



A Message from Mayor DiMaria

2019 was a transformative year for the Village and one that we can be proud of for many years to come. We began purchasing Lake Michigan water from Evanston as part of our long-term cost-efficient water supply agreement and completed \$6.25 million of new roadway and water system improvements, all without raising property taxes. We said goodbye to Prairie View shopping center as the old buildings were demolished to make way for Sawmill Station, an exciting new 26-acre lifestyle center which will include a grocery store, restaurants, a movie theater, and other shopping opportunities.

This edition of the Exchange includes details on these two legacy projects as well as many of our other 2019 accomplishments. These achievements did not happen overnight - they took many years of planning and dedicated efforts by the Village Board, staff, our boards and commissions, and our residents. I'm grateful for this successful teamwork.

2020 will be equally exciting as we watch the new Sawmill Station buildings go up and celebrate the grand opening of many stores in the center. We will continue to build on our solid foundation by reviewing and updating our strategic plan and formalizing our efforts to preserve and protect our natural resources and our environment.

Please join me in supporting this year's Taste of Morton Grove. The event will be held on Thursday, March 12, and will feature samplings from our area's most popular restaurants, raffles, auctions, and entertainment. I wish all of you a healthy and happy new year and I look forward to meeting with and working with each of you.



Your Mayor, Dan DiMaria



Mayor DiMaria and Village Trustees attended a ground breaking ceremony for the Sawmill Station development

2019

IN REVIEW

2019 IN REVIEW

As we welcome 2020, we're also looking back on the achievements of 2019. See the **2019 IN REVIEW** highlights throughout this newsletter.

February is National Restaurant Month

WIN 1 OF 10 \$25 GIFT CARDS

Dine-In, Take-Out & Delivery

ALL ARE ELIGIBLE!

Submit your photo entry online or bring your Morton Grove restaurant dining receipts, dated in February 2020, to Village Hall by **March 4**.

Each group of receipts or individual receipt for \$25 will be considered an entry. The \$25 per entry requirement does not apply to qualified photo entries of you and your friends enjoying Morton Grove's restaurants, so upload early and often!

Visit Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org/dinemg to submit photos

Winning entries will be drawn at the March 9 Village Board meeting. Maximum one (1) winner per household.



Check out the 2020 Morton Grove Restaurant Guide at bit.ly/eat-mg

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Community Updates

2019 IN REVIEW

\$150 million

in committed investment at Sawmill Station

\$35.75 million

2019 total construction value



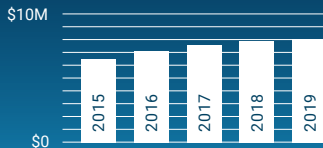
5 football fields

of retail & entertainment space planned at Sawmill Station



1,500+

building permits issued



FY 2019 sales tax revenue exceeded

\$8 million

\$1.7 million

in grant funding awarded for the Oakton Street shared multi-use path

23 businesses

located, relocated, expanded, or changed ownership in 2019

A Positive Economic Outlook for Morton Grove in 2020

Morton Grove's economic outlook continued to strengthen in 2019 as the Village welcomed Sawmill Station, a mixed-use project representing over \$150 million in new investment. The lifestyle center, which will include 240,000 square feet of retail and entertainment space and a six-story multifamily complex, will take the place of the former Prairie View Center at the southeast corner of Dempster Street and Waukegan Road. The Village also expects the project to spur the

redevelopment of several nearby opportunity sites along Dempster Street and Waukegan Road.

The Village's commercial sector produced over \$8 million in sales tax revenue in fiscal year 2019, an increase of over 24% since fiscal year 2015. The commercial and industrial real estate market also ended the year on a positive note with a vacancy rate of 7.2%, which is half a point lower than the 2018 rate (7.7%) and significantly lower than the ten-year average vacancy rate of 8.8%. Lower commercial and industrial vacancy rates mean more local businesses, more local jobs, and more local tax revenue to fund public services for the residents of Morton Grove.

