

Winter 2019 Edition

News from the Village of Morton Grove

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

Appearance Commission 7:00 pm 4 7 Traffic Safety Commission 7:00 pm Village Board Meeting 11 7:00 pm Advisory Commission on Aging 12 1:00 pm Community Relations Commission 6:30 pm 12 Zoning Board & Plan Commission 18 7:30 pm 21 Neighborhood Outreach 6:30 pm 25 Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm

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26	Fire & Police	Commission	1:00	pm

27 Condo Association Meeting

6:30 pm

MARCH

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26	Citizen's Police Academy	6:30 pm

A Message from Mayor DiMaria

2018 was a year for the record books. We welcomed Moretti's into our community in March. Construction on the Village's water project resulted in 17 blocks of newly paved streets and the installation of over 3.5 miles of new water mains. This will enable the Village to purchase Lake Michigan water from the City of Evanston at a lower and more stable rate than what we have paid to the City of Chicago. Over the next 40 years, the Village expects to save \$95 million. We can all be proud of this legacy project.



I am pleased to announce that Prairie View Shopping Center has been sold. The new owners plan to redevelop it into a modern town center. Demolition of the old structure is now underway. Our staff is currently negotiating a redevelopment agreement which we expect to be finalized soon.

Please sign up for the Village's new enhanced 911 service at www.smart911.com where you can create your own safety profile to include important details about your household. Participation in this service is **voluntary and free**. Your information will be kept private and secure, and will only be available to responders when an emergency call is placed.

Please join me in supporting this year's Taste of Morton Grove. The event will be held on Thursday, March 7 and will feature samplings from our area's most popular restaurants, raffles, auctions and entertainment. All proceeds from the Taste and the Queen of Heart's raffle will benefit local charities.

Your Mayor, Dan DiMaria

February is National Restaurant Month

ALL AVAILABLE!

Dine-In, Take Out

& Delivery

Win 1 of 10 - \$25 Gift Cards

Submit your photo entry online or bring your Morton Grove restaurant dining receipts, dated in February 2019, to Village Hall by March 4. Each group of receipts or individual receipt for \$25 will be considered an entry. The \$25 per entry requirement does not apply to photo entries so upload early and often!

Visit Village Hall or www.mortongroveil.org/dinemg to submit photos and find the MG Restaurant Guide

*1 receipt greater than \$50 is entitled to 1 entry/\$25 increment. Winning entries will be drawn at the March 11 Village Board Maximum one winner per household.

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Economic Development Updates

NOW OPEN in 2018

- Ahmed Meat & Grocery 6003 Dempster (small grocery)
- Alpha Vertical 9225 Waukegan (computer sales/repair)
- Asum Enterprises 9213 Waukegan Rd (office or wholesale business)
- Atlas Express Padala 6214 Madison (warehouse)
- Covers Unlimited 6328 Oakton (manufacturing/reupholster)
- Crown Point Truck & Trailer 7860 Lehigh Truck (repair/office/sales)
- Dunkin Donuts 9480 Waukegan Rd (coffee shop)
- Fairway Independent Mortgage 5800 Dempster B (financial services)
- · 12 Materials 8125 Austin Ave (manufacturing/reupholster)
- Manny's Sewing Machine Services 6047 Dempster (sewing machine repairs)
- Matan's Upholstery & Interiors 5616 Dempster (furniture sales/ upholstery)
- Michaels Stores 7220 Dempster (retail-crafts/hobbies/arts)
- Momentum Performing Arts 5810 Dempster (dance studio)
- Moretti's 6415 Dempster (restaurant)
- Mystic Beauty Salon 6109 Dempster A (beauty salon)
- Pragma IT 5811 Dempster (software developer)
- The Sliding Door Co 6118 Madison Ct (warehouse)
- The Urban Electric Co 6288 Oakton (shipping/receiving)
- 5000 Years Billiards 6231 Dempster (billiard hall)
- 911 Restoration of Chicago 8133 Austin (restoration service)
- **SUPPORT MG SHOP LOCAL!**

2017 to 2018 **Morton Grove Economic** Growth

TASTE OF MORTON GROVE



The Taste of Morton Grove is a celebration of charity and community. This unique and special fundraiser includes taste samplings by dozens of area restaurants, music, silent auctions, and cash raffles.

Thursday, March 7, 2019 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. White Eagle Banquets & Restaurant 6845 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles www.mortongrovefoundation.com Advanced tickets \$35 Door tickets \$45

Reserved Table for Ten \$350



2018 HIGHLIGHTS



Moretti's Ristorante

6415 Dempster | Opened March 2018 The new 12,500+ sq. ft. Moretti's Ristorante opened in March 2018, on a site that had been vacant for over 10 years. This is their first "ground up" restaurant and has become one of their most successful.

Lexington Walk Townhomes

Ferris & Capulina | Construction Start 2018 Lexington Homes purchased this former Villageowned site and began work in summer 2018. Large portions of this environmentally challenged site have been vacant for close to 15 years.





