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JUNE 2026



Get Together on the Green!

FRIDAYS ON THE GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES RETURNS

It's not summer in Mount Prospect without Fridays on the Green! This year's lineup brings back fan favorites and introduces exciting new acts. Don't forget to unpack your lawn chairs and blankets! After the music wraps up, keep the fun going with dinner, dessert, snacks, or your favorite drink at one of Mount Prospect's many hot spots.



JUNE 5 | KEN DIX & THE FRIDAY NIGHT LAWN JOCKEYS

A returning favorite playing a unique twist on classic rock music
Starting at 6:30 pm | Mental Health Matters event at 5 – 6:30 pm

JUNE 26 | TURNING DOWN TODAY

A high-energy Chicago-area rock cover band performing classic rock, hard rock, and alternative favorites that audiences know and love

JULY 17 | ANCHORS AWAY

A premier yacht rock band made up of the finest musicians in the Chicagoland area – the music is light and bubbly!

AUGUST 7 | BLACKBERRY JAM

A high energy southern rock, blues rock, guitar driven band based out of Chicago

AUGUST 28 | THE THROWBACKS

Three young guys who take classic oldies songs from the 50s and 60s and infuse energy and modern songwriting into them

SEPTEMBER 11 | THE SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE BAND

A five-piece Chicago based band with folk rock, prog, funk, and even country influences throughout the tracks, with several nods to the Windy City sprinkled throughout

All concerts start at 6 pm (excluding June 5) on the Centennial Green in front of Village Hall. Free parking is available in the Emerson Street Parking Deck, the Metra Commuter Lot (after 5 pm), and throughout downtown. For more information and the most up-to-date music calendar, visit experiencemountprospect.org.

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Community Events

JUNE
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Financial Strategies for Uncertain Times

Tuesday | June 2 | 7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Financial educator Karen Chan will share practical strategies to

plan, manage risk, and make informed decisions about your finances. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
2

Play and Learn Group

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

Children with a caregiver are invited to a weekly program that includes bilingual Spanish and English story time, music, and play-based learning.



JUNE
4

Senior Connections

Thursday | June 4 | 9 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

This program, with a presentation by the Mount Prospect Community Development Department, is a great way for older adults to learn something new and meet their neighbors and village staff. Refreshments will be served at this resident-only event. No registration is required. For more information, call 847.870.5680.



JUNE
5

Fit 4 Life

Fridays | June 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 10 – 10:45 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

This free seated exercise program is open to seniors of all fitness levels residing in Mount Prospect. 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. No registration is required.



JUNE
5

Mental Health Matters

Friday | June 5
5 – 6:30 pm
BUSSE POCKET PARK
The event will focus on positive mental health and resilience with a resource fair featuring mental health agencies, local businesses that focus on wellness, and kids activities. For more information, visit mountprospect.org/mhm or by calling 847.870.5680.



JUNE
5

Fridays on the Green

Friday | June 5 | 6:30 pm
Ken Dix & the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys
CENTENNIAL GREEN AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

The Village has another entertaining season of free outdoor concerts this summer, so grab your lawn chairs and blankets and stop by the Centennial Green for a variety of musical performances. Visit experiencemountprospect.org for more information.



June 5 | Ken Dix & the Friday Night Lawn Jockeys

June 26 | Turning Down Today | 6 pm

JUNE
6

Summer Reading

June 6 – July 31
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.
Kids, teens, and adults are invited to keep track of their reading progress

this summer to earn fun prizes! Sign up at mppl.beanstack.com or stop by the library to get started. Reading logs are available in English and Spanish. For more information, visit mppl.org.



JUNE
6

Bluesmobile Cruise Nights

Saturdays | Through September 26
3 – 8 pm
EAST METRA COMMUTER LOT
Come view the coolest classic cars around.

Shows will take place every Saturday night with themed nights each week. Admission is free. For more information, check out mplions.org. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Lions Club.



JUNE
7

Lions Club Farmers Market

Sundays through October
8 am – 1 pm
WEST METRA COMMUTER LOT
Head downtown and experience one of the busiest Farmers Markets in the suburbs. Enjoy a wonderful array of fruits, vegetables, baked goods, and much more. For more information, visit mplions.org.



JUNE
8

Senior Game Day

Monday | June 8
9:30 – 11 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.
Summer is here, and it's the perfect time to connect with neighbors over fun and games. No registration is required. Come meet new friends, sharpen your skills, and enjoy a morning of great company.



JUNE
9

Advance Care Planning

Tuesday | June 9
10 – 11:15 am
FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL
50 S. Emerson St.

Planning ahead is the best way to ensure your future medical care reflects your personal values. Whether creating a plan for the first time or reviewing an existing one, taking action helps ensure your wishes are honored. Learn how trusts, wills, and powers of attorney can provide peace of mind for you and your loved ones. Join Bill Knee from The Knee Law Firm Ltd. for a free informational session. To register or learn more, visit the event page or call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.

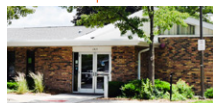


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Committee of the Whole "On the Road"

Tuesday | June 9 | 6 pm
BURNING BUSH COMMUNITY CENTER
1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.
The Mount Prospect Village Board is holding this

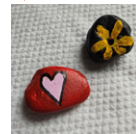
public Committee of the Whole meeting outside of the board room and out in the community. This meeting will focus on the Comprehensive Plan, sidewalk and lighting programs, and on connecting with north side residents.



