workshops, 7:30-9am, VH Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Free Programs on the Internet, 10am, MPPL	21 Movies on the Green Dusk, Village Hall MPDMA	22 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH	23	24 Celebration of Cultures 11am-4pm, Kopp Park Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-9pm, East Commuter Lot
25 Lions Club Farmers Market 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot	26 History of Sears Houses 7pm, MPPL	27 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center	28 Planning Your Retirement 7pm, MPPL	29 Fit 4 Life, 11-11:45am, VH Channel Your Calm: Paint by Sticker, 7pm, MPPL	30	31

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

Good Happenings and
Positive Outcomes

Our Fourth of July Weekend Celebration

What a great July 4th Weekend Celebration! Many thanks to the Lions Club, Special Events Commission, Public Works, Police, Fire, Generous Donors, and the many, many volunteers for a fantastic parade, festival, fireworks and so much more!

Orion Apartments Fire

Our Mount Prospect Fire Department, with the help of surrounding communities, successfully fought a 3-alarm fire at the Orion Apartments with no loss of life. This positive outcome was the result of a quick response and highly skilled firefighters fighting a very difficult fire. Many thanks to our Human Services staff who helped all who were displaced by the fire find housing as well as clothing and other personal necessities.

Fire Station 11 in South Mount Prospect

Station 11 in South Mount Prospect is now operational. It has been a long but successful journey. Many thanks to Paul Fahey from Public Works and Todd Novak from the Fire Department and the entire Team from Public Works and Fire who worked on the build-out of Station 11 and saved us taxpayers over \$1.0 million dollars. We are blessed to have such skill and know-how in these 2 Departments to complete a project of this magnitude!

The Prospect at 20 West

The Prospect is now open. Fantastic food and incredible ambiance. A huge thank you to the Nicholas family for adding to our restaurant options in downtown Mount Prospect.

Mrs. P & Me a Stalwart of Downtown MP for 122 Years

Congratulations to Chris Bozonelos and Chris Figaro on 20 years of ownership and operation of Mrs. P & Me and to that establishment for 122 years of continuous service to the people of Mount Prospect under various ownerships and names. As I said at the recent ribbon tying, *Mrs. P & Me . . . where you feel like family!*

Downtown Mount Prospect Restaurants

With the addition of 6 new restaurants we now have 25 unique eating opportunities in Downtown Mount Prospect. Not that long ago, we were struggling to attract one new restaurant to our downtown. Enjoy!

ComEd Substation in South Mount Prospect

Progress continues to be made on the Commonwealth Edison Substation in South Mount Prospect which will power the new Cloud HQ Data Center.

HQ Residences

HQ Residences, on the site of the former Police and Fire Headquarters, has begun leasing. HQ Residences represents another rental living opportunity in Downtown Mount Prospect.

Randhurst Village

While I cannot say who, I can say that a significant new national retailer is coming to Randhurst Village soon! Shop Randhurst Village!

Major Intersection Improvements

The long-needed intersection improvements at Rand, Mount Prospect, and Central Roads are now complete. The intersection improvements at Rand, Elmhurst (Rt 83), and Kensington Roads will soon begin.

Lions Park Improvements

Lions Park improvements are well underway and should be completed this fall for everyone's enjoyment! A huge *Thank You* to the Mt. Prospect Park District!

While this list of *Good Happenings and Positive Outcomes* is not all inclusive, it is indicative of the things that are occurring all over our Village with much more to come!

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT