

SUMMER 2025 EDITION

## A Message from Mayor Witko



Dear Residents,

I am both incredibly humbled and excited to be given this opportunity to be your Mayor.

My parents moved to Morton Grove in 1990 when I was a teenager. When my husband and I began our family, we chose to raise our daughters here. Wanting my daughters to be proud of their hometown, I began serving the Village in 2007. I served on the Economic Development Commission, Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals, and since 2013, as a Village Trustee as part of Mayor DiMaria's team.

I'm energized by the work ahead: from continuing the economic development momentum that's transformed Morton Grove, to expanding community events, to supporting our seniors and strengthening the connections that make this Village so special. And while I'll lead with my own style and vision, my commitment is the same – to always work in Morton Grove's best interest.

A successful Village requires a strong team. I'm incredibly grateful to be part of a cohesive Village Board that works together with our staff and for our residents and businesses. My first priority is to you, our residents. I promise that I will always listen to you and lead with fiscal prudence, transparency, an open mind and heart, inclusion, and integrity. I'm honored to serve as your Mayor, and I'm ready to get to work – with all of you.

Thank you.

**Your Mayor,** *Janine Witko*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# MORTON GROVE

## DAYS

# JULY 3-6

THURSDAY - SUNDAY

HARRER PARK & CIVIC CENTER  
AT **6140 DEMPSTER**

**FIREWORKS AT DARK ON FRIDAY, JULY 4**

**SEE EVENT SCHEDULE INSIDE!**

## Meet Your Morton Grove Village Board

*Clockwise from Top Left*

Trustee Ashur Shiba  
Trustee Connie Travis  
Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford  
Trustee Rita Minx  
Trustee Keith White  
Trustee Saba Khan  
Mayor Janine Witko  
Trustee John Thill



## Village Welcomes Trustee Keith White

On Tuesday, May 27, 2025, Mayor Janine Witko appointed Keith White as Trustee to fill her vacancy after being sworn in as Morton Grove's new Mayor. At the Board meeting, Trustee White was sworn in with incumbent Board members Trustee Saba Khan, Trustee Ashur Shiba, Trustee Connie Travis, and Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford, who were reelected in the 2025 Consolidated Election on April 1, 2025. Trustee White most recently served as Chairperson of the Village's Traffic Safety Commission and was selected by Mayor Witko for his unparalleled commitment to public service and deep roots in the community. Welcome to the Village Board, Trustee White!

# EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY **JULY 3**

4:00PM - 11:00PM  
5:00PM - 10:45PM  
5:15PM

**CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT**  
**ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN**  
**FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONIES**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 

5:30PM - 6:30PM  
7:00PM - 8:30PM  
8:45PM - 10:45PM

**TOTEM FROGS**  
**THE MOSQUITOS**  
**HI INFIDELITY** - HEADLINER - 80s COVER BAND

FRIDAY **JULY 4**

2:30PM  
4:00PM - 11:00PM  
5:00PM - 10:45PM

**MORTON GROVE DAYS PARADE**  
**CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT**  
**ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 

5:00PM - 6:45PM  
7:15PM - 8:45PM  
WHEN DARK

**BUCKLE**  
**7TH HEAVEN** - HEADLINER - CLASSIC & ORIGINAL HITS  
**FIREWORKS**

SATURDAY **JULY 5**

10:00AM - 4:00PM  
2:00PM - 4:00PM  
2:00PM - 11:00PM  
5:00PM - 10:45PM

**MORTON GROVE DAYS MARKET (HARRER PARK)**  
**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT**  
**CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT**  
**ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 

