



### **Morton Grove Village Hall**

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Fire & EMS Information	847-470-5226
Police Information	847-470-5200
Poison Control	800-222-1222
Animal Control	847-470-5200
Water Department	847-470-5235 (after-hours 847-470-5200)
ComEd	800-334-7661 (800-EDISON-1)
NICOR	888-642-6748 (888-NICOR-4U)

# Welcome from Mayor DiMaria



Welcome home to Morton Grove. Our tagline, "Incredibly Close, Amazingly Open," truly defines us. We are incredibly close in so many ways. Our location can't be beat. We are close to downtown Chicago, O'Hare Airport, and Interstates 94 and 294, and are serviced by Metra trains and Pace buses. We have outstanding restaurants and shops, with many more just minutes away. More importantly, we are an "Incredibly Close" community of neighbors who enjoy living in Morton Grove and care about each other.

We are also proud to be "Amazingly Open." Twenty percent of our land is part of the Cook County Forest Preserve District. We enjoy access to biking and hiking trails, a public golf course, and wonderful neighborhood parks. "Amazingly Open" also describes who we are. We are a diverse community with residents born in scores of different countries. We welcome everyone to Morton Grove and are always open to new neighbors, new cultures, and new ideas.

We hope this guide will be a useful resource to help you learn "all things Morton Grove." We have included everything from when to buy landscape stickers to where to register to vote. My door is always open, and I would love to hear from you if you have any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Mavor Dan DiMaria

847-470-5220

ddmaria@mortongroveil.org



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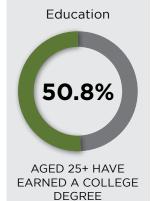


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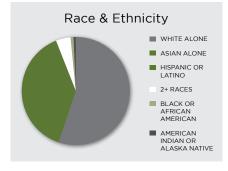












# DOING BUSINESS



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EMPLOYERS	1	Xylem	475
٣	2	John Crane	378
Ó	3	Amazon Fresh	300
7	4	Fareva	200
Σ	5	Quantum Color Graphic	cs 200
Ш	6	Integrated Merchandisir	ng 154
10	7	Menards	150
_	8	<b>Bunzl Retail Services</b>	150
40	9	Illinois Bone & Joint Ins	st. 150
H	10	M.G. Living & Rehab	125



12,842 **WORKERS IN MORTON GROVE** 

2,809,310 **WORKERS IN** COOK COUNTY

Average Daily Traffic

39,500 **DEMPSTER STREET** 

23,200

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# Village Government

The Village of Morton Grove is governed by a Mayor (also referred to as a Village President), a Village Clerk, and six Trustees who are elected for four-year terms. Elections are held every two years. The Mayor, with the concurrence of the Village Board, appoints a Village Administrator. The Village Administrator is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Village and oversees department directors.

Village services are provided by eight departments. The Administration, Police, Building and Inspectional Services, Community and Economic Development, and Finance Departments are located at 6101 Capulina Avenue. The Fire Department has two locations at 6250 Lincoln Avenue and 8954 Shermer Road, and the Public Works Department is located at 7840 Nagle Avenue. The Department of Family and Senior Services is located at 6140 Dempster Street.

Village Board meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue). Meetings are open to the public, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The meetings are livestreamed (may be watched remotely on a computer, tablet or smart phone) and are rebroadcasted on local cable access channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse channel 99 - Morton Grove. For more information, including the calendar of all Village meetings, agendas, and minutes, please visit the Village website at www.mortongroveil.org.

#### **Board of Trustees**



Saba Khan. Trustee skhan@mortongroveil.org Elected 2021



Rita Minx, Trustee rminx@mortongroveil.org Elected 2023



**Ashur Shiba. Trustee** ashiba@mortongroveil.org Elected 2023



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**Connie Travis, Trustee** ctravis@mortongroveil.org Elected 2021



Eileen Scanlon Harford, Village Clerk eharford@mortongroveil.org Elected 2021



Janine Witko, Trustee jwitko@mortongroveil.org Elected 2023

# **Village Government**

#### **Boards & Commissions**

Village boards and commissions provide residents' input on important issues directly affecting neighborhoods, developments, and quality of life in the community. Meetings are open to the public. Members are appointed by the Mayor. Residents interested in serving on a board or commission are invited to submit an application to the Mayor's Office at Village Hall. For additional information, call 847-965-4100 or visit the Village website at www.mortongroveil.org.

#### **Advisory Commission on Aging**

This Commission is composed of senior residents and representatives of public and private organizations serving the needs of older Morton Grove residents. Meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except for July and August, at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Appearance Review Commission**

This Commission reviews applications for new construction, exterior remodeling, landscaping plans, and signage. The Commission may approve variations from certain landscaping and signage regulations. Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Community Relations Commission**

This Commission hosts programs and events to foster positive interactions among residents of all races, creeds, national origins, and economic and educational levels. Meets on the third Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November, and December at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Economic Development Commission**

This Commission advises the Village Board on policies and actions which impact the Village's economic environment. Meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Environment and Natural Resources Commission**

This Commission assists the Village Board's efforts to promote the preservation and improvement of

the Village's environment and natural resources. Meets on the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Fire & Police Commission**

This Commission supervises the hiring and promotion of sworn fire and police officers, and disciplinary action when required. Meets monthly as needed.

#### **Fire Pension Board**

This Board administers Morton Grove's fire pension fund. Membership is specified by state law and includes Mayoral appointees, elected members, and a Fire Department retiree. Meets quarterly as needed.

#### Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals

The Plan Commission makes recommendations to the Village Board for proposed special use permits, subdivisions, planned unit developments, and zoning amendments. The Zoning Board of Appeals reviews requests for zoning variations. Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Police Pension Board**

This Board administers Morton Grove's police pension fund. Membership is specified by state law and includes Mayoral appointees, elected members, and a Police Department retiree. Meets quarterly as needed.

#### **Special Events Commission**

This Commission works with Village officials and staff to plan, coordinate volunteers, and operate Morton Grove Days and other special events. Meets on the third Tuesday of alternating months, beginning in February, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Traffic Safety Commission**

This Commission reviews and presents recommendations to the Village Board regarding matters involving traffic safety, including the traffic impacts of development proposals and requests for the installation of traffic control devices. Meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

# **Village Departments**

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villageadministrator@mortongroveil.org   www.mortongroveil.org/admin 847-470-5220   fax 847-965-4162   6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL	
Finance Department	12
www.mortongroveil.org/finance 847-470-5243   fax 847-663-3028   6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Il	L 60053
Department of Building & Inspectional Services	13
www.mortongroveil.org/building-and-inspectional-services-department 847-470-5214   fax 847-663-6185   6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL	60053
Department of Community & Economic Development	13
commdev@mortongroveil.org   www.mortongroveil.org/business-develo 847-663-3063   fax 847-965-4162   6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL	
Department of Family & Senior Services	13
www.mortongroveil.org/family-and-senior-services 847-663-3070   6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053	
Public Works Department	14
www.mortongroveil.org/public-works 847-470-5235   fax 847-965-9511   7840 Nagle Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60	0053
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www.mortongroveil.org/police-department emergency 9-1-1   non-emergency 847-470-5200   fax 847-965-2950 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053	
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www.mortongroveil.org/fire-department	

**emergency 9-1-1** | non-emergency 847-470-5226 | fax 847-965-7711 6250 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

#### **Administrator's Office**

Ralph E. Czerwinski, Village Administrator  $village administrator@mortongroveil.org \mid www.mortongroveil.org/administration$ 847-470-5220 | fax 847-965-4162 | 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Administrator's Office is responsible for assuring the efficient and effective management of day-to-day Village operations, and through the Administrator, implementing the policies of the Village President and Board of Trustees.

The Administrator assists the Village President and Board of Trustees in developing policy alternatives and implementing Board policy decisions. Special attention is devoted to an on-going analysis of the delivery of public services in order to maximize productivity and effectiveness.

#### **Key Resident Services:**

- Village Board Support
- Communications & Media
- · Event Permitting
- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
- Human Resources
- Morton Grove F-News
- · Policy Inquiries
- Proclamation Requests
- Risk Management
- Senior Services
- Village Newsletters & Postcards



#### **Finance Department**

#### www.mortongroveil.org/finance

847-470-5243 | fax 847-663-3028 | 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Finance Department is a support service department whose primary function is to assist the other Village departments in meeting their public service goals. These support services include budgeting, accounting, purchasing, debt administration, and payroll. In addition to supporting the operations of other departments, the Finance Department serves the public directly by performing the following functions: reception, information dissemination, licensing, cashiering, issuance of real estate transfer stamps, and handling water billing inquiries and payments.

- Garage Sale Permitting
- Parking Permits
- Pet Registration
- Real Estate Transfer Stamps
- Vehicle Stickers
- Water Billing



#### **Department of Building & Inspectional Services**

www.mortongroveil.org/building-and-inspectional-services-department

847-470-5214 | fax 847-663-6185 | 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Department of Building and Inspectional Services works to ensure that property and structures are developed and maintained in accordance with Village building, zoning, health, and property maintenance ordinances. Before beginning any remodeling, demolition, construction, flatwork, or fencing project, contact the Building Department to find out which permits will be required.

#### **Kev Resident Services:**

- Home Occupation & Business Licenses
- Construction & Demolition Permitting
- Inspections
- Property Maintenance
- Vacant Property Registration



#### **Department of Community & Economic Development**

commdev@mortongroveil.org | www.mortongroveil.org/business-development 847-663-3063 | fax 847-965-4162 | 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Department of Community and Economic Development works to enhance the local business climate and improve quality of life for residents. The Department coordinates land use planning, administers the Village's zoning regulations, facilitates residential, commercial, mixed-use, and industrial development, and connects businesses with resources and programs to help them thrive.

#### **Key Resident Services:**

- Zoning Administration
- Zoning Relief Support
- Community Development Initiatives
- Community Planning



#### **Department of Family & Senior Services**

www.mortongroveil.org/family-and-senior-services

847-663-3070 | 6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The mission of the Department of Family and Senior Services at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center is to serve as a focal point where a multitude of social, health, and recreational services are provided in a caring and professional manner designed to keep individuals healthy, productive, and independent for as long as possible. Services are available for Morton Grove residents of all ages.

- · Civic Center Activities
- Health & Wellness Programs
- Senior Programs
- Social Services

#### **Public Works Department**

#### www.mortongroveil.org/public-works

847-470-5235 | fax 847-965-9511 | Nagle Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Public Works Department maintains a welltrained staff of 39 full-time employees who serve as the backbone of all Village maintenance services. The department is comprised of five divisions: Water and Sewer, Streets, Vehicle Maintenance, Engineering, and Facilities Maintenance.

The Water and Sewer Division is responsible for ensuring the quality of the Village's water supply and a sufficient quantity of water to suppress fires in an emergency situation. This division monitors the Village's water supply and distribution at its two pumping stations and two elevated water tanks. Employees continually test the water following Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines to ensure the highest quality of potable water. The division is also responsible for maintaining the sanitary, storm, and combination sewers and their appurtenances in the Village. This division maintains and repairs all Village catch basins along with the storm, sanitary, or combination manholes. Employees in this division also repair all blockages and damage to any portion of the sewer system.

The **Streets Division** is responsible for preserving the rights-of-way throughout the Village and maintaining and repairing 270 lane miles of Village thoroughfares and 58 lane miles of State and County road within the corporate boundaries of Morton Grove. Additionally, this division is responsible for all snowplowing, street sweeping, and leaf collection duties in the Village.

The **Vehicle Maintenance Division** is responsible for the routine maintenance and all repairs to the municipal fleet. The fleet includes Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, and Administrative Department vehicles.

The **Engineering Division** is responsible for design, observation, and administration of all construction projects within the Village's rights-of-way, and other properties that include Village ownership or use rights. The Village hires contractors and engineers to perform this work and the Engineering Division manages the work. Private property development includes some improvements overseen by the Engineering Division: utilities and drainage plus all required work within the Village's right-of-way. The Village maintains a geographic information system (GIS) that creates, manages, analyzes, and maps all types of data the Village keeps to maintain all of its operations and plan for the future. The Engineering Division manages the GIS program.

The **Facilities Maintenance Division** monitors. maintains and verifies the condition of all municipal buildings and properties on a continual basis. This division participates in setting design specifications, bidding and overseeing the preventive maintenance programs which decrease the overall cost of maintaining buildings and properties.

- Engineering Review
- Free Material
- Severe Storm Damage Clean-Up
- Snow/Ice Removal
- Street Sweeping & Maintenance
- Street Tree Planting
- Tree Protection
- Water & Sewer Systems

#### **Police Department**

#### www.mortongroveil.org/police-department

**emergency 9-1-1** | non-emergency 847-470-5200 | fax 847-965-2950 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Morton Grove Police Department is a professional law enforcement agency that adheres to the highest standards of professionalism. Our mission is to provide responsive and professional law enforcement services, preserve law and order, and to maintain the highest ethical standards. We are committed to maintaining the safest possible environment and to preserve Morton Grove's status as a great place to live and work.

There are many factors, positive and negative, that impact crime rates, but in reality, what makes Morton Grove a safe village is our partnerships within and outside the community. Citizens' groups, local municipal service providers, Village commissions, Morton Grove businesses, as well as outside provider agencies, are examples of our great partnerships.

The Police Department is located at 6101 Capulina Avenue. The Department is staffed with 75 members who are divided into patrol, field, support services, and administrative staff. Patrol operations are divided into three shifts that provide 24-hour service to respond to the community's needs. 24-hour emergency clinical social work coverage for Police and Fire related responses are available through the Police and Fire Departments.

#### **Key Resident Services:**

- Block Watch Program
- Citizens Police & Fire Academy
- Emergency Response
- Gun Safety Resources & Gun Locks
- Identity Theft Resources
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Parking Restriction Enforcement
- Red Light Safety Camera Program
- Security Alarm Program
- Smart 911
- Social Services
- Traffic Safety Enforcement
- Vacation Watch Program
- National Night Out

Typically first Tuesday in August

# **Fire Department**

#### www.mortongroveil.org/fire-department

**emergency 9-1-1** | non-emergency 847-470-5226 | fax 847-965-7711 Headquarters/Station #4 - 6250 Lincoln Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Station #5 - 8954 Shermer Road, Morton Grove, IL 60053

The Morton Grove Fire Department maintains a full-time, professional, sworn staff of well-trained firefighters and paramedics who specialize in the latest fire and emergency medical practices. The staff includes 40 sworn members, one full-time Fire Prevention Bureau Coordinator, two part-time inspectors, and two civilian support employees. All firefighter/paramedics are certified in both firefighting and emergency medical services. The training of the Department's personnel is an ongoing process with staff hours that are not only devoted to emergency response, but dedicated to skill development and enhancement in an effort to maintain operational readiness.

The Village has two, fully operational fire stations. Fire Station #4 is located at 6250 Lincoln Avenue. and responds primarily to fire and medical emergencies on the east side of the Village. Fire Station #5 is located at 8954 Shermer Road, and responds primarily to fire and medical emergencies on the west side of the Village. Station numbering is assigned regionally to facilitate communications during large-scale incidents when mutual aid from multiple communities is needed.

Morton Grove fire stations are staffed 24 hours-aday, 365 days-a-year. Depending on scheduling, 10 to 13 members of the department are on duty each day. Each shift is responsible for staffing two fire engines, two Advanced Life Support ambulances, with Battalion Chief coverage provided by both Morton Grove and Niles.

To provide these services, a fleet of emergency apparatus, tools, and equipment is maintained, enabling the department to respond to the community's needs swiftly and safely. In addition to providing emergency fire protection and medical services, the Fire Department addresses the community's needs through fire prevention, public education, community risk reduction, fire investigation, hazardous materials management, and special rescue teams.

- Be Alarmed! Smoke Detector Installation Program
- Citizens Police & Fire Academy
- Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Response
- Fire Prevention Resources
- Life Safety Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Outreach
- Public Education
- Residential Key Box Program
- Speaker Bureau



#### Adopt-a-Planter Program

Every summer and winter season, the Morton Grove Community Relations Commission invites Village residents and businesses to participate in the Adopt-a-Planter Program. Individuals, families, organizations, businesses, and other groups may sign up to "adopt" one of the large Village planters located at the train station, Civic Center, and along Dempster Street and Waukegan Road. All participants will receive an email approximately one week before "Planting Day" with their planter assignment and other details. Adopting a planter is an excellent way to show pride in the community while keeping the Village beautiful throughout the seasons. For more information, call 847-663-3007 or email CRC@mortongroveil.org.

#### **Animal Control**

The Morton Grove Police Department's Animal Control Unit routinely rescues animals in distress and provides residents with a resource to navigate their way through issues related to both domestic animals and wildlife. The Police Department is staffed by one Animal Control Officer, who assists with securing lost pets and relocating found pets and animals. Often, injured animals are transported to nearby wildlife rehabilitation centers for care before they are released back into the wild. To contact the Animal Control Unit, call 847-470-5200.

#### **Be Alarmed! Smoke Detector Program**

Properly installed and functioning smoke alarms are important to making your home and family safer from fire. The Fire Department is proud to take part in the "Be Alarmed!" Smoke Detector Program, a fire safety education and smoke alarm installation program administered between the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) and the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM). The program distributes fire safety education materials and ten-year sealed battery ionization technology smoke alarms to Illinois fire departments. Fire departments then educate residents and install smoke alarms in local homes.

The smoke alarms and installation services are free for residential dwellings in Morton Grove. To enroll online or download an application, visit www.mortongroveil.org/fire-department/be**alarmed**. Once the application is received, you will be contacted by a Morton Grove Fire Department representative to discuss, plan, and schedule your smoke alarm installation. Although this program is available to residential dwellings only, the Fire Department will be happy to assist businesses and non-residential property owners with any compliance questions or concerns.

#### **Block Party Permits**

Residents intending to hold block parties or music parties must submit a Block Party Request Form and return it to Village Hall for registration and approval. Requests should be made at least one month prior to the scheduled event. A Live and Amplified Music Permit Application must also be submitted and approved for events where music will be played live or amplified outdoors. To download the applications and the Village's Block Party Kit, visit www.mortongroveil.org/block-party-or-livemusic-request.

#### **Block Watch Program**

The Morton Grove Police Department implemented a virtual Block Watch Program to enlist the help of property owners who have outdoor video cameras to solve neighborhood crimes. Often times, investigators have found when canvassing a neighborhood after a crime has occurred that a home or business video system may have captured a picture of a suspect or a vehicle. This can be a valuable lead that can help in an investigation and may lead to an arrest. The Block Watch Program is a voluntary program that asks property owners who have outdoor surveillance cameras to register their cameras with the Police Department. If a crime occurs in the neighborhood, the Morton Grove Police Department may ask you to check your camera system to see if you captured a video that may aid in our investigation. To participate, visit www.mortongroveil.org/policedepartment/block-watch. Call the Community Liaison Officers at 847-470-5200 with any questions.

#### **Blood Pressure Screening**

The Village offers free blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar screenings for senior residents on the third Thursday of the month at the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street). The screenings take only three minutes. For more information, call 847-663-3070.

#### **Building Permits**

Obtaining a building permit from the Morton Grove Department of Building and Inspectional Services helps maintain and protect a property owner's best interest. A permit ensures construction work will be observed and helps identify deviations from approved plans and violations of the Building Code that may result in unsafe or hazardous conditions. Applications for permits may be made by the homeowner or contractor. However, it is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure a permit is secured and posted on the job site. All contractor



and subcontractors (other than landscapers and painters) working in the Village require a Village contractor's business license.

#### Examples of work requiring a permit:

- · New buildings, additions, interior remodeling, and renovations
- Carports and garages
- Fences and gates
- Storage sheds and playhouses
- Patios, porches, and decks
- Swimming pools and ponds (over 2 feet deep)
- Driveways, parking areas, and walkways
- Electrical, plumbing, heating, and cooling
- Sewer and water line repairs
- · Changes to lot grade
- Water heaters
- Demolition

#### Examples of work not requiring a permit:

- Roofing
- Tuckpointing
- Replacement of gutters and downspouts
- Siding (aluminum, vinyl, stucco)
- Windows, same size replacement

The Department accepts online permit applications for water heaters, furnace and air conditioner

replacements, HVAC alterations, sewer repair, backup generators, and fences at this time. All other permit applications must be submitted by mail or in-person to the Department of Building and Inspectional Services at Village Hall at 6101 Capulina Avenue. Contractors must be licensed with the Village prior to permit issuance. To apply for permits online, download permit applications, and obtain more information, visit www.mortongroveil.org/ building-and-inspectional-services-department. Call 847-470-5214 with any questions.

#### **Business Licenses (Home Businesses)**

The Village is proud that many residents operate home-based businesses. In order to maintain the residential nature of Morton Grove's neighborhoods and ensure that home-based businesses do not negatively impact their neighbors, the Village enforces several ordinances to regulate home-based businesses. In order to establish a home business, submit a Business & Non-Residential Use Compliance Certificate Application and Home Occupation Checklist to Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue) for administrative review. New home businesses are subject to a \$100 licensing fee and the annual renewal costs \$25. To download the application and review applicable requirements, visit www. mortongroveil.org/doing-business-in-morton-grove.

#### Citation Adjudication Program

The Village's Citation Adjudication Program is a quasi-judicial tribunal for the expedient, independent, and impartial adjudication of Municipal Code citations. An administrative adjudication hearing is a civil, not a criminal proceeding. Cases are punishable by fines and a variety of other penalties, but not by jail time. The process is more streamlined than a judicial court and typically is more time and cost effective for all parties involved. Strict and often complex rules of evidence and procedure are not applicable.

Cases are heard by an administrative hearing officer who is an experienced attorney and has completed state mandated training to impartially render decisions in a professional, courteous, and fair manner. The Hearing Officer is not a Village employee and their compensation is not dependent on the outcome of any hearing.

If a fine is listed on the citation and the citation does not state that the defendant must attend the hearing, the defendant may choose to resolve the citation by simply paying the fine indicated on the citation. Fines can be paid in-person at Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue), by mail to 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053, or through the Village's online payment portal available at www.mortongroveil.org/adjudication.

As an alternative to attending an administrative hearing, a defendant may contest a citation without a formal hearing by submitting a Request to Contest Citation Without Formal Hearing form and emailing the completed form, along with any supporting documentation, to adjudications@mortongroveil. org. To download the form and learn more about the Village's Citation Adjudication Program, visit www.mortongroveil.org/adjudication. Please call 847-663-3003 with any questions.

#### **Citizens Police and Fire Academy**

Are you interested in getting an up-close look at what the Police and Fire Departments do? The Citizens Police and Fire Academy is a 12-week program with one two-hour block of instruction per week designed to give participants an understanding of the operations of the Morton Grove Police and Fire Departments and a working knowledge of what law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical services (EMS) are all about. The classes are limited to 20 students, so early registration is recommended. There is no cost for residents to participate. Visit www. mortongroveil.org/police-department/citizenspolice-and-fire-academy for more information.

#### Civic Center Rental

The American Legion Memorial Civic Center at 6140 Dempster Street is a multi-purpose facility in Morton Grove that meets the needs of individuals, groups, and civic organizations alike. Whether you are planning a corporate seminar, an educational workshop, or a formal wedding, the Civic Center has the perfect room for you. Elegant surroundings and functional meeting spaces offer an impressive setting within this beautifully designed and tastefully decorated facility. Civic Center rentals provide equipment, appliances, and staff support that will make your special event shine.

#### Main floor rental options include:

- Reception Area: A friendly reception area welcomes visitors with its inviting oak spiral staircase, a sparkling brass chandelier, and comfortable seating.
- Main Hall: The Main Hall, with an adjacent kitchen and patio, is a large banquet hall featuring a vaulted wood beam ceiling, entertainment stage, state-of-the-art sound system, and dance floor. This space accommodates 170 to a sit-down meal with an adjacent, fully equipped warming kitchen to satisfy the needs of caterers. French doors open out to a landscaped brick paved patio where your guests can relax under patio umbrellas or moonlit nights. Capacity for banquet seating only is 170, 140 with an open dance floor, and 130 with an open dance floor and portable bar. Auditorium seating is 225.

#### Second floor rental options include:

• Community Hall: This cozy room has a warm, inviting feel and is perfect for a more intimate gathering like a small bridal shower, birthday, or rehearsal dinner. The kitchenette is separated from the hall by a counter which serves as a pass-thru for food and beverages. Capacity for banquet seating is 40, card table seating is 44,



and auditorium seating is 50.

- Library: This space is a great small meeting room for eight to twelve people. Perfect for a bridal room, or waiting room for guest speakers or dignitaries to relax before their big moment.
- Programming/Craft Room: This multi-purpose room is ideal for meetings, lectures, and classes. It has a white board, sink, and counter space with classroom style lighting. Capacity for conference table seating is 32, auditorium seating is 45, and card table seating is 24.

#### **Outdoor rental options include:**

• Outdoor Patio: The landscaped patio with tables adjacent to the Main Hall will lure guests outdoors for dining, fellowship, or quiet relaxation.

The Civic Center provides equipment, appliances and staff support that will allow you to enjoy your special event without the stress and high costs associated with private banquet facilities. Ample parking is available for guests in the adjacent parking lot, with easy access to Dempster Street.

For more information, visit www.mortongroveil. org/resident-information/civic-center-rental. If you have questions about space availability, rates, room sizes, and other accommodations, contact the Civic Center Rental Coordinator, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 847-663-3071 or by email at Ihanover@mortongroveil.org.

#### **Comments & Complaints**

**General Comments & Complaints:** For general comments, complaints, concerns, and questions, submit a contact form at www.mortongroveil.org/ contact-us or call Village Hall at 847-663-4100.

Illegal Dumping Complaints: Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste outside of an authorized method such as curbside collection or a licensed waste. dump. To report illegal dumping on public or private property in the Village, submit a complaint at www. mortongroveil.org/public-works/report-illicit**dumping** or call the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235.

#### **Property Maintenance and Construction**

**Complaints:** To report suspected violations of property maintenance or construction regulations, or work without a permit, call the Department of Building and Inspectional Services at 847-470-5214.

**Traffic Complaints:** The Police Department encourages residents to call the Department's non-emergency number at 847-470-5200 with non-emergency traffic-related concerns. Whether the problem is speeding vehicles, stop sign or major intersection violations, hazardous parking violations, or immediate safety hazards, the Police Department can review and possibly remedy the problem immediately. However, if the complaints are related to signage, traffic control devices, parking restrictions, zone parking areas, changes to existing Municipal Code, or changes to speed limits, the process to remedy these concerns begins with a call to the Village Engineer at 847-470-5235. If the remedy requires the Municipal Code to change, the process of approval would involve participation of the affected residents, the Traffic Safety Commission, and the Village Board of Trustees.

#### **Community Garage Sale**

The Village hosts an annual community-wide garage sale. Participating residents will receive complimentary signage and have their homes featured on a garage sale map. This is a great opportunity to find local treasures around Morton Grove, as well as clear out a few treasures of your own. To learn more and to register for the next community-wide garage sale, visit www. mortongroveil.org/village-wide-garage-sale. See "Garage Sale Permits" for information on permitting individual garage sales.

#### **Emergency Dispatch Services**

Call 9-1-1 for fire, police, or emergency medical services (EMS). Stay calm, remain on the line, and prepare to give as much information as possible, including the nature and location of the incident, the condition of persons involved, your location, a suspect's location or direction of travel, a suspect's description (head to toe appearance and special identifiers), and a suspect's vehicle description (color, make, model, license plate, condition, and special identifiers).

**Police Department:** Dial 9-1-1 to report any emergency that requires an immediate police response, including in-progress crimes, in-progress suspicious activities, or suspicious vehicles, or to report post-incident crimes or recent activities that require a police response to your location for non-emergency reports or investigation. Dial 847-470-5200 to contact the Morton Grove Police Department non-emergency line for questions, requests, or information. To report anonymous crime tips on the TipsHotLine, dial 847-663-3828. Email crime tips to tipshotline@mortongroveil.org.



**Fire Department:** Call 9-1-1 for fire and EMS services. Responders will be dispatched by the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center (RED Center), the dispatching agency for fire department emergency calls. RED Center is an integrated, multi-jurisdictional organization that facilitates an efficient and costeffective method for delivering fire suppression and emergency medical services. RED Center provides closest station response regardless of municipal boundary and coordinated central dispatching. It is also the headquarters for Division 3 of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). The purpose of MABAS is to provide immediate extra manpower and equipment to the scene of large fires and other disasters. Morton Grove is proud to have an average response times of four minutes for calls for assistance.

**Ambulance Calls:** Morton Grove paramedics are trained, certified, and receive continuing education through a comprehensive program that complies with rigorous standards established by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) for emergency medical service personnel. Residents may see an ambulance from another town responding to a call in Morton Grove. During the course of a day, it is not unusual for two or three calls for an ambulance to come in at the same time.

#### **Employment Opportunities**

The Village only accepts applications and resumes in connection with specific advertised positions. Applications and resumes are not kept on file. Visit www.mortongroveil.org/government/employmentopportunities to view open positions with the Village and for information on how to apply.

#### E-News & Alerts

The Village sends out a weekly E-News email to anyone who signs up. To receive the regular Morton Grove E-News, sign up at www.mortongroveil.org/ resident-information/email-newsletter.

The Village also regularly sends residents newsletters and postcards with information on upcoming events, ongoing projects, community achievements, and ways to keep your family and home safe. Newsletters and postcards can be downloaded at www.

mortongroveil.org/resident-information/newsletter.



#### Fall Leaf Pick-Up

The Public Works Department collects leaves in the fall. Stay tuned to the Morton Grove E-News, newsletter, and postcard for the program's specific dates. Residents should rake leaves to the street where they will be removed on their regular street sweeping day. If residents choose to place leaves in containers for collection on their regular garbage pick-up day, the following procedures for yard waste collection must be followed:

- A dedicated 32-gallon can or biodegradable yard waste paper bag must be used. These must be purchased by residents.
- Each bag must have a yard waste sticker attached. See "Landscape Waste" for more information.
- Do not place branches or any other landscape debris in the street with leaves.
- Do not park vehicles on top of piles of leaves. The heat from an exhaust system could ignite the leaves.

#### **Fire Safety Services**

To learn more about the following fire safety services offered by the Morton Grove Fire Department, call 847-470-5226.

Home Fire Safety Checklist: The Fire Department provides a safety checklist to help residents make a safety check of their home. The checklist should be reviewed with all members of your household and with your landlord, if appropriate. The *Home* Fire Safety Checklist is provided at the end of the Resident Handbook.

Fire Safety Inspections: Upon request, the Fire Department will assist residents in their efforts to provide a fire-safe environment in and around their home by conducting a fire safety inspection.

Juvenile Fire Setter Intervention: This program is available as an intervention and instructional program for parents and children with concerns about youth curiosity with fire.

Life Safety Code Enforcement: The Life Safety Code is the most widely used source for strategies to protect people based on building construction, protection, and occupancy features that minimize the effects of fire and related hazards. The Fire Department provides fire and life safety plan review and construction inspection of new and remodeled structures. To enhance public safety, the Department also conducts periodic inspections of existing commercial, industrial, educational, and multi-family residential buildings.

Public Education Services: The Fire Department sponsors and conducts extensive and ageappropriate fire and life safety education programs in community schools and through fire station tours. Fire Department presenters are also available at no cost to discuss fire service and emergency medical issues with community groups and organizations.

#### **Flood Control Assistance Program**

Many older homes were installed with gravity sewer systems that make their basements susceptible to flooding from sanitary sewer or combined sewer backups during during intense and long-duration rain events. During intense rains, the capacity of the sewer system may not adequately carry the peak rainfall flow, resulting in pressurized sewers that can cause sewage to backflow through house sewers into basements if there is no backflow prevention device. The Overhead Sewer and Flood Control Device Assistance Program provides a no-interest loan for a portion of the expense that a homeowner will incur to modify their home's plumbing to prevent sewage backflow into the house when the sewer line is pressurized. There are two options available:

- 1. Modify the soil stack to direct the flow out of the house in a new overhead sewer and eliminate all gravity drainage below the basement floor slab.
- 2. Install an exterior backflow prevention valve and bypass pump on the house lateral in an underground vault.

Each approach has different costs, degrees of homeowner disruption, and implications on use of the revised plumbing. This program does not include updates or enhancements to current systems, however, the Building Department will inspect your current system for free. If you have an old system and choose to replace the entire system. then this program will help cover these costs. Loans made by the Village are limited to 50% of the actual contractual construction cost, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The program is on a first come, first served basis and applications received will be prioritized and authorized on availability of Village funding. The Village reserves the right to alter, postpone, or cancel the program from year to year as funding is dependent on budgetary and financial constraints. For more information and to apply, visit www.

mortongroveil.org/public-works/overhead-sewerand-flood-control-assistance-program.

#### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) governs the inspection of public records. This Act guarantees access to thousands of documents and records generated by governmental bodies. Specifically, it provides the public with a mechanism to observe and monitor government. In order to comply with this Act, the Village makes public records available to the public, subject to certain exemptions.

The Village's designated FOIA Officer is Teresa Hoffman Liston, Corporation Counsel. Requests may be submitted online at www.villageofmortongroveil. nextrequest.com, mailed to the FOIA Officer (6101 Capulina Avenue), submitted in person at Village Hall during normal business hours, or emailed to the FOIA Officer at tliston@mortongroveil.org.

The Village will respond to FOIA requests within five business days of receipt, or twenty-one days for commercial requests. The Village will approve the request, partially approve the request, deny the request, give notice of an extension, or provide the requester with an opportunity to appeal a response. For more information, call 847-663-3007.

#### **Garage Sale Permits**

Anyone wishing to host a garage sale or yard sale on residential property in Morton Grove is required to obtain a Garage Sale Permit from the Village. Only used clothing, household goods, wares, and merchandise owned by the holder(s) of the Garage Sale Permit are permitted to be sold at a garage or yard sale. Hours of operation are limited to between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Thursday through Sunday. No more than two (2) permits may be issued for any residential property in a single calendar year. The Garage Sale Permit fee is \$10.00. Permits are issued by the Village's Finance Department at Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue). Restrictions include:

 Only Village-issued garage sale signs may be used to advertise a garage or yard sale in the Village.

- All non-Village-issued signs and items used to draw attention to the sale, including, but not limited to, banners, streamers, and loudspeakers, are prohibited.
- Each sign must have a current Village-issued permit for the sale to be conducted affixed to the front and back of the sign.
- The Village will provide two (2) garage sale signs and four (4) stickers for each permit issued. Additional signs (stickers included) are available for \$5.00 each and additional permit stickers are available for \$1.00 each.
- At least one (1) sign with the affixed permit must be prominently displayed on the premise for which the permit has been issued so that it is easily visible to persons passing by the premises.
- No more than five (5) Village-issued garage sale signs may be displayed for any one sale.
- Signs may be displayed only on the date(s) listed on the permit and shall be removed before 9:00 p.m. on the day the sale ends.

To obtain a Garage Sale Permit Application, visit Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org/garage-saleinformation.

#### Garbage, Recycling, & Landscape Waste

Groot Recycling and Waste Services, Inc., is currently under contract with the Village of Morton Grove to provide garbage, recycling, and landscape waste collection services.

#### **Collection Schedule**

Each week, residents east of the North Branch of the Chicago River are serviced on Tuesday and residents west of the North Branch are serviced on Wednesday. Hours of collection are from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. All solid waste (refuse, recycling, and landscape waste) must be ready for collection no later than 6:00 a.m.

Residents are reminded that three different trucks come through the Village on collection day: one for

recyclables, one for regular garbage, and one for yard waste. There may be several hours between the different pick-ups. Because collection is permitted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., your pick-up times may vary from week to week, depending on a driver's schedule.

Curbside Recycling Guidelines, prepared by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), are provided at the end of the Resident Handbook.

#### **Holidays Observed**

The following holidays are observed for the purpose of Groot's collection scheduling: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the 4th of July, Labor Day, and Christmas Day. If the observed holiday falls on a Sunday or weekday, collection services will be delayed one day for the remainder of the week. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, there will be no change to your regular pick-up day.

Holiday Observed	2024 Holiday Date	Regular Pick-Up	Holiday Pick-Up
New Year's	MON 1/1	TUE	WED 1/3
Day		WED	THU 1/4
	MON	TUE	WED 5/29
	5/27	WED	THU 5/30
4th of July!	THU	TUE	TUE 7/2
	7/4	WED	WED 7/3
Labor Day	MON 9/2	TUE	WED 9/4
		WED	THU 9/5
	WED	VED TUE	TUE 12/24
	12/25	WED	THU 12/26

#### **Bulk Items**

Groot service includes collection of one bulk item (not appliances or items over 50 lbs.) per week at no additional cost. For additional bulk items, residents should call Groot at 847-734-6400 to schedule a pick-up in advance for a fee of \$32.50 per item pick-up. Bulk items include: boxes, barrels, crates, furniture, and similar items that do not fit into a proper container and can be safely collected and lifted by one driver without assistance. Exceptions include items which are banned from direct disposal into a landfill, such as appliances, tires, car batteries, televisions and other electronic waste.

Residents must call Groot to schedule a special pickup for oversized items or any single large or extra heavy item. An example of an oversized item is a piano or any item that requires two or more people to safely lift. There will be an additional cost for oversized items. Call Groot at 847-734-6400 for additional details.

#### "White Goods" Removal

Groot will collect "white goods," as defined by the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, for a cost billed to the resident. White goods include refrigerators, freezers, ovens, washers, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, dryers, water heaters, water softeners, dishwashers, stoves, ranges, and furnaces. These items require a special pick-up and separate disposal, per the State of Illinois. White goods will be picked up for a fee of \$48.74 per appliance. Residents must call Groot at 847-734-6400 to schedule a pick-up in advance.

#### **Special Pick-Ups**

Special pick-ups for items not included in weekly collection may be scheduled for an additional charge by calling Groot at 847-734-6400. A Groot supervisor can perform an estimate of the collection in advance upon request

For household products that cannot go into the curbside recycling program or landfills, there are several ways to dispose of these materials through programs organized by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Morton Grove is a member community of this regional, intergovernmental agency. As a member, Morton Grove residents are provided with a variety of waste management services, programs, and resource materials, including collections for special materials that are not allowed as part of the curbside recycling program or should not go into landfills.

Illinois law prohibits the disposal of certain waste in landfills. These items must be disposed of by methods other than regular garbage and recycling collection. Please observe these regulations, or your trash will not be collected. Visit swancc.org for more information on how to dispose of these items. The following items are banned from landfills:

- Automobile Tires & Batteries
- Explosive, Toxic, Hazardous, Flammable, and Volatile Waste
- · Gasoline, Motor Oil, Anti-Freeze
- Large Automobile Parts & Wheels
- · Acids and Poisons
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- CFL Bulbs, Florescent Bulbs, and Electronic Waste

The Village also offers special collections of some items at the following locations:

#### **Morton Grove Civic Center**

847-663-3071

6140 Dempster Street

Accepts sharps and medications during open hours.

#### **Morton Grove Village Hall**

847-663-3030

6101 Capulina Avenue

Accepts CFL bulbs, mercury thermometers, eyeglasses, and thermostats during open hours.

#### **Battery Recycling**

Regular alkaline, manganese, and carbon-zinc batteries are not considered hazardous waste and can be disposed of with ordinary trash. Other common single-use or rechargeable batteries such as lithium and button batteries are recyclable, but must be dropped off at an approved battery recycling location. Remember to be mindful of packaging these properly to prevent a fire hazard. Place individual batteries in a plastic bag and wrap with plastic wrap or tape the terminals with electrical or duct tape. This will prevent sparking, which can lead to a fire. Approved battery recycling locations include:

- Home Depot | 8650 Dempster St. | 847-298-7547
- Milwaukee Factory Services | 6310 Gross Point Rd. | 847-588-3502
- Lowe's | 3601 Touhy Ave. | 847-972-4041
- Batteries Plus Bulbs | 5708 Touhy Ave. | 847-647-9100

#### **Construction or Remodeling Debris**

Up to one cubic yard (3' x 3' x 3') of miscellaneous debris or construction material from do-it-vourself projects will be collected by Groot each week at no additional charge. Construction type debris should be stacked or bundled in lengths no longer than four feet (4') and no larger than two feet (2') in diameter. Carpeting should be in rolls no longer than four feet (4') long and two feet (2') in diameter and taped. In general, try and keep any loose material bundled and neat for pick-up. Construction and remodeling debris measuring over one cubic yard will not be taken as a part of the regular garbage pickup. Removal of these materials must be made through a separate contract for a dumpster.

Stone, concrete, and dirt can only be picked up in containers and cannot weigh more than 45 pounds per container. If more than one cubic yard, please call Groot at 847-734-6400 to arrange a pick-up. Additional charges will apply.

#### **Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Disposal**

Illinois-adopted legislation bans certain electronic items, including televisions and computers, from being disposed of in landfills. Residents are reminded to dispose of unwanted electronics in a responsible manner. The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) offers the residents of member communities like Morton Grove opportunities to recycle electronic waste. Residents must drop-off their electronics at specified locations on the days and times specified. There is no fee for this service and unloading assistance is provided. Collection locations will be closed on national holidays and in severe weather.



Only Morton Grove residents and residents of other SWANCC member communities may participate in this service. IDs will be checked. Do not drop off electronics other than during posted dates and times. For a list of accepted materials and for current dropoff locations, dates, and times, visit

#### swancc.org/recycling/electronics-recycling.

Groot also offers the option of curbside collection of E-Waste for a fee of \$37.91 per pick-up, with a limit of six devices per pick-up fee. Groot will bill the resident directly. Collection must be prepaid and scheduled at least one business day in advance of collection by calling Groot at 847-734-6400.

#### **Landscape Waste**

The landscape waste collection season is March 15 through December 15. Landscape that is too bulky to be placed in a bag, such as branches or brush, must be securely tied and bundled with biodegradable twine. Bundles cannot exceed four feet (4') in length, can be no larger than two feet (2') in diameter, and can weigh no more than 45 pounds. Acceptable landscape includes: grass clippings, leaves, branches, brush, and garden plants. Residents have several options for the disposal of landscape waste: the Landscape Waste Subscription Program, the Landscape Sticker Program, the Landscape Waste/ Food Scrap Cart Subscription Program, and the WasteNot Compost Collection Service. These four programs are detailed in the following sections.

Landscape Sticker Program: Any container or bag used for landscape waste must have a landscape sticker placed on it. The sticker fee is \$2.45 per

sticker. Residents must apply one sticker to each bag, bundle, or container of landscape waste. A new sticker must be placed on your bag, bundle, or container for each pick-up. Stickers can be purchased from the following local retailers:

- Village of Morton Grove | 6101 Capulina Avenue 847-965-4100
- Jewel-Osco | Milwaukee & Oakton | 847-965-3925
- Menards | 6301 Oakton St. | 847-966-1600
- Morton Grove Food Mart | Lincoln & Marmora | 847-965-3810

Landscape Waste Subscription Program: This program costs \$129.98 per season and provides service from March 15 through December 15 of each year. Participating residents may place up to three (3) landscape waste bags or bundles on each landscape waste collection day without a landscape waste sticker. Residents can also acquire a landscape two-wheel cart from the vendor. Any bag or bundle in excess of the above stated amount must have a landscape waste sticker.

#### **Landscape Waste/Food Scrap Cart Subscription**

**Program:** Residents may participate in food waste composting by subscribing to the 95- or 65-gallon Landscape Waste/Food Scrap Cart Subscription Program offered by Groot. The 95-gallon container costs \$173.30 per season and the 65-gallon container costs \$151.65 per season. Any bag or bundle placed outside of the cart will require a prepaid sticker to be affixed to each item. Food scraps can only be placed in the Groot provided container.

Acceptable scraps for composting include fruits, vegetables, bread, grains, pasta, cereal, non-liquid dairy, eggshells, coffee grounds (no coffee filters), and tea leaves (no teabags).

Unacceptable scraps include teabags and coffee filters, meat, poultry or seafood (no shells or bones), paper products (paper towels, plates, napkins, egg cartons, pizza boxes), glass, plastics, styrofoam, diapers, pet litter and waste, liquids, grease, and oil.



WasteNot Compost Collection Service: The Village offers a year-round residential and commercial compost collection service to Morton Grove residents and businesses through WasteNot Compost. Participating residents will be given an airtight 5-gallon receptacle with the option to select weekly or bi-weekly (every other week) service pickup. Each pickup includes replacing the used receptacle with a sanitized receptacle. WasteNot is able to accept a wide variety of compostables, including all food waste, 100% paper products, certified compostable products, and more. There are no longterm commitments and no cancellation fees. To sign up for service or to contact WasteNot with questions, visit www.wastenotcompost.com/mortongrove.

