SUMMER 2019 EDITION

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MORTON GROVE DAYS
JULY 3-6

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FESTIVAL DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
A Message from Mayor DiMaria

Once again it’s summer in Morton Grove and, as I always say, it’s a perfect time to enjoy the best of our Village with family, neighbors, and friends. From our great restaurants, bike trails, pools, golf course, Farmers Market, and the many activities hosted by the Village, Park District, and Library, Morton Grove is the perfect place to enjoy summer. Special thanks to our residents with “green thumbs” and the effort of our Community Relations Commission for making the “Adopt A Planter Program” another successful community effort. Many MG families, groups and clubs helped to beautify our Village by arranging and caring for the planters at the Civic Center, the Metra Station and along Dempster Street and Waukegan Road.

I hope to see each of you at our Morton Grove Days celebration, which runs this year from July 3 to July 6. Full details are on pages 1, 8, and 9 of this newsletter.

Construction of our new water system is progressing on schedule and we are currently receiving a portion of our Lake Michigan water from Evanston. Full transition will occur this fall. Learn all the details about this important project at www.mg-n-wc.org.

Although an official count won’t be taken until next April, the United States Census Bureau is already ramping up for the 2020 Census. Over the next few months, the Bureau will recruit thousands of people for temporary positions throughout the country, including our area. A variety of positions, such as recruiting assistants, census takers and office staff, will be available. Visit www.2020census.gov for more information and to apply online.

I wish you all a great summer. With your support, we will continue to move Morton Grove forward. It will be our ongoing mission to provide the valued, high-quality municipal services you expect while striving to make our community the best it can be.

Your Mayor, Dan DiMaria
Morton Grove Village Board and Plan Commission Approve Sawmill Station Concept

Kensington Development Partners and IM Properties recently received unanimous approval from the Village of Morton Grove Board of Trustees and Plan Commission to move forward with the proposed mixed-use redevelopment of 26 acres at the southeast corner of Dempster Street and Waukegan Road (formerly known as Prairie View Shopping Center). The new name of the property will be Sawmill Station and will include an exciting mixture of retail, restaurant, entertainment, and multifamily components. Kensington is continuing their efforts to finalize leases with Flix Brewhouse, Cooper’s Hawk Winery and Restaurant, Kohl’s, LA Fitness Signature Club, Starbucks, a grocery store, and more. Demolition of the old Prairie View buildings is ongoing. Complete demolition is expected in August, 2019. Initial retailer openings are targeted for 2020.

Did You Know? The name of the new lifestyle center development is a historical reference to a hydraulically powered sawmill that was established by John Miller south of Dempster Street along the North Branch of the Chicago River in 1841.

Electrical Aggregation Saves Residents Money

The Village of Morton Grove proactively surveys the energy market to provide residents with access to the most economical electrical service rates available. In previous years, the Village has been able to obtain prices for electrical energy below the rate offered by Commonwealth Edison. This process of contracting with a supplier on behalf of our residents and small businesses is referred to as “electrical aggregation.”

The Village surveyed the market in April of 2019. After reviewing information available from the Village’s broker (NIMEC) and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB), the Village concluded that electric energy supplied by ComEd provides the best value for residents over the next 12 months. The current ComEd rates are 6.725 cents/kilowatt hour (June through September) and 7.216 cents/kilowatt hour (October through May, 2020). Beginning in February of 2020, the Village will again begin the process of shopping for competitive pricing.

The Village would like to remind you of the following:

• Currently, NO action is necessary on the part of our residents and small businesses.

• Your electric bill will reflect the Village’s decision to use electricity from ComEd.

• You may choose to use an “alternative electrical supplier.” Switching to an alternative electrical supplier from the Village’s supplier is an individual choice.

