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Fall 2016 Edition

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8700 Waukegan Development Begins

In September the owners of 8700 Waukegan Road, Heartland Real Estate Partners ("Heartland") began demolishing the existing obsolete office building to make way for the construction of a 7-story, 184 unit luxury apartment building and 14,000 sq. ft. of commercial space. "This is the largest redevelopment project in the Village in years," said Mayor Dan DiMaria. "The Village Board and I are excited to work with Heartland to revitalize the Dempster-Waukegan commercial area." The project is expected to generate almost \$1 million dollars per year in

new real estate and sales tax revenues, and will create 150 temporary construction jobs and 20 new permanent jobs.

David Husman, President of **Heartland Real Estate Partners** thanked the Village for "welcoming his company with open arms." He further noted:



"In my 60 years of building projects all over the United States, this is the best reception I have ever had, and I really appreciate that. I'm impressed with Mayor DiMaria's vision to revitalize this area."

Construction is expected to begin next Spring and be completed in Fall 2018.



Village Leaf Pick Up

Our Public Works Department begins its annual free Fall leaf pick up service on October 10. Residents are reminded to place only leaf piles at the curb—not brush, grass clippings, branches, or debris. In order for Public Works to operate efficiently, please avoid parking near or on top of leaf piles.

Leaf pick up service is currently scheduled to run through the week of Thanksgiving. For more information, please call (847) 470-5235.

Legislative

Updates

A Message from Mayor Dan DiMaria

Public Meeting Schedule

October			
3	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm	
6	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm	
10	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm	
11	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm	
11	Community Relations	6:30 pm	
17	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm	
18	Special Events Commission	6:30 pm	
24	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm	
25	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm	
November			

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	3	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
	7	Economic Development	5:30 pm
	7	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
	8	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm
	 8 Community Relations 14 Village Board Meeting 15 Special Events Commission 15 Fire Pension Board 		6:30 pm 7:00 pm 6:30 pm
			8:00 am
	21	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm
	22 Fire and Police Commission		1:00 pm
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December			
1	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm	
5	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm	
12	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm	
13	Advisory Comm. on Aging	1:00 pm	
13	Community Relations	6:30 pm	
19	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm	
27	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm	

Dates are Subject to Change

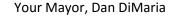
Dear Neighbors,

The Village Board and I are excited to see that work has begun to redevelop 8700 Waukegan with a new seven story residential building and commercial center. This project will produce almost \$1,000,000 per year in tax revenues and will serve as a catalyst for more redevelopment in the Dempster -Waukegan area.

Economic Development remains a top priority of my administration. Success takes time, hard work and cooperation from property owners, residents, and Village leaders. Please be patient; we are moving in the right direction.

Congratulations to Hynes School for being chosen by Chicago Magazine as the 11th best public elementary school in suburban Cook County. What a great honor this is for the dedicated teachers, administrators, and families of School District 67. Great schools are an important reason Morton Grove is a great place - to live, work and raise a family.

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





2016 Election Information from Clerk Connie Travis

There are several ways to vote in this election:

Early Voting. You can vote from 9:00am-5:00pm (Monday-Saturday) October 24 -November 7 at the Skokie Court House and other locations throughout Cook County. Remember to bring a picture ID and your voter's registration card.

Mail Voting is a convenient way to cast your ballot—it is no longer necessary to provide a reason to vote by mail. You can request a mail ballot online at cookcountyclerk.com or by phone: (312) 603-0946 up to November 3, 2016. Your mailed ballot must be postmarked by November 8 and received by the Cook County Clerk by November 17.

You can Vote on Election Day from 6:00 am to 7:00 pm. Watch your mail - the County Clerk will mail you the address of your polling place prior to the election.

For more information about registering and voting, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com.

Legislative Update

Featured Commission Plan Commission /Zoning Board of Appeals



From Left to Right: Andrew Shimanski, Craig Gillespie, Chairperson Ronald Farkas, Richard Dorgan, Dr. Saba Khan, Edward Gabriel and Steven Blonz.

The Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) are separate Village commissions comprised of the same seven Village residents. Both Commissions meet the third Monday of every month at 7:30 pm. The Plan Commission reviews applications, holds public hearings, and make recommendations to the Village Board for special use permits, large development projects and changes to the Village's Zoning Code. The ZBA hears applications for variances to the Village's zoning laws, and appeals of decisions by the Village's Building Commissioner.

Commissioners dedicate many hours each month preparing for and attending meetings and hearings. They have a variety of backgrounds, experience and expertise in land use, building and

environmental design, and zoning issues and include two architects, an attorney, engineer, dentist and other business professionals.

Chairperson Ron Farkas, who has been a member of the Plan Commission and ZBA for almost 15 years, announced his retirement in September. Since being appointed Chairperson in 2004, Ron has presided over countless cases, both large and small, ensuring fairness, respect, transparency, and adherence to the Village's codes. Mayor DiMaria, the Village Board and staff all thank Ron for his years of dedication and service to Morton Grove.

Summer Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to Sascha Hedjbeli, Gina and Noel Magsino, John Ruberry, and Eric Poders, our Summer 2016 Photo Contest winners. All the incredible and amazing pictures submitted can be seen 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.