#### **Gun Safety Resources & Gun Locks**

The Morton Grove Police Department takes gun safety seriously. The Department actively promotes gun safety and offers free gun locks and brochures to Morton Grove residents. Stop by the front window of the Police Department (6101 Capulina Avenue) and request a gun lock from the desk officer. For more information, call 847-470-5200.

If you feel endangered by a family member or other person who has access to a firearm, you should call 9-1-1 and seek immediate assistance from the Morton Grove Police Department. Police officers will respond right away and take steps to make the situation safe.

The Illinois Firearms Restraining Order (FRO) allows family or household members and law enforcement officers to obtain a court order that temporarily prohibits an at-risk person from accessing firearms or obtaining any new firearms. The firearm removal

and purchase restriction can last from fourteen days to twelve months, depending on the type of order and what the judge deems appropriate. Only when the order expires or is terminated may firearms be returned to the restrained person. A twelve-month FRO may be renewed before it expires if the danger still exists. Illinois is among 17 states, plus the District of Columbia, which have some version of "extreme risk protection orders" (ERPOs), more commonly known as "red flag laws".

Family members, including spouses, parents, grandparents, children, and stepchildren, roommates, and law enforcement officers can file a petition to obtain a FRO with the Circuit Court in the county which the person to be restrained resides. A health provider cannot petition directly for a FRO. If a patient has risk factors such as an emotional crisis or dementia and is demonstrating signs of being dangerous (e.g. suicidal thoughts, aggression, public threats of violence), or is exhibiting other dangerous behaviors, consider contacting your local police department or advising their family member about the FRO. Educating patients and families about the FRO can help reduce the potential for danger when a gun is present in the home of someone who is at risk of harming themselves or others. In case of emergency, contact the local police department, who can serve a FRO as soon as it is issued. For more information on the FRO, call 847-470-5200. If you feel threatened or believe someone is in danger, call 9-1-1 for help.

#### **Health Equipment Lending Closet**

The Village is pleased to offer residents the Health Equipment Lending Closet Program. The Lending Closet loans health care equipment free-of-charge on a first come, first served basis. Participants must be residents of Morton Grove and must return any borrowed items to the Lending Closet when they no longer reside in Morton Grove or move to a nursing home. Items from the Lending Closet will be loaned out for up to a twelve-month period. After twelve months, the item may be recalled if needed.



Participants are asked to return items when they are no longer in use so that they may be lent to other residents. The Lending Closet is located at the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street) and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 847-663-3070.

#### **Identity Theft Resources**

Identity theft and associated crimes may occur under many different circumstances and include the unauthorized use of a person's identifying information such as social security numbers, date of birth, credit card numbers, and/or passwords. Morton Grove Police Department personnel are often called into service on criminal incidents that involve identity theft and fraud. Remember the following tips to prevent identity theft:

- Don't give out your social security number.
- Check your credit report yearly for fraudulent activity.
- Shred personal documents before discarding.
- Don't leave personal mail or checks in unlocked mailboxes.
- Don't carry around unnecessary personal documents.
- Never give out your credit card number or other personal information over the phone or through e-mail to untrusted persons.
- Carefully review your credit card statements and phone bills for unauthorized use.

If you become a victim of identity theft, immediately do the following:

- Contact the fraud units of the three credit report bureaus and ask for a credit report to identify fraudulent activity and flag your account with a fraud alert.
  - 1. Equifax | 800-525-6285 | equifax.com
  - 2. Experian | 888-397-3742 | experian.com
  - 3. Trans Union | 800-680-7289 | transunion.com
- Make a report with the various law enforcement departments that may have jurisdiction.
- Contact the Social Security Administration at oig.ssa.gov/report or call 800-269-0271.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at reportfraud.ftc.gov.
- File a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov.

#### **Infant Car Seat Inspection**

For Morton Grove residents with questions on car seats or needing assistance installing one, the Police Department is available to help. To schedule an appointment, stop by the Police Department (6101 Capulina Avenue) or call 847-470-5200.

#### J.U.L.I.E.

Underground utilities exist everywhere, even in your yard. Residents must call J.U.L.I.E. (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) before digging on their property. Also known as the Illinois One-Call System, J.U.L.I.E. is a free message service for homeowners and contractors to notify utility owners of planned digging activities to help prevent damage to underground facilities. J.U.L.I.E. will locate all underground utilities in the area where digging will occur It is essential that before you begin a construction project on your property, you have all utilities located. Failure to locate utilities before digging may result in severe injury to yourself

or damage to the utilities during digging. Should you damage utilities during excavation, you will be responsible for the repairs, which are often costly.

Call 800-892-0123 or dial 811 at least two (2) working days before the start of your work or enter your location request online at illinois1call.com. Within two (2) working days of your call, representatives from each member utility, not J.U.L.I.E. employees, will come out and mark the approximate location of their buried lines. J.U.L.I.E. requests are valid for 28 days, so flags and markings should not be removed before that time if work is not fully completed. When underground utilities are located, a flag or painted marks will be left to indicate the utility locations. The following colors are used to identify the different utilities:

Gas, Oil, Steam	Sewer
Electric	Water
Communications	Proposed Excavation
Temporary Survey Markings	Proposed Excavation (Snow Present)

#### **Morton Grove Days**

Morton Grove Days is a multi-day celebration of country and community spirit. Held over the Fourth of July every year, this event features live music, a carnival, Fourth of July parade, fireworks, a beer garden, food, and loads of family entertainment. Morton Grove Days is organized and sponsored by the Morton Grove Days Commission, an independent 501(C)(3) organization made up of volunteers. The Commission consists of nine trustees and various committees to manage the event. The committees rely on volunteers to work and private donations to fund the sponsored event. The Village and Morton Grove Park District serve as partners to the Commission to make this event an annual success. The event is held at the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street) and adjacent Harrer Park. To learn more, visit mortongrovedays.org.

#### **Neighborhood Outreach**

The Village of Morton Grove holds regular neighborhood outreach meetings at various locations throughout the year. At these meetings, residents have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with representatives from all Village departments, ask questions, and receive updates on Village projects. Check for the next neighborhood outreach meeting on the Village's calendar of events at www.mortongroveil.org/meetings-events.

#### **Outstanding Neighbor Recognition**

The Community Relations Commission offers the opportunity to acknowledge your outstanding neighbor for doing special things that make your neighborhood a better place. They may be a youth, teenager, longtime resident, new to Morton Grove, senior resident, or business that makes a positive difference in your neighborhood. They may be known by everyone or an unsung hero. To nominate an individual or group for recognition as an Outstanding Neighbor, complete the nomination form at www.mortongroveil.org/ outstanding-neighbor-recognition-program and let the Village know why you believe your nominee is an Outstanding Neighbor. If selected, you and your Outstanding Neighbor will be recognized at a Village Board meeting and in various Village social media and printed publications.

#### **Police Explorer Program**

The Police Department's 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 one to two times a month. The Morton Grove Police Explorer program will provide a comprehensive program of training, competition, service, and practical skills. For questions about the program and for a schedule of upcoming meetings, contact the Police Department's Community Liaison Unit at 847-470-5200.

#### **Property Information**

Morton Grove residents can obtain property information through the Village's online Community Portal. Visit www.mortongroveil.org and click on the "Community Portal" icon. The Community Portal provides information on property attributes, zoning, school districts, local services, government representatives, and property taxes. For property owners seeking records on file with the Village relating to their property, a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request can be submitted to the Village at www.mortongroveil.org/freedom-ofinformation-request. See "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)" for more information about this service.

#### **Residential Key Box Program**

The Village of Morton Grove Fire Department offers key boxes for purchase for residential use. During an emergency, the boxes enable first responders to access your home without damaging the door. For more information and to request a key box, call the Morton Grove Fire Department at 847-470-5226.

#### Rodent Control

The Department of Building and Inspectional Services Rodent Control Program includes inspection for rates, treatment of burrows, and ensuring that preventative measures are in place. For more information or to report a rodent infestation, call the Building Department at 847-470-5214.

#### Santa Comes to Town

Every winter, the Village, Morton Grove Days Commission, and Morton Grove Park District present Santa Comes to Town, a family-friendly parade event. The event involves escorting "Santa" on a predetermined route through Morton Grove neighborhoods while distributing candy to children. Children receiving a specially marked piece of candy can redeem the treat for an age-appropriate gift by visiting Santa at a separate location later that day. A route map is made available in advance of the event.

#### **Security Alarm Program**

Responding to security system alarms is a special service provided by the Morton Grove Police Department. Residents and businesses with security alarm systems must register annually with the Village. The annual fee to register an alarm system is \$50. The registration is valid from January 1 through December 31. The fee is pro-rated for new alarm installations. Contact the Police Department Alarm Services Section to determine the pro-rated fee. The fee offsets the costs to run the alarm response program, which maintains information to assist officers that may need to respond to the alarm. The alarm fee also provides an alarm system with three (3) free false alarms a year before a fine is assessed.

Alarm users can register online, by mail, or in person at Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue). More information can be found at www.mortongroveil.org/ police-department/alarm-faq, by calling the Police Department Alarm Services Section at 847-663-3991, or by emailing mgalarms@mortongroveil.org.

#### **Senior Health & Wellness Programs**

A variety of health and wellness programs for Morton Grove senior residents and are made available by the Department of Family and Senior Services in conjunction with various partnering agencies and service providers. The Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street) serves as a focal point for the Department of Family and Senior Services, where a multiplicity of social, health, and recreational services are provided in a caring and professional manner designed to keep individuals healthy, productive and independent for as long as possible. Please note that some programs require registration. While many are provided at no cost, others have a nominal fee or bill insurance. A list of upcoming events can be found at www. mortongroveil.org/family-and-senior-services. Call 847-663-3070 for more information.

#### **AARP Driver Safety Program**

AARP's "Driver Safety Program" is an eight-hour, two-day course for motorists age 55 and older. The program focuses on the physical changes that accompany aging and on ways drivers can compensate for these changes to improve their driving skills. Upon completion, drivers may receive a discount on a portion of their automobile insurance. The cost of the course is \$25 for AARP members and \$30 for non-members. For more information, call 847-663-3070.

#### **Discount Taxi Coupons**

Discount taxi coupons are available for Morton Grove senior residents at the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street). Seniors can pick-up coupons between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 847-663-3070.

#### **Health Equipment Lending Closet**

See "Health Equipment Lending Closet."

#### **Prescription Drug and Sharps Disposal**

The Department of Family and Senior Services, in conjunction with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), is sponsoring a program for the environmentally-safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, expired "over the counter" drugs, and needles, otherwise known as "sharps". Sharps disposal provides residents who self-inject medications the option of bringing in their used sharps for proper disposal. The program helps to prevent sharps from entering the household waste system. Acceptable items for prescription drug



disposal include unused prescription medications, expired prescription medications, prescription cough syrup, prescription eye drops and expired over-thecounter medications. Pharmaceutical controlled substances will not be accepted.

Prescription drugs and sharps can be dropped off at the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street), Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 847-663-3070.

#### **Social Service Assistance**

The Village's Social Worker can provide social service assistance to those in need. The Social Worker can be reached during normal business hours at 847-663-3072.

#### **Severe Storm Damage Clean-Up**

The Village will pick up branches that have fallen on private property after a severe storm. Branches must be and placed in the public parkway immediately after the storm event. Collection of storm debris will continue for five (5) business days following a storm event. Any storm debris not placed on the public parkway or without a call to the Public Works Department by the following Monday will become the property owner's responsibility. Contact the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235 to report storm damage.

#### **Sewer Connection**

Per Village ordinance, sump pumps are not allowed to be connected to the Village's sanitary sewer system. Homeowners should check their downspouts and sump pump connections to be sure they have not been reinstalled into the Village's sanitary sewer.

Commonly, basements in homes built before 1970 were constructed with a sump pump well to collect groundwater from the foundation drains installed around the foundation of the house. Water that comes

from foundation drains and downspouts is storm water and should discharge outside of the home into the grass. Floor drains in basement floors may have been installed to also drain into the sump pump well. Floor drains are considered domestic sewage and should drain waste in the building sewer below the basement floor that connects to the Village's sanitary sewer. Residents should check this plumbing to make sure domestic sewage and storm water discharges to the appropriate drain. It may require the assistance of a licensed plumber to confirm exact drainage points.

The property owner is responsible for all maintenance and repair of the building sewer. It is in the line within the building to the Village's sewer main in the Village right-of-way. The Public Works Department maintains and repairs Village catch basins and manholes in the Village's right-of-way. The Village also cleans, eliminates blockages, and repairs damage in the pipelines of storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and combined sewers.

The Village continues to study and improve the local sewer system, but the assistance of property owners is needed to maximize efforts. Property owners can help by ensuring that their downspouts and sump pumps are disconnected from the sanitary sewer or combined sewer system. When illegally connected to either of these sewer systems, downspouts and sump pumps are significant contributors to system backups. Instead, downspouts and sump pumps should discharge onto the ground. This delays the entry of the storm water into the sewer systems and helps prevent the systems from backing up. Great care needs to be taken to ensure these discharges do not cross property lines, causing neighboring properties to develop problems. For more information on Morton Grove's sewer system, call the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235.

#### Smart 911

Smart911 is a free service available to all Village residents that allows them to sign up online to provide key information to 9-1-1 call takers during an emergency. When a citizen makes an emergency call, their Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right response teams to the right location with the right information. Residents are encouraged to create their Safety Profile with Smart911 today to have their information immediately available to 9-1-1. Smart911 is private and secure, is only used for emergency responses, and only made available to the 9-1-1 system in the event of an emergency call. Smart911 is currently available in 40 states and more than 1,500 municipalities across the country, and has been credited with improving emergency outcomes. Visit www.smart911.com for more information and to sign up for this free service.

#### Snow & Ice Removal

It is the Village's policy to begin salting or deicing operations as soon as precipitation begins to fall onto the streets in winter. Snow plowing begins when approximately one (1) inch of snow accumulates on the streets and continues until all the streets are cleared.

The snow removal crews in the Public Works Department pride themselves with providing residents the cleanest and safest streets in the area. While the Village receives many complimentary notes each winter thanking the crews for their efforts, it does receive a few complaints about snow being pushed up into driveways by the snowplows. Because there is no other place for the snow to go, the amount pushed back into a driveway can be reduced by the following suggestions:

- When you shovel your driveway, place the snow on the adjacent parkway (to the right side of the driveway if facing the street) and not in the street. Shoveling the snow back onto the roadway is not only unsafe, it is illegal. Violators will be ticketed for each offense.
- If you are unable to clean your driveway or approach, you should make arrangements with a

private contractor for cleaning. Village staff cannot clean private driveways due to the amount of time involved.

