

SUMMER 2026 EDITION

A Message from Mayor Witko



As we enter the summer season, I am reminded that what makes Morton Grove such a special place to call home is our strong neighborhoods, dedicated residents, and shared commitment to moving forward together. This year is especially meaningful as we commemorate America's 250th Anniversary. We are proud to join in the celebration by recognizing the values that unite us and creating memorable experiences for residents of all ages.

I encourage everyone to make the most of summer in Morton Grove by spending time with neighbors, enjoying our beautiful parks, trails, and pools, dining at our outstanding restaurants, and coming together for this year's Morton Grove Days, our biggest celebration of summer, patriotism, and hometown pride.

I am proud of the continued progress we are making. We are seeing new investment and redevelopment along our commercial corridors, infrastructure improvements throughout the community, and continued efforts to enhance the quality of life for residents and success for businesses.

One of the most significant projects currently underway is the development of our new combined Village Hall and Police Department facility at 6201 Dempster Street. This investment represents an important step forward, allowing us to modernize Village services, improve public safety operations, and better serve residents for generations to come. We are excited about the future of this legacy project and the positive impact it will have on our community.

Thank you for your continued support, involvement, and pride in our Village. On behalf of the Village Board and staff, I wish you and your family a safe, enjoyable, and memorable summer.

Your Mayor,

Janine Witko



MORTON GROVE DAYS
250 YEARS
★ UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ★

JULY 2 - 5
THURSDAY - SUNDAY

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT &
BEER GARDEN **JULY 2 - 4**

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

FIREWORKS AT DARK ON SATURDAY, JULY 4

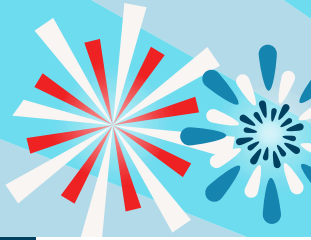
SEE FULL EVENT SCHEDULE INSIDE!



New Combined Village Hall & Police Department

The Village continues to advance plans for the new combined Village Hall and Police Department facility at 6201 Dempster Street. The project will modernize municipal operations through the reuse and expansion of the former Fifth Third Bank building into a centralized facility designed to better serve residents and businesses for decades to come. The project will improve department operations, public safety functions, accessibility, customer service, and overall efficiency.

The project is currently undergoing zoning approvals, to be followed by final design, engineering, and permitting in 2026. Construction is planned to begin in 2027, with occupancy expected in 2028. There are no plans for future use of the current Village Hall and Police Department site at 6101 Capulina Avenue, but future decision-making will be subject to a public process of review. Project updates will be available at mortongroveil.org/new-police-department-and-village-hall.



EVENT SCHEDULE

THURSDAY **JULY 2**

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

CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT
ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN
FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONIES

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT 

5:45PM - 6:30PM
7:00PM - 8:30PM
9:00PM - 11:00PM

NATALIE LANDINI
BUCKLE
HI INFIDELITY - HEADLINER

FRIDAY **JULY 3**

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

CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT
ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT 

5:15PM - 6:45PM
7:00PM - 8:30PM
9:00PM - 10:45PM

JOEY ACOPIADO BAND
FACE THE MUSIC
ROD TUFFCURLS & THE BENCH PRESS - HEADLINER

SATURDAY **JULY 4**

2:30PM
1:00PM - 11:00PM
5:00PM - 9:15PM

MORTON GROVE DAYS PARADE
CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT
ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN
\$10 ENTRANCE FEE ON JULY 4

LIVE
ENTERTAINMENT 

5:00PM - 6:45PM
7:15PM - 9:15PM
DARK / 9:30PM

SEALED WITH A KISS
SEMPLE BAND - HEADLINER
4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SUNDAY **JULY 5**

1:00PM - 9:00PM

CARNIVAL & FOOD COURT
NO LIVE ENTERTAINMENT JULY 5

MORTONGROVEDAYS.ORG

FOR EVENT INFORMATION, INCLUDING:
ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
CARNIVAL WRISTBAND & MEGA PASS PURCHASE

4TH OF JULY PARADE



STARTS AT DEMPSTER & CENTRAL,
PROCEEDS TO DEMPSTER & FERRIS

**4TH OF JULY
FIREWORKS**

SATURDAY, JULY 4 AT DARK

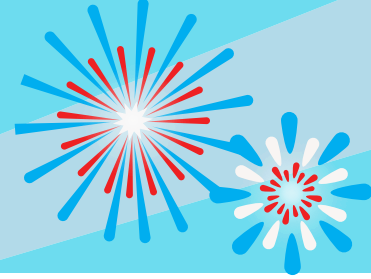
SATURDAY, JULY 4 AT 2:30 PM

ENTERTAINMENT & BEER GARDEN ENTRANCE FEE

JULY 2 & 3: \$5 ★ JULY 4: \$10

NO COOLERS | NO PETS EXCEPT SERVICE ANIMALS

LIVE MUSIC HEADLINERS



HI INFIDELITY

THURSDAY, JULY 2, AT 9:00PM

Hi Infidelity delivers a concert experience from the first electrifying chord to the final crescendo. Enjoy 80s rock anthems, including covers of Journey, REO Speedwagon, Bon Jovi, and Boston. With powerhouse vocals and energetic stage presence, the band keeps audiences singing along all night.

