

THE EXCHANGE

Fall 2017 Edition

In this Issue....

Mayor's Letter	Page 1
Trick or Treating Times	Page 1
Leaf Pick Up Service	Page 1
Meeting Schedule	Page 2
CEDA	Page 2
Community Events	Page 2
Community Updates	Page 3
Photo Contest Winners	Page 3
Block Watch Program	Page 4
National Night Out	Page 4
Scam Alert	Page 4
Plan 2 Ways Out	Page 5
Holiday Food Drive	Page 5
Child Car Seats	Page 5
When to Set Out Garbage	Page 6
Electrical Aggregation	Page 6
Senior Programs	Page 7
Thanksgiving For Navy Recruits	Page 7
Neighborhood Outreach	Page 8
Pancake Breakfast	Page 8

A Message from Mayor Dan DiMaria

Dear Neighbors,

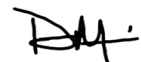
I want to thank everyone who supported and participated in our many summer activities and programs. Events like Morton Grove Days, National Night Out, neighborhood block parties, the Village-wide Garage Sale, and the Adopt-a-Planter program bring our community together and truly represent the best of Morton Grove.



Please stop by the Civic Center on October 14 for the Morton Grove Days Commission's Pancake Breakfast, and then take in the free Community Artist Performance on October 15. On October 19, come meet the Village Board and staff at our Neighborhood Outreach event at Edison School. On Thanksgiving Day, join me to support the American Legion Post 134's 11th annual Navy Day which provides a fabulous feast and the comforts of home for approximately 50 recruits from the Great Lakes Naval Station.

Finally, I hope all of you enjoy the beautiful colors of fall and have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Your Mayor, Dan DiMaria



Happy Halloween!

Trick or Treating times are

3:30 to 7:30 pm

Tuesday,

October 31



Village Street Sweeping and Leaf Pick Up

As typical for the season, street sweeping will occur once per week beginning October 16.

Public Works will also begin the annual Fall Leaf Pick Up service on October 16. Residents are reminded to place only leaf piles at the curb (Not brush, grass clippings, branches, or debris).

Please avoid parking near or on top of leaf piles. Leaf pick up service is currently scheduled to run until December 8 (weather permitting). For more information, please call 847 470-5235.

Community Updates



Public Meeting Schedule

October

2	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
5	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
9	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
10	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
10	Community Relations	6:30 pm
16	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm
23	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
24	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm

November

2	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
6	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
13	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
14	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
14	Community Relations	6:30 pm
20	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm
21	Special Events Commission	6:30 pm
21	Fire Pension Board	8:00 am
27	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
28	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm

December

4	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
7	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
11	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
12	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
12	Community Relations	6:30 pm
18	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm
26	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm

Dates are Subject to Change



The Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) is a non-profit community action agency serving residents in Cook County. CEDA's programs strive to help low-income individuals and families pay gas and electric bills (energy assistance). CEDA also provides housing services and counseling, home weatherization, and assistance in attaining life skills. The best way to access CEDA services is through the Niles or Maine Township offices:

Niles Township	5255 Main St. Skokie, IL	847 673-9300
Maine Township	1700 Ballard Rd. Park Ridge, IL	847 297-2510

Morton Grove residents seeking assistance can also contact Kate or Rebekah at the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center at 6140 Dempster 847 663-3070 for more information and referrals to various services.

Upcoming Community Events

Saturdays until October 14

MG Farmers' Market - 8 am to 1 pm
Civic Center

Saturday, October 14

Pancake Breakfast - 8 am to Noon
Civic Center (see page 8)

Sunday, October 15

Free Community Artists Program
4pm to 5pm - Civic Center "Enjoy Local Artists"
Details at www.identityperformingarts.org

Thursday, October 19

Neighborhood Outreach Meeting - 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Edison School - 8200 Gross Point Rd.

Friday, December 1

Tree Lighting Ceremony - 7:00 - 7:45 pm
Harrer Park Gazebo

Saturday, December 2

Santa Comes to Town

Santa will begin his route through town at 10:00 am from Beckwith Rd. & Washington St. finishing at the Holly Days Festival at 11:30 am. at Harrer Park [See website below for exact route.]

Holly Days Festival

Harrer Park - 11:00 am - 2:30 pm [Santa arrives at 11:30 am]

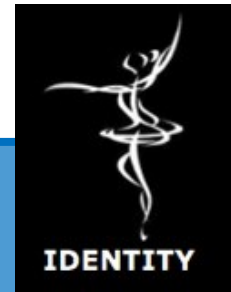
Details at Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org



Community Updates

Free Community Artists Performance

American Legion Memorial Civic Center - 6140 Dempster Street
Sunday, October 15 - 4:00—5:00 pm www.identityperformingarts.org

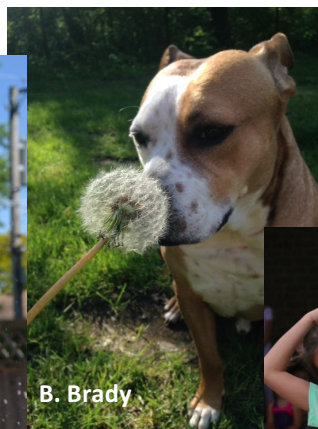


Summer Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to Sandra Covey, Bernard Brady, Carmen Gray, Eileen Deano, and Sunny Corba our Summer 2017 Photo Contest winners. All the incredible and amazing photos submitted for this contest are featured on the Village's Facebook page. Our Fall Photo Contest runs from October 1 - December 2. Pictures can be emailed to CRC@mortongroveil.org. Contest rules and details are at: www.mortongroveil.org.