- When a snowfall of an inch is anticipated, you should park your cars in a driveway or garage to make plowing more effective.
- Residents may not place garbage and recycling containers in the street on collection days. Containers must be placed in the parkway.



#### **Snow Routes**

In Morton Grove, residents should be aware that snow routes have been established to facilitate the efficient clearing of streets by Public Works personnel and to keep roadways clear for emergency vehicles to respond during snow emergencies. Snow routes are marked with red, white, and blue signage and restrict parking when snow accumulation is over one inch. If a vehicle is parked in a snow route area during restricted times, the vehicle will be ticketed. Visit mortongroveil.org for more information. The following streets have been designated as snow route streets:

- Austin Avenue, Oakton Street to Beckwith Road
- **Beckwith Road**, Waukegan Road to Washington Street
- Capulina Avenue, Austin Avenue to Ferris Avenue
- Central Avenue, Theobald Road to Golf Road
- **Church Street**, Oriole Avenue to Washington Street
- **Greenwood Avenue**, Waukegan Road to Ozark Avenue

- Lake Street, Harlem Avenue to Oleander Avenue
- Lake Street. Linder Avenue to Parkview School
- Menard Avenue, Oakton Street to Capri Lane
- Oak Park Avenue, Dempster Street to Beckwith Road
- Oleander Avenue. Lake Street to Suffield Street
- Oriole Avenue, Dempster Street to Wilson Terrace
- Ozark Avenue, Dempster Street to Palma Lane
- Suffield Street, Oleander Avenue to Ozark Avenue
- Theobald Road, Central Avenue to Marmora Avenue

#### **Social Media**

The Village of Morton Grove maintains an active Facebook page. Be sure to "Like" the Village's page to stay up-to-date on the latest news, events, photos, videos, and other information issued by the Village. View the Village's Facebook at facebook. com/VillageOfMortonGrove. The Police Department maintains its own Facebook page at facebook.com/ MortonGrovePoliceDepartment. The Morton Grove Fire Department also maintains its own Facebook page at facebook.com/MortonGroveFireDepartment. "Like" the Police and Fire Departments' Facebook pages for regular updates and tips on how to keep your family and home safe.

The Village of Morton Grove regularly uploads video recordings of Board of Trustees meetings and various community events to YouTube. "Subscribe" to the Village's YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/ **MortonGrovelLyt** to be notified of new videos.

#### **Social Services**

The Village coordinates social services through the Village's Social Worker, who can provide social service assistance to those in need. The Social Worker can be reached during normal business hours at 847-663-3072.

#### **Special Event Permits**

Special events enhance our quality of life and community character, and build resident bonds. They also involve advanced planning and logistics, and can create impacts that require Village services and regulation. The Village of Morton Grove's Special Event Permit process has been developed to ensure that these events are safe and enjoyable for residents, participants, and guests alike.

Event organizers planning a special event in Morton Grove should contact the Village Administrator's office as soon as possible. Generally, event organizers must apply for a Special Event Permit at least 90 days before the event. If alcohol will be served at the event or if more than 500 people are expected to attend the event, the application must be submitted by September 1 of the year preceding the event. Under special circumstances, and especially if the event or activity needs minimal Village service, the Village Administrator will accept late applications.

For more information on planning a special event, please call 847-470-5220. A Special Event Permit can be downloaded at www.mortongroveil.org/services/ i-want-to/special-event-permit-application.

#### Street Cleaning

The Village is proud to provide residents, businesses, and visitors with clean streets. Streets are cleaned once a week. In some neighborhoods, there are signs notifying residents of parking restrictions to allow for the completion of street cleaning services. Please be aware of posted restrictions to avoid citations.

#### **Street Lighting**

Please call the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235 to request a repair if you notice a street light that is out of service.

#### **Street Maintenance**

The Public Works Department Streets Division maintains all streets within the Village's rights-ofway and alleys. The Village's pavement network consists of 97 miles of streets and 14 miles of paved alleys. Maintenance operations include: street sweeping, landscaping, repairing pavement, pavement markings, sidewalks and curbs, leaf collection, tree trimming, snow removal, ice cnotrol, and storm damage clean-up. In addition to Villageowned infrastructure, the Streets Division maintains seven miles of the following State roadways: Caldwell Avenue, Dempster Street, Oakton Street, and Waukegan Road. If you have any specific needs for service on your street or alley, please call the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235.

#### **Sustainable Morton Grove**

The Village of Morton Grove is committed to promoting and creating a more sustainable environment through the 2021 Sustainability Plan, the Environment and Natural Resources Commission (ENRC), and a variety of programs, initiatives, and resources. To learn about upcoming events and what the Village is doing to promote sustainability throughout the community, visit www.mortongroveil. org/environmentnaturalresources.

#### **Arbor Day**

The National Arbor Day Foundation first designated Morton Grove a Tree City USA community in 2000 and the Village has been recertified every year since. The Tree City USA program provides Morton Grove with a framework to maintain and enhance the local tree canopy and demonstrates the Village's commitment to the mission of environmental change. Every Arbor Day, which is observed on the last Friday of April, the Village engages with local schools to educate youth about the benefits of trees. The Village plants a tree at a local school and distributes seedlings to students. Residents are welcome to attend the Arbor Day tree planting ceremony.



#### **Earth Day**

The Village honors Earth Day, an annual event on April 22, with a month-long celebration featuring programming and educational outreach. With direction and assistance from the Environment and Natural Resources Commission (ENRC), the Village features local and regional initiatives, releases educational materials, and presents opportunities for residents to reduce their environmental impact.

#### **Sustainability Plan**

The Village continues to be an active environmental steward through local initiatives and participation in regional efforts to promote cleaner air, energy conservation, preservation, sustainability, waste reduction, and water conservation. On January 25, 2021, the Village Board of Trustees adopted the Morton Grove Sustainability Plan. The Plan was prepared with guidance from the Chicago Metropolitan Mayors Caucus based on principles of the 2016 Greenest Region Compact, and with input from the Environment and Natural Resources Commission (ENRC). The Plan is intended to guide the Village's efforts from 2020 to 2030 and sets forth goals and priority strategies for climate, economic development, energy, land, mobility, municipal operation, waste, and water. To view the Plan, visit www.mortongroveil.org/ environmentnaturalresources.

#### **Televised Broadcast**

Residents can watch Village meetings and community programming from the comfort of home. Board meetings are available for television broadcast the

week of the meeting on local cable access Channel 6 and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 - Morton Grove. Village Board meetings and other informational meetings are televised under the following schedule:

Monday & Thursday: 12:00 p.m. & 12:00 a.m. Tuesday & Friday: 6:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday - Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m.

The Morton Grove public access channel also features a community TV schedule that highlights various Village departments and other community events. These programs are televised under the following schedule:

Monday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m. Tuesday & Friday: 12:00 p.m. & 12:00 a.m. Wednesday, Saturday - Sunday: 6:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Programming that features local businesses and non-profits is televised at the following times:

Monday & Thursday: 6:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m. & 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday - Sunday: 12:00 p.m. & 12:00 a.m.

When there is no active programming at scheduled times, the station features general Village information.

#### **Traffic Safety Program**

The goal of the Morton Grove Police Department's Traffic Safety Program is to protect the lives of motorists and pedestrians, reduce accidents, and create a safer, more secure community. Coordinated efforts by Police Department personnel target school zones, high volume signal intersections, known excessive speed areas, and problematic intersections. The Police Department works closely with residents, the Village Engineer, and the Traffic Safety Commission to identify safety concerns and implement reasonable and effective solutions for neighborhoods. For more information, contact the Police Department at 847-470-5200.

## Village Programs & Services



#### **Train Station Parking**

In 2024, the Morton Grove Metra station will undergo reconstruction. The station will remain open and active throughout construction, but the adjacent parking lot may be unavailable for commuter use for extended periods of time. Paid parking will continue to be available at the following locations: the marked parking spaces along Lehigh Avenue from Oakton Street to Lincoln Avenue and in the marked spaces on Elm Street. You must pay the \$2.00 fee at the automated collection machines located at the train station. If you park in the fee spaces without paying, you will be issued a ticket. If you paid the fee but a ticket was issued in error, contact the Police Department non-emergency number at 847-470-5200. Metra station project updates and further guidance will be available at www.mortongroveil.org.

### **Transfer Stamps**

Before a deed for the sale or transfer of real estate within the Village of Morton Grove can be recorded, the seller or owner of the real estate must purchase a Village transfer stamp. Applications for transfer stamps can be submitted no sooner than two (2) weeks and no later than two (2) business days before the stamp is to be issued. The Village typically processes transfer stamp applications within two (2) business days. Early submissions allow sufficient time to resolve any outstanding issues or obligations to the Village. A search can be requested before the application is submitted.

Transfer stamp applications can be submitted in person at Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue), by mail, or online to transferstamps@mortongroveil.org. Searches can be requested by phone at 847-663-3038 or by email.

#### **Tree Protection**

Tree preservation and protection is required for public parkway trees during construction. For more information on public parkway tree protection requirements, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235.

#### **Tree Planting & Maintenance**

The Village maintains approximately 11,000 trees in the public right-of-way. The Village prunes all of its trees on a seven-year pruning cycle through the services of a private contractor and the Public Works Department's Forestry Section. Residents may request pruning of their parkway trees at any time by calling Public Works at 847-470-5235. Trees are removed by Public Works staff when they are considered to be dead, diseased, or hazardous. The Department does not authorize nor promote the removal of healthy trees. You can view a map of the Village's street tree inventory by selecting "Tree Map" at www.mortongroveil.org/maps.

For parkway areas without trees, the Village offers residents discounted public parkway tree plantings through the annual 50/50 Tree Planting Program. If a resident would like to choose a certain type of tree to be planted in the nearest parkway, they can do so by paying 50% of the cost. The application deadline typically occurs in spring. To learn more, visit www. mortongroveil.org/public-works or call 847-470-5235.

The Village's Tree Care Guide provides an overview of Morton Grove's tree canopy, describes common threats to tree health, and explains how residents can best care for trees on public and private property. The guide also includes important contact information, educational resources, and opportunities to get involved. Download the Tree Care Guide at www.mortongroveil.org/trees.

## Village Programs & Services

#### **Vacant Property Registration**

Municipal Code requires the owner, manager, or lien holder of a building that has been vacant for thirty (30) days to register the building with the Village, unless the building is:

- 1. A single-family residence which was occupied by the owner for at least two (2) of the past six (6) months so long as the owner intends to resume residing at the property;
- 2. A residential multi-family building where at least 75% of residential units are occupied;
- 3. Property owned by governmental agencies;
- 4. Property that is undergoing an active permitted renovation or rehabilitation; or
- 5. Residential buildings that have been unoccupied for less than 12 months and are part of an estate that is in probate or similar decedent's estate proceeding and are not subject to bankruptcy or foreclosure.

The initial registration fee is \$500 and includes the cost of the initial inspection. The renewal fee is \$100. The Vacant Building Registration form must be updated and resubmitted annually and when there is a change in ownership, possession, or management. For more information, call the Department of Building and Inspectional Services at 847-470-5214.

### **Vacation Garbage Service Suspension**

Morton Grove residents who are on vacation may suspend service in advance for one (1) to four (4) consecutive months each year. Contact Village Hall 847-965-4100 to apply.

#### **Vacation Watch Program**

The Police Department never goes on vacation but, sometimes, Morton Grove residents do. The Vacation Watch Program can be used by any Village resident who will be away from their home and would like

the added security of regular police patrols of their property. The vacation watches should never take the place of using light timers, stopping newspaper deliveries, and having a neighbor or relative keep a special watch. For more information or to set up a watch, call the Police Department non-emergency number at 847-470-5200.

#### **Voluntary Residential Home Inspection**

Upon request, members of the Morton Grove Fire Department will assist residents in their efforts to provide a fire-safe environment in and around their home. Call the Fire Department at 847-470-5226 to request an inspection.

#### **Voter Registration**

Registering to vote has never been easier or more convenient. You can register online, in person or you can download registration forms and register through the mail. Visit www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/ **elections/voter-registration** to find information for each of the four ways to register during the standard voter registration period. Please make sure to check the specific deadline for the form you select as dates differ depending on the method of registration.

The Cook County Clerk offers the Your Voter Information Tool to provide Cook County residents with key information unique to identity and address. The tool can provide details such as registration status, polling place, ballot, elected officials, and more. Check out the Your Voter Information tool at www.cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/your-voterinformation.



## Village Programs & Services

#### **Warning Siren Program**

The Village has five (5) warning sirens located strategically throughout the Village, and are audible to every residence. These warning sirens will be activated in the event of a severe weather alert. The sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Water Billing**

Residential customers are billed for water and sewer use bi-monthly. Large consumer and commercial customers are billed monthly. All bills are due upon receipt and payment must be received before 5:00 p.m. twenty-one days (21) after the billing date. A ten percent (10%) penalty is added to current charges on the twenty-second (22nd) day after the billing date. Failure to receive a bill does not excuse the penalty charge.

Residential customers may pay utility bills online at www.mortongroveil.org/services/i-want-to/ water-billing. Customers may choose to make a one-time payment or sign up to have payments made automatically from a designated account each billing period. Customers who choose to register an account, even if they do not opt for automatic payments, will be able to sign up for paperless billing, store payment account information, pay by text, and send an online request directly to the Village. Customers may also pay in person or by mail (6101 Capulina Avenue) or by phone at 855-342-5958.

Water and sewer rates are based on usage of 1,000 gallons. Water is billed at \$11.41 per 1,000 gallons used while sewer charges are \$1.18 per 1,000 gallons billed. The minimum bi-monthly bill is based on 3,000 gallons and is billed at \$37.77. Sewer charges will be included in a residential property owner's bimonthly water bill.

The Village receives Lake Michigan water through the City of Evanston from the Morton Grove/

Niles Water Commission. The Village monitors and tests all water quality to ensure the highest quality of water. Although the Village is responsible for maintaining the quality of the water distribution system (water mains) throughout the Village, residents are responsible for any water service connections from their house to the B-box in the parkway which connects to the public infrastructure. If residents have questions about the water supply, they should contact the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235. If residents have questions about their water bill, they should call the Finance Department at 847-663-3035.

#### **Zoning Relief**

Zoning regulates the use of land, the size and location of structures, and other elements of site development, such as accessory structures, parking, and landscaping. The Unified Development Code (Title 12 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code) establishes Morton Grove's zoning regulations and serves as a "rule book" for land development and building within the Village. In unique cases, the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) may provide relief to the Village's dimensional zoning requirements through approval of a variation.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Department of Community and Economic Development at 847-663-3063 or commdev@ **mortongroveil.org** to review zoning requirements when planning to build, rebuild, or expand a home or accessory structure, such as a garage, shed, or fence.



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#### Commercial & Recreational Vehicles

Recreational and commercial vehicle parking is controlled by Title 12, Chapter 3, Section 3 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code. Recreational vehicles may not be occupied for living purposes or stored during periods of non-use in front or corner side vards. Recreational and commercial vehicle storage is only permitted in side and rear yards so long as the storage location is screened in accordance with Village Code requirements.