• Residents should be cautious about “scams” related to companies offering these services. Read more about these scams on the following page.
Community Calendar

July 3-6: Morton Grove Days
July 4: Parade & Fireworks
August 6: National Night Out
September 3: Community-wide Test of Village Emergency Notifications
Every Saturday through October 19: Morton Grove Farmer’s Market

Annual Vehicle Stickers Available for Purchase

Residents are reminded that Morton Grove vehicle stickers are now available for purchase at Village Hall or online at www.mortongroveil.org (Click “Vehicle Services,” “I Want To,” “Vehicle Sticker”). Current 2018/19 stickers expire August 31, 2019.


Electrical Supply Scams

Beware of door-to-door solicitors, direct calls, direct mail pieces or scammers who try to persuade you to switch your electrical supplier from ComEd. Alternate suppliers may have difficulty competing with the 6.725 cents/KW hour ComEd summer rate. As a result, alternative (non-ComEd) suppliers could be even more desperate to lure people into bad deals.

No representative from ComEd, the Village, or any of the Village’s aggregation suppliers will ever come to your home, call you, or ask you for your ComEd account number. If you have a question regarding an electrical supplier OTHER THAN ComEd, please call Public Works at 847-470-5235.

Census 2020

Every ten years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provides the basis for distributing more than $675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy.

Census results also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee. You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.
Keep Waterways Healthy this Summer

Fertilizers & Pesticides

The season has finally arrived for backyard BBQs and outdoor parties. While impressing your guests and neighbors with well-manicured turf and landscaping may be a top priority in the summer months, the Village recommends that you take care if using chemical fertilizers and pesticides throughout the season. Over-applied product may wash from your lawn and be carried to nearby streams, rivers, and lakes, including the North Branch Chicago River.

Fourth of July Debris

With Independence Day fast approaching, the same applies to the left-over debris from Fourth of July celebrations, including sparklers, pop rocks, and smoke bombs. Please be sure to pick up all left-over debris in outdoor areas so that it does not end up polluting our precious waterways.

Pool Drainage

At this time of year, a pool owner may also be tempted to drain pool water into a street or alley, both of which lead to the public storm sewer system. This untreated and often chlorinated water may ultimately drain directly into the watershed, which is why proper measures must be taken prior to the discharge of any swimming pool water.

Village Water Quality Exceeds State and 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/2019ccr.

If you have any questions about Village water, please call Public Works at 847-470-5235 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Your Utility Contacts

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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

Police Department Hosts 5th Annual National Night Out

The Morton Grove Police Department will host their 5th annual National Night Out (NNO) event on Tuesday August 6, 2019 at 6140 Dempster from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. This FREE event will be fully funded through the generosity and donations of our local businesses and residents.

National Night Out will feature a live band, two face painters, a balloon sculpture, two caricaturists, pony rides, a climbing wall, tacos, hotdogs, ice cream, a bouncy house, and more. Newly added this year will be snow cones from Kona-Ice! National Night Out enhances the Village's true sense of community and is a great opportunity for neighbors to meet our police officers under positive circumstances.

Over 400 people attended last year’s event. We expect an even bigger turn-out this year. Thank you to the Village of Morton Grove, Citizens Police Academy volunteers, and the Morton Grove Park District staff for their continued support for this event.

Outdoor Warning Sirens Save Lives

The Village is served by five Outdoor Warning Sirens, located to provide maximum coverage of the community. Most people think of these as “tornado sirens.” In fact, these devices are designed to alert people who are outdoors of any emergency condition that could cause an imminent life safety hazard in the area. Activation of the sirens means all persons should immediately take shelter indoors and monitor local T.V. or radio stations for more information. If you require EMERGENCY assistance, regardless of the weather conditions, do not hesitate to CALL 911.

July 4th Traffic and Parking Safety Plan

For public safety considerations, July 4th parking restrictions will again be in effect this year from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 12:00 a.m. (midnight). Restriction signs will be posted along affected routes on or around July 3, 2019. If you have any questions, please call 847-470-5220, visit the Village’s website at www.mortongroveil.org, or visit us on Facebook.
Senior Events

**July**

**Celebrate With Local Heroes**

**FRIDAY, JULY 12**

Join members of our local police, fire, and EMS departments for a delicious buffet lunch plus a surprise sweet treat, along with terrific live entertainment, and the good company of friends and neighbors. Give a round of applause to first responders, and enjoy some summertime fun.

