



MORTON GROVE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

AGENDA AND MEETING NOTICE

Monday, May 19, 2025, 6:30 P.M.

Scanlon Conference Room 2nd Floor Village Hall

6201 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of – March 17, 2025
3. 2025 PROGRAMS & EVENTS
 - a. **Winter Adopt a Planter Assignment**
 - i. Wrap up for Tree Giveaway Program
 1. 30 trees survived the winter and were disseminated
 - ii. Discussion for Winter 2025 Program
 - b. **2025 Resident Handbook**
 - i. Currently available online on [Village Homepage](#)
 - ii. Hard copies available by request, at Village Hall and at Civic Center
 - c. **Photo Contest**
 - i. Same format as 2024: Held from Memorial Day to Labor Day, winners to be announced If approved September 23, 2025, Board Meeting
 - d. **Neighborhood Outreach**
 - i. Current schedule:

Date	Location	Special Guest
Thursday May 15	Edison School	County Reps (confirming with Commissioners Morita and Trevor)
Thursday Sept. 18	Park View School	State Reps
 - ii. Cub scouts and host school to attend?
 - e. **Outstanding Neighbor Recognition**
 - i. Saad Quadri (See attached nomination)
 - ii. Presentation tentatively set for June 23, 2025, Village Board meeting
 - f. **Summer Adopt a Planter Program**
 - i. New program will allow residents to choose their own planter
 - ii. Plant Pick Up Date: Saturday **May 31, 2025, 9:00 am to 11:00 am**
 - iii. Volunteers needed (assemble Name Signs), Distribute Plants
 - g. **Community Garage Sale**
 - i. Event Date: Weekend following Plant Pick Up Day - **June 6,7, & 8, 2025**
 - ii. Village to not host area for condos, etc.
 - iii. Volunteers Needed (Distribute Signs)
 - h. **Block Party Kit** kits available online
https://www.mortongroveil.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/block_party_kit_2024.pdf
4. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Follow-up:
 - i. Request to host table at June 13, 2025 Pride Event (Wizard of Oz)
 - ii. Non-explosive fireworks, signage update, planter location
 - b. Next Meeting Monday July 14, 2025, 6:30 pm
 - c. 2025 Remaining Meeting Dates (3rd Monday of every other month) Sept.15 & Nov. 17
5. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

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Outstanding Neighbor Recognition Program

Nominator's Name	Furqan Mohammed
Nominator's Email	fmohammed@mstlawfirm.com
Nominator's Phone	(847) 800-8978
Nominator's Address	Street Address: 8300 Callie Avenue, Unit 103
Outstanding Neighbor's Name	Saad Quadri
Outstanding Neighbor's Email	saad.quadri@gmail.com
Outstanding Neighbor's Phone	(224) 628-0249
Outstanding Neighbor's Address	Street Address: 8814 Luna Avenue, Morton Grove
3. Tell us why you are nominating your neighbor as an Outstanding Neighbor. (Provide a description of what your neighbor has done to deserve this recognition. Feel free to provide examples and/or pictures.	<p>Mr. Saad Quadri serves as the chair of the Islamic Studies Department at the MEC School in Morton Grove, and also serves as the resident scholar of the MEC Mosque, where he devotes almost his entire day to servicing the community—youth and adults. One could argue that is his job and therefore should not be recognized as going above and beyond. I do not disagree, but that is not what I am nominating for. It is the things he does outside of his work that amazes me.</p> <p>Mr. Saad Quadri often preaches, rightfully so, that neighbors in Islam have rights over us. We are obligated to check in on our neighbors, feed them if they are hungry, and otherwise care for them. From second-hand knowledge, I know that he often drops groceries and items to his neighbors and also takes it upon himself to ensure the driveways of the elderly neighbors, especially, are cleaned when the snow falls.</p> <p>Mr. Saad Quadri truly practices what he preaches and he is an inspiration for all of us in the community to do better and be better. I strongly recommend Mr. Quadri for this award.</p>
4. Can we share this information on the Village's social media or print publications?	Yes
5. How did you hear about this program?	Newsletter