JUNE
9

Be a Rock Star

Tuesday | June 9
6:30 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.
Join the Historical Society for this community engagement event where attendees of all ages



will paint a rock that can be placed in the Historical Society gardens, around town, or in their own gardens. For more information, visit mtphist.org.

JUNE
10

Planting for Butterflies

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

The Garden Club of Mount Prospect will highlight common northern Illinois butterflies and recommend plants that help them thrive. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
10

Bessie's Workbasket – Botanical Prints

Wednesday | June 10
7 pm – 9 pm
CENTRAL SCHOOL
103 S. Maple St.

Transform the beauty of the garden into lasting works of art. Join the Mount Prospect Historical Society for a workshop to learn a few techniques to transfer pigments and texture to materials and paper. Work with paints, ink, and a gelli plate to create prints. Prepare to get messy! Please bring a variety of leaves and flowers from your garden. Cost is \$10. For more information, visit mtphist.org.



JUNE
11

The Reintroduction of Native Americans Into Illinois: A Brief History

Thursday | June 11
7 pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 S. Emerson St.

Gerald Savage, a tribal elder with the Ho-Chunk Nation, will discuss the reintroduction of his family into Illinois as well as the history of the tribe, modern natives, naming ceremonies, stereotypes, environmental concerns, tribal settlements, and reservations. This event is sponsored by the Mount Prospect Historical Society and Van Driel's Medical Supply. To register, visit mppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
12

Backyard Bags Tournament

Friday | June 12

6 – 11 pm

MELAS PARK

1500 W. Central Rd.

Think you've got skills?

It's in the bag! Join the

Mt. Prospect Park District

for this annual tournament. Register as a team with a max of four per team. Exclusively for 21 and older. Prizes for top finishers. Food and alcohol vendors at an additional cost. Team fee is \$60 and the registration deadline is May 30 at 9am. Register at mmpd.org.



JUNE
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Theme Nights at Woodland Trails Pool

Fridays | June 12 & 19

6:30 – 9:00 pm

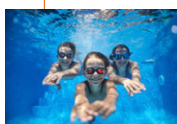
WOODLAND TRAILS POOL

1500 E. Euclid Ave.

Join the River Trails Park

District for exciting theme

nights featuring special music, activities, and surprises for all ages. Enjoy a fun-filled Super Mario Night on the 12th and get ready to dance at Disco Night on the 19th. Admission is free for pool pass holders and \$7 for non-pass holders. Get more information at rtpd.org.



JUNE
13

Coffee with Council

Saturday, June 13

9 – 11 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY

ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson St.

Join the Village Board for

coffee and conversation.

Community members are invited to speak with Mount Prospect officials about topics and concerns and ask questions in an informal setting.



JUNE
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The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: "Antony and Cleopatra"

Sunday | June 14

1:45 pm

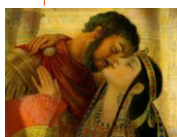
MOUNT PROSPECT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Prepare for a sweeping

epic of passion, power, and tragedy in Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra." This event is sponsored by the Library Foundation. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
16

Coffee Talk & Construction

Tuesday, June 16

7:30 – 9 am

FARLEY COMMUNITY

ROOM AT VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson St.

Building and Inspection Services invites you to meet with the Department's team members to 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.



JUNE
16

Community Blood Drive

Tuesday | June 16

3 – 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Help save lives and make

a difference by donating blood. The library is partnering with Versiti to host a community blood drive. Donors must be 17 years of age or older. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
17

Movies on the Green

Wednesdays

CENTENNIAL GREEN AT

VILLAGE HALL

50 S. Emerson Street

Enjoy a magical evening

under the stars. Bring your

family, friends, blankets, and lawn chairs and settle in for a relaxing outdoor movie night in the heart of the community.

June 17 | *Inside Out 2* | Starts no later than 8:30 pm

July 15 | *The Minecraft Movie* | Starts no later than 8:30 pm

August 5 | *Zootopia 2* | Starts no later than 8 pm

October 14 | *Wicked* | Starts no later than 6:30 pm

Admission is free, and seating is first come, first served.



JUNE
19

Gather and Play: Juneteenth

Friday | June 19

4 – 5:30 pm

BUSSE POCKET PARK

S. Emerson St. &

E. Busse Ave.

Celebrate our newest federal holiday with the library. Stop by for bubbles, popsicles, chalk, stomp rockets, and other summertime staples. Best for ages 11 and younger with their families. No registration is required.



JUNE
19

Rob Roy's Live on the Deck

Friday | June 19

6 – 9 pm

ROB ROY GOLF COURSE

505 E. Camp McDonald Rd.

Enjoy great food, refreshing

drinks, and live music while

taking in the beautiful views. Grab your friends, kick back, and make the most of a warm summer evening. Join the River Trails Park District for live performances by Johnny Burnett — the perfect soundtrack to your night under the open sky. Get more information at rtpd.org.



JUNE
22

Mt. Prospect Community Band 50th Anniversary Concert Series

Mondays | June 22

through July 27 | 7:30 pm

INDOORS AT REC PLEX

20 W. Dempster St.

Celebrate 50 years of the Mt. Prospect Community Band! The series moves indoors in 2026 due to ongoing construction at Lions Memorial Park. Go to mmpd.org for additional details.