Dunkin' Restaurant 9480 Waukegan | Opened November 2018 One of the first of the newly rebranded, modern Dunkin' Restaurants to open in Illinois. The building was approved, built, and open in less than 4 months!





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Winter 2019 Update

Morton Grove **Niles**





Morton Grove-Niles Water Commission (MGNWC) Water Supply Improvement Project

The project remains on schedule and on budget with 2019 being the year of transition for the Water Supply Improvement Project. Partial operation began in December 2018 with the activation of the eight-mile water transmission line and our receipt of 1,000,000 gallons per day or 40% of our water from the City of Evanston. Full operation is planned by the third quarter of 2019 when both pump stations and the sevenmillion-gallon standpipe (pictured above) will be operational.

Purchasing water from the City of Evanston at a lower cost than

that charged by the City of Chicago remains the primary purpose of the project. Over the course of the 40-year contract, a savings of \$95 million is anticipated. These savings will be used to provide affordable and stable water rates to Morton Grove residents and businesses. In addition, the anticipated savings will provide the financial resources necessary to rebuild water infrastructure in our community for years to come.

This new 40-year water supply agreement will produce savings for the Village "first year & every year." The supply system construction

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Allows Morton Grove and Niles to plan for the economic needs of the villages more accurately

INFRASTRUCTURE

Are achieved through long-term and stabilized cost savings

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Provide for reconstruction of streets, curbs and gutters along the construction route

costs will be paid from water revenue and will not rely on property tax revenue.

Visit mg-n-wc.org for updates on construction progress and to sign up for a weekly e-newsletter. You can also call the MGNWC message center at (847) 588-7979.

This visionary effort began five years ago and is a remarkable example of results that are possible when municipalities work together toward shared goals.

Committed to Water Quality and Fiscal Responsibility

Incredibly Close



Amazingly Open

In keeping with our tagline, the Village provides several ways for you 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 of Morton Grove, 6101 Capulina Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053. Include your name and mailing or email address to receive a response.

Name:	Email:
Address:	Phone:



Community Updates

Fall Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our Fall Photo Contest: Atifa Ayubi, Melissa Heneghan and Zainab Ahmed. Visit our Facebook Page to view all the incredible pictures submitted.



Village Photo Contest Doors of Morton Grove

Calling all photographers! The Community Relations Commission is sponsoring a community contest to showcase the Village's quarterly theme, "Doors of Morton Grove." A different theme will be presented each quarter. Selected photos will be featured on the Village's Facebook page and website. The 5 winning photos will be enlarged, framed and displayed at the Village Hall.



Learn more at www.mortongroveil.org/photocontest

UTILITY BILL CLINIC

Join the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) in Morton Grove for a free utility bill clinic co-sponsored by the Village of Morton Grove. CUB staffers will work with you in a "one-on-one" meeting and provide advice on methods to save money on your utility bills. Bring copies of your gas, electric, and phone bills for a free analysis from an expert!

CUB Clinic - Morton Grove Civic Center 6140 Dempster, Morton Grove Thursday, March 21st 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There are a limited number of slots available so *REGISTRATION is required*. To register, please contact CUB at (312) 263-4282 ext. 111 or email events@citizensutilityboard.org using the subject line, "Morton Grove 03/21".

rebates that can help.

phone, TV, and internet.



on electric, natural gas, and phone bills. Find energy efficiency programs and

Discover your options when it comes to



www.mortongroveil.org

Public Works Updates

SNOW AND ICE

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

- Don't drive during or immediately after a storm unless it is truly necessary. Public Works crews will be working to keep streets passable for you and emergency vehicles.
- If you do have a driveway, please use it. The more cars off the street, alleyways and parking lots means snow removal crews will be able to do their job faster and more efficiently.
- If you must park somewhere other than on your driveway, move your car as soon as possible to an area that has been cleared of snow so crews can plow back the area where your car was parked.
- Please be patient and considerate of others during winter season. Snowfall is inevitable and being careful to avoid injury to yourself and others is important.

HYDRANT SAFETY

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.



2018 / HIGHLIGHTS

\$650,000

Amount of savings (in dollars) realized due to completion of the Meade-Moody Sanitary Sewer Project with in-house staff.

3,392

The amount (in tons) of road salt used by Public Works to keep streets free of snow and ice.

1,550

Amount (in tons) of leaves removed from Villate Streets.

The number (in blocks) of Village streets that were re-paved as part of the Morton Grove/Niles Water Supply Improvement Project.



Public Safety Updates

FIRE

MORTON

GROVE

DEP1.

Fire Department Holiday Food Drive - 2018

For the past 33 years, The Morton Grove Firefighters Association has donated their personal time and talent in order to assist local churches and charities in providing area families in need with an assortment of food and gifts to brighten their holiday season. Local residents, schools and organizations donated non-perishable food items during late November and early December.