2019 Development Highlights

- **Construction of Sawmill Station commenced.** Construction began in 2019, with businesses scheduled to begin opening by fall of 2020.
- **Construction completed on Lexington Walk Townhomes, with all units sold.** Lexington Homes purchased this former Village-owned site at Ferris and Capulina and began construction in 2018, following site remediation.
- **Conversion of former Malko Electric office to multi-family development began.** Creative re-use of the property at 6200 Lincoln Avenue will revitalize a building that has sat vacant for years.



SAVE THE DATE Taste of Morton Grove

Thursday, March 12, 2020

White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant
6845 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles
5:30p to 9:00p

Advanced tickets \$35 | Door tickets \$45
www.mortongrovefoundation.org





Community Updates

Sawmill Station Lifestyle Center Goes Vertical

On October 22, 2019, Mayor DiMaria, Village Trustees, Commission members, and staff attended a ground breaking ceremony hosted by Kensington Development Partners and ICI International Contractors to celebrate the start of construction for the commercial portion of the 26-acre redevelopment project known as Sawmill Station. The developer plans to have businesses begin to open their doors by fall of 2020.

Site work and construction of underground stormwater facilities, utilities, and foundations has been

underway for the commercial buildings. Vertical construction started in December of 2019, beginning with the future grocery store located at the west side of the site. Due to a non-disclosure agreement, the grocery tenant will be announced at a later date. Drone video of the construction site can be viewed at bit.ly/mg-sawmill.

Final design is also underway on the multi-family apartment complex, which is approved for up to 250 units. Plans for construction are expected to be submitted in spring of 2020. The complex is planned to feature a swimming pool and exercise room, and will incorporate a new public connection to the forest preserve trail.



The grocer's walls were the first to be installed in December of 2019

Morton Grove is Committed to a Sustainable Future

The Village of Morton Grove is committed to effective and innovative practices that reduce the environmental impact of how we live, work, commute, and play. The Village integrates sustainability in all aspects of public services and is working with the community to prepare for a resilient future.



Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserves natural resources, and prevents pollution. In addition to the residential recycling services provided by Groot, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers recycling for end-of-life computers and electronics. For more information, visit bit.ly/MGwaste



The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) awarded Morton Grove, Niles, and Skokie \$1.7 million to construct a shared multi-use path along Oakton Street (Caldwell Avenue to Gross Point Road) to promote active transportation.



In order to reduce energy consumption, the Village is committed to replacing traditional incandescent bulbs with LED and other energy efficient lighting sources. In 2019, the Village replaced the vast majority of bulbs at Village Hall, the Police Department, and Public Works with energy efficient bulbs. Street lights along Lincoln and Ferris Avenues were also updated to energy efficient lighting in 2019.



Morton Grove's public transit systems, including Pace and Metra, reduce overall vehicle emissions, improve air quality, and alleviate congestion. Pace is currently developing its second Pulse rapid transit line along Dempster Street between Evanston and O'Hare International Airport, which will connect to other Pace, Metra, and CTA transit routes. Service is anticipated to begin in 2020.



Stormwater runoff pollutes water bodies, overwhelms sewers, and threatens natural habitats. The Village and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) require construction exceeding a certain size to provide stormwater detention to reduce stormwater's negative impacts. This year, stormwater detention was constructed for 26 acres of new development on the Sawmill Station site, reducing the impact of runoff on the neighboring Cook County Forest Preserve property.

GREEN IN 2019

206 trees

planted in the public parkway



19th year

of Tree City USA designation

90% of bulbs



at Village Hall changed to energy efficient bulbs



28,168 pounds

of electronics recycled by SWANCC

16,000 pounds

of shredded paper recycled by SWANCC



2.2 million gallons

of new stormwater detention facilities



**SUSTAINABLE
MORTON GROVE**

Winter 2020 Updates

MORTON GROVE PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

February

- 3 Appearance Commission 7:00PM
- 3 Foreign Fire Ins. Tax Board 5:15PM
- 6 Traffic Safety Commission 7:00PM
- 10 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 11 Advisory Commission on Aging 1:00PM
- 11 Community Relations Commission 6:30PM
- 17 Zoning Board of Appeals & Plan Commission 7:00PM
- 20 Neighborhood Outreach Meeting ... 6:00PM
- 24 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 25 Fire & Police Commission 1:00PM
- 26 Condo Association Meeting 1:00PM

