

A Message from Mayor Dan DiMaria

Dear Neighbors,

Over 25 years ago, then Mayor Hohn proclaimed Morton Grove as the *Village of Volunteers*. That designation still holds true today. From the Morton Grove Firefighters Association's Annual Holiday Food Drive, to the Police Department's support for the US Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots Program, to our invaluable Food Pantries in both Niles and Maine Townships, to neighbors checking on neighbors who are struggling. I thank everyone who volunteered their time or donated to those less fortunate during this holiday season. Helping others is just one of the many reasons we are *Incredibly Close and Amazingly Open*.

I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to get more involved in our community. We are always looking for volunteers who are interested in making a local impact. Consider joining the Community Relations Commission, or Advisory Commission on Aging. Residents can also volunteer for the Morton Grove Days Committee, the Taste of Morton Grove Committee, or one of our local Food Pantries. It's a great way to meet new friends and support great local causes. For more information, contact my office at 847 470-5220.

On behalf of my wife Melodee, our children, the Village Board, staff and all of our volunteers, I wish all of you a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year. I'm excited for 2018! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent and serve you.



Your Mayor, Dan DiMaria



Saturday, February 3, 2018

9 am until 2 pm

Village of Morton Grove American Legion Civic Center
6140 W. Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053



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Community briefs

Public Meetings

January

3	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
4	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
8	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
9	Advisory Comm. On Aging	1:00 pm
9	Community Relations	6:30 pm
15	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm
16	Special Events Commission - 7840 Nagle	6:30 pm
22	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
23	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm

February

1	Traffic Safety Commission	7:00 pm
5	Appearance Commission	7:00 pm
12	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
13	Advisory Comm. On Aging	1:00 pm
13	Community Relations	6:30 pm
15	Neighborhood Outreach	6:00 pm
19	Plan Commission/ZBA	7:30 pm
20	Fire Pension Board	8:00 am
26	Village Board Meeting	7:00 pm
27	Fire and Police Commission	1:00 pm

March

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Dates are Subject to Change

Upcoming Community Events

Winter Farmer's Market
February 3 - 9am until 2pm
American Legion Memorial Civic Center - 6140 Dempster St.

Neighborhood Outreach Meeting
February 15 - 6:00pm
MEC - 8601 Menard Ave.

Taste of Morton Grove
March 1 - 5:30pm
White Eagle Banquets - 6839 Milwaukee, Niles

Details at Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org



Holiday Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Christmas Week Modification

Regular Tuesday pick-up will occur on Wednesday, December 27.
Regular Wednesday pick-up will occur on Thursday, December 28.

New Year's Week Modification

Regular Tuesday pick-up will occur on Wednesday, January 3.
Regular Wednesday pick-up will occur on Thursday, January 4.

Christmas Tree Recycling and Disposal

Christmas trees will be collected along with regular garbage through January 10, 2018. Trees should be placed next to refuse carts and should be free of all decorations (lights, garland, etc.). Please DO NOT place trees in plastic bags!

Community briefs

Dine MG Contest



February is National Restaurant Month. To celebrate, the Village is giving away 10 - \$25 Gift Cards to residents who support our local restaurants during this month. To enter the contest, see details below:

Receipt Entries

Bring or email your Morton Grove restaurant receipts (dine in or carry-out), dated February 2018, to Village Hall or vmg@mortongroveil.org by March 2.

Photo Entries

Take a photo of you and your friends dining at a Village restaurant in February, and submit it to the "Dine MG Contest" page on the Village website by March 2.

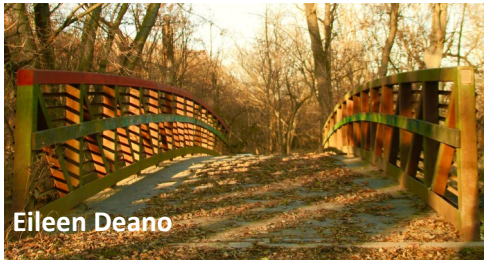
Residents will receive one raffle ticket for every \$25 in receipts (i.e. \$50 in receipts equals two raffle tickets) or one raffle ticket for each photo submitted per restaurant per day of visit.

**Winning entries will be drawn at the March 12 Village Board Meeting
(Maximum one winner per household)**

Visit Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org to find the MG Restaurant Guide and for full rules/details.

Fall Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to Photo Contest Winners: Eileen Deano, Howard Kaste, Maddie Goldstein and Brian Kave. All incredible and amazing photos submitted can be seen on the Village's Facebook page. The Winter Photo Contest ends on March 2. Photos can be emailed to CRC@mortongroveil.org. Contest rules and details are at: www.mortongroveil.org.



Eileen Deano



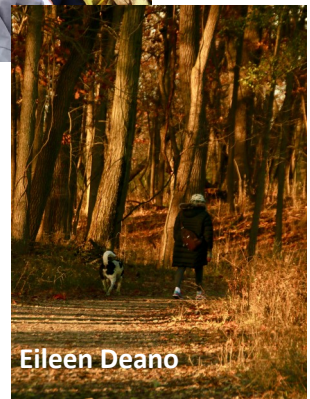
Brian Kave



Maddie Goldstein



Howard Kaste



Eileen Deano

Incredibly Close / Amazingly Open....we want to hear from you....