C. Gray



B. Brady



S. Corba



E. Deano



S. Covey

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

Your advice, suggestions, questions, and opinions are appreciated. There are several ways for you to communicate your thoughts. You can email at vmg@mortongroveil.org, visit the "contact us" section on our website, in "Quick Links" at www.mortongroveil.org, call 847 965-4100, or fill out this form and return it to the Village of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Include your name and mailing or email address to receive a response.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Public Safety & Services Updates

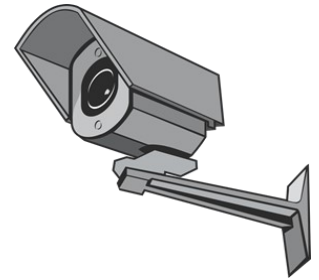


VIRTUAL BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM

The Morton Grove Police Department has recently implemented the "Virtual Block Watch" program. The purpose of the program is to enlist the help of property owners who have outdoor video cameras to better investigate neighborhood crimes. When canvassing neighborhoods after a crime has occurred, Police investigators often find that a home or business video system may have captured information of interest. Photos of possible suspects, witnesses or vehicles in the area could prove to be of great value to the investigation.

The Virtual Block Watch program is a voluntary program that asks property owners who have outdoor surveillance cameras to register with the Police Department. If a crime occurs in the neighborhood, the Morton Grove Police Department may ask you to check a registered camera system to see if it captured a picture that may aid in the investigation.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Morton Grove Police Department at 847 470-5200.



Please Be Courteous When You Park

Residents are reminded to park all vehicles on driveways so as not to block pedestrian access to the sidewalk. Leaving a vehicle to partially or completely block the sidewalk violates the municipal code and makes it difficult for pedestrians, particularly the elderly, to have unrestricted access and mobility.

2017 National Night Out A Huge Success

This year's National Night Out was a great success. The event was funded 100% by donations from businesses and individuals in Morton Grove. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and better places to live. This year's event offered face painting, balloon sculptures, tacos, hot dogs, pizza, ice cream, giveaways, a blow up obstacle course, bouncy house, caricaturists, a rock climbing wall and a band. Attendance was estimated at 800 people. The Morton Grove Police Department wishes to express sincere appreciation to all who attended and especially to the many donors that made the event possible. We look forward to having another successful National Night Out next year on August 7, 2018.



SCAM ALERT

Telephone scams continue to be on the rise. If you answer your telephone and the caller immediately starts to ask questions:

- ♦ DO NOT answer any questions.
"Can you hear me?"
"Mr. Smith?"
"Is this _____'s grandmother?"
- ♦ IDENTIFY who the caller is and who they represent.
- ♦ DO NOT "confirm" your name, address, phone number or any account information.
- ♦ BEFORE you decide to send money or "buy" anything, end the call by asking for a callback number, doing your research and thinking about it.

Public Safety & Services Updates



October is Fire Prevention Month

Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!

If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

Practice

- Make a home escape plan. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- Practice using different ways out. Practice during the day and also at night.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.

If The Alarm Sounds

- **GET OUT AND STAY OUT.** Never go back inside for people or pets.
- If you have to escape through smoke, **GET LOW AND GO** to the nearest exit.
- Close doors and windows behind you as you leave to slow the spread of fire and smoke.
- Call 911 from outside your home and the Morton Grove Fire Department will respond.



Annual Holiday Food Drive



The Morton Grove Firefighters Association will be collecting non-perishable and unexpired food, purchasing children's gifts and supplying one large meal item (turkey or ham) to assist local families in need this holiday season. Last year 66 families, including 133 children benefited from the generosity of Morton Grove residents and businesses. Food donation barrels will be located at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, the Morton Grove Moose Lodge, Village Hall, Fire Department and the Morton Grove Park District from November 13th through December 11th. Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be dropped off at Fire Station 4, 6250 Lincoln Ave.



Child Safety Seat Program

Illinois law requires that all children under age 8 riding in a vehicle be properly secured in an appropriate child safety restraint system. To assist our residents, the Morton Grove Fire Department has instituted a child car seat program. Limited personnel are certified to inspect and install child seats. Interested residents should call and schedule an appointment at least three weeks before the need for the child seat is anticipated. The car seats are inspected and installed by on duty personnel. This program has become increasingly popular with residents. However, don't wait until the last minute. Schedule your installation or inspection at 847 470-5226.



Public Safety & Services Updates



When Should You Bring Your Garbage Containers to the Street?

