



A Message from Mayor DiMaria

Summer is ending, but construction season continues at the new Sawmill Station Shopping Center at Dempster Street and Waukegan Road. Most of the old buildings have been demolished and the project remains on track for several stores including Kohl's and a grocery store to open next year. You can watch the progress of this exciting new project online at the following website*: <http://iciinc.com/webcams/sawmill-station-morton-grove>

I'm proud to announce that the Village's water project was recently honored by receiving the American Society of Civil Engineers 2019 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award. In addition to providing our residents with a long-term contract for safe Lake Michigan water at stabilized water rates and providing \$6.5 million in capital improvements including

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over 3.5 miles of new water mains and 20 blocks of newly paved streets, the project's innovative management and quality of work has now been nationally recognized.

I encourage all residents to attend our next Neighborhood Outreach meeting on Thursday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Golf Junior High. Listening to feedback from our neighbors is one of the best ways to let us know that we're going in the right direction. It also gives you a chance to discuss local issues one-on-one with our Village department experts. My door is always open and I always love getting input from residents.

Your Mayor, Dan DiMaria



Former Prairie View Plaza demolition underway for new Sawmill Station development

Yard Waste & Leaf Pick-Up

Yard waste pick-up continues through December 12, 2019. Leaf pick-up runs from October 15 to December 7. Place leaves in the street against the curb and away from parked cars the night before your scheduled refuse pick-up day.

Do not include other landscape debris in leaf piles as the Village will only pick up leaves. All other landscape debris must be bagged or bundled with a yard waste sticker.

— *Have a Safe and Fun* —

HALLOWEEN



Thursday, October 31

Village Trick or Treat hours are from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m.

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Community Updates



Mark Your Calendars for
December 7!

Holly Days Festival 2019

Morton Grove is kicking off the holiday season with the Holly Days Festival, a free, family-friendly event for kids of all ages. The festivities begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m. at Harrer Park, 6250 Dempster Street, Morton Grove.

The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at 6:00 p.m., followed by refreshments. This event is presented by the Village of Morton Grove, the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce, the Morton Grove Days Commission, and the Morton Grove Park District.

Santa Comes to Town

December 7

This year's Santa Comes to Town Parade is on December 7 and starts at Greenwood & Waukegan at 12:00 p.m. It will end at Main Street and Austin Avenue between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. Santa will reappear and greet children at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center (6140 Dempster) at 3:00 p.m. For a detailed map of Santa's route in town, please visit www.bit.ly/MG-Santa.

PRESENTING THE 2019

Community Artists Performance

Saturday, October 26 at 4:00 PM

Village of Morton Grove American Legion Memorial Civic Center
6140 Dempster Street
Morton Grove, IL 60053

This event is free for the public and provides a platform for artists in our community to share their talents and celebrate our diversity.

FREE

Identity

American Legion Post 134 Hosts 13th Annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration

For over ten years, the American Legion Morton Grove Post 134 has held a special Thanksgiving Day celebration for new Navy recruits from the Great Lakes Naval Station. For many of these young recruits, it is often the first holiday away from home.



Joe Gesicki, chaplain of Morton Grove American Legion Post 134, shakes hands with recruits from Great Lakes Naval Station.

The volunteers at the American Legion Post 134 thank the sailors for their service by treating them to a complete Thanksgiving meal. Approximately 50 uniformed service men and women will spend Thanksgiving Day in Morton Grove as dinner guests at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center on Thursday, November 28. The event usually starts after 8 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and greet the recruits. Monetary donations for this worthy cause can be mailed to: Sailor Fund - American Legion Post 134, 6144 Dempster St., Morton Grove, IL 60053. Donations also support The Comfort/Wounded Warrior Fund and other Veteran and Active Warrior activities.



Community Updates

Announced Tenants



Sawmill Station Site Work Underway

2020 is promising to be quite a year for Morton Grove. Demolition of vacant structures is wrapping up on the 26-acre site at the southeast corner of Dempster Street and Waukegan Road, formerly known as Prairie View Plaza. Drone video of the demolition can be viewed at bit.ly/sawmill-drone.

