



VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE

## **Advisory Commission on Aging Agenda**

**Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 1:00 p.m.**

American Legion Memorial Civic Center, Main Hall Library  
6140 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, Illinois

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2025, Minutes
- 5) Old Business
  - Older Adult Transportation & Chore Program Updates (L. Schild)
  - Partnerships
    - Abundant Harvest Update (Comm. Beaubian)
    - Others
  - Monthly Senior Activity Update (O. Salgado)
  - Senior Resources Guide (Z. Heidorn)
  - Programming
    - Senior Health & Mobility Enhancement Activities (O. Salgado)
    - Senior Expo New Proposed Time/Date (Z. Heidorn):  
**Morton Grove Senior Expo**  
**Friday, March 13, 2026**  
**9:00 AM to 12:00 PM**  
**Morton Grove Civic Center**
  - Community Updates:
    - Fraud Prevention Seminar – **Thursday, March 26, 2026 (Tentative), Civic Center**
    - Dempster Street Corridor Plan – <https://plandempster.org/>
    - Smart911 & Community Alerts - <https://www.smart911.com/>
- 6) New Business
- 7) Reports from Commissioners
- 8) Liaison Reports
- 9) Public Comment
- 10) Next Meeting Date – **Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 1:00 p.m.** (Civic Center)
- 11) Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2025,  
MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING  
American Legion Memorial Civic Center  
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission on Aging was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairperson Hornstein, who led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called. In attendance were:

Members of Commission Present:	Chairperson Hope Hornstein, Dr. Farooq Ahmed (1:27 p.m.), Lea Beaubien, Josephine Meehan, Jan Pietron, Gladys Rosas, Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford (Village Board Liaison)
Members Absent:	Mary Senkowski
Staff Present:	Ovie Salgado, Senior Center Coordinator Liz Schild, Village Social Worker (by remote attendance) Jeff Wait, Morton Grove Park District Zoe Heidorn, Assistant Village Administrator

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson Hornstein sought a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025, meeting. Clerk Scanlon Harford made a motion to approve the August 12, 2025, draft minutes as presented. Commissioner Pietron seconded the motion. All present at the meeting voted in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

**Old Business**

**Older Adult Transportation & Chore Program Updates**

Liz Schild provided an update on the Older Adult Transportation Program. More people have registered for the program. 119 households have registered. The Village has provided 440 rides to 44 unique residents since July 2024. The program continues to serve residents well. Ms. Schild then reported that there has been no change to the number of individuals registered to participate in the Snow and Lawn Care Program numbers.

Clerk Scanlon Harford asked if most of the rideshare appointments are for doctors' appointments. Ms. Schild responded that most are for doctors' appointments and some are for grocery store visits. She clarified that for grocery store visits, people can visit neighboring communities. As long as the ride is not too far, the ride can be scheduled.

Ms. Heidorn said that she would develop a flyer to assist with communications. She recently learned that the program can be a bit complicated to use, especially for individuals who do not have a phone or are unfamiliar with Lyft service. She thanked Mr. Salgado and Ms. Schild for their work.

**Senior Center Partnerships**

Commissioner Beaubien provided an update on the Abundant Harvest Program. She said that the Morton Grove Community Church is sending around a survey to better understand how to improve the program. She said that the survey results should be ready soon. Chairperson Hornstein added that residents at the Homestead use the program and report that the food portions are very large. Commissioner Beaubien clarified for Clerk Scanlon Harford that the program is for homebound individuals only.

Clerk Scanlon Harford added that many seniors can get food at the township food pantries. This is a wonderful asset for the community. Chairperson Hornstein added that there is a van at the Homestead that brings people to the grocery store. She said that the residential facility has had an association with the Lodge but no longer does. They are going to seek new management, which may affect staffing at the Homestead.

#### Senior Center Activity Update

Ovie Salgado said that 650 people were served by the Morton Grove Senior Center in September. Many attended programs, disposed of sharps, and dropped of medications. He said that many of the games groups are doubling in size. He said that 68 people attended the September luncheon and that the food provided by Sunrise Cafe in Des Plaines was excellent and affordable.

Mr. Salgado said that he is working with a couple of local businesses, Oak Street Health and Montclair Senior Living, to sponsor the upcoming luncheons. He has surprise entertainment planned at the December luncheon. Mr. Salgado reported that the Wednesday art class has been offered for about a month. Three or four individuals attend regularly. He said that the instructor is very popular and that he would like to display some artwork at the Senior Center.