March

- 2 Appearance Commission 7:00PM
- 5 Traffic Safety Commission 7:00PM
- 9 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 Advisory Commission on Aging 1:00PM
- 10 Community Relations Commission 6:30PM
- 16 Zoning Board of Appeals & Plan Commission 7:00PM
- 17 Special Events Commission 6:30PM
- 23 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 24 Fire & Police Commission 1:00PM

April

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New Water Supply System Operational

Building for Today & The Future

The new water supply system is operational and the project is being completed within budget. Final live testing and calibration of the automated control systems will be complete in early February. This is the final step in allowing full transition to the City of Evanston as the Village's supplier of Lake Michigan water.

Using the City of Evanston as the Village's water supplier will result in stabilized rates and cost savings for Morton Grove. The project resulted in \$6.25 million in Morton Grove capital improvements, including newly reconstructed streets, curbs, gutters and sidewalks during development.

The Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission's (MGNWC) joint effort with the Village of Niles continues to



MGNWC Intermediate Pump Station (Church St. & McDaniel Ave., Evanston)

SYSTEM COMPONENTS

- + 2 pump stations
- + 7 million-gallon standpipe
- + 9.5 miles of new ductile iron pipe

A SAFE, RELIABLE & COST-EFFECTIVE LEGACY PROJECT

meet project objectives. The project has received notable recognition from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Chicago Metro Chapter, as Public Works Project of the Year in the Environmental Category. This award was preceded by the 2019 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award from the Illinois Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ACSE).

Village of Morton Grove

2020 CENSUS

MARCH, 2020

Public response begins! You will have the opportunity to respond online, by phone, or by mail. Look for your invitation in the mail.

APRIL 1, 2020

Census Day is observed nationwide. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

MAY, 2020

The Census Bureau begins visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted.

Be Smart About Carbon Monoxide

Illinois Fire Departments responded to nearly 9,000 carbon monoxide incidents in 2018. Stay safe by keeping interior and exterior air vents clear of blockages and obstructions. Also, test smoke and CO alarms at least once a month and be familiar with the sounds they make. Read more at bit.ly/mg-carbon.



Planning to Remodel in 2020?

If you are planning to make building renovations to your home or business in 2020, the Building and Public Works Departments suggest that you contact the Village early in the process.

Village staff can help you understand whether the improvements you want to make are allowed and which requirements will apply. The Village cannot design a project for you, but staff can provide basic direction before you begin talking to architects, engineers, and contractors. Preliminary review is likely to save you money by avoiding redesign work or unexpected construction costs. Understanding what your project entails will allow you to establish a more realistic overall budget.

When planning a construction project, it is especially easy to overlook the condition of underground infrastructure serving a home or business. Water and sewer line replacements are becoming more common with improvements of all sizes due to the condition of existing service infrastructure. This work can add thousands of dollars to the cost of a project. Determining if you need to replace water and sewer lines will help you make well-informed decisions as you develop your project.

\$1.76 Million Awarded to Construct Oakton Street Shared Multi-Use Path

Morton Grove has partnered with Niles and Skokie to build a shared multi-use path along the south side of Oakton Street from Caldwell Avenue to Gross Point Road, and along Caldwell Avenue in Niles. \$1.76 million in federal funding has been awarded to the project for engineering and construction from the federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) program, which is administered locally by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). The project earned high scores in CMAP's evaluation of the project's potential to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in the region.


The project is intended to provide a safe, off-street facility for walkers, runners, and cyclists. People are currently walking and cycling on Oakton Street or on non-paved surfaces along Oakton Street in all types of weather to access bus stops, schools, and places of employment. The project is currently in the study phase, with design engineering expected to begin in 2020. Construction of the Morton Grove shared multi-use path is targeted for 2020 and 2021.

