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**Village Hall and Public Works
will be closed on
Memorial Day, May 29**

A Message from Mayor Dan DiMaria

Dear Neighbor,

I'm proud to announce that our Police Department has been awarded top tier accreditation by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. This honor has only been bestowed upon 22 communities in Illinois and recognizes our department for excellence in policing and compliance with 180 law enforcement standards. Congratulations to Chief Simo and the men and women of our Police Department!

You may have seen signs posted at the entrance of Village Hall, the Civic Center and many of our local schools and public buildings stating "Everyone is Welcome in Morton Grove". These six words simply and powerfully proclaim that we are proud of our diversity and treat all residents and visitors with dignity and respect.

I hope to see you at the Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Morton Grove Days Commission as part of the Spring Farmers Market on May 13. Proceeds will benefit "Santa Comes to Town", and other local events. I also encourage you and your family to participate in the Community Relations Commission's second annual Adopt a Planter Program. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and help beautify our commercial corridors. Finally, stop by the newly reopened Burt's Place at 8541 Ferris Avenue. The new owners are using the same recipe and fresh ingredients made world famous by the late Burt Katz. You will not be disappointed.



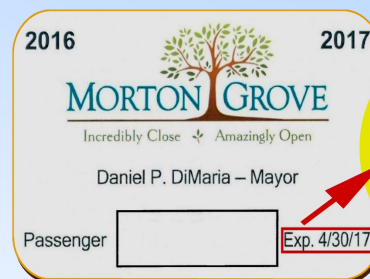
Mayor Dan DiMaria

The Village is changing the annual cycle for vehicle stickers. Current 2016/2017 vehicle stickers will be valid until August 31, 2017. The new 2017/2018 vehicle stickers will be available for purchase June 1, 2017, and must be displayed by August 31, 2017.

Positive impacts include:

- ◆ Expansion of the time to purchase stickers
- ◆ Renewal will be after inclement weather reducing impact on residents; particularly seniors
- ◆ Enhanced customer service with no financial impact

Vehicle Sticker Extension



**Current 2016/2017
stickers will not
expire until
AUGUST
31, 2017**

Community Updates

Public Meeting Schedule

April

3	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
6	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
10	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	Economic Development Comm.	5:30 pm
11	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
11	Community Relations Comm.	6:30 pm
17	Zoning Board & Plan Comm.	7:30 pm
24	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm

May

1	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
4	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
8	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
9	Community Relations Comm.	6:30 pm
15	Zoning Board & Plan Comm.	7:30 pm
22	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
29	Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed	

June

1	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
5	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
6	Environmental Health Comm.	7:00 pm
12	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
13	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
13	Community Relations Comm.	6:30 pm
19	Zoning Board & Plan Comm.	7:30 pm
26	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm

Dates are Subject to Change

Adopt a Planter Program

- ◆ Program is open to individuals, families, groups, and businesses.
- ◆ Sign up by May 19 - Forms are available on the Village's website or at Village Hall.
- ◆ The Village will provide each participant with a starter kit of approved plants, name card, and instructions.
- ◆ Plantings will take place on June 3.
- ◆ Participants will then care for the planter until October.
- ◆ The Village will water the planters weekly.
- ◆ Participants will be recognized by the Village Board and appreciated by the entire community.



Upcoming Community Events

April 4

Election Day

May 13

MG Farmers' Market

May 13

*MG Days Pancake Breakfast
Benefitting - "Santa Comes to Town"*

May 20

Paper & Electronic Recycling Event

Details at Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org



Volunteers & Support Needed for Morton Grove Days

Be a Volunteer

The Morton Grove Days Commission needs volunteers for the annual festival and parade. For more information contact Eric & Melanie Brodsky at 224.612.1305 or at mortongrovedays@gmail.com

Join the Parade

Consider promoting your organization or business by participating in the Fourth of July parade. For more information contact Parade Coordinators Terri Cousar and Pat Zmolek at 847.638.2706

Be a Sponsor - Donations are welcome

For more information on this event please visit the Morton Grove Days website— www.mortongrovedays.org