ROD TUFFCURLS

FRIDAY, JULY 3, AT 9:00PM

Rod Tuffcurls and The Bench Press is a high-energy Chicago band known for putting on fun, crowd-pleasing live shows. Featuring talented musicians, strong vocals, and an impressive light show, the band plays a wide variety of songs that keep audiences entertained and engaged from start to finish.

SEMPLE BAND

SATURDAY, JULY 4, AT 7:15PM

SEMPLE BAND is a Chicago based band that prides itself on its entertaining combination of musicianship and high energy stage performance. With styles ranging from 70s rock to modern pop songs and everything in between, everyone is sure to enjoy.



HI INFIDELITY



ROD TUFFCURLS & THE BENCH PRESS



SEMPLE BAND

JULY 4 PARKING

For public safety considerations, on **Saturday, July 4**, on-street parking restrictions will be in effect from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Signs will be posted along affected routes around July 3, 2026. If you have any questions, please call 847-470-5220, visit the Village's website at mortongroveil.org, or visit us on Facebook or Instagram.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer - The Morton Grove Days Commission needs volunteers for the festival and parade. To learn more, call 847-663-3004 or email volunteers@mortongrovedays.org.

Join the Parade - Promote your organization or business by participating in the Fourth of July parade. Entry is FREE. To learn more, call 847-663-3004.

Be a Sponsor - Your donations help the Morton Grove Days Commission continue to provide amazing and fun-filled local events such as the Fourth of July parade, carnival, fireworks show, and more. The Morton Grove Days Commissions is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your donation is tax deductible. To learn more, call 847-663-3021 or email sponsorships@mortongrovedays.org.

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.

FOOD ★ ENTERTAINMENT ★ FIREWORKS ★ FAMILY FUN



Thank You, MORTON GROVE DAYS SPONSORS

Official Sponsor & Parade Sponsor

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Government**



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Morton Grove Foundation



Spotlight Sponsor

**Fairway Independent
Mortgage**



GMS/Blue Link



Lavitt Animal Hospital



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**Morton Grove American
Legion Post #134**



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Animal Hospital**

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Bronze Sponsors

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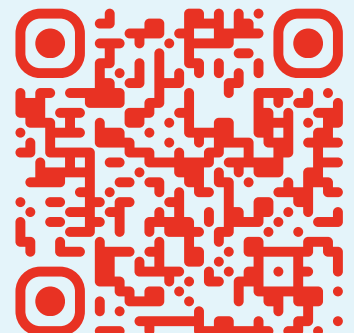
2026 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

- ★ FREE family fun
 - ★ Live music, food, & activities for kids
 - ★ Meet your police officers
 - ★ Enhance relationship between neighbors & law enforcement
 - ★ Build community
- TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 5:30 - 8:30 PM**
6140 DEMPSTER ST.
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- MAKE A DONATION TODAY!**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! BECOME A MORTON GROVE DAYS SPONSOR ONLINE:



The Morton Grove Days Commission is a 501(c)(3) organization eligible for tax-deductible contributions.



Summer 2026 Photo Contest

Calling all photographers! The Community Relations Commission is sponsoring a Summer 2026 photo contest. The contest will run between now and September 1. Selected photos will be featured on the Village's social media pages and website, and five winning photos will be enlarged, framed, and displayed at Village Hall. This summer's contest theme is:

"Discover the beauty, spirit, and community of Morton Grove through the lens of local photographers. The "People and Places of Morton Grove" Summer 2026 Photo Contest invites residents to capture what makes our Village special."

Learn more about the contest and submit your winning photographs at www.mortongroveil.org.

Don't Forget Your Vehicle Sticker

Vehicle stickers can be purchased starting at the end of June 2026 and must be displayed by September 1, 2026. Purchase your sticker online at 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 for details. 2026/2027 stickers must be properly displayed by September 1, 2026.



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 and host your neighborhood's best block party ever!

FREE ADMISSION

MORTON GROVE
SUSTAINABILITY
EXPO
2026

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

MORTON GROVE CIVIC CENTER
6140 DEMPSTER STREET

Join us at the 2026 Morton Grove Sustainability Expo! Explore innovative solutions and celebrate our commitment to a greener future! This is a free and family-friendly event.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY

Seeking 2026 Sponsors & Exhibitors

Learn more and request to be an exhibitor or sponsor:
mortongroveil.org/ENRCexpo or 847-663-3005



Become an Adopt-A-Block Captain

The Environment and Natural Resources Commission invites you to participate in the Adopt-A-Block Program, which provides participants with free clean-up materials to help keep their neighborhoods clean and litter-free by organizing safe and successful clean-up events. To learn more and sign up, visit mortongroveil.org/adopt-a-block or call 847-663-3004.