No more than one (1) commercial vehicle and one (1) recreational vehicle or two (2) recreational vehicles may be parked on a property. Parking may only take place on an all-weather hard surface such as concrete, asphalt, or paving bricks.

Recreational vehicles parked outdoors on residential lots cannot exceed thirty (30) feet in length or ten (10) feet in height. Commercial vehicle parking on residential lots is also subject to certain requirements, such as height of vehicle, signage, and license plate designation. Commercial vehicles with an Illinois license plate designation of "H" or higher are prohibited from parking on residential properties.

For more information on commercial and recreational vehicle parking, contact the Department of Community and Economic Development at 847-663-3063.

#### **Construction Permitting**

A Village permit is required prior to the start of most construction projects. Work that requires a permit includes:

- Any new buildings or additions to buildings
- Interior remodeling projects, including kitchens and bathrooms
- New or replacement detached garages, sheds, gazebos, and fences
- · Any paved or impermeable area, including patios, walkways, driveways, and parking pads
- Signs
- Swimming pools, ponds, and spas two feet or more in depth
- Generators, solar panels, and electric vehicle chargers
- Revisions to electrical service, new circuits, receptacles, and light fixtures
- New or replacement furnaces, boilers, and air conditioning units
- Relocation of plumbing fixtures
- Sewer and water line repairs
- Installation of sewer cleanouts, flood control valves, and overhead sewers
- Changes in grade to your lot
- Water heaters
- Any work in the public right-of-way

Work that does not require a permit includes:

- Normal maintenance of electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems
- Power rodding of sewer lines
- Replacement windows, doors, and building siding (contractor must be licensed)
- Swimming pools, ponds, spas less than two feet (2') deep
- · Roof replacement

Application forms are available online at www. mortongroveil.org/building-and-inspectionalservices-department or may be obtained at the Department of Building and Inspectional Services at Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue). Submit the completed application form along with the necessary plans for review and approval before starting work. All permit applications must be submitted to the Department in-person or by mail. Applications are not accepted online or by email at this time. For questions about construction permitting, contact the Department of Building and Inspectional Services at 847-470-5214.

#### **Noise Ordinance**

Noise is controlled by Title 6, Chapter 5 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code. It is unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any unnecessary or unusually loud sound which unreasonably annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities, or endangers or injures the safety, comfort, repose, health, or peace of others, or endangers or injures personal or real property within the limits of the Village regardless of the time of day or night. Examples of prohibited noise include:

- Loud motor vehicles
- · Radios and stereos that can be heard from twentyfive feet or more from the source
- Music amplification that extends beyond the place of entertainment



- Live band play that extends beyond the place of play
- Horns, alarms, and signaling devices other than those used for emergency vehicles and as a danger warning
- Amplification for advertisement
- Excessive yelling and shouting
- Construction noise outside permitted hours, which are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Such noise is prohibited on Sunday. DIY projects by homeowners are permitted to cause noise between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. DIY project noise is permitted between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Sunday and legal holidays.
- Yard and lawn maintenance equipment use during nighttime hours
- Garbage trucks and scavengers operation outside the permitted hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- Any sound exceeding the ambient sound level by fifteen (15) decibels or more, as measured from an abutting property

To report a suspected violation of the noise regulations, call the Police Department nonemergency number at 847-470-5200. For an immediate response, please call 9-1-1 to reach Police Department dispatch. Amplified music permits are available by contacting Village Hall at 847-965-4100.

#### **Parking Restrictions**

Non-commercial passenger vehicles may park on a residential driveway in the front or side yards if the driveway leads to a carport, garage, or approved parking pad. Non-commercial vehicles may also park in any residential rear yard on an approved parking pad or within a garage. Noncommercial trucks, SUVs, and vans not considered to be commercial or recreational vehicles may be

parked on residential lots and streets, subject to certain restrictions. Commercial vehicles exceeding certain height limits or with an Illinois license plate designation of "F" must be parked in an enclosed garage on residential lots. Commercial vehicles with an Illinois license plate designation of "H" or higher are prohibited from parking on residential lots.

Unless otherwise posted by street signage, daytime and overnight parking of noncommercial vehicles is permitted on Village streets. Residents seeking special parking permits for blocks where parking is restricted should contact Village Hall at 847-965-4100.

#### **Pets & Animal Waste**

The Village of Morton Grove regulates the keeping of animals in Title 6. Chapter 4 of the Morton Grove Municipal Code. The owner of any dog, cat, or ferret over six (6) months of age must obtain a Village license to own the animal and pay a license fee. The owner must provide the Village with proof at the time of application that the animal has been inoculated against rabies and that the inoculation has not expired. No person may keep more than seven (7) animals over six (6) months of age on any premises, and not more than three (3) of such animals may be dogs, cats, or ferrets of the same species.

Dog and cat licenses can be purchased online by visiting www.mortongroveil.org/services/i-wantto/pet-licenses. Pet licenses are available for purchase throughout the year and expire August 31 of each year. The renewal period for pet licenses will begin in June. A renewal form for pet licenses will be mailed annually to the owner's last registered address in June of each year.

The fee is \$25.00 per dog, cat, or ferret if the animal is not neutered or spayed. The fee is \$10.00 per dog, cat, or ferret if the animal is neutered or spayed and microchipped. Veterinary proof of neutering or spaying and microchip registration must be included with the application if applicable.



After registering the animal, the owner will receive a license tag which must be fastened to the animal's collar and worn by the animal at all times. Any ferret, dog, or cat which does not have such a tag while in or upon any public street may be deemed to be a stray.

Dogs, cats, or ferrets visiting a Morton Grove property are not required to have a Village license. However, they must have a current rabies inoculation and the total numbers of pets on the property cannot exceed the maximums permitted by Code.

Morton Grove residents may not own, keep, or display within the Village any farm animals, bees, fowl, poisonous snakes or boa constrictors, or other living creatures normally wild or dangerous to human life, or carnivorous in nature, other than domesticated house pets. Any person who owns or controls a dog or other domesticated animal in Morton Grove must remove any excrement left by that dog on any private or public property and dispose of it in a legal manner. Appropriate disposal includes use of a bag or scooper to pick up the waste and then dispose of it in the trash.

#### **Property Maintenance**

A property owner is responsible for all property maintenance and repair. Code enforcement officers routinely survey the Village looking for items such as peeling paint, loose siding, improper storage and debris, abandoned vehicles, overgrown vegetation and long grass (over 6 inches), and

rodent infestation. To report a suspected violation of the Village's property maintenance regulations, contact the Department of Building and Inspectional Services at 847-470-5214.

#### Signage

Signage in Morton Grove is controlled by Title 10, Chapter 10, of the Municipal Code. The following signage is permitted on residential lots (on private property, not parkways) without a permit:

- Non-illuminated temporary noncommercial signs provided the height of the sign is limited to five (5) feet and the surface area of the sign is limited to twelve (12) square feet per side. If the content of such sign pertains to an event or activity, the sign shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the event or activity. As an example, signs relating to an election must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after election day.
- Non-illuminated temporary commercial signs such as contractor's signs and real estate signs limited to five (5) feet in height and surface area of six (6) square feet per side. Only two (2) such signs shall be allowed per lot and all such signs shall be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the conclusion of the event or activity promoted. As an example, a real estate sign must be removed within forty-eight (48) hours after the sale of the real estate has been closed, and a contractor's signs must be removed within forty eight (48) hours after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the property or the completion of the construction activity being promoted.
- Village-issued garage sale signs with a current Village-issued permit for the sale to be conducted affixed to the front and back of the sign. At least one (1) sign with the affixed permit must be prominently displayed on the premise for which the permit has been issued so that it is easily visible to persons passing by the premises

No more than five (5) Village-issued garage sale signs may be displayed for any one sale. Signs may be displayed only on the date(s) listed on the permit and shall be removed before 9:00 p.m. on the day the sale ends.

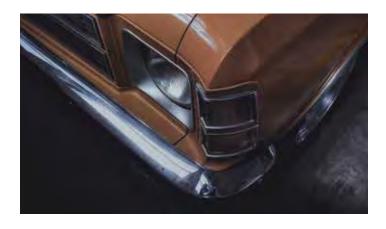
For more information about signage, contact the Department of Community and Economic Development at 847-663-3063.

#### **Vehicle Stickers**

All vehicles registered in the State of Illinois with a Morton Grove address must also be registered with the Village through the purchase of a vehicle sticker or tag. Regardless of where the car is garaged, stored or driven, if the vehicle is registered to a Morton Grove address, a vehicle sticker or tag must be purchased for that vehicle. A "vehicle" includes a "motor vehicle" and a "motorcycle/scooter," which are defined as follows:

MOTOR VEHICLE: When used in this chapter it shall include automobiles, antique automobiles. trucks, vans, recreational vehicles which are powered by other than human muscular power except for construction equipment, the cars of electric or steam railways and other motor vehicles running only upon rails or tracks, as well as any bicycles or tricycles or similar vehicles propelled exclusively by human muscular power.

MOTORCYCLE/SCOOTER: When used in this chapter it shall include motorcycles, motor



scooters, mopeds, motor bicycles and any related device having two (2) or more wheels and propelled by other than human muscular power.

Vehicles with windshields will be issued a sticker that is placed inside the car on the windshield near the lower left-hand side of the driver's steering wheel. Motorcycles and scooters will be issued a metal tag which is attached to the rear license plate with screws.

Vehicle sticker applications will be mailed to each Morton Grove address to which a vehicle is registered. Vehicle stickers are no longer available for purchase at Village Hall. Stickers can be purchased online at www.mortongroveil.org/ services/i-want-to/vehicle-stickers, or by dropping of or mailing a completed application to Village Hall (6101 Capulina Avenue). Vehicle stickers will be mailed to your Morton Grove address.

Vehicle stickers and tags for Morton Grove residents can be purchased starting in June and must be displayed by September 1. The vehicle sticker year runs from September 1 through August 31 of the following year. For current vehicle sticker prices, please visit www.mortongroveil.org/services/iwant-to/vehicle-stickers. There will be a \$25 late fee added to the price of each sticker from September 1 to November 30. If the sticker is not purchased by November 30, the fee for the sticker will be doubled.

In the event that you are disposing of one vehicle, you are allowed to transfer the sticker from the original vehicle to the replacement vehicle. Scrape off the old sticker and bring it to Village Hall for a replacement and to update your record with us. You will receive a new sticker. A cost of replacement applies.

An inoperable motor vehicle is considered a nuisance vehicle per Village code. These vehicles are unlawful and are prohibited within the corporate limits.

For more information and to learn about antique vehicle and senior rates, visit www.mortongroveil. org/services/i-want-to/vehicle-stickers.



#### **Water Sprinkling**

In effect from May 15 through September 15, automatic sprinkling is allowed from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Hand-held sprinkling is not restricted. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-470-5235.

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## **Shop Morton Grove**



Supporting Morton Grove restaurants, shops, and service providers bolsters the local economy and helps ensure that our businesses and commercial districts continue to thrive. There are so many reasons to shop local in Morton Grove:

- 1. More of your money will be kept in the local economy. Shopping in a local business district ensures that your sales taxes are reinvested in Morton Grove. Sales taxes fund services such as police and fire protection. Local businesses are also more likely to shop with other local businesses, keeping money moving in the local economy.
- 2. You invest locally. Local businesses are less susceptible to national downturns and are more likely to work harder to stay open.
- 3. You embrace what makes your community unique. One-of-a-kind shops and restaurants are what makes Morton Grove unique.
- 4. You create local jobs.
- 5. You help the environment by reducing the use of fuel for transportation and excess packaging.
- 6. You nurture the Morton Grove community by getting to know your local business owners.

- 7. You create more choice. Local businesses carry a wider array of unique products because they buy for their own individual markets.
- 8. You take advantage of local expertise. Morton Grove business owners have a vested interest in knowing how to serve you.
- 9. You invest in entrepreneurship and creativity, which is what the American economy is founded upon.
- 10. You make Morton Grove a unique destination for neighbors, visitors, and guests.

Morton Grove is proud of its incredibly vibrant and diverse restaurant community, which features cuisines from across the world. The 2024 Morton Grove Restaurant Guide, provided on the following pages, is a guide to your dining experience in the community. Morton Grove restaurants are also featured at www.mortongroveil.org/restaurants.

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Morton Grove is home to restaurants with flavors from across the world. Local establishments offer dining options for every taste, occasion, and budget. Enjoy the culinary delight that our community has to offer.