5:00PM - 6:15PM  
6:30PM - 8:30PM  
9:00PM - 10:45PM

**THE JAMMERS**  
**FACE THE MUSIC** - MORTON GROVE'S VERY OWN  
**MIKE & JOE** - HEADLINER - ROCK COVER BAND

SUNDAY **JULY 6**

2:00PM - 9:00PM  
3:00PM - 9:00PM

**CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT**  
**ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 

3:00PM - 4:15PM  
4:45PM - 6:30PM  
7:00PM - 9:00PM

**THE NEVERLY BROTHERS**  
**ROSE HILL REVIVAL**  
**SEALED WITH A KISS** - HEADLINER - HIT COVER BAND

**MORTONGROVEDAYS.ORG**

FOR MORE INFORMATION

STARTS AT DEMPSTER & CENTRAL,  
PROCEEDS TO DEMPSTER & FERRIS

**PARADE**



FRIDAY, JULY 4 AT 2:30 PM

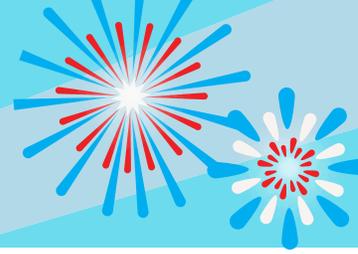
**FIREWORKS**

FRIDAY, JULY 4 AT DARK

**\$5 ENTERTAINMENT & BEER  
GARDEN ENTRANCE FEE**

NO COOLERS | NO PETS EXCEPT SERVICE ANIMALS

# LIVE MUSIC HEADLINERS



## HI INFIDELITY

THURSDAY, JULY 3 AT 8:45PM

Hi Infidelity is a full-scale concert experience that transports you from the first electrifying chord to the final crescendo. Enjoy masterful renditions of 80s rock anthems, including covers of Journey, REO, Bon Jovi, and Boston.

## 7TH HEAVEN

FRIDAY, JULY 4 AT 7:15PM

This Midwestern pop/rock band is known for its feel-good songs and energetic performances. 7th Heaven has charted #1 on the Midwest Billboard Charts three times and has had seven major radio hits.

## MIKE & JOE

SATURDAY, JULY 5 AT 9:00PM

Mike & Joe is a modern rock cover band regarded as one of the best sounding cover bands in the nation. Their setlist includes popular rock from the 90s through today with some occasional tunes from the 70s and 80s.

## SEALED WITH A KISS

SUNDAY, JULY 6 AT 7:00PM

Sealed With a Kiss is a top-notch cover band that delivers power, energy, and sheer fun. Enjoy incredible covers by all your favorite bands from the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s.

## JULY 4 PARKING

For public safety considerations, July 4th parking restrictions will be in effect this year from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Restriction signs will be posted along affected routes on or around July 3, 2025. If you have any questions, please call 847-470-5220, visit the Village's website at [www.mortongroveil.org](http://www.mortongroveil.org), or visit us on Facebook.

## GET INVOLVED

- Volunteer** - The Morton Grove Days Commission needs volunteers for the festival and parade. For more information, call 847-663-3061 or email [mortongrovedays@gmail.com](mailto:mortongrovedays@gmail.com).
- Join the Parade** - Promote your organization or business by participating in the Fourth of July parade. For more information, contact the Parade Coordinator at 847-663-3916.
- Be a Sponsor** - Your donations help the Morton Grove Days Commission continue to provide amazing and fun-filled local events such as the Independence Day parade, carnival, fireworks show, and more. The Morton Grove Days Commissions is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible.

**For more information on how to get involved and to donate to this beloved annual event, visit the Morton Grove Days website at**

[www.mortongrovedays.org](http://www.mortongrovedays.org).

FOOD



ENTERTAINMENT



FIREWORKS



FAMILY FUN



# Thank You, MORTON GROVE DAYS SPONSORS

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## Niles Township Government

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Platinum Sponsor

## Morton Grove Foundation



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## GMS Heating & Cooling



Stage Sponsor

## Fairway Independent Mortgage



Fireworks Sponsor

## ProAuto



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## Groot Industries



Silver Sponsors

## Morton Grove Animal Hospital

## Tremco

Commercial Sealants & Waterproofing

Bronze Sponsors

## Ironwood Tattoo

## Mayor Janine Witko & Family

## 2025 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

- ★ FREE family fun
  - ★ Live music, food, & activities for kids
  - ★ Meet your police officers
  - ★ Enhance relationship between neighbors & law enforcement
  - ★ Build community
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 5:30 – 8:30 PM**  
6140 DEMPSTER ST.
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- MAKE A DONATION TODAY!**

## Don't Forget Your Vehicle Sticker

Vehicle stickers can be purchased starting at the end of June 2025 and must be displayed by September 1, 2025. Purchase your sticker online at [mortongroveil.org/vehicle-stickers](http://mortongroveil.org/vehicle-stickers) or mail or drop off the completed paper form at Village Hall. All stickers will be delivered by mail. You must contact the Village if you received a renewal form for a vehicle you no longer own. Call 847-965-4100 or visit [mortongroveil.org](http://mortongroveil.org) for details. 2025/2026 vehicle stickers must be properly displayed by September 1, 2025.



## Adopt-A-Block & Become a Block Captain

The Village's Environment and Natural Resources Commission invites you to participate in the Adopt-A-Block Program, through which residents, businesses, schools, and organizations are provided materials to help keep their neighborhood clean and litter-free.