June 22 | Fifty and Flourishing

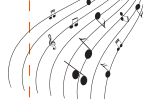
June 29 | Stars & Stripes Forever! (with Jim Weyrick, Announcer)

July 6 | America: Coast to Coast

July 13 | Thanks for the Memories

July 20 | Band on the Run

July 27 | Fantasia! (with Ballet Expressions)



JUNE
23

Family Pride Party

Tuesday | June 23

5:30 – 7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Love is love! Cultivate

kindness and inclusion with crafts and activities at this fun-filled event for the whole family. No registration required.



JUNE
24

Making Change: A History of LGBTQ+ Activism

Wednesday | June 24

7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Virtual

John D'Emilio, UIC

Professor Emeritus of Gender and Women's Studies and History, will discuss the history of LGBTQ+ activism in the U.S. from the 1950s through the early 21st century. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
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Power Networking: Maximize Your Job Search and Career Success

Thursday | June 25

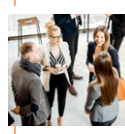
7 pm

MOUNT PROSPECT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Learn tips on how to gain confidence in presenting yourself to others, expand your contacts, and master networking basics. Presented in partnership with the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
26

Mindful Chair Yoga

Friday | June 26 | 11 am

MOUNT PROSPECT

PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Join the library for a

gentle seated yoga

practice incorporating

breathing awareness and meditation.

This program is presented by Mather, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of adults ages 55 and older. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



JUNE
26

Film on the Field

Friday | June 26 | Starts

no later than 8:30 pm

NICHOLAS FIELD

501 Feehanville Dr.

Enjoy a magical evening

under the stars at Film

on the Field, hosted at

Nicholas Field. Bring your family, friends, blankets, and lawn chairs and settle in for a relaxing outdoor movie night.



JUNE
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Route 66: From Chicago to St. Louis

Tuesday | June 30 | 7 pm

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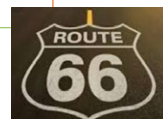
PUBLIC LIBRARY

10 S. Emerson St.

Illinois adventurer John

"Mr. Illinois" Kokoris

guides attendees along Route 66 during its 100th anniversary year, exploring cool towns, great food, interesting history, and quirky roadside attractions that line America's Mother Road from here to The Lou. To register, visit mmppl.org or call 847.253.5675.



Big Changes Coming!

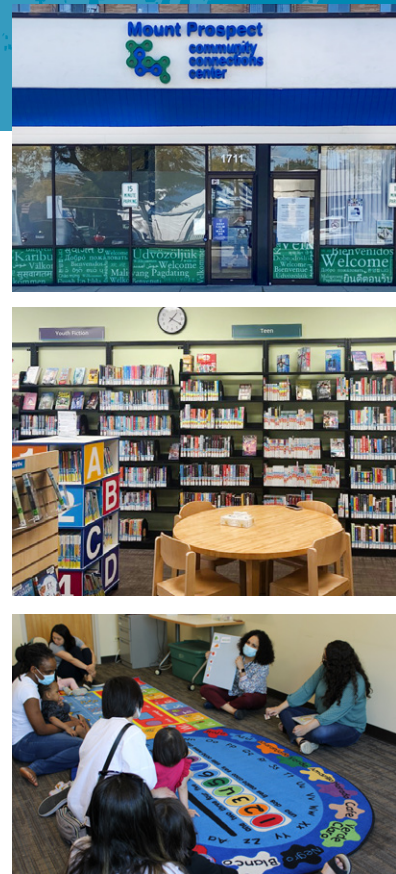
Future New Home for the Village Community Connections Center and Library South Branch

The Village of Mount Prospect purchased a 21,000 sq. ft. building at 1601 E. Algonquin Rd. to expand the Community Connections Center that houses the Human Services Department and Mount Prospect Public Library South Branch.

This new location will be rebranded as the Mount Prospect Village Resource Center, or “the Center,” to represent its purpose of providing essential and accessible social, health, and library services to the community.

With a larger Center, the Human Services Department plans to enhance its mission with an expanded space for client services, a larger client-shop model food pantry, partner agency space, larger community room space for additional programming, and a youth space. The library aims to increase patron space to include additional computers and meeting and study spaces.

This is a very exciting project for both the Village and Library, who have outgrown the current space at 1711 W. Algonquin Rd. due to an increased need for services. Occupancy of the building is expected in mid to late 2027. Keep an eye out for more news on this project as we work to transition into our new home!



MP2040 Comprehensive Plan Update

The Village continues to develop MP2040, an update to the community's comprehensive long-range plan that will help guide decisions related to land use, transportation, housing, parks, economic development, and other important priorities through the year 2040.



Over the past year, residents, business owners, stakeholders, elected and appointed officials, and staff have contributed valuable input to help shape the plan. Building on that feedback, Village staff have been preparing draft chapters focused on key topics including housing, economic vitality, mobility, and the long-term stewardship of the community.

On April 14, a joint workshop of the Committee of the Whole and Planning and Zoning Commission was held during which the staff presented an overview of the plan's progress. Thank you to all who shared their thoughts on the draft vision, goals, and objectives for the plan.

