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2016 Save The Date **Community Events Calendar**

**Check with the organizations sponsoring events for latest details*

Following the Mount Prospect Celestial Celebration, one of the most successful and inspiring Village events of the year, the Village would like to share the 2016 Save the Date for upcoming community events:

Freeze Fest

Saturday, February 20

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Weiss Community Center

1500 E. Euclid Avenue

Gather family and friends and come out for a free, fun-filled day at the River Trails Park District. Activities include Minute to Win It Games, preschool obstacle course, entertainment, cup stacking contest, obstacle course, bounce house, snow shoeing (weather permitting), ice skating (weather permitting), arts and crafts, snow painting, giveaways and more. All ages are welcome. For details, visit rtpd.org.

Sponsored by the River Trails Park District

Mount Prospect Trivia Night V

Friday, February 26

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Games begin at 7 p.m.

Community Room, Village Hall

50 S. Emerson Street

Grab family, friends or coworkers for a great night of fun and trivia. A BYO event; for more information and required pre-registration, visit mountprospectchamber.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

Snow Time Stroll – Craft Beer Sampling Event

Saturday, March 5

2 – 6 p.m.

Downtown Mount Prospect

“Stroll” through some of the downtown restaurants, meet reps and sample craft beers from local breweries. For information and required pre-registration, visit mountprospectchamber.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

Mini Golf @ MPPL

Saturday, March 5

11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Mount Prospect Public Library

10 S. Emerson Street

Join us again for an 18-hole miniature golf course fundraiser at the Library for a day of family fun. The fee to play is \$5/person or \$20/family of 4 or more. There will also be a 19th Hole entertainment area for players with refreshments, games, activities, and more. This is a fundraiser for the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation. Tickets may be purchased prior to the event. For more information, visit mppl.org, stop by the Library, or call 847/253-5675.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Library Foundation.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 19

9:30 a.m. – noon

RecPlex

420 W. Dempster Street

Enjoy an “Egg-stra” special day with Mt. Prospect Park District’s annual indoor Easter Egg Hunt. Children (3-8) should bring their own basket and line up around the Bunny Trail. Jump into piles of “grass” and hunt for treat-filled eggs – plenty for everyone. Sign up separately for a colorful, keepsake Art Studio craft. Hop on home with an additional treat bag filled with fun. Register at any park facility or at mppd.org.

Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District

History in the Headlines Dinner

"A Celebration of the Golden Age of Hollywood"

Saturday, April 16

6 – 10 p.m.

Rob Roy Clubhouse

505 E. Camp McDonald Road

Prospect Heights

Attend the fifth annual Mount Prospect Historical Society’s History in the Headlines dinner, “A Celebration of the Golden Age of Hollywood.” Actress Leslie Goddard will present her one-woman show on Bette Davis after dinner. There will be dessert served to all and a cash bar with signature cocktails of the era offered. Everyone is welcome to dress casually or elegantly and even wear clothing of the 1930s and 1940s. Tickets are limited and may be reserved individually or in tables of ten. For more information or to purchase tickets via PayPal, visit mtphist.org or call 847/392-9006.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Historical Society

Irish Fest

NEW – 2 DAYS

Friday, April 29, 5 – 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 1 – 11 p.m.

Emerson Street & Busse Avenue

Free Admission

Enjoy Irish food, beverages and goods while celebrating Irish heritage through live music (in a heated tent). Entertainment includes: Tully Irish Dancers, Sullivan Irish Dancers, Trinity Irish Dancers, The Dooley Brothers, They Might Be Irish, Mulligan Stew and The Larkin and Moran Brothers. For more information, visit mpirishfest.com or facebook.com/MPIrishFest.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

Centennial Commission Fire Hydrant Painting Event

May 1 – June 30: Applications submitted

Gear up for the Village's 100th Anniversary in 2017 by choosing to paint a fire hydrant near your home or business. The Fired Up! Fire Hydrant Public Art Project is coming to the Village of Mount Prospect in 2016. Rules and application will be available in the Village's Spring Newsletter and online at mountprospect100.com. Don't miss this unique opportunity to make a creative mark on fire hydrants throughout the Village, while helping decorate for Mount Prospect's Centennial Celebration!