The current reality of online shopping is a challenge to traditional brick-and-mortar retailers. The future Sawmill Station

lifestyle center will feature a mix of uses and is continuing to attract high-profile tenants that will bring a variety of new amenities to Morton Grove. In addition to the announced tenants, a grocery store has been issued a building permit for their structure and will begin construction this fall. Due to a non-disclosure agreement, the tenant will be announced at a later date. A multi-family apartment complex not to exceed 250 units is also in the

beginning stages of design engineering.

Residents can anticipate construction for utility and site improvements beginning in the fall of 2019, with most of the commercial construction taking place in 2020. The developer, Oak Brook-based Kensington Development Partners, targets having these businesses open by fall of 2020. Stay tuned for more Sawmill Station updates on our website and social media.

Nagle Avenue Pumping Facility Nears Completion

The new water system standpipe (tank) on Nagle Avenue will hold seven million gallons of water, one average day of water consumption for Morton Grove and Niles. At 107 feet in height, the tank is the largest volume concrete standpipe in the country and the second tallest.

- In total, 2,655 cubic yards of concrete were used to construct the tank.
- The tank rests on 284 concrete piers that support the 900-cubic yard concrete floor slab. 110 concrete trucks were needed to provide a continuous pour.
- The dome and walls of the structure were pre-cast on site and lifted into place.
- The tank's walls are reinforced by 500 miles of 3/16-inch steel wire, the approximate distance from Morton Grove to Nashville, Tennessee. The layered wrapping of the walls in steel and concrete provide the strength to hold 7 million gallons of water.
- 1,100 gallons of paint will be applied to the tank's exterior.

Water will be introduced into the tank and undergo final chlorination. It is estimated that the tank and system will be fully operational by early November.

Completion of the Nagle facility is one of many accomplishments in this complex intergovernmental project that has earned the 2019 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award. As a result of this multi-jurisdictional effort, outdated infrastructure has already been replaced including approximately 9.5 miles of water main and over 10 miles of resurfaced streets within the partner communities. The resulting stabilization of water rates will yield cost savings for Morton Grove while providing \$6.5 million in capital improvements, including newly reconstructed streets, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks during initial construction and implementation.



Nagle Avenue Standpipe, Exterior

Nagle Avenue Standpipe, Interior



Fall 2019 Updates

Public Meeting Schedule

OCTOBER

- 3 Traffic Safety Commission 7:00PM
- 7 Appearance Commission 7:00PM
- 8 Advisory Commission
on Aging 1:00PM
- 8 Community Relations
Commission 6:30PM
- 14 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 21 Zoning Board of Appeals &
Plan Commission 7:00PM
- 22 Fire & Police Commission 1:00PM
- 28 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM

NOVEMBER

- 4 Appearance Commission 7:00PM
- 5 **Election Day**
- 7 Traffic Safety Commission 7:00PM
- 11 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 12 Advisory Commission
on Aging 1:00PM
- 12 Community Relations
Commission 6:30PM
- 18 Zoning Board of Appeals &
Plan Commission 7:00PM
- 19 Special Events Commission 7:00PM
- 19 Fire Pension Board 8:00AM
- 25 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 28 **Village Hall & Public Works Closed**
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DECEMBER

- 2 Appearance Commission 7:00PM
- 5 Traffic Safety Commission 7:00PM
- 9 Village Board Meeting 7:00PM
- 10 Advisory Commission
on Aging 1:00PM
- 10 Community Relations
Commission 6:30PM
- 16 Zoning Board of Appeals &
Plan Commission 7:00PM
- 23 **Village Board Meeting Cancelled**
- 25 **Village Hall & Public Works Closed**

Community Calendar

- October 5:** Morton Grove Park District's Race to the Taste 5K
- October 17:** Neighborhood Outreach Meeting at Golf Middle School
- October 31:** School District 70's Halloween Parade
- November 10:** American Legion Veteran's Day Parade
- November 28:** Thanksgiving Day Celebration at American Legion Post 134
- December 7:** Holly Days, Santa Comes to Town & Winter Farmers' Market
- Every Saturday through October 19:** Morton Grove Farmers' Market

Scheduled ComEd Tree Trimming

During the months of October, November and December ComEd will begin performing regularly scheduled transmission corridor vegetation management activities within Morton Grove. ComEd's vegetation management activities are necessary to ensure the reliability of electrical service and to ensure public safety.