Public participation remains an essential part of the process and helps ensure the final plan reflects the community's shared vision for the future. Several opportunities for community engagement are planned, including a Committee of the Whole presentation of the full draft plan, a public open house, and a 30-day public review and comment period. Following that input process, revisions will be made as appropriate before the plan is presented to both the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Village Board for consideration.

Residents are encouraged to stay engaged and follow project updates, upcoming meetings, and review milestones at MP2040's website: mp2040.com.

Committee of the Whole "On the Road"

North Mount Prospect Neighborhood Meeting

On Tuesday, June 9, the Mount Prospect Village Board is holding a Committee of the Whole meeting outside of the board room and out in the community. The meeting will start at 6 pm at Burning Bush Community Center, 1313 N. Burning Bush Ln. The agenda will focus on the MP2040 Comprehensive Plan, sidewalk and lighting programs, and connecting with north side residents. All members of the public are welcome.

If you live or operate a business in north Mount Prospect, we would like your feedback. It is a priority of the Village Board to make sure all parts of our community feel connected. Share your opinions and experiences on your connection with the larger Mount Prospect community as a resident of the north side. This connectivity could be through events, transit and infrastructure, development, or other aspects of the community.

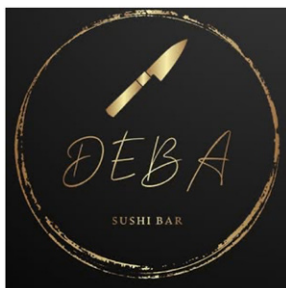
We encourage north side residents to voice their thoughts at this neighborhood meeting. However, considering different schedules and life events, we ask that you send your comments to vmo@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5327 if you cannot attend.

Community/Economic Development

Two New Places to Dine...Coming Soon!

Downtown Mount Prospect continues to grow as a dining destination with the two latest additions to our culinary scene.

Deba Sushi Bar is an exciting new restaurant concept bringing a fresh and elevated sushi dining experience to the Village at 133 W. Prospect Ave. Founded by veteran sushi chef, Chef Naro (Narongkorn Butsaboon), whose 18-year career includes serving as Executive Sushi Chef at Nobu 57 and Nobu Chicago, the restaurant blends traditional Japanese techniques with innovative, modern flavors. Deba Sushi Bar will offer a diverse menu featuring an omakase menu, sashimi cold dishes, nigiri platters, and curated sake flights, all prepared with a focus on quality and creativity. With its combination of culinary expertise, thoughtful service, and modern accessibility, Deba Sushi Bar aims to quickly become a go-to destination for sushi lovers seeking both authenticity and innovation.



Local Flavor Mount Prospect

is set to open at 105 W. Prospect Ave., bringing a fresh grab-and-go concept to the community. This new destination will offer a curated selection of premade meals, sweets, and locally or regionally sourced items, all created in partnership with area restaurants, businesses, and entrepreneurs. Designed with speed, value, and accessibility in mind, Local Flavor is an ideal stop for commuters, downtown employees, and anyone passing through. Its arrival marks another great addition to the growing mix of merchants along Prospect Avenue, further enhancing the area's vibrant and convenient appeal.



Lincoln Middle School

Progress continues at Mount Prospect School District 57's new Lincoln Middle School site as construction crews move steadily forward. Framing for the new three-story academic wing is now in place, the gymnasium and cafeteria walls are up, and storm trap work has been completed. The brand-new Lincoln Middle School is being designed to provide modern learning environments, enhanced safety features, and updated spaces that will serve students and families for generations to come. Construction remains on schedule, with the new school expected to open for the start of the 2027–2028 school year. District 57 is grateful for the community's continued support as this transformational project takes shape.



Openings & Ceremonies!



April 22, 2026 | Ribbon Cutting
Gilded Fork | 1716 E. Kensington Rd. | 224.580.2625 | gildedfork.toast.site



May 1, 2026 | Induction into Vienna Beef Hall of Fame
Hubby's Dog House | 208 S. Main St. | 847.749.3878 | hubbysdoghouse.com



Fire Pit Season

A cool summer night is the perfect time to gather with family and friends around a backyard fire pit. Whether you're roasting marshmallows with the kids, hosting some neighbors, or just enjoying the warmth and ambiance, fire pits can build great bonds and memories. While a crackling fire may bring people together, it could also be dangerous if not handled safely and responsibly.

Place your fire pit on a stable, even, fire resistant surface. Concrete, stone, brick, or gravel surfaces are ideal. Your wood burning fire pit or approved portable fire container should be at least 15 feet from any structure if it has a spark/flame arrestor and 25 feet away from a structure if it does not. A spark arrestor is a fine-mesh safety screen that sits over your fire pit. It is designed to trap stray sparks and embers before they can escape. A gas fire pit with a remote shutoff control valve should be 10 feet away from any structure. Never place a wood-burning fire pit directly on a wooden deck or dry grass.

You can burn seasoned firewood, manufactured fire logs, or charcoal in a fire pit. Avoid using materials like treated wood, leaves, paper, or trash – these can release harmful toxins when burned. These materials may also generate flying embers that could travel greater distances and ignite nearby combustible materials.

Your fire pit container must be less than three feet in diameter, and your burning pile must be less than two feet in height. Your burning should create a limited amount of smoke and not be a nuisance to adjoining properties. When it comes to your materials, keep stacked firewood at least 30 feet from your fire pit and keep a fire extinguisher, bucket of

water, or water hose readily available.