Your Utility Contacts

UTILITY	PROVIDER	CONTACT
Cable TV	Comcast/Xfinity	800-934-6489
Electricity	ComEd	800-334-7661
Natural Gas	NICOR	888-642-6748
Garbage	Groot	800-244-1977

2019 IN REVIEW

 **2,358 trees**
trimmed in the public pathway

70  **water main breaks**
repaired by the Water Division

 **7,030** ^{feet} **miles**
of street cleaning in 2019

50 inches 
of snow removed in winter 2018-2019

 **1,393 tons**
of leaves removed from Village streets

650 tons 
of hot mix asphalt used to restore street pavement

 **333 signs**
repaired and replaced

 **24,306** ^{feet} **miles**
plowed during snow events

Resources will always be available for emergency response. However, if you experience interruptions in these services, alerting the provider directly may result in the quickest resolution. **Residents are reminded that if any condition threatens safety, dial 911 immediately.**

Public Safety


2019 IN REVIEW

24,705 calls 
for Police Department service

1st place
in the 2018-2019 Traffic Safety Challenge
within the Police Department size division

476 kids 
in the 2019 L.E.A.D the Way Program

1,200 attendees
at the 2019 National Night Out

3 minutes, 53 seconds
average time for an Advanced Life
Support Ambulance to arrive at a
requested location in 2019 

6,934 fire, EMS, &
rescue alarms responded to in 2019 

15 Boxes of Toys Donated in 2019 Toys for Tots Drive

The Morton Grove Police Department celebrated another successful Toy for Tots drive this holiday season. This is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy gifts for Christmas. Between November and December, hundreds of toys were dropped off to various locations throughout Morton Grove. As a result of everyone's generosity, the Morton Grove Police Department donated 15 boxes of toys this year!



Youth Take Part in the Morton Grove Police Explorer Program

The Morton Grove Police Explorer Program is a career education program for youth and young adults between the ages of 13 and 20 who are interested in a career in law enforcement. The program is ongoing and meets every other Tuesday.

The program includes a comprehensive curriculum of training, competition, service and practical skills. Members will develop an awareness of the purpose and mission of American Law Enforcement, and will receive training in police related topics which include: First Aid and CPR; arrest, search and seizure procedures; building searches; evidence work; traffic enforcement procedures; traffic

and crowd control; crime prevention techniques; defensive tactics; and other police related operations. MGPD Explorers also attend various community events and help with tasks such as traffic direction, pedestrian and parking control, and crime prevention assistance.

Please join us at one of our next meetings on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, or Tuesday, February 18, 2020, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The meeting will be located in the Morton Grove Council Chambers (6101 Capulina Ave.). Any questions can be directed to Detective Johnson at 847-663-3826 or djohnson@mortongroveil.org.



2019 Fire Department Holiday Food Drive a Success

The Morton Grove Firefighters Association recently completed their 34th Annual Holiday Food Drive. Firefighter/Paramedic Curt Lipa led the efforts of the department in cooperation with local churches and charities. Residents, businesses, schools and organizations donated non-perishable food items during late November and early December. Approximately \$5,000 in donations were also received. Toys and gifts were generously donated by the Morton Grove Days Commission and the Morton Grove Dollar Tree store.

On-duty and off-duty firefighters purchased fresh turkeys and hams to be included in each gift package. Donated funds were also used to purchase age-appropriate gifts for the list of children received from participating charitable organizations.

In summary, over 60 local families from Morton Grove and the surrounding area each received a full course meal including entree, vegetables, stuffing, potatoes, milk, and dessert. In addition, each family received two or three boxes of food items collected during the effort. Lastly, 149 local children received a gift-wrapped item or toy to help celebrate the season.



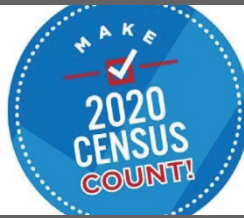
Senior Community

Mather in Morton Grove Events

February *It Makes "Census" to Be Counted* Luncheon

Friday, February 7, 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy a tasty buffet, live entertainment by Jeri Rite, and the company of friends and neighbors. **COST: \$14 if you pay one week in advance (\$15 after 1/31)**



February Music & More

Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for live entertainment and dessert. Registration required. **COST: \$5**

You're Invited to Age Well in Morton Grove!