Please send your comments and suggestions via email to vmg@mortongroveil.org, visit the "contact us" section on our website in "Quick Links" at <http://www.mortongroveil.org>, call 847 965-4100, or fill out the following form and return it to Village of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Date: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

Public Safety & Services Updates



2018 Citizens Police Academy

Are you interested in getting an up-close look at what the police do? The Citizens Police Academy is a 10-week program designed to give participants an understanding of the challenges associated with law enforcement and the operation of the Morton Grove Police Department. Academy classes are held once a week and are approximately 2 hours in duration. Applications are available at the Police Station or on the Police Department's web page. The Academy will be held every Tuesday night from March 20 - May 22 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Village Hall. Graduates will be invited to join the Morton Grove Citizens Police Alumni Association.



The Morton Grove Police Department adheres to the philosophy of



Community Oriented Policing and is committed to developing partnerships with its citizens. The Citizens Police Academy provides an opportunity for citizens to develop direct lines of communication with the Police Department. Participants will develop a working knowledge of the department as well as its functions. It is hoped the instruction will strengthen police-community rapport through an educational process, increase understanding of police practices and procedures, and dispose of misconceptions. The Police Department, in turn, becomes more aware of the questions and concerns of Village residents and businesses.

Home Security Surveys

Residents may request a Morton Grove police officer to visit their home and make a security survey. This program is designed to allow a police officer to inspect your home and make recommendations regarding changes that may improve your security. The officer will assess your home's security from a burglar's perspective.

- What may or may not attract a burglar to your home?
- Is there good visibility in and out which might allow neighbors and police to see a burglar?
- Are doors and windows difficult to defeat?
- Is there an alarm system in place to deter the burglar?
- Are belongings marked or inventoried in a way that might result in recovery and/or an arrest after the fact?

Think of what you can do to make your home less appealing for burglars. For more information contact Officers Lietz or Tabor at 847 470-5200.



SEE SOMETHING??

SAY SOMETHING!!

DIAL 911

Public Safety & Services Updates



MGFD Winter Home Heating Safety Tips

Watch What You Heat!

- Furnaces should be inspected and serviced by a qualified professional prior to the heating season.
- All chimneys and vents must be clear of debris.
- Wood-burning fireplace chimneys should be cleaned and free from creosote build-up (see below).
- Wood for your fireplace or wood stove should be dry and seasoned.
- Wood-burning fireplace screens should be metal or heat-tempered glass, in good condition and secured in front of the fireplace.
- A covered metal container should be used to dispose of cooled ashes.
- Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, or space heaters.
- Portable space heaters should have an automatic shut-off and be plugged directly into an outlet not an extension cord.

Wood-burning Fireplace Safety

- ◆ Hire a “chimney sweep” at the beginning of the season to remove soot, creosote other debris from your chimney.
- ◆ Check the chimney for cracks, loose bricks, or missing mortar.
- ◆ Check the chimney cap to keep animals and rain from entering.
- ◆ Burn Seasoned Wood (dried for 6 months)
Hardwood is best!
- ◆ Don’t “over do” the fuel.
Small fires generate less smoke thus, less creosote build up.
Fires that are too large or hot can crack the chimney.
- ◆ Use kindling to start the fire.
Never use a flammable liquid.



What is Creosote?

Creosote is a by product of combustion of a fossil fuel (coal, oil, wood, etc.). When wood is burned in a fireplace, the resulting smoke carries the creosote up the chimney. As the smoke cools, the creosote within it can condense on the interior of the chimney walls. If left uncleaned, subsequent fires can ignite the creosote left on the chimney walls. The resulting fire can spread into the adjoining walls and roof “undetected” by the home’s occupants.

KEEP YOUR WOODBURNING FIREPLACE CHIMNEY CLEAN!

Please Help Keep Fire Hydrants Visible

The Fire Department appreciates resident’s efforts to keep fire hydrants visible if they become obstructed by snow. If you see a hydrant leaking or damaged, call the Public Works Department at 847 470-5235.



Public Works Service Updates



Snow and Ice

The winter season is upon us once again. The Public Works Department is prepared for winter and asks for your cooperation with the following:

- ❄ Try to not drive during, or immediately after, a storm unless it's truly necessary.
- ❄ If you have a driveway –use it. The more cars off the streets means P.W. can do their job faster and more efficiently.
- ❄ If you must park on the street, move your car as soon as possible to an area that is cleared of snow so P.W. can plow back the area where cars were parked.
- ❄ Most of all, be patient and considerate. Snowfalls are an inevitable part of living in the area and not worth possible injury to yourself or others.
- ❄ Remember to move your vehicle for any snowfall over one inch if you live on a *SNOW ROUTE*. Crews plow streets overnight.