The transmission corridors are composed of large steel poles or tower structures that are used to transport large volumes of electricity. The

transmission corridors are frequently located adjacent to interstate highways and railroad tracks.

Qualified line clearance workers contracted by ComEd perform all tree pruning and vegetation management work. Supervisors and general foreman maintain close contact with crews to ensure safety and adherence to proper vegetation maintenance procedures.



Village of Morton Grove 2020 CENSUS

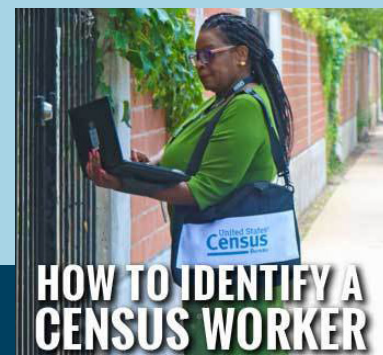
What to Expect in October

The U.S. Census Bureau have started walking through Chicagoland neighborhoods checking addresses. Morton Grove residents should be aware this will continue through October.

To help identify themselves, Census workers will have badges and briefcases indicating their affiliation with the Census Bureau. They will knock on doors and ask a few simple questions to verify the address and any additional living quarters on the property for inclusion in the census.

Address verification improves and refines the Census Bureau's address list of households nationwide, which plays a vital role in ensuring a complete and accurate count of everyone living in the United States.

April 1, 2020: By this date, every home will have received an invitation to participate.



HOW TO IDENTIFY A CENSUS WORKER



Protecting Your Local Watershed

Autumn is here! Cooler temperatures and shorter days means that Morton Grove trees will be losing their leaves. The Public Works Department plans to begin leaf collection in mid-October (see page 1). Residents should place their leaves in the street and against the curb for pick up. However, each year residents are reminded to avoid including other materials in these leaf piles.

Including grass clippings into these piles can introduce unwanted chemicals and fertilizers into the Village's storm sewer system. These chemicals can then be transferred into our streams and rivers. Other waste excluded from the leaf pick up program includes tree limbs/branches, bushes, garbage, and other debris. Please assist us in keeping Morton Grove looking beautiful in the fall while protecting our local watershed.

Right, a reservoir serving MWRD's Tunnel and Reservoir Plan (TARP), a system of deep, large diameter tunnels and reservoirs designed to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and improve water quality in the region



What are Combined Sewers?

Municipal sewer systems are normally classified in terms of the types of sewage they are designed to carry. "Combined Systems" are designed to carry both stormwater and sanitary waste. On the other hand, "Separated Systems" are designed to drain sanitary waste in pipes separate from stormwater. That way, during normal operations, stormwater can be safely conveyed to a stormwater outfall for discharge directly into receiving nearby body of water, wetland or other watershed.

Morton Grove maintains both combined and separated systems. The combined system and the sanitary portion of the separated system deliver their flows to our area water treatment plants (WTP) operated by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD-GC). The MWRD plants mimic the purification process that occurs naturally in rivers, condensing what would naturally take one or two weeks, to less than 12 hours. The treated flow is then safely discharged into surrounding waterways or other watersheds.

The Village continues to work with the MWRD and other government agencies to implement waste water solutions that provide ecologically responsible alternatives at an affordable cost. Learn more about Chicago-area waste water solutions at mortongroveil.org/government/public-works or contact Public Works at 847-470-5235.