Community Updates



New Morton Grove Businesses

Savory Crust (Restaurant)	7180 Dempster
Cellular Express (Cell Phone Repair/Service)	5638 Dempster
NB Supply (Warehouse)	8256 Lehigh
Lorenzana Tax & Accounting Services, Inc	8543 Waukegan
Gail's Carriage Grove (Restaurant)	9300 Waukegan
Celtic Chicago (Marketing/Ad Agency)	8120 Lehigh
Burt's Place (Restaurant)	8541 Ferris
Penn Station Subs (Restaurant)	7923 Golf
Beta Enterprises (Building Supplies/Showroom)	6300 Oakton
Dr. Juice Café (Juice Bar/Smoothies)	9000 Waukegan
Dress Star (Apparel)	5644 Dempster
Icons Media Inc. (Printing + Media/Web design)	6433 Dempster

Burt's Place Reopens

Burt's Place, the iconic Morton Grove pizzeria has officially re-opened! The new owners, Jerry Petrow and John Munao, trained with founder Burt Katz prior to his death, and have mastered the art of his famous caramelized-crust pan pizza.



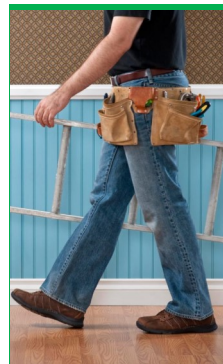
Please help us welcome Jerry and John to Morton Grove by stopping by their restaurant at 8541 Ferris to taste their recreation of Burt's famous pizza.



Morton Grove Farmers' Market

The Spring Market will be held on May 13. The regular season will begin June 3 and run through October 14 from 8:00 am to 12 noon at 6210 Dempster.

You may visit mgfarmersmarket.com for more info. Think Spring!



Thinking About a Building Project?

Contact the Building/Inspection Department at 847.470.5214

to see if you need a Permit

Incredibly Close / Amazingly Open....we want to hear from you....

In keeping with our tagline, the Village provides several ways for you submit advice, suggestions, questions and opinion to your elected officials and administration. For general inquiries, you can send an email to vmg@mortongroveil.org, visit the "contact us" section on our website in "Quick Links" at <http://www.mortongroveil.org>, call (847) 470-5220, or fill out this form and return it to Village of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053. Include your name and mailing or email address to receive a response.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Service Updates

Street Lighting Grant Saves Money

The Village has recently received a Public Sector Lighting Grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. The \$94,418 grant will fund the replacement of 443 traditional Mercury Vapor bulbs with new energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) technology currently serving Village-owned residential streets. Installation is expected to be completed in May 2017.

These energy efficient upgrades to the residential street lights will greatly reduce energy consumption and save the Village approximately \$45,000 in energy costs annually.



Yard Waste Collection Program

Yard waste stickers are \$2.16 each or 5 for \$10.80. Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall at 6101 Capulina, the Jewel Food Store at Milwaukee and Oakton, and the Walgreens Stores at 5730 Dempster and 9301 Waukegan.

Branches need to be bundled with biodegradable string. No bundle or yard waste bag can exceed 50 pounds. Try mulching your grass this season. A normal weekly cutting will quickly decompose and the nitrogen from the clippings will actually feed the lawn requiring less fertilizers.

Contact the Public Works Department at (847) 470-5235 for more information on yard waste and recycling.

Morton Grove & SWANCC Team-up for Recycling

Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event
Saturday, May 20 - 9 a.m. to Noon
Civic Center, 6140 Dempster Street

All residents of Morton Grove and other Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) communities are eligible to participate in this free event.

Visit SWANCC's website swancc.org or call (847) 724-9205 for details including other drop-off locations and dates.

- **Drive up**
- **Stay in your vehicle**
- **Your items will be removed**



Acceptable Documents:

Medical Forms, Bank Statements, Personal Files (metal clips and binders are to be removed)

Quantity limited to six file-size boxes or paper bags (no plastic bags)

Accepted Electronics:

Phones, Answering Machines, Cameras, VHS/CD/DVD players (no disks or tapes), Computers monitors/cables/devices/printers, Copy & Fax Machines, Microwaves, Portable Digital Players, Power Tools, Satellite Receiver, Shredders, Small Home Appliances, Stereo/TV Equipment (no wood).

Do NOT Bring: Dehumidifiers, Humidifiers, Air Conditioners, Vacuum Cleaners, Refrigerators and other large home appliances.

SWANCC also provides a variety of other drop-off locations to assist our residents with the task of recycling sensitive documents, electronics and other items diverting them from landfills.



Public Safety Updates



Community Policing Program Reaches Out to Schools

The Morton Grove Police Department is excited to be building partnerships with local schools and addressing social-emotional learning for students. A new school program; **L.E.A.D. the Way** is designed to introduce fifth graders to drug awareness and other life skills programs.