Public Safety & Services Updates



Meet Our Homegrown Heroes



Two of Morton Grove's newest police officers, Officer Daniel Dahm and Officer Michael Zachacki both grew up in Morton Grove and attended Niles West High School. Prior to becoming a police officer, Dan Dahm worked as a summer helper for Morton Grove Public Works, and as a community service officer for the Morton Grove Police Department.

Officer Zachacki spent seven summers working at Harrer Park Pool as a lifeguard and manager. He was the valedictorian of his police academy class. Prior to accepting his position with the Morton Grove Police

Department, Michael worked for the Island Lake Police Department. We wish these officers a long, safe, and productive career with our Village.

2016 National Night Out A Huge Success

On August 2, over 600 residents attended the Morton Grove Police Department's second annual National Night Out. This event enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement and brings back a true sense of community.

The event included a live band, pony rides, face painting, balloon sculptures, two caricaturists, a climbing wall, tacos, hotdogs, ice cream, a 51-foot blow up obstacle course, a bouncy house and more. The costs for this event was fully funded by donations from generous local businesses and residents.

This year's National Night Out was an even bigger success than last year. Special thanks goes to the Morton Grove Park District, our Citizen Police Academy volunteers, and Village employees for their help and support.

Free Gun Locks



The Police Department is teaming up with Project ChildSafe to offer residents a free gun lock, while supplies last. Own it? Respect it. Secure it. Stop by the Department's front window and request a lock.









Public Safety & Services Updates



October is Fire Safety Month

Only Working Smoke Alarms Can Save Lives

Smoke alarms play an essential role in home fire safety. Most homes have smoke alarms, but few people know how old their smoke alarms are, or how often they need to be replaced. The age of a smoke alarm can be determined by looking for the date of manufacture on the back or side of the alarm. Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years. Check your smoke alarms by pushing the test button at least once a month and replace the batteries every year.



Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6, 2016. When you turn your clocks back, replace your smoke alarm batteries.

Safety Tips For Fire Pits

Fire pits, and chimineas (clay vertical outdoor fire places) have become very popular in recent years. Accidental fires caused by these recreational fire devices have also increased. Safety should be everyone's first priority when enjoying any recreational fire. The Fire Department recommends taking the following precautions:

- Fire pits and chimineas must be at least 15 feet from any combustibles and set on concrete or level areas of dirt or gravel.
- Make sure fires are never left unattended. Keep children and pets away from fires.
- Keep a water hose or a fire extinguisher close by at all times.
- Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the area.
- Do not use your fire pit for burning rubbish, leaves, rotten or green wood or any material that will cause excessive smoke and odor in the neighborhood.

Please be safe and be a good neighbor when using your outdoor fire pit.



Public Safety & Services Updates



Winterize Your Rain Barrel



Follow These Tips To Protect Your Rain Barrel From Cracking And Freezing

- Disconnect your barrel from the gutter downspout and attach the gutter to a flexible downspout to direct water away from your and your neighbor's houses;
- Drain the barrel and its hoses and keep the spigot in the open position;
- If possible, store the barrel in a garage, shed or basement. If you must leave your barrel outside turn it upside down in a location where it won't collect water or be blown by high winds. Cover your rain barrel with a tarp for additional protection.

The free rain barrel program will end in December. Place your order now! Application forms can be completed at Village Hall or on line at www.mortongroveil.org.

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.



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Your advice	e, suggestions, questions, and opinions are	appreciated. There are	e several ways for y	ou to commun	icate your	thoughts.
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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.



More than Lunch

Pasta Palooza

Friday, November 4th 11:30 am \$13 advance, \$15 at the door

It's a Wonderful Life

Friday, December 2nd 10:30 am \$15

Music and MORE

Evening Series: Music and More

Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 pm Latin Music by Frankie's People \$5

Evening Series: Comedy and More

Thursday, November 10 at 6:30 pm

Comedy of Vito Zatta \$5

Evening Series: Music and More

Thursday, December 22 at 6:30 pm Harmonizers Holiday Concert \$5

...and Even MORE

Morton Grove Jammers

Tuesday at 3:30 pm FREE

Gentle Yoga

Fridays from 1:00-2:00 pm

Ask the Tech Expert

Fridays from 11:00 am-1:00 pm FREE

Zumba Gold

Fridays from 2:00 -3:00 pm \$4

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

American Legion Post 134 Supports Naval Recruits

On Thursday, November 27, 2016, American Legion Post 134 will host its 10th annual Thanksgiving Day celebration for about 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.



Free Community Artists Performance

American Legion Memorial Civic Center - 6140 Dempster Street

Saturday, October 29 - 4:00—5:00 pm www.identityperformingarts.org

Hynes School Ranked Among The Best Suburban Public Elementary Schools

Chicago Magazine ranked Hynes Elementary School the 11th best public elementary school in Suburban Cook County for 2016. The Magazine ranked all suburban schools based on spending per student, state benchmarks, math, reading and college admission scores, school attendance and high school graduation rates. Congratulations to the administration, teachers, staff, parents, and students of Hynes School for their good work. Great school are an important reason Morton Grove is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Support the Doughboy!

Thank you to the Morton Grove Days Commission for its generous donation of \$5,000 for the restoration of the iconic statute honoring Morton Grove war heroes. The "Doughboy" is located in front of the Morton Grove Library and was erected in 1921 for the soldiers of World War I. Please donate to this worthy cause at: gofundme.com/mgdoughboy.



Village Officials

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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			

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