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Centennial Commission

Pub Crawl

Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, September 17

Enjoy a great time out with neighbors and friends visiting downtown Mount Prospect eating and drinking establishments. For more information, visit mpdowntown.com.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association

Maple Trails Park Opening Celebration

Thursday, May 12

5 – 6 p.m.

871 Feehanville Drive

Join friends and neighbors to celebrate newly renovate Maple Trails Park. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, free activities and light refreshments. Enjoy new volleyball, basketball and futsal courts. All ages are welcome. For details, visit rtpd.org.

Sponsored by the River Trails Park District

Public Works Open House

Saturday, May 14

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mount Prospect Public Works Facility

1700 W. Central Road

Bring the family out and enjoy a fun day of exploring big trucks. Kids (and those young at heart) will have the chance to get inside a dump truck, ride in a sweeper and lift, play games, and more. Public Works is responsible for many different services including the water and sewer system, solid waste services, snow plowing, tree maintenance, streets and sidewalks. See the behind-the-scenes operations of Public Works. Lunch is provided. For more information, call Public Works at 847/870-5640.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Public Works Department

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights Car Show

Saturdays, May 14 – October 1

6 – 9 p.m.

Metra Commuter Lot

(Along Northwest Highway, one block west of Route 83)

Come view the "coolest cars" around. Classic car shows will take place every Saturday night in downtown Mount Prospect with themed nights each week. For more information, visit mpdowntown.com.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association

Mount Prospect Community-wide Garage Sale

May 20, 21 & 22

Participating homeowners hold their own garage sales just as they would at any other time of year. The difference is that thousands of shoppers are attracted to this large annual group sale, said to be one of the largest of its kind in Illinois. Over 500 homes will participate. For more information, visit mpgaragesale.com or call 847/259-8600.

Organized by Picket Fence Realty

Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 30

9:30 a.m.

Emerson Street & Busse Avenue to Lions Park

Parade participants will line up at Emerson Street & Busse Avenue between 9 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Parade begins at 9:40 a.m. in front of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson Street. The parade route is as follows: south on Emerson Street to Lincoln Street to the Veterans' Memorial Band Shell at Lions Park for a special ceremony. Any interested citizens can march in the parade, and veterans are especially encouraged to join in. For more information, visit vfw1337.us.

Sponsored by the Prospect V.F.W. 1337

Fridays on the Green

Fridays - June 3, June 17, July 15, August 5, August 19

6 – 8 p.m.

Village Green @ Village Hall

50 S. Emerson Street

Enjoy free live concerts on the Village Green the first and third Fridays in June, July and August (no concert on Friday, July 1). Pick up a picnic dinner at one of our downtown restaurants or grab a bite to eat before or after the concert. Bring chairs and blankets. Free parking in the Emerson Street Garage at Village Hall. For more information, visit experiencemountprospect.org in May.

Sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect

Mount Prospect Lions Club Farmers' Market

Sundays, June 12 – October 30

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Mount Prospect Train Depot, West Commuter Parking Lot

(Corner of Northwest Highway & Route 83)

Stop by and check out a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and other goodies. For more information, visit mplions.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club

Capannari Ice Cream's Moovies Under the Stars at the Village Green

June 15 – *Minions* July 20 - *Inside Out* August 17 - *Mary Poppins*

8 p.m. – estimated start time (dusk)

Mount Prospect Village Green, 50 S. Emerson Street

Enjoy a movie under the stars in downtown Mount Prospect. Bring blankets and snacks. Free parking in adjacent Village Hall Garage and around town. For more information, visit capannaris.com/events

Organized by Capannari Ice Cream

Musical Memory Lane

Mt. Prospect Community Band Concerts

Monday Evenings, June 13 – July 25

7:30 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Band Shell

411 S. Maple Street

Join new Music Director Monty Adams and the Mt. Prospect Community Band for seven weeks of lively concert music for all ages. Guest soloists and special themes take center stage all summer long. For more information, call Cultural Arts at 847/640-1000.

Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District

Strive for 5 – 5k Run

Saturday, June 18

8 a.m.

Online registration begins April 11 at GoRegGo.com

Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District

Summer Time Stroll – Craft Beer Sampling Event

Saturday, June 25

2 – 6 p.m.

Downtown Mount Prospect

“Stroll” through some of the downtown restaurants, meet reps and sample craft beers from local breweries.