**August**

**Yankee Doodle Dandy**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

Calling all Yankee Doodle Boys and Sweethearts! Join us for a red, white, and blue salute to the Grand Old Flag. We’re serving up a delectable lunch buffet and entertainment that would make George M. Cohan proud.

**September**

**Fall Festival**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Beautiful foliage... crisp apples... cooler weather. Let’s celebrate the best of autumn together. We’ll serve up a hearty lunch, fun entertainment, and a festive fall atmosphere.

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

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

Upcoming Classes

**TED Talk - A Hilarious Celebration of Lifelong Female Friendship**

**Monday, July 22**

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Legendary duo Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin have been friends for decades. In a raw, tender, and wide-ranging conversation hosted by Paul Mitchell, the three discuss longevity, feminism, the difference between male and female friendship, what it means to live well, and women’s role in the future of our planet.

**Mind, Body, & Soul with Silverado**

Mondays: July 8, August 12, & September 9
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Please join Lorry for a jammin’ workout session that’ll put your mind, body, and soul to work.

**Rummikub**

Wednesdays: July through September
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.
The Neverly Brothers

Thursday, July 4 at 7:00pm

You’ll learn rock history and be thoroughly entertained with The Neverly Brothers’ chronological song sequence, stories behind the music and vintage wardrobe changes. Their repertoire consists of show-stopping renditions of early hits by Jerry Lee Lewis (Great Balls of Fire), Chuck Berry (Johnny B. Goode), Eddie Cochran (Summertime Blues), Buddy Holly (That’ll Be the Day), The Beatles (Twist & Shout), The Rolling Stones (Satisfaction), The Kinks (You Really Got Me), The Dave Clark Five (Glad All Over) and more.

It’s not “moldy oldies”- it’s “old-school cool!” So hop aboard our virtual tour bus and fasten your seatbelts for an exciting MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR!

2019 marks the fourth year in a row The Neverly Brothers will be the headline act at the Morton Grove Days 4th of July Festival. Back by popular demand, this act will again headline on the biggest night of Morton Grove’s biggest festival of the year. This speaks to the band’s massive popularity and drawing power.

97Nine (ninety-seven nine) is a premier classic rock cover band in the Midwest. This supergroup came to fruition when guitarist extraordinaire Dave Uhrich was joined by Mark O’Dette, Michael Bragg and Tom Heslin, and the foursome began rocking audiences with the most memorable anthems from the 80s, 90s, and today. Having all grown up listening to Chicago’s Loop 97.9FM rock radio, these guys take the stage each night and truly re-create that once visceral experience we all had with the music of an unmistakable era. Boasting countless years of experience honing their craft, these four brothers-in-arms command any stage with their unmatched energy and skill.

97Nine play classic arena rock like no other band can play, with that infectious energy and passion you grew up loving so much. We dare you not to pump your fist.
MAGGIE SPEAKS
FRIDAY, JULY 5 AT 8:00PM

A packed dance floor, an engaged audience, and unstoppable energy that makes your night one to remember forever. Since 1997, Maggie Speaks has been building a reputation from Sydney to Venice to our hometown of Chicago as the band that delivers more than a show. It’s an experience you’ll never forget.

Maggie Speaks changed the world of cover bands. With a repertoire that includes nearly every track on your phone, you’ll enjoy tunes you love played live on stage right in front of you. Dance and sing to your favorites, from the 80s songs you love to hear to songs played at concerts in Chicago reaching back to the 50s, to Top 40 hits released just last week. You’ll hear music from some of the most talented singers and musicians in the industry. Maggie Speaks is famous for their unstoppable medleys, seamless transitions, and note-perfect performances that leave audiences begging for more. An amazing night like that? It’s priceless.