Mr. Salgado shared Montclair's future event materials. He said that the residence is seeking new residents, but that their general senior programming is great for local seniors. Mr. Salgado also shared that Oak Street Health will be sponsoring a coffee tasting event in October.

Commissioner Pietron asked Mr. Salgado to clarify the date of the December luncheon. He said that the luncheon will be held on Friday, December 5.

Mr. Salgado said that Xylem is an outstanding local business that always helps with luncheons. Ms. Heidorn said that the Commission should put together a memo recommending to the Board an award or proclamation recognizing Xylem for their assistance.

Commissioner Meehan asked Ms. Heidorn about the fraud education seminar by the Police department. Ms. Heidorn said that she would follow up on this request from the Commission. The Commissioners discussed how prevalent fraudulent activity is and how helpful some training would be.

Jeff Wait said that he would suggest putting a link out there with a link to the training. They discussed how to best share the future seminar. Ms. Heidorn discussed the timing of the Village's future publications and other opportunities to promote the event. Ms. Heidorn and Ms. Schild said that they would help schedule a date with the Police Department before the end of the year.

The Commissioners then discussed their objectives and how to best reach senior residents, including young seniors. Chairperson Hornstein said that the Village's regular neighborhood outreach meetings held three times per year are very popular and successful. They discussed staff's proposed time for the future Senior Expo. Commissioner Pietron said that January is a bad time to hold the event due to weather. The Commissioners agreed that March would be a better time of the year.

Commissioner Rosas asked about the neighborhood outreach meetings and promoting the Senior Expo through use of flyers. Ms. Heidorn said that she could produce a flyer once the event details were confirmed. The Commissioners agreed that the event could also be promoted through the monthly luncheons.

The Commissioners then discussed the draft Senior Resource Guide. Ms. Heidorn said that a polished draft was forthcoming for the Commissioners' review.

Chairperson Hornstein asked Commissioner Ahmed to provide an update on health programs. He discussed holding a community vaccine drive and said that he'd like to arrange a lecture on cancers. Ms. Heidorn asked Commissioner Ahmed to send information to she and Mr. Salgado for review and scheduling. They discussed ongoing and future opportunities for resident vaccinations at the Civic Center. Chairperson Hornstein said that she learned that Walgreens offers ear cleanings. This would be a good thing to add to the Senior Resource Guide.

Ms. Heidorn provided an update on upcoming events to be held in the community, including the annual Pumpkin Smash and Santa Comes to Town event.

Mr. Wait asked if the group had any questions about the Park District. Clerk Scanlon Harford asked Mr. Wait if the walking program would be offered again. He responded that they really did not stop, even during summer months. He said that it's at the Prairie View Community Center. Clerk Scanlon Harford said that she's very happy using in gym. He clarified that the hours are from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Clerk Scanlon Harford said that she wished that Harrer Pool was open later in the year. Mr. Wait said that the schedule is based on availability of students to work. College kids start going back to school and high schoolers start school. He said that they're trying to extend hours, but staffing is difficult.

Mr. Wait said that the Park District finished up many park improvements at multiple parks. He said that they are in their second year of replacing all courts in the parks and have added pickleball courts. They received the draft of the community survey and are looking at how to improve their facilities and services. The big challenge is that people compare the Park District to Niles and Skokie. People don't realize that Morton Grove is working with limited land area and resources. He talked about the Santa Comes to Town event and the park lighting event in December.

Clerk Scanlon Harford asked about the Santa train in conjunction with Metra. Mr. Wait responded that Metra grew tired of the program and is no longer offering the opportunity to communities. The Commissioners discussed the pop-up in the park activities, which Clerk Scanlon Harford complimented.

Commissioner Beaubien said that she enjoyed the day trips that used to be offered by the Park District. Mr. Wait said that it was difficult to meet group minimums. Clerk Scanlon Harford said that Maine Township offers daytrips. Commissioner Beaubien said that Glenview has a good program. They discussed senior daytrips and the difficulties of scheduling and funding trips.

Chairperson Hornstein commended the Park District on the high level of service and all the programs her family has enjoyed. The Commissioners discussed swim lessons and future gymnastics classes.

Clerk Scanlon Harford asked about the delayed tax bill from Cook County. Ms. Heidorn provided an update based on a recent update she received from a Cook County Commissioner and said that residents should expect their tax bills in November.

There were no public comments.

### **Adjournment**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**

Clerk Scanlon Harford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ahmed. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

*Minutes by: Zoe Heidorn, Assistant Village Administrator*