For information and required pre-registration, visit mountprospectchamber.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

Mount Prospect Lions Club Festival

Thursday, June 30 – Monday, July 4

Melas Park (Central Road & Busse Road)

Enjoy live entertainment, food, rides, raffles and more. Fireworks: Thurs., 6/30 and Mon., 7/4 (at Dusk).

See [brochure](#) for a snapshot, including Fest schedule and more. For additional details, visit mplions.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club

4th of July Parade

Monday, July 4

1 p.m.

The 4th of July Parade starts at the corner of Emerson Street & Prospect Avenue. Get an organization, group of friends or a business to join the fun by participating in the parade. For more information on how to get a group involved, contact Jill Friedrichs at jillmyrle@wowway.com.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission

Downtown Block Party

Friday, July 22 & Saturday, July 23

Friday, 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. & Saturday, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Emerson Street & Busse Avenue

Free admission

Join neighbors and friends for great food and entertainment. The weekend festivities draw thousands of attendees each year. There will be plenty of fun, free rides for kids and great food from local restaurants. To reserve booth space, call 847/398-6616. Also, as part of Mount Prospect’s Centennial Celebration, come witness the unearthing of the 1992 time capsule from the Village’s 75th Anniversary. For more information, visit mpblockparty.com or facebook.com/MtProspectParty.

Sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect and the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

National Night Out Against Crime

Tuesday, August 2

5:30 p.m.

Veterans Memorial Band Shell

411 S. Maple Street

The Mount Prospect Police Department, with the River Trails Park District and the Mount Prospect Park District will sponsor the Village’s celebration of “National Night Out,” a nationwide crime and drug prevention event. The evening will be highlighted by a donut eating contest, an emergency vehicle show, music, demonstrations and more. Come out for a fun evening of summer music, emergency vehicles and more— all in an effort to strengthen community spirit and police-community partnerships. For more information, call Officer Greg Sill at 847/870-5650.

Silent Movie Night

Wednesday, August 10

7:30 p.m.

MPHS Museum Campus Lawn

101 S. Maple Street

Join us at the Mount Prospect Historical Society museum campus, 101 S. Maple St., and enjoy an old-fashioned silent movie accompanied by refreshments. Bring a blanket and sit beneath the summer night skies as the Mount Prospect Historical Society takes you back to the early days of cinema. There may be an opportunity to take a peek inside the 1896 Central Schoolhouse, which is currently undergoing restoration. For details, including finalized date and time, visit mtphist.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Historical Society

Glow in the Hole – Charity Event for the River Trails Park & Recreation Foundation

Friday, August 12

7 p.m.

Rob Roy Golf Course

505 E. Camp McDonald Road

Prospect Heights

Have a great time and support a worthy cause through a Bean Bag Tournament. There are three different levels for all types of players, cash prizes for top finishers, two drink tickets offered and a full service bar available. Proceeds help fund program scholarships, summer camp and special projects. Teams can only consist of three people over the age of 21. Register at the Weiss Community Center. Enjoy contests, raffle prizes and more. For details, visit rtpd.org.

Sponsored by the River Trails Park & Recreation Foundation

Family Bike Ride

Saturday, August 13

9 a.m. – Registration

Melas Park

Central Road & Busse Road

Put air in the bike tires and head over to Melas Park at 9 a.m. for the Mount Prospect Family Bike Ride. There will be a shorter ride for the youngsters and a five mile or ten mile ride for others. For more information, contact specialevents@mountprospect.org or call Teresa VanOpdorp at 847/337-7923.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission

5KBC Run/Walk & Wellness Expo

Thursday, August 25

5 p.m. – Registration/Warm-up

6 p.m. – Race Start

Open to the public; families and corporate teams are welcome. Details at mountprospectchamber.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

Labor Day Event - Old Fashioned Family Picnic in the Park

Monday, September 5

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Woodland Trails Park

1500 E. Euclid Avenue

Enjoy a day of free, family fun – filled with huge inflatables to play on, petting zoo, mini golf tourney, kids' craft area and a D.J. Don't miss the Trusty the Turtle Race at 11:30 a.m. and Kids' Coin Splash at 3 p.m. (sharp) as River Trails closes the pool for the season. All ages are welcome.