The goal of **L.E.A.D. the Way** is to educate fifth grade students on positive decision making skills while learning about the dangers and difficult situations middle school students encounter. The program focuses on the importance of having self-confidence, being assertive, and making choices that keep all students safe.

L.E.A.D. the Way is taught by M.G.P.D. Community Liaison Officers Adam Tabor and Gina Lietz. A goal of the program is to meet with fifth grade classes each week to instruct students on a different topic. This nine week program discusses, but is not limited to, tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, medications, bullying, peer pressure, and internet safety.



Be Aware of Scams



You can lock your doors against criminals, but making sure you do not fall victim to a scam, even in the safety of your own home is much less straight forward. The Council of Better Business Bureaus has released the **Top Scams of 2016**. They are:

- Tax Scams— Someone calls and claims to be with the IRS and says you owe money. Unless you pay immediately, you will be arrested. Note: The IRS will not call you. They will send you a certified letter.
- Debt Collections— Someone calls and claims you have an unpaid debt. You are threatened with a garnishment, lawsuit, or just jail time if you do not pay right away.
- Sweepstakes/Prizes/Gifts— You receive a letter, phone call, or email claiming you have won a prize in a sweepstakes. However, you have to send a fee to claim the prize.
- Online Purchases— You make a purchase but never received the item. Scammers set up fake sites in order to steal your money or personal financial information.
- Employment – You answer an online ad for a job offer. In order to get the job, you have to pay a fee.

You should also be suspicious if: A call, letter, email or text has come out of the blue; you have never heard of the lottery or competition they are talking about and did not buy a ticket; you are asked to send money in advance or you are told you have to respond quickly so you do not have any time to consider your options .

The Morton Grove Police Department advises you to always be cautious with your personal information.

Morton Grove Police Department Earns Accreditation

The Morton Grove Police Department received accreditation as a top tier Illinois law enforcement agency by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) is a two tier program designed for law enforcement agencies to attain excellence in policing.

This 18 month process involved all members of the Police Department, but was directed by Chief Simo and members of his command staff, most notably Investigations Commander Paul Yaras, who serves as the Police Department's Accreditation Manager.

Public Safety Updates

Spring Safety Tips

When it is time for spring cleaning, remember a clean house is a safe house. Trash, boxes, piles of clothing, paint, varnishes, cleaning products, fuels, and other combustibles are fuel for fires. Eliminating these items will help reduce the chance of a fire in your home. Always think about safety and do the following:

- Maintain your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors - keep them clean and maintain their batteries.
- Review your family's fire escape plan.
- Check windows to make sure they open and close properly in case they are needed as emergency exits.
- Inspect electrical cords for signs of wear and tear.
- Do not overload electrical outlets and extension cords.
- Never burn yard waste or trash.
- Store pesticides, chemicals, paints and fuel for lawn and garden equipment only in approved containers, and away from children.



★★ Save the Date MAY 13 8am-noon ★★

\$6 per person ALL you can eat - kids under 5 are free

The Morton Grove Days Commission is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on May 13, 2017 at the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center. Proceeds will go to support "Santa Comes to Town"



The Morton Grove Days Commission is a 501(c) (3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible

Make Your Spring Safe

The Morton Grove Fire Department would like to remind you of a few tips that will help to ensure your spring is full of fun safe activities.

Practice Grilling Safety

- With charcoal grills, use only starter fluid designed for use with barbeque grills and do NOT add fluid after the coals have been lit.
- Respect heat and flame. Always protect yourself and your family from burns & fires.

For more information on grill safety go to

<http://www.nfpa.org/public-education/by-topic/wildfire-and-seasonal-fires/grilling>



•Bike Safety is Not Just for Kids

Over the past 4 years, the Morton Grove Fire Department responded to 34 ambulance calls involving bicycles. The average age of these victims was 40 years old. Regardless of your age, consider the following when enjoying your bicycle:

- Wear head protection.
- Wearing bright clothes and adding reflectors to you and your bike will make you more visible.
- Avoid wearing headphones while biking to ensure you hear activity around you.

There are over 100 miles of bicycle trails that can be accessed from our Village. Jump on in the forest preserve, head out for the day and follow these rules;

- Ride on the right side.
- Give an audible warning before passing others.
- Speeding is not allowed.
- Ride in a single file.
- Stop only on the shoulder and not on a blind corner or hill.

Community Senior Updates



Music and MORE



It's MORE Than a Lunch: Jamaican Me Happy

Friday, April 7, 11:30 a.m.
Cost: \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door
Please register early!



