



VILLAGE OF MORTON GROVE

Advisory Commission on Aging Agenda

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 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 – April 14, 2026, Minutes
- 5) Introduction of New Staff Liaison: Alise Coulter, Assistant to the Village Administrator / Communications Manager
- 6) Old Business
 - Older Adult Transportation & Chore Program Updates (L. Schild)
 - Partnerships
 - Abundant Harvest Update (Comm. Beaubian)
 - Activity & Luncheon Sponsorships (O. Salgado)
 - Programming
 - Monthly Senior Activity Update (O. Salgado)
 - Senior Expo (Z. Heidorn)
 - Community Updates:
 - Dempster Street Corridor Plan – <https://plandempster.org/>
 - Last Community Open House – **Wednesday, June 17, at 5:30 p.m. (Civic Center)**
 - Smart911 & Community Alerts - <https://www.smart911.com/>
- 7) New Business
- 8) Reports from Commissioners
- 9) Liaison Reports
- 10) Public Comment
- 11) Next Meeting Date – **Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. (Civic Center)**
- 12) Adjournment

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2026,
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 1:04 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 (1:22 p.m.), Josephine Meehan, Jan Pietron, Mary Senkowski, Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford (Village Board Liaison)
Members Absent:	Lea Beaubien, Gladys Rosas
Staff Present:	Ovie Salgado, Senior Center Coordinator Zoe Heidorn, Assistant Village Administrator Liz Schild, Social Worker

Clerk Scanlon Harford made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting. Commissioner Pietron seconded the motion. All in attendance at the February 10, 2026, meeting voted to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Old Business

Older Adult Transportation, Snow Shoveling & Landscape Assistance Program Updates

Ms. Schild reported that more than 400 rides have been completed through the Older Adult Transportation Program. While grant funds have been depleted, Village budgeted funds remain available and continue to support the program. With respect to the Snow Shoveling & Landscape Assistance Program, she stated that 120 residents are registered to receive assistance and 25 school-age participants are registered to provide assistance. She noted that both programs are performing well.

Senior Center Partnerships

Chairperson Hornstein noted that Commissioner Beaubien was not present to provide an update on the Abundant Harvest Program, but stated that the program continues to be well received and often results in a surplus of food.

Senior Center Programming

Mr. Salgado provided updates on Senior Center activities. He reported that staff recently completed the AARP Tax Assistance Program, through which more than 200 individuals received assistance. He stated that staff intends to seek additional appointment availability next year due to high demand and the inability to accommodate all requests this year. While some additional appointments were added, the program still served fewer individuals than in the previous year. Mr. Salgado noted that limiting appointments to Morton Grove residents was considered, but AARP guidelines do not permit such restrictions.

Mr. Salgado reported that attendance at the March luncheon was lower than usual, which he attributed to Passover and Good Friday occurring during the same period. He noted that dietary restrictions associated with those observances may have affected attendance and stated that staff would take this into consideration in future years.

Mr. Salgado announced that the May 1, 2026 luncheon would feature a Cinco de Mayo theme. Food will be provided by Sunrise Café, and a five-piece mariachi band was booked at a discounted rate of \$500.

Mr. Salgado stated that approximately 600 individuals were served through Senior Center programs during the month of March. He also reported that the expired medication disposal program, sharps disposal program, and lending closet program continue to perform well. Sharps containers remain available only to residents due to program costs.

Mr. Salgado stated that senior activity groups continue to perform well. He noted that some game groups are organized by varying skill levels and that participants generally coordinate group organization independently.

Clerk Scanlon Harford clarified that Civic Center staff do not currently provide Mahjong instruction. Mr. Salgado confirmed this and noted that instructional programming would involve significant costs. Chairperson Hornstein stated that Mahjong is offered at The Homestead and suggested potential opportunities to expand participation to other senior residents. She also offered to coordinate with Mr. Salgado regarding possible Mahjong programming opportunities.

Chairperson Hornstein commented positively on the luncheon program, noting that participants particularly enjoy the BINGO activities and prize offerings.

Senior Expo

Ms. Heidorn reviewed the recent Senior Expo event, which she said welcomed over 120 individuals and was a success, especially considering the bad weather. She said that she felt the time of day and day of week was a good choice, but that the Commission should consider moving the Expo up into a warmer month with more predictable weather. Ms. Schild reported receiving positive feedback from participating agencies regarding the Senior Expo and expressed appreciation for the successful turnout and response.

Chairperson Hornstein stated that she was impressed by the number of resources available to seniors and by the many individuals dedicated to serving older adults.

Mr. Salgado noted that Montclair would be hosting another Senior Expo in April. The Commission discussed asking Montclair to move their Expo to a fall date because it might be confusing for residents and seniors. The Montclair event is not a Village-sponsored event.

Chairperson Hornstein stated that she distributed event flyers to neighborhood businesses and received a very positive response from the community. The Commission discussed other ways to help promote the event in the future. Clerk Scanlon Harford thanked staff and volunteers who assisted in promoting the event.

Ms. Mayberry stated that she attended the event on behalf of the Public Library and was able to connect with representatives from Pace. She said that she was impressed by how many agencies were there and the great information they offered.

Ms. Schild noted that many attendees were surprised that the event was free and suggested that the Village consider making the Senior Expo an annual event. The Commission agreed that this was a successful event that should be held again in 2027. Ms. Heidorn said that it required relatively little expense and staff time, by comparison with other events the Village holds.

Chairperson Hornstein shared positive feedback regarding the event atmosphere and community engagement, noting that several residents appreciated the opportunity to reconnect with others.

Comprehensive Plan Workshop

Ms. Heidorn introduced the Comprehensive Plan Workshop activity for the Commission. She explained that the purpose of the activity was to gather feedback from Commission and Board members to help inform the future

update to the Village's Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated in 1999. She noted that the effort aligns with the ongoing Dempster Corridor Plan process, which is anticipated to be completed by the end of the summer. Commissioners participated in the workshop activity, and a summary of the results will be provided at a future meeting.

Project Updates

Commissioner Meehan asked about the status of the mixed-use buildings at the intersection of Fernald Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. Ms. Heidorn provided an updated on the property and the Village's efforts to bring the property into compliance or obtain an order of demolition from the Cook County Court. The Commissioners asked about the property at Menard and Dempster, the former CVS site, and the former Amazon Fresh site, which remain vacant or underused. Ms. Heidorn described staff's efforts to identify new users for those sites.

Public Comment

There were not public comments.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 9, 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 1:51 p.m.

Minutes by: Zoe Heidorn, Assistant Village Administrator