It is never safe to leave your fire unattended. When wrapping up your evening, always make sure the fire is completely extinguished before going in for the night. This means no glowing embers or smoke. Use water or sand to extinguish the fire thoroughly.

Investing the time to consider all these fire safety tips and guidelines will allow you to sit back, relax, and be confident that your cozy oasis is as safe as it is inviting.



Don't Overload the Dryer

While it's tempting to do larger loads of laundry to save time, doing so is actually energy inefficient and can lead to more substantial problems. An overloaded dryer will dry clothes unevenly, take more time, and put a strain on the motor, belt, and bearings. Collectively, these issues can result in overheating, premature wear and tear on the machine, and could cause a fire.

Overstuffing the dryer reduces airflow, which causes the machine to work harder. This results in the motor and the heating elements to overheat. When airflow is blocked, the internal temperature can rise to dangerous levels, potentially igniting the lint that accumulates more rapidly in overstuffed machines. Increased friction, lint buildup, and overheating significantly raises the risk of a dryer fire.

You can minimize the risk by cleaning the lint filter after every load. It's also important to check the vent hose as lint can build up there as well. Make sure it is free of lint and is properly connected to the dryer and the external vent.



One sign that you may be overloading the dryer is that clothes are still damp after a full cycle. Other signs would be excessive lint on clothes or in the trap, unusual noises while the dryer is running, or a dryer that is shaking or vibrating too much or shuts down mid-cycle.

A general rule of thumb is to load your dryer no more than half to three-quarters full. This will ensure that there is enough empty space for air to circulate and for the clothes to tumble freely. If you are unsure how to properly use your clothing dryer, follow the manufacturer guidelines or call a specialist to service your dryer at least once a year. Of course, you should also install working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms in your home and be sure to check them at least once a month. In an emergency, call 911.

If you have questions or concerns, you can call the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.



Neighborhood Beat Meetings

Beat Meetings are fantastic opportunities to get to know the officers who consistently patrol where you work and live. The Village is divided into six geographical patrol beats. Twice a year the Beat Sergeant and officers hold meetings for people to come out to both voice their concerns and listen to presentations on crime statistics in the beat and a variety of crime prevention tips.

To learn more and to view a map of the beats, scan the QR code, call Officer Mark Bechtold at 847.870.5656, or go to mountprospect.org/beatmeetings.

BEAT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
3166	June 8, 2026	7:00 pm	Fairview Elementary School, 300 N. Fairview Ave.
3170	June 12, 2026	9:30 am	Burning Bush Community Center, 1313 N. Burning Bush Ln.
3160	June 15, 2026	6:00 pm	Avanti Caffè, 1900 S. Elmhurst Rd.
3162	June 24, 2026	7:00 pm	Community Connections Center, 1711 W. Algonquin Rd.
3164	July 20, 2026	7:00 pm	Central Community Center, 1000 W. Central Rd.
3168	July 29, 2026	7:00 pm	Police Headquarters, 911 E. Kensington Rd.



SCAN TO LEARN MORE
ABOUT NEIGHBORHOOD
BEAT MEETINGS

Car Seat Safety Check Event

On June 17, from 5 – 7 pm, our Certified Child Seat Safety Technicians will be on site in the parking lot of 111 E. Busse Avenue to inspect your child safety seats for free. No appointment is necessary, and we ask that you attempt to install the seat yourself prior to the event. Call the police desk with any questions at 847.870.5656.



Be Aware of Home Improvement Scams

While home repair scams happen year round, there are specific scams to be aware of as summer months begin. Here are some common rip-offs that are used:

- **Someone "just passing through" the neighborhood and has materials left over from another job.** Often times, the materials used are sub-standard, and money is demanded up front.
- **Price increases after work has begun.** Get written contracts before a job is agreed to. Oftentimes someone may offer services at a certain rate, but after they start the work, they demand more money and will not finish the job until you pay.
- **Driveway sealant.** The scam artist offers to sealcoat your driveway for a discounted price but uses cheap materials that wear off in a short time. This also applies to chimney repair and roof sealant scams.
- **Someone knocks on the door claiming to have done prior work at your home;** however, this is a distraction to allow their partner to enter your home through another door.

Remember, if an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Do not let anyone inside your home you do not know or that you did not first contact. Lastly, if you are ever in doubt of someone at your door or you do fall victim to a scam, please call 911 to assist us in catching these criminals and protecting others.



Police Department Programs To Know About

HOME AGAIN PROGRAM

A community-wide effort that assists the police in identifying and returning home people who become injured, lost, and/or separated from their family/caregiver due to a disoriented state caused by cognitive impairment. Anyone wishing to register someone with the Home Again Program can pick up a form at the front desk of the Police Department.

VACANT HOME WATCH

If you are traveling away from your home for multiple days or months, contact the front desk of the Police Department at 847.870.5656 to request a vacant home watch. While your house is on the watch list, officers monitor it during their routine patrols of the neighborhood.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION

Register your bicycle with the Police Department, so in the event of it being stolen or found, the department will have a way to connect the bicycle back to you. You can register your bicycle online under the Crime Prevention tab of the Police Department section of the Village website.

