

Celebrate Our Successes



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Moretti's - 6415 Dempster

Grand Opening
New Restaurant & Catering Venue



- IL EPA Low Interest Loan for Water Project - \$75Million at 1.76%
- High Grade Village Bond Rating - February 2018 - Standard & Poor's - "AA" Rating
- Rated Top 5 US - "Urban Suburb" on the Rise - 2018 Housing Market Predictions, Redfin.com

A Message from Mayor Dan DiMaria

Dear Residents:



Crain's Chicago Business

Rated Morton Grove

- High Performing Schools
- Low Crime Rate
- Solid Property Price Growth



Construction on the new water system has begun. The project includes installing over four miles of new water mains and repaving more than 25 blocks of Village streets in Morton Grove. We were able to finance the project with low interest loans from the IEPA. When construction is complete, we will purchase high quality safe Lake Michigan water from Evanston at substantial savings over the rates we previously paid to Chicago. This success was the result of the leadership and long term vision of current and prior elected officials, cooperation with Niles, and hard work from our dedicated staff.

Moretti's is now open in Morton Grove! The new restaurant, banquet and catering facility provides a much desired dining and entertainment option for residents and visitors. Again, this success was the result of a lot of hard work and investment in our community. Please visit Moretti's and all the great and unique Morton Grove restaurants. Our restaurant guide is available on the Village's website at www.mortongroveil.org; click - **Community**; click - **Restaurant Guide**.

I'm also pleased to announce that Morton Grove has received an AA rating from Standard and Poor's due in large part to our strong and balanced budgets. At the same time, our Village has been recognized by the Seattle-based real estate brokerage (Redfin) and was rated 5th nationally as a popular "Urban Suburb" and also received high marks as a community by Crain's Chicago Business.

We have much to be proud of now, but I recognize we still have much to do. Let's keep working together to move Morton Grove forward! As Henry Ford said, *Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.*



Mayor Dan DiMaria

Morton Grove Niles WATER COMMISSION

Water Project Update

Construction for the Village's new water system will begin this spring. The project, which includes eight miles of water mains, a seven million gallon water tower and two pump stations is estimated to cost \$96,000,000 and will be financed primarily with 1.76% loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The construction route in Morton Grove includes Greenwood Avenue from Linder to Marmora, Marmora south to Monroe Court, River Drive, and Nagle Avenue from Oakton south to the Public Works facility where the water tower and one of the pump stations will be built. Streets on the construction route will be partially or fully repaved.

Planning for the new system began nearly four years ago in response to escalating water rates charged by the city of Chicago. After working together to investigate numerous options, Morton Grove and Niles formed the Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission and negotiated a 40+ year contract with the city of Evanston to purchase top quality Lake Michigan water at lower and more stable rates. Savings realized by switching water suppliers will be used to improve the Village's aging infrastructure without raising water rates or taxes for residents. The new system is expected to be operational in December 2018 and completed by August 2019.

To sign up for updates or to learn more about the project, visit www.mg-n-wc.org or contact the project message center at (847) 588-7979.

Community Updates



★★ **Save the Date MAY 12 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 12, 2018, at the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center. Proceeds will go to support "Santa Comes to Town"

Volunteers & Support Needed for Morton Grove Days Friday, June 30 through Wednesday, July 4

Be a Volunteer

The Morton Grove Days Commission needs volunteers for the annual festival and parade. For more information contact Eric & Melanie Brodsky at (847) 461-8689 or at info@mortongrovedays.org.

Join the Parade

Consider promoting your organization or business by participating in the 4th 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



Morton Grove Farmers' Market

The Spring Market will be held on May 12.
The regular season will begin June 9 and run every Saturday through October 20 from 8:00 am to 1:00 p.m. at 6140 Dempster.
You may visit mgfarmersmarket.org for more info. Think Spring!



Beyond Variety

Morton Grove Community Artist Performance

April 14 (Saturday) at 4pm
Morton Grove Civic Center
6140 Dempster Street

Doors open at 3:45 pm **FREE ADMISSION**
Post Performance Q & A follows afterwards.



Artists will include : St. Martha Parish Choir,
Morton Grove Women Who Drink Tea,
Glenview Squares, Chicago Mask Ensemble,
Ruben Zapata, Nicholas Barron, Emily Whitmore, Wandian, Ginny Ching-Yin Lo and others.