#### **AFGHANI**

#### **Afghan Kabob**

6002 Dempster Street 224-534-7262 afghankabob.dine.online

#### **AMERICAN / FUSION**

#### **Angel's Pancake Cafe**

7947 Golf Road 224-470-2842 angelspancakecafe.com

#### **Biggies**

6004 Oakton Street 847-470-2444 eatnplaybig.com

#### **Boba Burger**

8530 Waukegan Road 847-410-7779

#### **Bringer Inn**

6230 Lincoln Avenue 847-965-0150 bringerinn.net

#### **Charcoal Flame**

6800 Dempster Street 847-966-1200 charcoalflameil.net

#### Cooper's Hawk

6731 Dempster Street 847-461-9991 chwinery.com

#### **Cultura Subs/Steaks**

9432 Waukegan Road 872-285-8872 culturasubs.com

#### Culver's

7310 Dempster Street 847-983-4341 culvers.com

#### **Honey Baked Ham**

7939 Golf Road 847-470-0100 pickup.honeybaked.com

#### Kappy's Restaurant

7200 Dempster Street 847-470-1900 kappysrestaurant.com

#### McDonald's

6309 Dempster Street 847-967-5540 mcdonalds.com

#### **Raising Cane's**

6881 Dempster Street 847-965-8121 raisingcanes.com

#### **Popeyes**

6939 Golf Road 847-470-0990 popeyes.com

#### Smash IT Burger

6037 Dempster Street 224-251-7083

#### Subway

7188 Dempster Street 847-470-1119 subway.com

#### Tommy's Tavern & Restaurant

9005 Waukegan Road 847-972-1731

### **CAFE / BAKERY**

#### **Avalanche Bubble Tea**

6317 Dempster Street 847-967-0911 avalanchebubbletea.com

#### Cafe Koco Bowl

7923 Golf Road 847-423-2650 kocobowl.com

#### Dunkin'

6763 Dempster Street 847-538-1828 dunkindonuts.com/en

#### Dunkin'

9480 Waukegan Road 847-470-3600 dunkindonuts.com/en

#### **Ganache Bakery**

9328 Waukegan Road 847-410-7198 theganachebakery.com

#### **Pistachio Sweets**

7915 Golf Road 847-983-4822 pistachiochicago.com

#### Simple Delights

9237 Waukegan Road 773-267-2726

#### Starbucks

6801 Dempster Street 847-443-1339 starbucks.com

#### Steel Fitness Cafe

5814 Dempster Street 224-251-8168 steelfitnesscafe.com

#### **Super Cup Coffee Shop**

8509 Fernald Avenue 847-581-0216

#### The Great American Bagel

7184 Dempster Street 847-581-0600 greatamericanbagel.com

#### **CHINESE**

#### China Chef

5920 Lincoln Avenue 847-967-6050 chinachef.org

#### **China Town Express**

6121 Dempster Street 847-967-8992 chinatownmortongrove.com

#### Jason's BBQ

6120 Dempster Street 847-929-2228

#### **Palace Chinese Restaurant**

9236 Waukegan Road 847-966-2231 palacechineserestaurant.com

#### INDIAN / PAKISTANI

#### **Dosa Point x Boba Junction**

6027 Dempster Street 224-251-8333

#### **OMG Nafisa's Kitchen**

6027 Dempster Street 224-534-7525 omgnafisaskitchen.com

#### **TAVA Fresh Taste of India**

7172 Dempster Street 847-966-8282 tavadining.com

## ITALIAN / PIZZA

#### **Burt's Place**

8541 Ferris Avenue 847-965-7997 burtsplacemenu.com

#### Giordano's

5990 Dempster Street 847-966-4300 giordanos.com

#### Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria

6415 Dempster Street 847-469-1200 morettisrestaurants.com

#### Nano's Pizza

5906 Lincoln Avenue 847-967-9700 nanospizzamg.com

#### Pequod's Pizza

8520 Fernald Avenue 847-470-9161 pequodspizza.com/morton-grove

#### Pizza Hut

5620 Dempster Street 847-965-2254 locations.pizzahut.com

#### Pizza Hut

7957 Golf Road 847-966-0153 locations.pizzahut.com

#### JAPANESE / SUSHI

#### **Dempster Fish**

5850 Dempster Street 847-581-9220 dempsterfish.com

#### Sushi 4 U

7955 Golf Road 224-534-7178 sushi4u.org

#### Sushi Kaya

6026 Dempster Street 847-695-6688 sushikayajapaneserestaurant.com

#### **KOREAN**

#### Hal Mae Bo Ssam

9412 Waukegan Road 847-470-1914 chicagohalmae.com

#### **Hwang Soh Korean Grill**

5819 Dempster Street 847-983-4988

#### JeonJu Restaurant

5707 Dempster Street 847-470-0066

#### K-COOP

5900 Dempster Street 224-534-7544 thekcoop.com

#### **To Soc Chon**

6032 Dempster Street 847-410-7650

#### **LATIN AMERICAN**

#### Chipotle

6861 Dempster Street 847-929-4625 chipotle.com

#### Flash Taco (Seasonal)

6250 Dempster Street 888-312-8226 flashtaco.com

#### Las Fuentes

9001 Waukegan Road 847-983-0248 lasfuentesrestaurant.com

#### **Savory Crust Empanadas**

7180 Dempster Street 847-423-2273 savorycrust.com

#### MIDDLE EASTERN

#### Spice & Fire Grill

7925 Golf Road 847-730-5428 spicefiregrill.com

#### Ya Hala Middle Eastern Grill

6023 Dempster Street 224-534-7211

#### **MONGOLIAN**

#### Mazalae Mongolian Restaurant

9216 Waukegan Road 224-470-5090

#### THAI

#### Lai Tha

7168 Dempster Street 847-966-8216 laithai7168.com

#### **Chef of Siam**

9510 Waukegan Road 224-251-8327 chefofsiam.com

#### Sri Siam

9253 Waukegan Road 847-583-9924 srisiammortongrove.com

#### **CATERING**

#### Catered by Design

9204 Waukegan Road 847-965-4094 cateredbydesign.com

#### Catering by Michaels

6203 Park Avenue 847-966-6555 cateringbymichaels.com

#### C'MON EAT!

6028 Dempster Street 847-967-7283 cmoneat.com

#### **Filipino Food Catering**

6019 Dempster Street 847-967-5620 filipinofoodcatering.com

#### Small Oven

6109 Dempster Street 847-561-9265 smallovencatering.com

#### **Public Schools**

The Village of Morton Grove is served by several public school districts that provide high quality education to local youth. To view a school district map, visit www.mortongroveil.org/residentinformation/school-district-information. The districts serving Morton Grove residents are listed below:

#### District 70 - mgsd70.org

#### **Park View Elementary School**

6200 Lake Street Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-6200

#### District 67 - golf67.net

#### **Hynes Elementary School**

9000 Belleforte Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-4500

#### **Golf Middle School**

9401 Waukegan Road Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-3740

#### District 63 - emsd63.org

#### **Gemini Middle School**

8955 N Greenwood Avenue Niles, IL 60714 847-827-1181

#### **Melzer Elementary School**

9400 Oriole Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-7474

#### **Nelson School**

8901 Ozanam Ave Niles, IL 60714 847-965-0050

#### District 69 - sd69.org

#### **Thomas Edison Middle School**

8200 Gross Point Rd Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-966-6210

#### **Lincoln Junior High School**

7839 Lincoln Ave Skokie, IL 60077 847-676-3545

#### **Madison Elementary School**

5100 Madison Skokie, IL 60077 847-675-3048

#### District 219 - niles-hs.k12.il.us

#### **Niles West High School**

5701 Oakton St Skokie, IL 60077 Phone 847 626-2500

#### **Niles North High School**

9800 North Lawler St Skokie, IL 60077 847-626-2000

#### District 207 - east.maine207.org

#### **Maine East High School**

2601 W. Dempster Street Park Ridge, IL 60068 847-825-4484

#### District 807 - ntdse.org **Niles Township District for Special Education #807**

#### **Julia Molloy Education Center**

8701 Menard Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-9040

#### Morton Grove Park District

Since 1951, the Morton Grove Park District has been committed to complementing the community's quality of life, health, and wellness through recreational opportunities while protecting natural resources.

#### **Morton Grove Park District**

#### mortongroveparks.com

6834 Dempster Street Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-1200

#### Morton Grove Park District Q & A

#### Where can I find the most recent Park District **Activity Guide?**

The guide is mailed to all Morton Grove residents and a digital copy is available at mortongroveparks. com. Copies are also available at the Prairie View Community Center at 6834 Dempster Street.

#### How do I register for Park District programs?

Register by mail, in-person, or online at mortongroveparks.com.

#### Do you have an after-school program?

Yes, the Park District offers before and after school programs at Hynes and Park View schools.

#### How do I suggest a class for the Park District to offer or teach a specific class?

You may either call the Park District at 847-965-1200 and ask to speak to the supervisor in charge of vour area of interest or email the supervisor. For staff contact information and a general contact form, visit mortongroveparks.com/park-districtstaff or mortongroveparks.com/contact-us.

#### Are there any current job opportunities available at the Park District?

Current job opportunities can be found at mortongroveparks.com/jobs.

#### Are there Park District volunteer opportunities?

The Park District is always looking for volunteers to help at events. Contact Sue Braubach at sbraubach@mgparks.com or 847-965-0532 if you are interested in volunteering.

#### Who do I call concerning problems in my neighborhood park?

Submit a contact form at mortongroveparks.com/ contact-us. You will receive an email within 24 to 48 hours.

#### How do I update my address information on file with the Park District?

Call the Park District office at 847-965-1200 or email info@mgparks.com.

#### How do I get directions to a park or facility?

For an interactive map of our parks and facilities. visit mortongroveparks.com/interactive-park-map. If you need additional information, please call the Park District at 847-965-1200.

#### Is the Park District part of the Village?

No, the Park District is a separate taxing body.

#### How do I know if I am a resident of the Morton **Grove Park District?**

Check your tax bill or call the Park District Office at 847-965-1200.

#### What is the tax rate of the Park District and how are taxes used?

Contact the Park District Superintendent of Finance at 847-965-0225 for the current tax rate. Taxes are used to operate the Park District, maintain all the land, open space, and facilities, and offer the recreation programs. Approximately 6% of your total tax bill goes to the Park District.

#### How do I learn about the Park District Museum?

Information about the Haupt-Yehl House Museum is in your Park District Activity Guide. You can also call the Museum at 847-965-0203.

### **Morton Grove Public Library**

Since 1938, the Morton Grove Public Library has served the information, education, and entertainment needs of Morton Grove's diverse community. Visit mgpl.org for more information about our collection, resources, and services. Questions? Call 847-965-4220 or email **info@mgpl.org** for more information.

#### **Morton Grove Public Library**

#### mgpl.org

6140 Lincoln Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-4220

#### **Morton Grove Public Library Information**

#### **Library Cards**

All residents of Morton Grove are eligible for a free library card. Visit mgpl.org/apply to apply.

#### **Collections**

Use your card to check out thousands of books for all ages, from the newest bestsellers to older classics. Available in print and digital, with no overdue fines. Beyond books, you can check out movies, video games, magazines, mobile Wi-Fi hotspots, and more. Visit **mgpl.org** to browse the catalog, request items, and manage your account.

#### **Curbside Pickup**

We offer no-contact curbside pickup for your item holds and other library services. Visit mgpl.org/ curbside to schedule an appointment.

#### **Databases**

Your card also gets you access to premium online resources and databases, which include Consumer Reports, homework help, genealogy, test preparation, language learning, and the latest Chicago Tribune and Sun-Times. Visit mgpl.org/ databases to access anytime, anywhere.



#### **Events**

The Library provides free virtual events for all ages, including movie showings, book discussions and author visits, computer classes, storytimes, lectures, and more. No library card required. Visit **mgpl.org/** events to browse and register.

#### **Kids & Parents**

Our Youth Services department provides free books, resources, and events for kids from birth to grade 8, along with their parents, guardians, and families. Visit the Library's lower level to attend a storytime, make a craft, find engaging books, and learn something new—no card required. Visit mgpl.org/ kids to learn more.

#### **Book A Librarian**

Morton Grove residents can request a one-hour Book A Librarian appointment with a librarian to get one-on-one help with technology and research questions. Visit mgpl.org/book-a-librarian to make a request.

#### **Morton Grove Post Office**

The Morton Grove Post Office is owned and operated by the United States Postal Service (USPS). This location provides full mail services and passport services by appointment only. For hours, visit the USPS website.

#### **Morton Grove Post Office**

#### tools.usps.com/find-location.htm?location=1373877

9114 Waukegan Road Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-1621

## **Forest Preserve District** of Cook County

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is the largest land owner in Morton Grove. Morton Grove's forest preserves, which include the North Branch of the Chicago River and the North Branch bike trail, are cherished by residents and visitors alike. Learn more about the Forest Preserve District of Cook County by visiting fpdcc.com.

The Forest Preserve District offers volunteer opportunities at Morton Grove preserves, including Harms Woods, Linne Woods and Prairie, and Miami Woods and Prairie. To learn more, visit **fpdcc.com/** volunteer.



#### **Forest Preserve District of Cook County**

#### fpdcc.com

536 North Harlem Avenue River Forest, IL 60305 800-870-3666

### **Morton Grove Chamber of** Commerce

The Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce works to support and represent Morton Grove's local business community by advocating on business issues, providing business resources, and organizing networking and educational events. Every year, the Chamber issues a directory and community guide that is delivered to all Morton Grove residents and businesses. Residents seeking to start a new business in Morton Grove or promote an existing business may find Chamber membership to provide useful resources and events. For more information on the Chamber's activities and membership benefits, visit macci.org.

#### **Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce**

#### mgcci.org

6101 Capulina Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-0330



#### Metra

Morton Grove is serviced by Metra's Milwaukee District North (MD-N) rail line, which runs from Chicago's Union Station to Fox Lake. The Morton Grove Metra station is accessible and provides a heated waiting room from 4:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For schedules, a rail line map, and information about the Metra station, visit ridertools.metrarail.com/mapsschedules/train-lines/MD-N.

In 2024, the Morton Grove Metra station will undergo reconstruction. The station will remain open and active throughout construction, but the adjacent parking lot may be unavailable for commuter use for extended periods of time. Project updates and further guidance will be available at www.mortongroveil.org.

#### **Morton Grove Metra Station**

#### metrarail.com

8501 Lehigh Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053

#### Pace

Pace Suburban Bus Service provides affordable and efficient public bus service to Morton Grove and connects the community to the surrounding area. With more than 200 convenient routes across 220 communities, fixed bus routes provide acces throughout Chicagoland for just \$2 each way (with a Ventra card or \$2.25 cash). For route maps and schedules, visit **pacebus.com**. Morton Grove is served by five Pace bus routes:

#### 250 - Dempster Street

The 250 bus route has 84 stops departing from O'Hare Multi-Modal Facility and ending in the Davis Street CTA Station in Evanston. Key stops include the Demoster Skokie Swift Yellow Line CTA Station, Downtown Evanston, Lutheran General Hospital, and O'Hare International Airport.

#### **Pulse Dempster Line Route**

The Pulse Dempster Line is a new bus rapid transit route offered in addition to the regular Route 250 service. The line operates at 20-minute frequency between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., at 15-minute frequency from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., and at 20-minute frequency until service ends at proximately 1:00 a.m. depending on the day of week. Morton Grove stops are located at Austin, Waukegan, and Harlem. Signal priority and stations with modern amenities like heated shelters, real-time signage, and level boarding provide greater reliability and faster service.

#### 2. 210 - Lincoln Avenue

The 210 bus route has 118 stops departing from Glenbrook Hospital and ending in Lincolnwood Town Center. Key stops include the Oakton Skokie Swift Yellow Line CTA Station, Lincolnwood Town Center Mall, the Glenview Metra and Amtrak Station, and Glenbrook Hospital.



#### 3. 208 - Golf Road

The 208 bus route provides daily service between Evanston and Schaumburg. Service operates primarily via Golf Road between the Davis Street CTA Station in Evanston and the Pace Northwest Transportation Center in Schaumburg, Key stops include Old Orchard Mall, Downtown Evanston, Golf Mill Mall, Oakton College, and Woodfield Mall.

#### 4. 226 - Oakton Street

The 226 bus route provides weekday service between the Jefferson Park CTA Blue Line and Metra Station and Oakton and Hamilton in southern Mt. Prospect via the Des Plaines Metra Station. Key stops include Oakton Community College, Village Crossing Mall, Oak Mill Mall, and Downtown Des Plaines.

#### 5. 423 - Linden CTA - The Glen - Harlem CTA

The 423 bus route provides weekday service from Wilmette to Chicago with 154 stops departing from Linden CTA in Wilmette and ending in the Harlem CTA station in Chicago. Key stops include the Glenview Metra and Amtrak Station, the Glen Town Center, and the Winnetka Metra UP-North Line Station.

In addition to the traditional fixed bus routes, Pace operates several other services that exist in places where no fixed route exists or meet individual riders' needs. For instance, Pace's vanpool services are usually for groups of coworkers traveling to work together on a daily basis. Other reservation-based services linked below are for local trips whose origins and destinations vary from day to day. Eligibility, fare, and geographic areas served are different for each of those services. To learn more, visit pacebus.com/find-your-pace.

Pace also provides ADA paratransit service to the community. For more information on how to become a paratransit rider, visit pacebus.com/ada.