Public Works

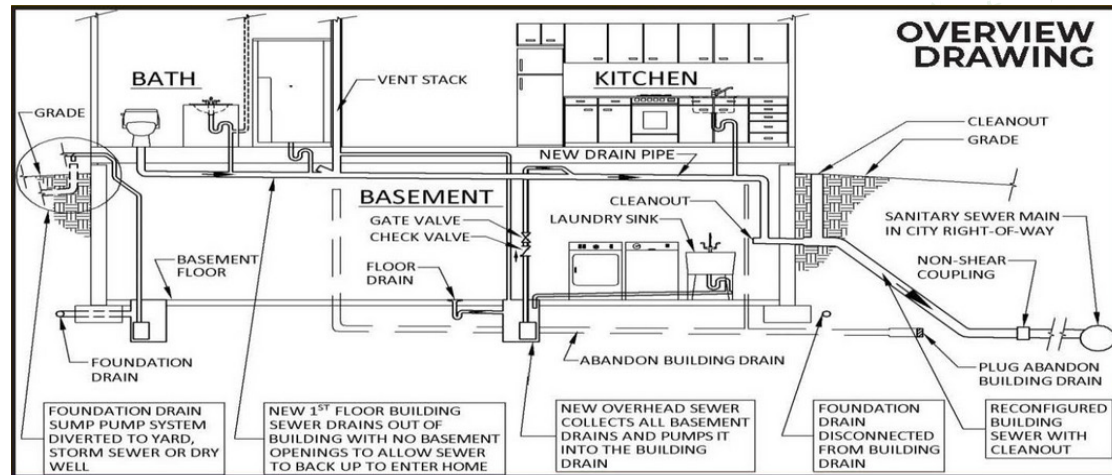
Overhead Sewer Rebate Program

The Village has established an Overhead Sewer Rebate Program to provide financial assistance to residents who want to convert their existing gravity-fed sanitary system into an overhead sanitary sewer system. The program is available to single-family homeowners who are wastewater utility customers.

Residents who convert existing gravity sewer systems to an overhead system can receive a 50% reimbursement for their costs up to \$7,500. Low-income homeowners may be eligible for a 0% interest deferred loan.

To be eligible, work must have been performed with a permit issued by the Building and Inspection Services Department. All applicable permit fees and bonds will apply.

For more information visit mountprospect.org/departments/public-works/water-sewer/overhead-sewer-rebate-program.



Cart Storage

Carts used for garbage and landscaping materials may be stored in your garage or on the side or back of your property. Carts must not be placed in front of your home. If your house is on a corner lot, carts must be screened by bushes or a fence if they are stored on the side of the house that faces the street.

Carts can be placed at the curb no earlier than 4:30 pm the day before your collection day. They are to be placed back in their storage area before the end of the collection day.

Multi-family homes like townhomes may have further requirements for cart storage, so be sure to check on possible association rules.



Recycling Reminders

Please do not put plastic bags from grocery stores or other retailers in your recycling bin! Public Works offers a plastic bag drop-off service at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St., and Public Works, 1700 W. Central Rd.

Electronic recycling drop-off is back at 1700 W. Central Rd., Wednesdays between 10 am and noon. A list of accepted materials can be found at mountprospect.org/recycling.

Be a smarter recycler by downloading the Recycle Coach app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Details are available at mountprospect.org/recyclecoach.



Stormwater Master Plan Open Houses

The Village of Mount Prospect is developing a comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan to better address current drainage concerns and prepare for future challenges. This proactive effort will evaluate infrastructure, identify problem areas, and outline long-term solutions to improve stormwater management throughout the community.

Residents are invited to attend upcoming open house meetings to learn more about the plan and share their personal experiences with flooding, drainage, and stormwater impacts. Community input will play a vital role in shaping priorities and ensuring the plan reflects local needs.

The open houses will be held on June 11 and June 25 from 5 to 7 pm in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall. There is no formal presentation or set agenda, and residents are encouraged to stop by at any time during the meeting hours.

In addition, community input can be provided by completing the Stormwater Flooding Questionnaire at arcg.is/1rSmzi2 or by scanning the QR code.

Your participation is encouraged as the Village works to build a more resilient and responsive stormwater system.



SCAN TO COMPLETE THE
STORMWATER FLOODING
QUESTIONNAIRE



Flood Preparedness and Protection | Part 2

Last month we shared part 1 of our series on flood prevention and protection. This month we will continue this topic with information on ways to minimize the possibility of damage from flooding.

Some properties are more susceptible to flooding than others. If your property has a higher risk, consider these preventative measures:

- Regrade the lot or construct a small earthen berm to keep water away from the structure. Berms cannot be constructed along property lines, as doing so would disrupt existing drainage patterns.
- Add watertight closures over doors and windows to prevent water from entering during heavy rain. This is not recommended for houses with basements or if conditions will produce more than two feet of water.
- Place major appliances like air conditioners, water heaters, and furnaces on a platform or consider moving them to a high floor in the house.
- Install sandbags around your home if flooding conditions are forecast.
- Even homes outside of a flood plain can have sewers back up into the basement during very heavy rain. A plug or standpipe can stop this if the water doesn't get more than one or two feet deep. These options are available at most hardware stores for approximately \$25. For deeper sewer backup flooding, talk to a plumber about overhead sewers or backup valves. More information on floodproofing or retrofitting plans is available at the Mount Prospect Public Library.

