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Mount Prospect Historical Society

SKATE FOR HISTORY ON PRESIDENT'S DAY

On Presidents Day, Feb. 18, local schoolchildren and their parents will have the opportunity to help preserve the 1896 Central School and support the Mount Prospect Historical Society. The best part is, they can do this while enjoying a roller skating party from noon to 5 p.m. at the Central Community Center (CCC), 1000 W. Central Rd., Mount Prospect.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Mount Prospect Historical Society is hosting the party to support our efforts to preserve Mount Prospect History. The Society will take a major step forward in late spring when it moves one of the few remaining one-room schoolhouses in Cook County from its present location at Wille and Thayer Streets to its new location, next to the Dietrich Friedrichs house museum.

Once moved, the schoolhouse will be restored to become an exhibit space, as well as a place for today's students to experience what school was like a century ago, according to Gavin Kleespies, executive director of the Society.

Admission for the skating party will be \$5 per person. Skates may be rented from the park district at an additional cost of \$5 or skaters may bring in their own skates, which will be subject to inspection by park district personnel.

Disc jockey services for the afternoon are being provided by Ed Johnson, a member of the Society's board of directors.

While the skating party is open to students from all schools in the Village, the Society and the park district do request that children in fourth grade and under be accompanied by a parent.

Pizza, pop and candy will be sold throughout the afternoon, as part of the fund-raising effort, Kleespies says, so plan on enjoying your lunch at the CCC, too.

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