#### Ventra

For all Pace fixed route and on-demand services, the easiest way to pay your fare is with a registered Ventra Card. Riders with smartphones can benefit from the Ventra app, which allows customers to buy Pace, CTA, and Metra tickets. Get your Ventra Card (or add transit value or a multi-day pass) online, at a vending machine, or at hundreds of regional retailers. Tap your Ventra card on the Ventra reader at the front of the bus as you board. A new card costs \$5.00, and that one-time purchase fee is immediately refunded as transit value upon account registration. Visit **ventrachicago.com** to learn more.

### **Houses of Worship**

#### **Jerusalem Lutheran Church & School**

#### www.jerusalemlutheran.org

6218 Capulina Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-7340

#### **Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses**

#### www.jw.org/en

6730 Beckwith Road Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-0360

#### **Korean Ark Covenant Church**

9233 Shermer Road Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-966-2068

#### **Morton Grove Community Church**

#### mgccpresbyterian.org

8944 Austin Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-965-2982

#### **Muslim Education Center/Mosque**

#### mccchicago.org

8601 Menard Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-581-9410





#### St. Luke's Christian Community Church

#### www.stlukesccc.net

9233 Shermer Road Morton Grove, IL 60053 847-966-9233

#### St. Martha Catholic Church

#### www.saintmarthachurch.org

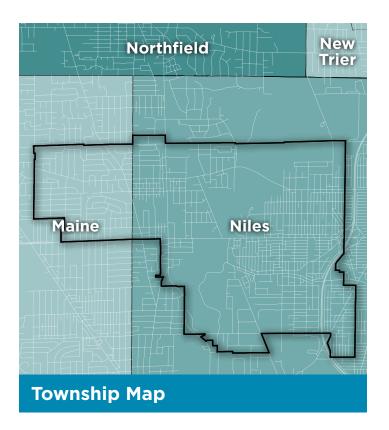
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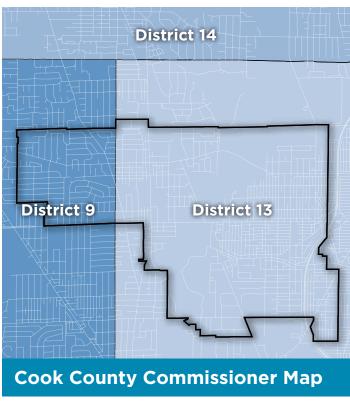
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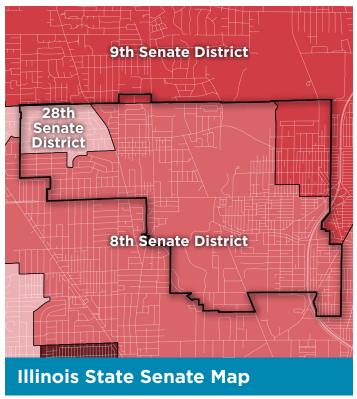
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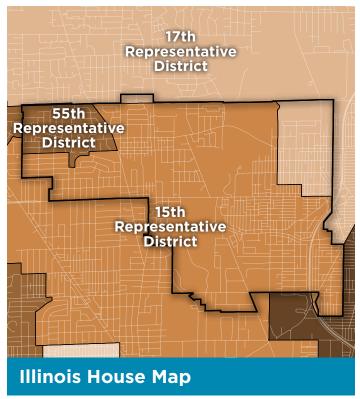
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### **Maine & Niles Townships**

Cook County is made up of 29 townships. The Village of Morton Grove is located within two townships: Maine Township and Niles Township. These township offer a variety of services to residents, including various social services, food pantry assistance, property tax and assessment appeal assistance, low-income and financial distress assistance, voting registration, passport processing, services for seniors and persons with disabilities, temporary accessible parking placard issuance. hunting and fishing license processing, emergency management, and notary services.



#### **Maine Township**

#### mainetown.com info@mainetown.com

1700 Ballard Road Park Ridge, IL 60068 847-297-2510

Maine Township's general boundaries are Mt. Prospect Avenue on the west, Central Road on the north. Harlem Avenue on the east, and Devon Avenue on the south, which includes parts of Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Niles, Glenview, Morton Grove, and Rosemont.

#### **Niles Township**

#### nilestownshipgov.com

5255 Lincoln Avenue Skokie, IL 60077 847-673-9300

Niles Township's general boundaries are Harlem Avenue on the west, Central Road on the north. McCormick Boulevard on the east, and Devon Avenue on the south, which includes parts of Niles, Skokie, Lincolnwood, Glenview, Golf, and Morton Grove.

### **Cook County**

Cook County contains 134 municipalities in its region. The City of Chicago serves as the County seat and is where the central offices of Cook County are located. The City of Chicago and the suburban municipalities account for approximately 85% of the County's 946 square miles, while unincorporated areas make up the remaining 15%. The unincorporated areas of the County are under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The government of Cook County is primarily composed of the Board of Commissioners, which is headed by the President of the County Board, Toni Preckwinkle, other elected officials such as the Sheriff, State's Attorney, Treasurer, Board of Review, Clerk, Assessor, Circuit Court judges, and Circuit Court Clerk, as well as numerous other officers and entities. Cook County Commissioners representing Morton Grove and key Cook County offices are listed below.

#### **County Board Commissioners**

#### **Commissioner Josina Morita, 13th District**

#### Josina.Morita@cookcountyil.gov

312-603-6383

Represents 13th District residents located east of Harlem Avenue.

#### **Commissioner Maggie Trevor, 9th District**

#### district9@cookcountyil.gov

312-603-4393

Represents 9th District residents located west of Harlem Avenue.

#### **Key Cook County Offices**

#### **Cook County Assessor's Office**

#### cookcountyassessor.com

118 North Clark Street, Room 320 Chicago, IL 60602 312-443-7550

The Assessor's Office is responsible for assessing the values of 1.8 million parcels of property located in Cook County. The Office seeks to help residents understand the assessment process and take advantage of money-saving exemptions and tax-relief programs. A property search at cookcountyassessor.com/address-search provides residents with information on a property's tax classification, tax code, assessed valuation, next scheduled reassessment, and appeal history.

#### **Cook County Clerk's Office - Main**

#### cookcountyclerkil.gov

118 North Clark Street, Room 230 Chicago, IL 60602

#### **Cook County Clerk's Office - North Suburbs**

5600 West Old Orchard Road, Room 149 Skokie, IL 60077 847-470-7233

Services limited to birth certificates, death certificates, marriage certificates, and notary commissions.

The Cook County Clerk's Office is the official record keeper for births, marriages, civil unions, and deaths that occur in the county. The Office is the chief election authority for more than 120 towns and villages in suburban Cook County. The Office maintains delinquent tax records, tax maps, and information regarding TIF districts. The Clerk's Ethics Filings Division accepts and records documents detailing the financial activities of public officials, candidates, certain government officials and lobbyists. The Clerk also records the activity of the Cook County Board by preparing board agendas and post-meeting reports as well as maintaining County Board records.

#### State of Illinois

The State of Illinois is composed of three branches of government: legislative, executive, and judicial. The executive branch is split into several statewide elected offices, with the Governor as chief executive and head of state, and has numerous departments, agencies, boards, and commissions. Legislative functions are granted to the General Assembly, a body consisting of the 118-member House of Representatives and the 59-member Senate. The judiciary is composed of the Supreme Court of Illinois and lower courts.

The Governor, Senators and House representatives for areas of Morton Grove are provided below. Residents can easily look up their State of Illinois representatives by typing in their address to the Community Portal tool. The tool provides voting information, district information, the names of your representatives, and how to contact them. Check out the Community Portal tool at www.mortongroveil.

org/government/federal-and-state-representatives.

#### State of Illinois Governor

#### Governor J.B. Pritzker

#### gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/html

555 W. Monroe Chicago, IL 60661 312-814-2121 (888-340-1009 for hearing impaired)

#### State of Illinois Senate

#### **Senator Laura Fine, District 9**

#### www.senatorfine.com/contact

1812 Waukegan Road, Suite A Glenview, IL 60025 847-998-1717

#### **Senator Ram Villivalam, District 8**

#### www.senatorram.com/contact-us

3849 W. Devon Avenue Chicago, IL 60659 217-782-5500



#### **Senator Laura Murphy, District 28**

#### www.senatorlauramurphy.com/contact-us

1645 South River Road, Suite 7 Des Plaines, IL 60018 847-718-1110

#### State of Illinois House of Representatives

#### **Representative Michael Kelly, District 15**

#### repkelly.com/contact-us

4200 W. Lawrence Avenue Chicago, IL 60630 773-736-0218

#### Representative Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, District 17

#### www.gonggershowitz.com/contact

1812 Waukegan Road, Suite B Glenview, IL 60025 847-486-8810

#### **Representative Martin Moylan, District 55**

#### www.staterepmoylan55.com/contact

24 S. River Road, Suite 400 Des Plaines, IL 60016 847-635-6821

#### **Programs & Services**

The State offers a variety of programs and services. The most commonly used by residents are below:

#### **Cars & Transportation**

#### www.illinois.gov/residents/cars-transportation.html

- Accessible parking abuse complaints
- Driver's license & State ID services
- License plate purchasing & renewal
- Vehicle title & registration services

#### Family & Home

#### www.illinois.gov/residents/family-home.html

- Benefit access program
- Cash and Food Stamps Assistance (SNAP)
- Child support services
- Community Care Program (CCP)
- Consumer insurance complaints
- Food Assistance for Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)
- Foreclosure assistance
- Foster parent & adoption services
- Power of Attorney assignment
- Utility financial assistance

#### **Health & Safety**

#### www.illinois.gov/residents/health---safety.html

- Alcoholism & addiction assistance
- Concealed carry licensing
- Domestic violence assistance
- Medical cannabis patient applications
- Severe weather assistance
- Sex offender registry
- · Vehicle emissions testing
- Voluntary self-exclusion program for gambling
- Water and soil contamination oversight

#### **Resident Resources**

#### www.illinois.gov/residents/resident-resources.html

- Developmental Disabilities Act
- Genealogy
- Illinois Partners in Policymaking Leadership **Training**
- · Utility bill assistance



#### **Federal Government**

The Federal Government is composed of three distinct branches: legislative, executive, and judicial, whose powers are vested by the U.S. Constitution in the Congress, the President, and the Federal courts, respectively. There are hundreds of Federal agencies and commissions charged with handling responsibilities as varied as managing America's space program, protecting its forests, gathering intelligence, and advancing the general welfare of the American people. For a full listing of Federal Agencies, Departments, and Commissions, visit **USA.gov**.

The legislative branch consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate, which together form the United States Congress. Senators and Congressmen representing areas of Morton Grove are listed on the following page. Residents can easily look up their Federal representatives by typing in their address to the Community Portal tool. The tool provides voting information, district information, the names of your representatives, and how to contact them. Check out the Community Portal tool at www. mortongroveil.org/government/federal-and-staterepresentatives.

#### **U.S. Senate**

#### **Senator Richard Durbin**

#### www.durbin.senate.gov/contact/email

230 S. Dearborn, Suite 3892 Chicago, IL 60604 312-353-4952

#### **Senator Tammy Duckworth**

#### www.duckworth.senate.gov/connect/email-tammy

230 S. Dearborn, Suite 3900 Chicago, IL 60604 312-886-3506

#### **U.S. House of Representatives**

#### Congresswoman Janice Schakowsky, District 9

#### jan.schakowsky@mail.house.gov

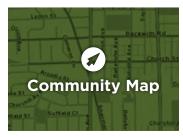
820 Davis Street, Suite 105 Evanston, IL 60201 847-328-3409

## **Village Maps**

The Village of Morton Grove uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to produce both interactive online maps and standard maps in PDF format. The Village's maps are available online for residents. The most requested maps are can be found online by clicking on the map links provided below.



## **Interactive Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Maps**













**Standard PDF Maps** 





# Community **Portal**

Enter your address in Morton Grove's Community Portal to discover more about where you live and your community. Information includes a property summary, government representatives, zoning classification and requirements, and property tax breakdown.

### **Transportation Map**

www.mortongroveil.org/transportationmap

#### **Zoning Map**

www.mortongroveil.org/zoningmap

#### School District Map

www.mortongroveil.org/schooldistrictmap

### **Congressional District Map**

www.mortongroveil.org/congress-map

#### **Illinois Senate District Map**

www.mortongroveil.org/senate-map

### Illinois House of Representatives District Map

www.mortongroveil.org/house-map

#### **Street Sweeping Map**

www.mortongroveil.org/streetsweepingmap

#### Garbage Pick-Up Map

www.mortongroveil.org/services/maps/garbage-pickup-map

















## HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

#### **ALARMS**

- ☐ Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms on every level of home and in bedrooms.
- ☐ Test smoke alarms monthly.
- ☐ Change batteries as needed.
- $\square$  Make sure smoke alarms are less than ten years old.
- ☐ Make sure carbon monoxide alarms are less than seven years old.

#### **HOME ESCAPE PLAN**

- ☐ Prepare and practice fire escape plan with two ways out of each room.
- ☐ List emergency numbers near phones. Make sure everyone knows how to call 9-1-1.
- ☐ Prepare what to say when making emergency calls (name, address, reason for call).
- Keep exits clear of obstructions inside and outside of home.

### **COOKING SAFETY**

- ☐ Keep portable fire extinguisher in home.
- ☐ Never leave food unattended on stove.
- ☐ Be sure cooking area is clear of flammable items.
- ☐ Keep children away from hot stove or outside grill.
- ☐ Keep lighters and matches away from children.

#### **ELECTRICAL SAFETY**

- ☐ Unplug appliances not in use.
- ☐ Replace frayed or damaged electrical cords.
- ☐ Use outlets safely. Do not overload them.
- ☐ Keep portable heaters at least three feet away from flammable items.
- ☐ Keep clothes dryer free of lint.
- ☐ Check for independent testing lab safety labels on appliances.

#### LIVING SAFETY

- ☐ Have your furnace checked before each heating season.
- ☐ Change furnace filters frequently.
- ☐ Do not store combustibles near the furnace or hot water heater.
- ☐ Consider having your chimney(s) cleaned by a professional chimney sweep.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood in your wood-burning fireplace.
- ☐ Close the screen or heat tempered glass door when using the fireplace.
- ☐ Keep flammables (fertilizers, paint, gasoline) away from any source of heat.
- ☐ Check flexible natural gas pipes for corrosion or discoloration. If found, have it checked or replaced.

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Tubs, Jugs, Jars
No Bags or Film
No Foam

Glass
Bottles & Jars

Metal
Steel & Aluminum

Mixed Paper & Cartons
Flatten Boxes

Verify details with your community's recycler!

## **Do Not Put in Recycling Carts!**



No Electronics or Sharps



No Plastic Bags or Wrap



No Food, Liquids, Diapers, or Shredded Paper



No Clothing or Shoes



No Hoses, Wires, or Hangers

Visit swancc.org or check IEPA's interactive site at bit.ly/recycleil.