Adopt a Planter Program

- ◆ The planter program is open to individuals, families, groups, and businesses.
- ◆ Sign up by May 11 - 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, a name card and instructions.
- ◆ Initial plantings will take place on June 9. Participants may incorporate additional plants at their own expense.
- ◆ Participants will then care for the planter until October.
- ◆ The Village will water the planters weekly.
- ◆ A name card identifying each sponsor will be displayed in the corresponding planter.
- ◆ Photos of planters will appear on the Village's website and Facebook page.



Public Works Service Updates

Morton Grove & SWANCC Team-up for Recycling

Document Destruction and Electronics Recycling Event
Saturday, May 19 - 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 www.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 (including monitors/cables/devices/printers), Copy & Fax Machines, Microwaves, Portable Digital Players, Power Tools, Satellite Receivers, Shredders, Small Home Appliances, Stereo/TV Equipment (no wood).

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

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

Sprinkling Regulations

Each year the Village imposes restrictions on lawn sprinkling from May 15 – September 15.

Sprinkling is allowed during the following hours ONLY:

5 a.m. – 11 a.m.

6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

These restrictions apply to all properties (residential, commercial and industrial) on a daily basis. These restrictions do not apply to hand-held sprinkling hoses. Police and Public Works monitor sprinkling continually during drought situations, and violators are subject to fines. Fines begin at \$25 for the first violation and can increase up to \$150 per violation for repeat offenders.

Yard Waste Collection Program

Yard waste stickers are \$2.22 each or 5 for \$11.10. Stickers may be purchased at Village Hall at 6101 Capulina, the Jewel Food Store (at Milwaukee & Oakton), Walgreens Stores (at 5730 Dempster and 9301 Waukegan) and the Morton Grove Food Mart (at Lincoln & Marmora). Branches need to be bundled with biodegradable string. No bundle or yard waste bag can exceed 50 pounds.

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

Refuse/Garbage Can Reminder

Residents are reminded to bring their emptied trash cans in from the curb before twelve o'clock (12:00) midnight on the day of collection.

YOUR NEIGHBORS WILL APPRECIATE IT!



Public Safety Updates



Morton Grove Police Explorers

The Morton Grove Police Explorer Program is a career education program for youth and young adults interested in careers in law enforcement. Meetings are held at the Police Station (6101 Capulina) biweekly on Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Experienced police officers introduce participants to a variety of police related functions, such as traffic crash investigations, criminal investigations, domestic disputes, processing crime scenes, building searches, arrest techniques, traffic stops and control tactics.

Explorers can also gain public service experience through a variety of volunteer activities throughout the year. Explorers assist police officers during the "National Night Out", Morton Grove Days, parades and other community events. A young person's participation in the program results in knowledge and skill development that can form an excellent foundation for careers in law enforcement while also experiencing the gratification of providing service to others.

Explorer Candidates must:

- Be between the ages of 14 - 21 years old
- Be of good moral character
- Have no serious police records or excessive moving violations
- Be able to attend biweekly Explorer meetings
- Be willing to volunteer their time to attend various Explorer functions

Residency in Morton Grove is NOT required.

Interested individuals should contact Commander Panko (847) 663-3817 or Detective Johnson (847) 663-3826 for more detail.



IRS SCAM

The Morton Grove Police Department reminds residents to guard against scam phone calls from con artists and identity thieves. Criminals may pose as the IRS to trick victims out of money or personal information. Here are several tips to help you avoid being a victim:

- Thieves call taxpayers claiming to be IRS officials. They demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" callback requests through "robo-calls", messages or email.
- Phone scammers use threats to intimidate a victim. They threaten to arrest or revoke the license of their victim.
- Scammers can alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. They may even use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound "official".



Remember, the IRS WILL NEVER:

- ...Call you without first sending you a letter in the mail.
- ...Call you to demand immediate payment.
- ...Demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount you owe.
- ...Require that you pay your taxes a certain way; i.e. with a prepaid debit card, money order or Western Union.
- ...Ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- ...Threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

If in doubt, hang up and call the Morton Grove Police Department at (847) 470-5200

Help Us Help You...Make Sure Your Address is Visible on the Front of Your Home & Your Alley Access, if Appropriate

Public Safety Updates



Spring Cleaning: Hoarding

What is "hoarding"?

Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevents the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered.

Why Hoarding Increases Fire Risks

- Cooking is unsafe due to surrounding flammable items.
- Heating equipment may be too close to flammables.
- Hoarding can invite rodents. Rodents can chew on electrical wires and start fires in walls.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.