Please keep in mind that any changes to the structure of the building or home, or any regrading or alteration to the property, may require a permit from the Building Department. Staff will ensure that any changes you make do not adversely impact surrounding properties. If you are planning construction within a floodplain, the Village Code requires a floodplain development permit from the Building Division.

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

- Don't install sheds, detached garages, raised gardens, or other structures that could restrict the flow of water along the property line.
- Don't plant trees and bushes along the property line, as they will lift the ground around their roots as they grow and may obstruct water flow.



- Fences may be installed on the property line, but any fence that is largely solid should be elevated six inches above the ground where it crosses a swale.
- Don't dump materials like grass clippings, branches, garbage, or even woodchips in a swale or drainage structure.
- A common misconception is that placing dirt in a low area will help prevent water from collecting there. Instead, it is likely to divert the water and can cause damage elsewhere. Don't try to fill a low spot; instead remove any obstructions that prevent water from flowing along the property line.

The Village's public drainage systems include storm sewers, combined sewers, and parkway drainage ditches. It is the Village's responsibility to keep these clean and functioning properly, but if you observe a blocked inlet or water ponding over a grate after a storm, contact the Public Works Department at 847.870.5640.

The Village is responsible for maintaining the drainage ditches along the side of the road. Culverts under driveways crossing the ditches are considered part of the driveway and are the driveway owners' responsibility to maintain and keep unobstructed.

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

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

In addition, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website can provide additional information at [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov).



Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know

Older adults and their loved ones are invited to attend Aging in Mount Prospect: What Families Need to Know, an informative session presented as part of the Village's Aging in Community Initiative.

Attendees can choose between two sessions – either June 23 from 1 to 3 pm or July 22 from 6 to 8 pm. Both sessions will take place in the Board Room on the 3rd floor of Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St.

To provide perspective on the topic, the presentation follows the story of a fictional Mount Prospect couple as they navigate the local resources and support systems available in our community. Following the presentation, attendees can take part in a resource fair where they can meet with various community partners. Registration is required and can be accessed via Eventbrite on the Human Services calendar or through Experience Mount Prospect.

You may also reserve your spot by calling the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



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Amazon Wish List for the Mount Prospect Food Pantry

The Human Services Department Food Pantry utilizes an Amazon Wish List as an easy way for the community to contribute to needed food pantry items. With just a few clicks, you can purchase to donate an item and have it shipped directly to our department. If you would like to donate, simply scan the QR code and select an item to give.

If you, your workplace, school, sports team, or organization are interested in **hosting a food drive**, we would love to partner with you. Contact us at mountprospect.org/eap to learn how you can help support our community.

Every donation—big or small—makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your continued support.



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WISH LIST

Advance Planning Program

You are invited to join Bill Knee from The Knee Law Firm, Ltd. for an informative discussion on Advance Planning. This free presentation will help those who are interested in creating an estate plan or may need to update an existing one. Wills, Trusts, Powers of Attorney and other key tools will be covered. The presentation is scheduled for June 9 from 10 – 11:15 am in the Farley Community Room at Village Hall, 50 S. Emerson St. Registration information can be found at advancecareplanningMP.eventbrite.com or by calling 847.870.5680.



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847.506.4930

Hours

Monday-Friday 11 am – 7:30 pm

Saturdays 11 am – 3 pm (South Branch Library only)

Big changes coming to the Community Connections Center – flip to page 4 for details!



June is National Hunger Awareness Month. Follow the Human Services Facebook page at facebook.com/MPHumanServices for information and resources on this topic.

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS

Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency 911
Village Hall 847.392.6000
(includes Finance & Village Administration)
Village Clerk 847.818.5355
Television Services 847.870.5685
Community Development
Building Division 847.870.5675
Environmental Health 847.870.5668
Planning Division 847.818.5328
Fire Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5666
Human Services 847.870.5680
Police Department (non-emergency) 847.870.5656
Public Works 847.870.5640
Water Billing 847.392.6000

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Financial Strategies for Uncertain Times, 7pm, MPPL	2 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Financial Strategies for Uncertain Times, 7pm, MPPL	3 Planting for Butterflies, 7pm, MPPL Bessie's Workbasket – Botanical Prints, 7-9pm, Central School	4 Senior Connections, 9am Village Hall	5 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Mental Health Matters, 5-6:30pm, Busse Pocket Park Fridays on the Green, 6:30pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall	6 Summer Reading, June 6 through July 31, MPPL Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
7 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot	8 Senior Game Day, 9:30-11am, Village Hall	9 Advance Care Planning, 10-11:15am, Village Hall Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Committee of the Whole "On the Road," 6pm Burning Bush Community Center Be a Rock Star, 6:30pm Central School	10 Movies on the Green, Starts no later than 8:30pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall	11 The Reintroduction of Native Americans into Illinois: A Brief History, 7pm, MPPL	12 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, Village Hall Backyard Bags Tournament, 6-11pm, Meias Park Theme Nights at Woodland Trails Pool, 6:30-9:00pm, Woodland Trails Pool	13 Coffee with Council, 9am-11am, Village Hall Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
14 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot The Shakespeare Project of Chicago: "Antony and Cleopatra," 1-45pm, MPPL	15	16 Coffee Talk & Construction, 7:30-9am, Village Hall Play and Learn, 11:30am- 12:15pm, Community Connections Center Community Blood Drive, 3-7pm, MPPL	17 Movies on the Green, Starts no later than 8:30pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall	18	19 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH Gather and Play, Juneleenth, 4-5:30pm, Busse Pocket Park Rob Roy's Live on the Deck, 6-9pm, Rob Roy Golf Course Theme Nights at Woodland Trails Pool, 6:30-9:00pm, Woodland Trails Pool	20 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
21 Lions Club Farmers Market, 8am-1pm, West Meira Commuter Lot	22 Mt. Prospect Community Band 50th Anniversary Concert Series, 7:30pm, Indoors at RecPlex	23 Play and Learn, 11:30am-12:15pm Community Connections Center Family Pride Party, 5:30-7pm, MPPL	24 Making Change: A History of LGBTQ+ Activism, 7pm, MPPL, Virtual	25 Power Networking: Maximize Your Job Search and Career Success, 7pm, MPPL	26 Fit 4 Life, 10-10:45am, VH Mindful Chair Yoga, 11am, MPPL Fridays on the Green, 6pm, Centennial Green at Village Hall Film on the Field, Starts no later than 8:30pm, Nicholas Field	27 Bluesmobile Cruise Nights, 3-8pm, East Commuter Lot
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MPPL Mount Prospect Public Library
MPHist Mount Prospect Historical Society