The times to set out your garbage and recycling containers differ depending on the time of year. If you do not have an alley behind your house, your garbage containers must be kept behind the front of your building line during the week, and brought to the street on the evening before your scheduled pick up day no sooner than:

- ◆ 6:00 pm. from April 1 to October 31 and
- ◆ 4:00 pm. from November 1 to March 31.

Place the containers as close as possible to your driveway and approximately three feet from the curb and out of the street. The containers should be removed from the street and brought behind your front property line before midnight on the day of collection.



Electrical Power Aggregation Update

The Village of Morton Grove proactively surveys the energy market to provide access for residents to the most economical electrical service rates available. In previous years the Village has been able to obtain prices for electrical energy below the rate offered by Commonwealth Edison. This process of contracting with a supplier on behalf of our residents and small businesses is referred to as “electrical aggregation”.

After surveying the market and reviewing information available through the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), the Village has concluded that utilizing electric energy supplied by ComEd provides the best value for our residents. Beginning in February of 2018, the Village will again begin the process of shopping for competitive pricing.

The current ComEd rate is 6.892 cents/kilowatt hour (kWh)

IMPORTANT TIPS for MG RESIDENTS and SMALL BUSINESSES:

- Currently, NO action is necessary on the part of our residents and small businesses.
 - Your electric bill will reflect the Village’s decision to use electricity from ComEd.
- You may choose to use a different electrical supplier.
 - Switching to an alternate electrical provider from the Village’s supplier is an individual choice.
 - Residents should be cautious about “scams” related to offering these services.

REMEMBER:

No ComEd, Village of Morton Grove, or any authorized suppliers will ever come to your home or call you attempting to get you to change your electrical supplier. Avoid giving anyone your personal information or ComEd account number.

Be Careful What Goes Down Your Storm Drains

The following items should not be dumped into storm drains:

- Chlorinated pool or spa water;
- Household and automobile hazardous waste, paint, oil, batteries or other toxic materials;
- Litter & pet waste;
- Leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste.

Questions about stormwater management can be emailed to stormwater@mortongroveil.org or answered by calling Public Works at 847 470-5235



Community Senior Updates



Here is a sampling of the happenings at the Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street). Call Ovie at 847 663-3075 for more information and to register for these and many other programs.



"I Am Not an Artist" Class - FREE

Thursdays: 10/12 & 10/26; 11/5 & 11/30; 12/7 & 12/21, 10:00 am-11:30 am

We will look and play with different perspectives, depth, and how colors, tones, and hues may change our perception.

Lunch and Movie

Thursdays: 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Join us for a delicious box lunch from Honey-baked Ham and a movie. Stop by the Civic center for the movie schedule and to register. All registrations must be made by Wednesday, 12:00 pm Registration required. Cost: \$5 (with lunch) or free just to watch the movie.

Foot Screening-FREE

Friday, October 6, November 3 & December 1, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm 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.

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm

Come to chair yoga class! Yoga has been proved 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

All events, luncheons, concerts, and classes take place at the
American Legion Memorial Civic Center 6140 Dempster •Morton Grove •Illinois
For a complete schedule of programs please visit www.moreways.org

American Legion Post 134 Supports Naval Recruits

On Thursday, November 23, 2017, American Legion Post 134 will host its 11th annual Thanksgiving Day celebration for approximately 50 Navy recruits from the Great Lakes Naval Station. The recruits, many of whom are spending their first holiday away from home, are treated to a day of pampering featuring a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings.

The event grows in size and popularity each year, thanks in part to the participation and generosity of local residents and businesses. Everyone is welcome to stop by and greet the recruits, and homemade baked goods for the sweet table are especially appreciated. The event usually starts after 8 am and continues until 4:30 pm.

Monetary donations for this worthy cause can be mailed to:

Sailor Fund - American Legion Post 134
6144 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053

Donations also support The Comfort/Wounded Warrior Fund and other Veteran and Active Warrior activities.



NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH

Mayor DiMaria, the Village Board, and Staff invite you to come learn more about what's happening in your Village by meeting and speaking directly to department heads and elected officials. A Neighborhood Outreach meeting will be held at:

Edison Elementary School
8200 Gross Point Rd.

on

Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

There is no specific agenda for these meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend and interact "one on one" with elected officials and Village staff.

Village Officials

Village President

Daniel P. DiMaria

Village Clerk

Eileen Scanlon Harford

Village Trustees

Bill Grear

Rita Minx

Connie Travis

Ed Ramos

John Thill

Janine Witko

Village Administrator

Ralph E. Czerwinski

Corporation Counsel

Teresa Hoffman Liston

Saturday, October 14, 2017 8:00 am – noon

Pancake Breakfast

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



The Morton Grove Days Commission is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on October 14, 2017 at the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center 6140 Dempster. Proceeds will go to support "Santa Comes to Town"

Village Contact Information

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 am– 5:00 pm

Stay Informed

Visit the Village website www.mortongroveil.org
or Village Hall to sign up for our
e-Newsletter and emergency alerts.



Connect with us on
Facebook & YouTube



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

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Morton Grove IL
Permit No. 22

*****ECRWSEDDM*****

TO: Morton Grove Resident
Morton Grove, IL 60053