Holiday Garbage Pick-Up Schedule

Regular Collection Days

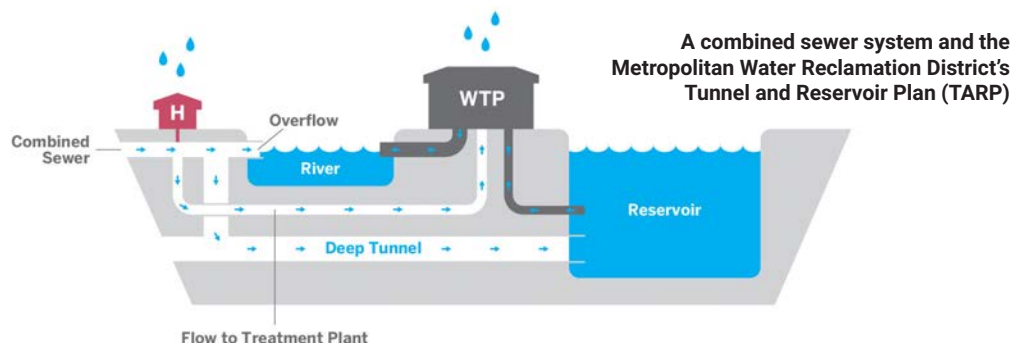
East of the North Branch of the Chicago River: **Tuesdays**

West of the North Branch of the Chicago River: **Wednesdays**

Garbage Collection Holidays

**Thanksgiving
Christmas
New Year's Day**

If a holiday falls on a weekday, collection service will be delayed one day for the remainder of that week.



Your Utility Contacts

UTILITY	PROVIDER	CONTACT
Cable TV	Comcast/Xfinity	800-934-6489
Electricity	ComEd	800-334-7661
Natural Gas	NICOR	888-642-6748
Garbage	Groot	800-244-1977

Resources will always be available for emergency response. However, if you experience interruptions in these services, alerting the provider directly may result in the quickest resolution. **Residents are reminded that if any condition threatens safety, dial 911 immediately.**

Public Safety

Morton Grove Observes Fire Prevention Week October 6-12



The National Fire Protection Association's 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme is, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" Fire Prevention Week is a great opportunity for your family to practice your home escape to ensure that everyone knows what to do in a fire and is prepared to escape quickly and safely.

The Morton Grove Fire Prevention Bureau will be in local schools teaching the basics of fire prevention. The Morton Grove Fire Department (MGFD) and Morton Grove Firefighters Association will once again sponsor the annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest for all Morton Grove students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The winning posters will be recognized at the Village Board Meeting on November 25. Please call the MGFD at 847-470-5226 if you have questions about fire safety topics.

Hydrant Safety in Winter Weather

The Morton Grove Fire and Public Works Departments request your help if you live near a fire hydrant. Please help by making every effort to clear the snow and ice around a hydrant during the winter months. The extra time a firefighter spends clearing snow covered hydrants can make a difference in how quickly a fire can be extinguished and subsequently limit damage. Please do not let a hydrant in your neighborhood remain covered by snow this winter.



DID YOU KNOW?



In the last 5 years, 80% of all structure fires in Morton Grove occurred in residential homes.



If you are unable to purchase and install smoke detectors, the MGFD can assist by issuing and installing new ones in your home.

The Morton Grove Fire Prevention Bureau can help you plan for these emergencies. Please call 847-470-5226 for more information.

Firefighters Association Holiday Food Drive

The Morton Grove Firefighters Association will be collecting non-perishable and unexpired food, purchasing children's gifts and supplying one large meal item to assist local families in need this holiday season. Last year, 77 families benefited from the generosity of Morton Grove residents and businesses. Food donation barrels will be located at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center, the Morton Grove Moose Lodge, Village Hall, Fire Department Station #4 and the Morton Grove Park District (6834 Dempster St.) from November 18 through December 13. Food and gifts will be provided to the families on December 18.

Morton Grove Police Toys for Tots 2019

Donation Box Locations

MG Police Department, 6101 Capulina Ave.

MG Fire Department #4, 6250 Lincoln Ave.

MG Village Hall, 6101 Capulina Ave.

MG Park District, 6834 Dempster St.



New unwrapped toys are appreciated.