MPPD Mt. Prospect Park District
MPPLC Mount Prospect Lions Club

RTPD River Trails Park District
Chamber Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce

MPDMA Mount Prospect Downtown Merchants Assoc.



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Message from the Mayor

10 Primary Components for a Strong and Desirable Community

Over the years I have developed a list of key components which make for a strong, desirable, healthy, and vital community. When I first developed this list, it encompassed 5 components. Over the past 35 years, as I have gained greater experience and then became Mayor, that list has doubled. In my opinion, if a municipality has these components in place, citizens will see a community with growing property values and an outside contingent of people who want to live in your town...

Life Safety is Priority #1

To keep our community safe, we must have a well-staffed highly competent police force and fire/paramedic personnel who have contemporary, reliable tools and the ability to be highly responsive. However, Life Safety also goes well beyond Police and Fire Services. When disasters strike within the Village or when we have situationally dangerous conditions, Public Works, Human Services, and Community Development stand ready to step in and provide immediate services to citizens who have been impacted. As a follow-up, the Village then works to find ways to improve and make our community even safer.

High Quality, Reasonable Cost Basic Services

One of the most primary reasons Village Government exists is to meet the most basic services citizens need such as fresh water, sewer, and streets. Overall, I believe the Village provides high-quality, consistent, and reliable services at a very reasonable cost.

Financial Strength

As you have heard me say before, the Village is in the strongest financial position it has ever been in since incorporation in 1917. Maintaining a diversified tax base that generates strong revenue flows is critical. With financial strength comes flexibility to meet unexpected needs. Your Village Board and our Finance Department work tirelessly to support policies and practices to keep Mount Prospect in such a financially strong position. We are also vigilant around spending your tax dollars wisely and judiciously.

Caring and Sufficiently Funded Human Services

Our Human Services Department is one of the best in the State and meets the needs of citizens each and every day in a caring and confidential manner, respectful of our citizens' dignity.

Preservation and Protection of our Residential Neighborhoods

Our neighborhoods are the backbone of our Village. Neighborhoods are important microcosms within the community that when looked as a whole are the lifeblood of the Village. Neighborhoods are constantly in flux and function in a state of delicate balance and as such must be preserved and protected.

Economic Development and a Thriving Business Community

A growing local economy is the key to reducing our need and dependency on property taxes to fund our Village. This has been a key directive of your Village Board over the past 5 years or more.

Capable, Hardworking, and Dedicated Village Staff

Mount Prospect is blessed with 332 extremely dedicated and committed employees who meet the needs of our citizens each day. I personally witness that dedication and commitment daily. I would ask everyone that when you cross paths with Village staff please thank them for the great jobs they all do for us. They make a huge difference for our benefit.

Overarching Culture of Respect

I believe our citizens treat each other with care and respect. I hear regularly from people who love living in Mount Prospect and plan to remain here for their lifetime. Keep in mind, we are all in this together, and it is our citizens and businesses that are the most critical component for a strong and vital community.

Excellent Schools, Park Districts, and Library

We have incredible School and Park Districts in our Village providing high quality facilities, services, and events to the citizens of Mount Prospect. As we all know, we also have a highly rated Library that provides high quality services to our residents. Many of the facilities have been or are being upgraded to meet the contemporary needs of the residents they serve.

Forward-Thinking Administration

If you aren't changing, you aren't growing. As a forward-looking administration, we understand that there is always room for improvement. As such, each day your Village Board and your Village Leadership Team and Staff work to find and make those improvements.

In my opinion, the Village of Mount Prospect meets each of these 10 components. These are many of the reasons people outside of Mount Prospect want to live in Mount Prospect. It is this strong desire which will keep our property values growing and our Village vital for years to come.

Your Village Board recently completed our 10th annual Strategic Planning process, and in next month's Mayor's Message I will detail our future plans which are on the short- and long-term horizon to improve our community and keep Mount Prospect "ahead of the curve."

Paul Wm. Hoefert

MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MOUNT PROSPECT