THE COUNTRY NIGHT
SATURDAY, JULY 6 AT 8:00PM

From Tim McGraw to the Zac Brown Band, The Country Night delivers all your favorite new country hits, plus the classics. Grab your boots and get ready for a country rockin’ great time.

Thank You
to our Sponsors

There’s still time for you or your organization to be a 2019 Morton Grove Days sponsor! Show your commitment to the Morton Grove community through your financial support of our annual event.

Sponsors are recognized throughout the event and multiple sponsorship tiers are available. Visit mortongrovedays.org/sponsors to learn more.
Adopt a Planter Program Beautifies the Village

The Morton Grove Community Relations Commission wishes to thank the sponsors of this year’s Adopt a Planter program. Individuals, families, and organizations participated by making initial plantings in June. The sponsors will maintain their planters until late October. Planters can be seen lining Dempster Street and Waukegan Road, and at the Metra Station, Civic Center, and other Village locations.

10 Fun Summer Activities for the Family

1. Bike on the North Branch Trail
   North Branch Trail
   Forest Preserves of Cook County

2. Watch the 4th of July Parade
   Starts at 2:30 p.m. at Dempster & Central, proceeds west to the Civic Center

3. Look for Wildlife at Linne Woods
   Linne Woods Forest Preserve
   Forest Preserves of Cook County
   Dempster Street & Ferris Avenue

4. Take a Dip at Harrer Pool
   Harrer Pool
   6250 Dempster Street

5. Have a Picnic at Wayside Woods
   Wayside Woods Forest Preserve
   Forest Preserves of Cook County
   8874 Lehigh Avenue

6. Make a Splash on the Lily Pads at Oriole Pool
   Oriole Park Aquatic Center
   9200 Oriole Avenue

7. Take a Ride on the Metra
   Morton Grove Metra Station
   8501 Lehigh Avenue

8. Enjoy Carnival Rides at Morton Grove Days
   Harrer Park & Civic Center
   6140 Dempster Street

9. Tee Off at the Chick Evans Forest Preserve Golf Course
   Chick Evans Golf Course
   6145 Golf Road

10. Dance to Live Music at Morton Grove Days
    Harrer Park & Civic Center
    6140 Dempster Street
Winter 2019 Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Village’s Winter 2019 Photo Contest! The theme of the contest was, “The Doors of Morton Grove.”

Viviana Gonzalez
Mary Rita Guthrie
Brian Kabat
Laima Puzzo

Spring 2019 Photo Contest Winners

Every quarter, the Community Relations Commission sponsors a community photo contest to showcase the Village’s quarterly theme. For Spring 2019, this was “Working in Morton Grove.” The five winning photos will be enlarged, framed and displayed at Village Hall. Winners of the Spring 2019 photo contest will be announced at the July 8th Village Board meeting.

Summer 2019 Photo Contest

Calling all photographers! The Community Relations Commission is sponsoring a Summer 2019 photo contest to showcase the Village’s quarterly theme, “Playing in Morton Grove.” A different theme will be presented each quarter. Selected photos will be featured on the Village’s Facebook page and website, and five winning photos will be enlarged, framed and displayed at Village Hall. Contest rules and guidelines are as follows:

• All photos should be taken in Morton Grove and in the season represented.
• We encourage youth participants and will award one youth winner each contest cycle.
• Photographers can submit up to 5 photos.
• The contest is open to all Morton Grove residents, businesses, employees, and visitors.

Photo Submittal

• Email high resolution digital photos (max. 14MB) in JPG format with registration and release form to crc@mortongroveil.org or submit online at www.mortongroveil.org.
• Print photos, no smaller than 4” x 6,” may be dropped off or mailed to:
  Summer Photo Contest, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053
• Photos must be submitted by September 30, 2019.
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” www.mortongroveil.org, call 847-470-5220, or fill out this form and return it to the Village of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053. Include your name and mailing or email address to receive a response.

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