The Program provides a free five-gallon bucket, plastic bags, disposable rubber gloves, litter tongs, and information on performing safe and successful clean-up events with your neighbors, family, and friends. If you are interested in joining the Adopt-A-Block Program as a Block Captain, please visit [mortongroveil.org/adopt-a-block](http://mortongroveil.org/adopt-a-block) or call 847-663-3061.

FREE ADMISSION

## MORTON GROVE SUSTAINABILITY EXPO & RECYCLING FEST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MORTON GROVE CIVIC CENTER  
6140 DEMPSTER STREET

Join us at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Morton Grove Sustainability Expo & Recycling Fest. Explore innovative solutions and celebrate our commitment to a greener future! This is a free and family-friendly event.

## RECYCLING FEST @ THE EXPO

This is a convenient one-stop drop-off event collecting various recyclable and reusable items. Visit [mortongroveil.org/ENRCexpo](http://mortongroveil.org/ENRCexpo) for a list of accepted items closer to the event.

## Seeking 2025 Exhibitors!

Learn more and request to be an exhibitor:  
[mortongroveil.org/ENRCexpo](http://mortongroveil.org/ENRCexpo)  
847-663-3061

FAMILY-FRIENDLY



## Morton Grove Block Party Kit

The Morton Grove Block Party Kit is an easy how-to guide to organizing a neighborhood block party in the Village. The resource kit includes everything you need to plan and execute a successful block party with step-by-step information and a collection of printable resources. The kit was compiled by the Morton Grove Community Relations Commission (CRC) and Village staff. Download a copy at [mortongroveil.org](http://mortongroveil.org).

## Village Website Translation

To ensure all residents and visitors can access and understand the services offered by the Village, a translation tool is available for the Village website at [mortongroveil.org](http://mortongroveil.org). On a desktop computer, users can click on a translation menu at the upper right corner of the webpage and select their preferred language.

The Village is in the initial phase of a complete website redesign with a focus on improving overall functionality, enhancing user experience, and ensuring greater accessibility to better serve the needs of residents, businesses, and visitors.



## Remember Your Building Permit

Before starting any home improvement or repair project, be sure to check if a building permit is required. Contact the Building Department at **847-470-5214** or email **building@mortongroveil.org** to confirm whether your project needs a permit. Village permits help protect your investment by ensuring that all work meets safety standards and complies with building codes. Starting work without the proper permits can lead to costly fines and repairs. Many permits—including those for fences, water heaters, HVAC, solar panels, and private sewer repairs—can now be submitted online. To access permit applications and view a full list of projects that require permits, visit **mortongroveil.org/building-and-inspectional-services-department**.



## Storm Damage Clean-Up

After a severe storm, the Village will pick up fallen branches from Village parkway trees. Place branches in the public parkway immediately after the storm event and call the Department of Public Works at 847-470-5235 to request branch pick-up. This service will be offered for five business days following a storm event. Disposal of branches not placed on the parkway or without notification to the Village by the following Monday will become the property owner's responsibility.

## Safe Summer Grilling

Summer evenings are perfect for grilling, but it's important to make sure you're doing it safely. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), July is the peak month for grill-related fires. Each year, grilling causes an average of 10,600 home fires and sends about 19,700 people to the emergency room across the country. As grilling season heats up, follow these important safety tips to help protect your home and family:

- Check for gas leaks before using your grill each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. Bubbles indicate a propane leak that needs repair.
- Keep your grill at a safe distance from your home, deck railings, overhanging branches, and eaves.
- Clean your grill regularly by removing grease and fat buildup from both the grates and drip trays.
- Always open the lid of your gas grill before lighting it.
- Keep kids and pets away from the grilling area.
- Never leave the grill unattended while in use.
- For charcoal grills, allow coals to cool completely before disposing of them in a metal container.

For questions or more information about fire prevention, call 847-470-5226 or email **fire@mortongroveil.org**.

## Rodent Control Program

Communities throughout Chicagoland are taking steps to address rodent issues. You can help by picking up after your pets, not feeding outdoor animals, and ensuring all garbage is stored in tightly sealed containers. To report rodent sightings, contact the Village at 847-470-5214. Provide your name, address (where rodents were observed), a phone number, and a description of your concern.

The Village's Rodent Control Program includes inspection for rodents, treatment of burrows, and ensuring that preventative measures are in place. Rodent control treatment involves baiting with rodenticide in a secure manner for residential properties. This allows for investigation and tracking of rodent service requests and provides measures for property maintenance.



