

Morton Grove...Moving Forward

Economic Development E-NEWS

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A Note From Our Village President

As we begin the transition from summer to fall, the Village of Morton Grove continues to thrive! As an example, two of our local pharmaceutical manufacturers are expanding. Wockhardt/ Morton Grove Pharmaceuticals (MGP) received final approval from the US Food and Drug Administration to begin production of oxycodone HCl liquid and Regis Technologies just opened a new Potent Compound Suite for custom manufacturing of highly potent active pharmaceutical ingredients.



In addition, the 1st quarter retail sales increased by nearly 11% this year over 2014. We are optimistic we will see this trend continue. The Village also continues to see increased permitting activity both on the residential and commercial side - this desire for property owners to invest in their properties is a positive indicator of increased consumer confidence, in general, and in Morton Grove!

As we move into the second half of 2015, the Village will continue our focus not only on business retention and recruitment, but also in increased marketing efforts for our business community.

In closing, I want to again ask all of our business owners to consider participating in our first Village-Wide Business Operator Survey. Your participation in this survey will help us to help our business community continue to grow and prosper. If you have not yet responded, and still want to participate, you can access the on-line survey through the link below.

As always, on behalf of the Village Board, Staff and residents, I thank you for having your business in Morton Grove.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be 'Dan DiMaria'.

Dan DiMaria, Mayor

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Business Operator Survey

Recently, all Morton Grove businesses received an invitation, via email, to participate in an on-line community-wide business operator's survey. The Village is still seeking feedback from businesses through this survey.



The Village encourages all businesses to participate in this effort. Your input will help us understand the benefits as well as any challenges of having your business in Morton Grove. In addition, information collected will help us to make better policies, regulations, and programs to help make Morton Grove businesses more successful.

If you haven't yet responded, and would like to take the survey online now, please following this [link](#) to access the survey.

2015 Business Anniversaries!!!!

This summer brought milestone anniversaries to some of our long-time local businesses. We congratulate them as they are true pillars of our community.

- Business Cards, etc - 25 years in business
- Shama Travel - 20 years in Business

If your business recently or will soon be celebrating a key anniversary, let us know! Send information to commdev@mortongroveil.org.

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses recently opened in Morton Grove:

- Chamburger - 6302 Oakton
- Madhuram - 7620 Dempster
- Poko Loko - 5645 Dempster
- Wattcore - 6208 Oakton

In addition, several other businesses have applied for and are awaiting approval of their new Businesses Compliance Certificates.

All local businesses are required to have a current Business Compliance Certificate; if yours is not up-to-date, you can find the applications by clicking [here](#).



Buy Local! Please support all our new and existing MG businesses!

New Informational Sign Brochure

The Village has created a new sign brochure to serve as a guide to Morton Grove's sign code. The brochure is a tool designed to inform current and potential business owners of the Village's sign regulations.

The brochure provides a general overview on how to calculate the amount of allowable signage, discusses the permitting process, and provides information on temporary signs. View or download the sign brochure by clicking [here](#).

Lifeway
[Expands](#) Kefir Distribution to Mexico . . . and Their Seasonal Strategy with [Watermelon Kefir](#)

Burt Katz,
Master of [Deep Dish](#) Pizza

Wright-Way
[Rescue](#)
Lives Up to its Name

Regis
Technologies
[Opens New](#)
Compound Suite

House of
[Torment](#) to
Open Soon in
Morton Grove

Wockdhart
receives US
[FDA Approval](#)
for Oxycodone

MG Hair Salon
Offers [Organic](#)
[Products](#),
Services

MG Business Visits

In the coming months, Village staff along with the Economic Development Commission (EDC) will be visiting all of our Morton Grove Businesses. This will give you an opportunity to communicate any noteworthy successes or challenges you're experiencing as well as inform us of which Village efforts are working for your business.

Do You Offer Senior Discounts?

The Village is collecting information from all businesses that provides senior discounts and/or specialty services!

If your business has targeted programs or benefits for seniors, please contact Neal Reeves at (847) 663-3062 or by email at nreeves@mortongroveil.org to share that information.

Facade Improvement Program

Village of Morton Grove still has funding available through the 2015 Facade Improvement Program. Businesses looking to significantly renovate their storefront's appearance or just replace their signage may qualify.

To learn more about the program, download application materials, or find out if your planned renovation qualifies, go to the Village website by clicking [here](#) or contact Neal Reeves at nreeves@mortongroveil.org.

MG Restaurant Guide

The new Morton Grove Restaurant Guide is available online. The guide features over 50 Morton Grove restaurants with a "Dine In" option for breakfast, lunch or dinner. The guide features over 10 categories for you to choose from when making a Morton Grove dining selection.



To download or view the guide, click [here](#). We encourage everyone to eat and shop local!!!

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