Free Holiday Light Recycling

The Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) are accepting holiday lights for recycling at no cost to residents until Friday, March 24, 2018.

All string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off during normal business hours at the Village Hall lobby.

Supported by Elgin Recycling:

www.elginrecycling.com

For more information, call Public Works at
847 470-5235.



Winter Road Safety Reminder:

Bridges and overpasses may freeze over **BEFORE** roads.
ALWAYS USE CAUTION!

Public Works' Priorities During Winter Storms

Please remember that Public Works prioritizes their efforts during, and immediately after, winter storms. Factors such as staffing levels, current weather conditions and time of day may mean that your local street may not be completely cleared of snow/ice *immediately* after a storm.

"Usual" winter storm priorities:

- Arterial streets to provide and maintain access for emergency vehicles and those who **MUST** travel.
- Side streets when arterials are passible.
- Alleys and parking lots.
- Sidewalks in business areas on Waukegan, Dempster and Lincoln.

Please be courteous and relocate vehicles parked on the street so snow can be completely removed.



Community Senior Updates



Helping People Age Well

JANUARY

CARIBBEAN FIESTA LUNCHEON

Friday | January 5 | 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Warm up your New Year with a tropical buffet and live entertainment—and maybe even some dancing!

COST: \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door)

RSVP: Call (888) 600-2560



FEBRUARY

BIG GAME TAILGATE LUNCHEON

Friday | February 2 | 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Tailgate with us—**INDOORS** in the warm company of friends and neighbors. Score a delicious buffet lunch and some lively entertainment, and show off your “end zone dance”!

COST: \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door)

RSVP: Call (888) 600-2560

MARCH

A BRADY BRUNCH LUNCHEON

Friday | March 2 | 11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Here's the story-of a lovely luncheon. Dressing up in 70's garb is optional as our blended family gathers for a hearty meal and live music.

COST: \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door)

RSVP: Call (888) 600-2560



MORE EVENTS!

SOCIAL MEDIA 101

Tuesday, January 16 – 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Curious about Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram? Get an overview of social media websites and apps. Ask questions and start socializing online!

CALL (888) 600-2560 TO REGISTER

SLEEP SAVVY

Wednesday, January 24 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Learn how sleep quantity and quality impacts our physical and mental health, plus helpful ways to get the best night's sleep possible.

CALL (888) 600-2560 TO REGISTER

BRAIN HEALTH

Wednesday March 21 – 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join University of Illinois Extension Educator Molly Hofer to learn about age-related memory problems vs abnormal loss, plus other strategies for keeping your mind healthy.

CALL (888) 600-2560 TO REGISTER

Village Advisory Commission on Aging

This group of Morton Grove residents volunteers to advise the Village Board regarding the needs of the Village's Senior population. Their mission is to educate the community about various phases of the aging process, and to disseminate information regarding services and programs available to older adults in the Village. This newsletter lists the Commission's meeting times (p. 2). All residents are encouraged to visit the Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center to learn more about programs to help residents add “life” to their years!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The American Legion Memorial Senior Civic Center in Morton Grove wants YOU! Can you dedicate some time to having fun and helping out? We need folks to help at the front desk, call Bingo, and more. Give Ovie a call at 847 663-3075 to find out more.

All events, luncheons, concerts, and classes take place at the
American Legion Memorial Civic Center 6140 Dempster • Morton Grove • Illinois
For a complete schedule of programs please visit moreways.org, www.mortongroveil.org or
CALL THE SENIOR HOT-LINE: 847 663-3070

Neighborhood Outreach

Mayor DiMaria, the Village Board, and Staff invite you to come learn more about what's happening in your Village by meeting and speaking directly to Department Heads and Elected Officials. The next Neighborhood Outreach meeting will be held at:

Muslim Education Center
8601 Menard Ave.
on

Thursday, February 15, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

There is no specific agenda for these meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend and interact "one on one" with Elected Officials and Village Staff.



Peace ON EARTH
GOOD WILL TO MEN

Visit the Village website or Village Hall to sign up for the
e-Newsletter and emergency alerts:
www.mortongroveil.org

Village Officials

Village President

Daniel P. DiMaria

Village Clerk

Eileen Scanlon Harford

Village Trustees

Bill Grear

Rita Minx

Connie Travis

Ed Ramos

John Thill

Janine Witko

Village Administrator

Ralph E. Czerwinski

Corporation Counsel

Teresa Hoffman Liston

Village Contact Information

Police, Fire, or Medical Emergency	Dial 9-1-1
Village Hall (Switchboard)	847 965-4100
Village Administrator	847 470-5220
Village 24-hour Municipal Hotline	847 663-6161
Building and Inspectional Services	847 663-3040
Civic Center Rentals	847 663-3071
Community & Economic Development	847 470-5231
Fire Administration	847 470-5226
Police Administration	847 470-5200
Public Works Department	847 470-5235
Senior Hot Line	847 663-3070
General Email:	contact@mortongroveil.org

Village Hall Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:30 am– 5:00 pm

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