## Sign Up for Smart911

Smart911 is a free service available to all residents that allows them to sign up online to provide critical information to 9-1-1 call takers during an emergency and receive community messaging and emergency alerts from the Village. When a resident makes an emergency call, their Safety Profile is displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker, allowing them to send the right response team to the right location with the right information. 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. Visit **www.smart911.com** to sign up for this free service.

BOOK YOUR NEXT SPECIAL EVENT AT THE

## MORTON GROVE CIVIC CENTER

6140 DEMPSTER STREET

To learn more about facility options, rates, and other accommodations, visit [mortongroveil.org/civic-center-rental](http://mortongroveil.org/civic-center-rental). If you have questions or would like to inquire about availability, call 847-663-3007 or email [civiccenter@mortongroveil.org](mailto:civiccenter@mortongroveil.org).

### Health Equipment Lending

The Village's Health Equipment Lending Closet Program loans health care equipment to Morton Grove residents free-of-charge on a first come, first served basis. Items will be loaned out based on need, up to a twelve-month period. After twelve months, the item may be recalled if needed. Examples of items that may be available include wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, commodes, toilet risers, and shower chairs. 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.

## Senior Corner

### Senior Fitness Classes

#### Line Dancing

Tuesdays: 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

#### Forever Young

Tuesdays: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

#### Chair Pilates

Wednesdays: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Chair Pilates & Strength

Fridays: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

All classes are held at the Morton Grove Senior Center at 6140 Dempster Street. Call 847-663-3070 for more information.



### Senior Ride Share Program

The Morton Grove Senior Ride Share Program offers FREE Lyft rides to registered residents who are at least 65 years old. Participants must be able to enter and exit a vehicle without assistance. Scheduled rides are provided to grocery stores, pharmacies, and medical appointments within Morton Grove. Rides are also available to medical appointments at most area hospitals and clinics. The program will continue as long as funds are available. For more information, call 847-663-3070.

### Drug & Sharps Disposal

The Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street) supports the safe disposal of prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, and needles used for self-inject medications, otherwise known as "sharps." Acceptable items for drug disposal include unused and expired prescription medications, prescription cough syrup, prescription eye drops, and expired over the counter medications. Pharmaceutical controlled substances will not be accepted. Drugs and sharps can be dropped off at the 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.

### Summer Senior Luncheons

Join us every month at the Morton Grove Civic Center for a senior lunch featuring delicious food, live entertainment, and spirited BINGO. Call 847-663-3070 to reserve a spot. **No lunch will be held in July.**

**Friday, August 1** | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Morton Grove Civic Center | 6140 Dempster Street*

**Friday, September 5** | 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

*Morton Grove Civic Center | 6140 Dempster Street*



# The Exchange

[www.mortongroveil.org](http://www.mortongroveil.org)

Village Hall Hours: Monday - Friday  
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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

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## Village Phone Numbers

**Police, Fire or Medical Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Fire Administration**  
847-470-5226

**Police Administration**  
847-470-5200

**Public Works**  
847-470-5235

**Senior Services**  
847-663-3070

### VILLAGE FACILITIES

**Village Hall**  
847-965-4100

**Village Administrator**  
847-470-5220

**Building & Inspectional Services**  
847-663-3040

**Community & Economic  
Development**  
847-663-3063

## Village Officials

**President** Janine Witko

**Village Clerk** Eileen Scanlon Harford

**Trustees**  
Saba Khan | Rita Minx | Ashur Shiba  
John Thill | Connie Travis | Keith White

**Village Administrator**  
Charles L. Meyer

**Village Attorney**  
Teresa Hoffman Liston

TO: POSTAL CUSTOMER  
MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

## Village Water Quality Exceeds State and Federal Standards

The Village of Morton Grove is committed to providing residents with a safe and reliable supply of high-quality drinking water. Recent water quality tests reveal Morton Grove water exceeds both state and federal standards. The Village's annual Consumer Confidence Report, which documents the results of this testing, can be found at: [www.mortongroveil.org/2025ccr](http://www.mortongroveil.org/2025ccr). If you have any questions about Village water, please call Public Works at 847-470-5235.

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



The Morton Grove Days Commission needs volunteers for the festival and parade. Scheduling is flexible and any amount of time you're willing to commit is welcome! For more information and to sign up, call 847-663-3061 or email [mortongrovedays@gmail.com](mailto:mortongrovedays@gmail.com).

## Adopt-A-Planter Program Beautifies Morton Grove

The Morton Grove Community Relations Commission (CRC) wants to thank all participants of the 2025 Summer Adopt-A-Planter Program. The planters along Dempster Street and Waukegan Road and at the Civic Center are beautiful!