Mather offers events, resources, and fun for older adults in Morton Grove. Check out one of our signature monthly luncheons or evening concerts, plus lectures on health and wellness, jam sessions, and more!

All Mather events are held at the **American Legion Memorial Civic Center** (6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove)

Register for all programs at mather.com/morton-grove or call 847-663-3075



2019 IN REVIEW

2,024

Number of individual customers who reported being

"delighted"

with their participation in Mather programs or luncheons in 2019

85%

Percentage of seniors who reported having

"greater access to resources"

as a result of participating in Mather programming at the Civic Center in 2019

Interested in Helping?

A friendly listening ear and an encouraging word can make all the difference. The Morton Grove Advisory Commission on Aging is interested in identifying people willing to volunteer their time to help older adults stay connected to their community. The feasibility of a volunteer-based Telephone Outreach program is currently being evaluated. If you are interested in helping us bring this program to life, email reachingout@mortongroveil.org or call 847-663-3037.

Blood Pressure, Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screening

Tuesdays, January 21, February 18, March 17, 11:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

It takes only three minutes (and a simple finger stick blood test) to find out if your blood sugar and cholesterol levels are where they should be. Also have your blood pressure screened. It will do your heart good. **FREE**

Morton Grove Jammers

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Bring your guitar, harmonica, or the musical instrument of your choice, meet other musicians, and make music together! **FREE**

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Chair yoga has been proven to increase flexibility and muscle tone. It is an enduring total body workout. No experience necessary and all skill levels welcome. Cost: \$4 per class

Zumba Gold

Fridays, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Zumba is a cardio-based fitness class that fuses Latin and international rhythms and movements. Zumba Gold format is designed for the active older adult or beginner participants. No dance experience required. Cost: \$4 per class

Vote by Mail in 2020

Apply online for your mail ballot application for the upcoming Suburban Cook County Presidential Primary Election on March 17, 2020.

cookcountyclerk.com/VoteByMail

Voters can also request a mail in ballot online at mailvoting.cookcountyclerk.com. Complete the forms by Thursday, March 12, 2020.

Paper applications are available at Village Hall and the Civic Center.

The Exchange

www.mortongroveil.org

Village Hall Hours: Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Morton Grove Exchange
The Village of Morton Grove
6101 Capulina Avenue
Morton Grove, IL 60053-2985

BULK RATE
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 22
Morton Grove IL
60053

Village Phone Numbers

Police, Fire or Medical Emergency
9-1-1

Fire Administration
847-470-5226

Police Administration
847-470-5200

Public Works
847-470-5235

Senior Hotline
847-663-3070

24-Hour Municipal Hotline
847-663-6161

VILLAGE FACILITIES

Village Hall (Switchboard)
847-965-4100

Village Administrator
847-470-5220

Building & Inspectional Services
847-663-3040

Community & Economic Development
847-663-3063

Civic Center Rentals
847-663-3071

Village Officials

President Daniel P. DiMaria

Village Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford

Trustees

Bill Gear | Rita Minx | Ed Ramos

John Thill | Connie Travis | Janine Witko

Village Administrator

Ralph E. Czerwinski

Village Attorney

Teresa Hoffman Liston

TO: POSTAL CUSTOMER
MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

Fall 2019 Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Village's Fall 2019 Photo Contest! The theme of the contest was "Faces of Morton Grove."



Mike Janssen



Sue Braubach

"Faces of Morton Grove"



Scott DiBasilio



Zainab Ahmed



Anonymous

Our Winter 2020 contest runs from January 1 through March 31, 2020. We do not have a specific theme for this contest and all Morton Grove residents are encouraged to submit up to 5 entries. Photos can be emailed between now and March 31 to CRC@mortongroveil.org or dropped off or mailed to Village Hall. The winning photos will be announced at the April 13, 2020, Village Board meeting and will be enlarged, framed, and displayed at Village Hall.

Incredibly Close ✦ Amazingly Open

In keeping with our tagline, the Village provides several ways to submit advice, suggestions, questions, and opinions 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 www.mortongroveil.org, call 847-470-5220, or fill out this form and return it to Village Hall at 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Include your name and mailing or email address to receive a response.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Comment: _____