Hoarding Impacts First Responders

- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added, can lead to building or floor collapse.
- It can be more difficult to enter the home to provide emergency medical care.
- The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

Residential Smoke Detector Innovations

Some smoke detectors are now available with a sealed battery that manufacturers claim can last up to 10 years; the useful life of the detector. This technology may help reduce the frustration of chirping smoke detectors caused by a weak battery.



Consider this:

- Photoelectric smoke alarms are generally quicker to respond to smoldering fires.
- Ionization smoke alarms are generally more responsive to sudden onset, flaming types of fires.
- Some newer detectors combine photoelectric and ionization sensors. This can provide the performance of both types of alarms within one detector.

Stop by your local home improvement store and check for the availability of this developing technology.

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FIRES

Village ordinance MAY permit some outdoor recreational fires if:

- ✓ The fire IS NOT a nuisance to any other persons. Wind direction and speed may prohibit an outdoor fire under some conditions.
- ✓ The fire IS NOT used to burn garbage including construction waste.
- ✓ The fire is contained in an enclosed device (kettle or fireplace with cover screen) designed for the purpose of limiting fire spread (no closer than 15' from a building).
- ✓ The fire is in an open fire pit (not contained), it can be no closer than 25' from a building and NO LARGER than 3' wide x 2' high.



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 opinions to 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 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: _____

Community Senior Updates

Music and MORE

Cinco de Mayo Luncheon Friday, May 4 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Party with us during our fun fiesta featuring Latin music, a fresh Mexican buffet, and the chance to dance with friendly company.



Cheeseburger in Paradise Luncheon Friday, June 1 11:30-2:00 p.m.



Aloha! Hawaiian shirts are optional as we enjoy some island-style entertainment and a flavorful lunch buffet, in a laid-back atmosphere.

ALL of the ABOVE LUNCHEONS:

COST | \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door)

RSVP | (888) 600-2560

mortongrove@matherlifeways.com



Evening Series: Music & MORE!

Thursday, April 12, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 10, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 7, 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.



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 Wednesday 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.

All About Facebook

Tuesday, April 17th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Facebook is an exciting, interactive way to stay connected with friends and family and create connections with others who enjoy the same things you do. You'll learn how to set up an account, understand security features, and add photos so you can start connecting with others.

CALL (888) 600-2560 TO REGISTER

10 Healthy Habits for Each and Everyday

Wednesday, May 23rd, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Incorporating small, yet powerful health habits into our daily routine goes a long way in maximizing our physical, emotional, and cognitive health. We'll examine the benefits of 10 healthy habits, as well as strategies to integrate them into your life.

CALL (888) 600-2560 TO REGISTER

Benefits of Medical Marijuana

Wednesday, June 20th, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Topics will include: the history of cannabis; the science of cannabis and how it works with the body; administration methods; dosing for specific conditions; the application process as well as physician and patient requirements.

CALL (888) 600-2560 TO REGISTER

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

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.

Dial 9-1-1

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emergency alerts:
www.mortongroveil.org

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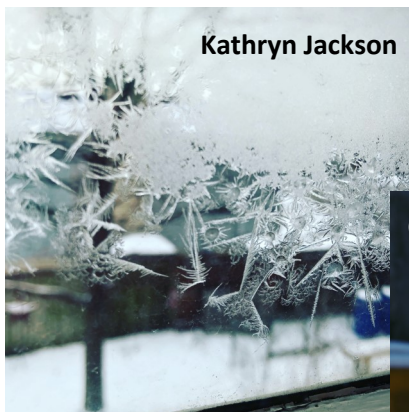
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Winter Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Winter Photo Contest winners: **Cameron Leigh Murzyn, C.J. Tuch, Kathryn Jackson, Brian Kabat and Zainab Ahmed.**
All incredible and amazing photos submitted can be seen on the Village's Facebook page. The Spring Contest ends on June 1. Photos can be emailed to CRC@mortongroveil.org. Contest rules and details are at: www.mortongroveil.org.



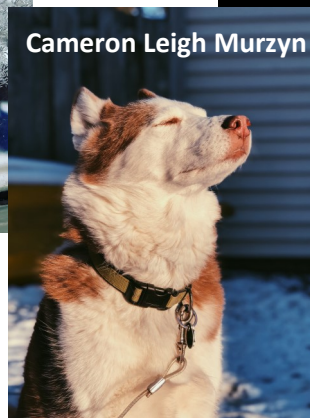
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Kathryn Jackson



Zainab Ahmed



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Morton Grove Exchange

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