Evening Series: Music & MORE!

Thursday, April 13, 6:30 p.m.
Join our Thursday Night Concert series when we'll gather for an entertaining concert, snacks—and maybe even some dancing.
Registration required. Cost: \$5.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The American Legion Memorial Senior Civic Center in Morton Grove wants YOU! Can you dedicate some time to having fun and helping out? We need folks to help at the front desk, call Bingo, and more. Give Ovie a call at (847) 663-3075 to find out more.

Lending Closet:

Need a wheel chair or a walker or a cane?
The MG Lending closet has a variety of gently used medical equipment available for use. Call or come by the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, 6140 Dempster - (847) 663-3070.

Bridge Club- FREE

Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come join us *on the right -hand side* for an afternoon of relaxing and social bridge. Let the bidding and play begin!

Lunch and Movie

Thursdays: 11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a delicious box lunch from Subway and a movie. Stop by the Civic Center for the movie schedule and to register. All registrations must be made by Wed. noon.

Registration required. Cost: \$5 (with lunch) or free just to watch the movie.

Foot Screening-FREE

Friday, April 7th, May 5th, June 2nd, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Podiatrist, Dr. Alice Cisneros, D.P.M with De "Feet" Pain Center, will be providing podiatry screenings. Get your questions answered and a free foot screening. Registration required.

Cholesterol Screening -FREE

Tuesday, April 18th, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

It takes only 3 minutes (and a simple finger stick blood test) to find out if your total cholesterol is where it should be. It will do your heart good.

Alterations In Oxygenation - FREE

Monday, April 3rd, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The program will address common alterations in oxygenation, as it relates to Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD - such as asthma, bronchitis, emphysema), Pneumonitis and Tuberculosis. It will review common age related physiological changes which impact older adults' respiration. Management factors will also be discussed.

Social Media - FREE

Monday, April 24th, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Learn how Facebook and Twitter are used to keep people connected, share information, and create online communities.

Smart Phones - FREE

Monday, May 8th, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Offers a comparison of the current smart phone brands. Find out everything you wanted to know about these amazing devices.

Cool Sites and Apps -FREE

Monday, June 5th, 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Find out about some new websites for you to explore. If you have a smart phone, you'll also get tips on some fun apps. Bring your favorite website to share.

All events are at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center

6140 Dempster • Morton Grove • Illinois

For a complete schedule of programs please visit

moreways.org or www.mortongroveil.org or

CALL THE SENIOR HOT-LINE: 847 663-3070

Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency **Dial 9-1-1**
 Village Hall (Switchboard) 847 965-4100
 Village Administrator 847 470-5220
 Village 24-hour Municipal Hotline 847 663-6161
 Building and Inspectional Services 847 663-3040
 Civic Center Rentals 847 663-3071
 Community & Economic Development 847 470-5231
 Fire Administration 847 470-5226
 Police Administration 847 470-5200
 Public Works Department 847 470-5235
 Senior Hot Line 847 663-3070

General Email: contact@mortongroveil.org
Village Hall Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

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www.mortongroveil.org**

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Janine Witko

Village Clerk

Connie Travis

Village Administrator

Ralph E. Czerwinski

Village Attorney

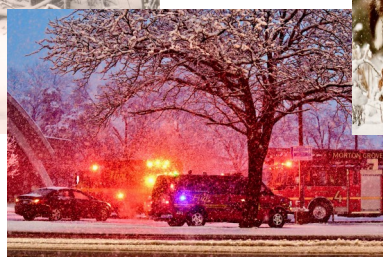
Teresa Hoffman Liston

Winter Photo Contests Winners

Congratulations to our Winter Photo Contest winners:

Sascha Hedjbeli, Sandra Covey, Shalini Patel and Petra Maton.

All incredible and amazing photos submitted can be seen on the Village's Facebook page. Our Spring Contest ends on June 2. Photos can be emailed to CRC@mortongroveil.org. Contest rules and details are at: www.mortongroveil.org.



Don't Forget to Vote in the Municipal Election on April 4

Voting is one of our most important civic duties - while it's not mandatory, it's critical if you want a voice.

The Consolidated General Election will be held Tuesday, April 4, 2017 from 6:00am through 7:00pm.

Early voting occurs March 20 - April 3. For more information visit: www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections.

Morton Grove Exchange

The Village of Morton Grove
 6101 Capulina Avenue
 Morton Grove, IL 60053-2985
www.mortongroveil.org

To: Morton Grove Resident

Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

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