Extreme Heat Safety Tips

With temperatures rising, residents are encouraged to take precautions to prevent heat exhaustion. Symptoms can include dizziness, headache, nausea, heavy sweating, weakness, and confusion.

To stay safe, drink plenty of water throughout the day, avoid strenuous outdoor activity during peak afternoon hours, and wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. If possible, stay in air-conditioned buildings or shaded areas and check on older adults, young children, and neighbors who may be more vulnerable to extreme heat. Never leave children or pets in parked vehicles, even for a short time. If you or someone else begins showing symptoms, move to a cool area and seek medical attention immediately.

Cooling centers are available across Cook County during periods of excessive heat. See their website for the full list: www.cookcountyil.org/service/cooling-centers.

Help Keep Morton Grove Rodent-Free

Communities across the Chicagoland area are continuing efforts to address rodent activity, and residents can help by taking a few preventative measures.

- Clean up birdseed, pet food, and standing water to reduce rodent attractants.
- Seal gaps around doors, vents, and foundations to help keep rodents out.

To report rodent activity, contact the Village at 847-470-5214 or email building@mortongroveil.org. Be prepared to provide your name, the address where rodents were observed, a phone number, and a brief description of the issue.

The Village's Rodent Management Program includes inspections for rodent activity, treatment of burrows, and verification that preventative measures are being followed. Residential rodent control treatments may include the secure placement of rodenticide bait. The program also helps track service requests and supports ongoing property maintenance efforts to reduce rodent activity throughout the community.

Property Maintenance Reminder

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 grass (over 6 inches), and rodent infestation. To report a suspected violation of the Village's property maintenance regulations, contact Building and Inspectional Services at 847-470-5214 or email building@mortongroveil.org.

Road Construction Safety

As road construction projects continue throughout the summer, residents are encouraged to use extra caution in work zones. Slow down, follow posted signs, and allow extra travel time when possible. Drivers should stay alert for lane changes, reduced speed limits, construction equipment, and workers near the roadway. Pedestrians and cyclists are reminded to use designated crossings and remain aware of detours. Avoid distractions while traveling through construction areas and never move barricades or safety devices. Patience and attention can help keep everyone safe during road construction season.

Storm Debris Clean-Up

After a severe storm, the Village's Public Works Department 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.

Senior Ride Share Program



The Morton Grove Senior Ride Share Program offers FREE Lyft rides to registered residents aged 65 years and older. Participants must have access to a cell phone and be able to enter and exit a vehicle without assistance. Scheduled rides are provided to grocery stores, pharmacies, and medical appointments within Morton Grove, as well as medical appointments at most area hospitals and clinics. The program will continue as long as funds are available. Call **847-663-3007** for more information.

BOOK YOUR NEXT EVENT AT THE MORTON GROVE CIVIC CENTER

6140 DEMPSTER STREET

To learn more about the Village's affordable facility options, rates, and other accommodations, visit mortongroveil.org/civic-center-rental. If you have questions or would like to inquire about availability, call **847-663-3071** or email civiccenter@mortongroveil.org.

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 & Coordination

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.



Health Equipment Lending

The Health Equipment Lending Closet loans health care equipment to 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 which the item may be recalled if needed. Items that may be available include wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes, and shower chairs. The Lending Closet is located at the Morton Grove Civic Center (6140 Dempster St.) and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To learn more, call **847-663-3070**.

Drug & Sharps Disposal

The Civic Center (6140 Dempster Street) supports the safe disposal of prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, and needles used for self-inject medications, known as "sharps." Sharps must be in approved sharps containers to be accepted.

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 Monday through Friday between 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 7 | 11:00 a.m.

Morton Grove Civic Center | 6140 Dempster Street

Friday, September 4 | 11:00 a.m.

Morton Grove Civic Center | 6140 Dempster Street



The Exchange

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

Civic Center Rentals
847-663-3071

Village Hall
847-965-4100

Village Administrator
847-470-5220

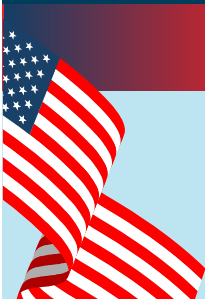
Building & Inspectional Services
847-663-3040

Community & Economic Development
847-663-3063

TO: POSTAL CUSTOMER
MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

Village Water Quality Exceeds State & 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/2026ccr. 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 847-663-3004 or email volunteers@mortongrovedays.org.

Village Officials

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Eileen Scanlon Harford

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Ashur Shiba | John Thill
Connie Travis | Keith White

Village Administrator
Charles L. Meyer

Village Attorney
Teresa Hoffman Liston

Adopt-A-Planter Program Beautifies Morton Grove

The Community Relations Commission thanks all participants of the 2026 Summer Adopt-A-Planter Program. The planters along Dempster Street and Waukegan Road and at the Civic Center are beautiful!