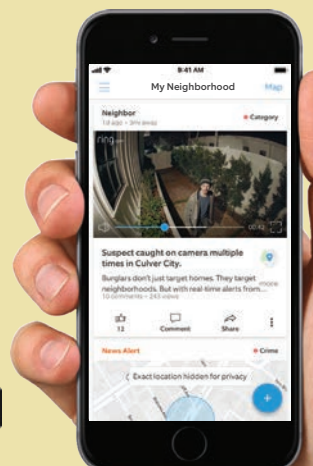
Collection ends **December 13, 2019.**



Neighbors by Ring

Join the Morton Grove Police Department on the Neighbors App

Neighbors by Ring is an app that sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your phone. Text **mgil** to **555888** to download the free app to share alerts, comment on local issues and help make our communities safer for everyone.





FREE EVENTS

Senior Events

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 11:30 a.m.

Enter our Emerald City and discover a buffet of Yankee pot roast with buttered egg noodles, salad, and rolls. Enjoy the bewitching sounds of the Quiet Storm Duo.

COST: \$14 in advance (\$15 at door)

MUSIC & MORE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10
6:30 p.m.

Enjoy live entertainment and dessert. Registration requested.

COST: \$5

What I Remember with Hope Hornstein

Monday, September 30

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Group interaction and remembering together have been identified as positive elements in aging. Let's reap the benefits together!

B/P, Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screening

3rd Tuesday of Every Month

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

It takes only three minutes to find out if your blood sugar level is where it should be. Also have your blood pressure screened. It will do your heart good.

Rummikub

Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Join Norman as he takes you through the rules and action of Rummikub, a tile-based game for two to four players.

Morton Grove Jammers

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Bring your guitar, harmonica, or musical instrument of your choice, and meet other musicians and make music together!

Movie

Thursdays, 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Join us for a movie and bring your own lunch. Stop by the Civic Center for the movie schedule and to register.

Let's Play Scrabble

Fridays, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Civic Center to create words and share laughter among friends.

ITALIAN THANKSGIVING WITH VITO ZATTO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 | 11:30 a.m.

We're serving up a hearty buffet featuring spaghetti with meatballs, pasta, garlic bread, and Caesar salad. Then enjoy a high-energy Vegas-style performance by Vito Zatto.

COST: \$14 in advance (\$15 at door)



Holiday Party Luncheon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 11:30 a.m.

Kick off the holiday season with a party! We'll feast on chicken marsala, sliced beef with gravy, au gratin potatoes, peas, salad, and a dessert buffet. After that, Jimmy & Rhonda will have you up and dancing!

COST: \$15

RSVP for these events at
888-600-2560 or email
mortongrove@matherlifeways.com

All events are held at the
**American Legion
Memorial Civic Center**
6140 Dempster Street

For a complete program schedule,
please visit moreways.org or
www.mortongroveil.org or call the
SENIOR HOTLINE at 847-663-3070



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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60053

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 Hotline
847-663-3070

24-Hour Municipal Hotline
847-663-6161

VILLAGE FACILITIES

Village Hall (Switchboard)
847-965-4100

Village Administrator
847-470-5220

Building & Inspectional Services
847-663-3040

Community & Economic Development
847-663-3063

Civic Center Rentals
847-663-3071

Village Officials

President Daniel P. DiMaria

Village Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford

Trustees

Bill Gear | Rita Minx | Ed Ramos

John Thill | Connie Travis | Janine Witko

Village Administrator

Ralph E. Czerwinski

Village Attorney

Teresa Hoffman Liston

TO: POSTAL CUSTOMER
MORTON GROVE, IL 60053

Spring 2019 Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Village's Spring 2019 Photo Contest! The theme of the contest was "Working in Morton Grove."

Atifa Ayubi



Rebekah Israel



"Working in Morton Grove"



Debbie Farrell

Atifa Ayubi



Rebekah Israel



Summer 2019 Photo Contest Winners Will Be Announced on October 14

Incredibly Close ✧ Amazingly Open

In keeping with our tagline, the Village provides several ways to submit advice, suggestions, questions, and opinions to your elected officials and administration. For general inquiries, you can send an email to vmg@mortongroveil.org, visit the "contact us" section on our website in "Quick Links" at www.mortongroveil.org, call 847-470-5220, or fill out this form and return it to Village Hall at 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Include your name and mailing or email address to receive a response.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Comment: _____