Sponsored by the River Trails Park District

Marché Français – Farmers’ Market with a French Twist

Sunday, September 18

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Metra Commuter Parking Lot

(Along Northwest Highway, one block west of Route 83)

In celebration of Mount Prospect’s Sister City, Sèvres, France, come out and explore the Farmers' Market with a French twist. Enjoy French pastries, linens, jewelry, unique gifts and more. For more information, including vendor booth inquiries, email sistercities@mountprospect.org.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Sister Cities Commission

Fire Department Open House

Saturday, September 24

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Police/Fire Headquarters

112 E. Northwest Highway

The Mount Prospect Fire Department will host its 23rd Open House offering residents an opportunity to see the Fire Department up close. Fire prevention activities, demonstrations and information will be available for all age groups. Lunch will be provided on a first come-first serve basis. For more information, call 847/870-5660.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Fire Department

Fall Festival (Presented by Mt. Prospect Park District)

Saturday, October 1

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Lions Recreation Center

411 S. Maple Street

\$5/child (adults free)

Come out for a Mt. Prospect Park District autumn tradition. Enjoy games, crafts, live entertainment, petting zoo, Harvest market and much more. For more information, visit mppd.org.

Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District

Oktoberfest

Friday, October 7 & Saturday, October 8

4 – 11 p.m.

Downtown Mount Prospect

Emerson Street & Busse Avenue

Free Admission

Food vendors, beer sales, German bands and more. For more information, visit mpdowntown.com.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association

Fall Festival

Saturday, October 8

1 – 4 p.m.

Downtown Mount Prospect

Emerson Street & Busse Avenue

Free Admission

Come enjoy a day of fall festivities for kids. Experience pumpkin painting, a scarecrow contest, hayrides, games, and crafts. Take part in the longest trick-or-treat line in town under one tent. For more information, visit mpdowntown.com.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Association

Monster's Bash

Friday, October 21

4 – 7 p.m.

Weiss Community Center

1500 E. Euclid Avenue

Come dressed in costume and welcome the Halloween season. Enjoy Chris Fascione's free fascinating show, Trick or Treat Town, a photo booth, games, crafts and more. All ages are welcome.

Sponsored by the River Trails Park District

Veterans' Day

Friday, November 11

10:30 a.m.

Lions Park Recreation Center

The Veterans' Day Ceremony will be held at the Lions Park Recreation Center. Lions Elementary School students, veterans and residents will be in attendance. Honor and support our veterans. For more information, visit vfw1337.us or call Dutch DeGroot at 847/577-5374.

Sponsored by the Prospect V.F.W. 1337

Tree Lighting Ceremony & Christkindlmarket

Wednesday, November 23

Tree Lighting, 5 p.m.

Christkindlmarket, 4 – 7 p.m.

Village Hall - Keystone Plaza

(Corner of Route 83 and Busse Avenue)

Bring friends and family to witness the lighting of a tree donated by a Mount Prospect resident. Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, cookies and carols. Stay and explore the Christkindlmarket in the Community Room, which welcomes an array of local vendors with creative gifts just in time for the holidays. For those interested in vendor opportunities, please email specialevents@mountprospect.org.

Tree Lighting is sponsored by the Village of Mount Prospect.

Christkindlmarket is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission

Holiday Housewalk

Friday, December 2

3:30 – 9 p.m.

Location: TBD

The 29th Annual Holiday Housewalk features local homes decorated for the holidays by their owners, with additional floral arrangements and décor provided by area florists. For more information, visit mtphist.org or call 847/392-9006.

Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Historical Society

Teddy Bear Walk

Saturday, December 3

10 a.m. – noon

Mount Prospect Public Library

10. S. Emerson Street

Don't miss the ultimate bear bash as the Library celebrates the 35th annual Teddy Bear Walk. Bring a favorite Teddy Bear to the Library for some stories and songs. Ted E. Bear will then lead the march over to the Village Hall to welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus, escorted by the Mount Prospect Fire Department. This event is for all ages. For more information, call 847/253-5675 or visit mppl.org.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Mount Prospect Public Library

Holiday Open House

Saturday, December 3

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friendship Park Conservatory

395 W. Algonquin Road

Des Plaines, IL 60018

Visit with Santa, play games, ride on Santa’s hayride express, listen to music, create kids’ crafts, and enjoy the only place in Mt. Prospect to meet and pet live reindeer. For more information, visit mppd.org.

Sponsored by the Mt. Prospect Park District

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