FIRE STATION #4

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Firefighters purchased fresh turkeys and hams to be included in each gift. They also used donated funds to purchase age-appropriate gifts and gift cards for 149 local children. In total, 66 local families from Morton Grove and the surrounding area each received a full course meal including entrée, vegetables, stuffing, potatoes, milk, and dessert. Each family also received 2 or 3 boxes of additional food items.

2018 / HIGHLIGHTS

MGFD paramedic contact with a

cardiac patient to the beginning of

surgical treatment.

Smart911

Protecting Millions of Lives

54 The average time (in minutes) from

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3:56

The average time (in minutes and seconds) that it took for paramedics to arrive at the location of a medical emergency in the Village.

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The Village of Morton Grove is now offering enhanced 911 contact with a new service called "**Smart 911**". This is a voluntary and free service offered to all residents of the Village. By signing up for Smart 911, citizens are able to proactively provide

for Smart 911, citizens are able to proactively provide information to facilitate a fast and accurate response. With Smart 911, a resident is able to create their own Safety Profile. The resident chooses what information to include and what details are important to share with first responders. It is important to note that the resulting Safety Profile is private, secure, and only available to 9-1-1 when an emergency call is placed. Interested residents can learn more and/or sign up at www.smart911.com. The Smart911 app is available on the Apple App Store or Google Play. Please contact the Morton Grove Police Department (847) 470-5200 if you have any questions. *Note*: Choosing not to participate in this program *will not* decrease your current level of 911 service.





TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

The Morton Grove Police Department, in cooperation with the United States Marine Corps Reserve, c e l e b r a t e d



another successful Toys for Tots drive this holiday season. Between late November and mid-December, hundreds of toys were dropped off to the lobby of the Police Department. 16 boxes of donations illustrates the generosity of the Morton Grove community! As a result of this kindness, many children and their families were able to celebrate the 2018 holiday season with a smile. The Police Department thanks everyone that participated this holiday season.



2018 / HIGHLIGHTS

180

The number of 5th graders that participated in the MGPD L.E.A.D. The Way drug awareness education program.



Community Senior Updates

FEBRUARY | MUSIC & MORE

Thursday, Feb. 7 | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Join us for live entertainment and dessert. Registration required.

COST | \$5 | (847) 663-3070

FEBRUARY 11 - APRIL 1 | FREE! TAX ASSISTANCE Mondays and Fridays | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Trained AARP tax-aide volunteers will help you prepare your tax return. Please bring your 2017 tax return and 2018 income statement. Make an appointment beginning February 1.



COST | Free

RSVP | (847) 663-3070 | mortongrove@matherlifeways.com

FEBRUARY | **FREE! GENEALOGY (FAMILYSEARCH.ORG)** Monday, February 25 | 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.



Learn how to make an online family tree that your relatives can see and add to for FREE. Learn how to search for records that tell your ancestors' stories, and attach them to that family tree.

COST | FREE

MARCH |**Pi DAY** Friday, March 1 | 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We're celebrating Pi Day (3.14) a little early, with a special luncheon where we can indulge in dessert first. Enjoy good company and some toe-tapping entertainment.



COST | \$14 in advance (\$15 at the door) RSVP | (888) 600-2560 | mortongrove@matherlifeways.com

MARCH | MUSIC & MORE

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



Join us for live entertainment and dessert. Registration required.

COST | \$5 | (847) 663-3070

You're Invited! Ways to Age Well in Morton Grove



Mather LifeWays offers resources, programs, and fun for older adults in Morton Grove. Check out one of our signature monthly luncheons or evening concerts, plus lifelong learning programs, jam sessions, and more!

FREE SCREENING Tuesday, February 19 & March 19 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Blood Pressure, Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screening Stop by for a free screening! It will do your heart good.

LUNCH AND MOVIE

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

Join us for a delicious box lunch from Honey Baked Hams and a movie. Stop by the Civic Center for the movie schedule and to register. All registrations must be made by Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. Registration required. Cost: \$5 (with lunch) or free just to watch the movie. (847) 663-3070

GENTLE YOGA

Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come to chair yoga class! Yoga has been proved to increase flexibility and muscle tone. It is an enduring total body workout. No experience necessary and all skill levels welcome. Cost: \$4 per class

ZUMBA GOLD

Fridays: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Zumba is a cardio-based fitness class that fuses Latin and International rhythms and movements. Zumba Gold format is designed for the active older adult or the beginner participants. Come join the class and get ready to have fun. No dance experience required. Cost: \$4 per class

MORE INFORMATION

All events are at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center 6140 Dempster • Morton Grove • Illinois

For a complete schedule of programs, please visit matherlifeways.com/mortongrove or mortongroveil.org or call us at (847) 663-3075.



Village Officials and Contact Information

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. A Neighborhood Outreach meeting will be held at:

The American Legion Memorial

Civic Center 6140 Dempster Street

Thursday, February 21, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

There is no specific agenda for these meetings. Residents are encouraged to attend and interact "one on one" with elected officials and Village staff.

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 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

VILLAGE OFFICIALS

President Daniel P. DiMaria Village Clerk Eileen Scanlon Harford Trustees Bill Grear Rita Minx

> Ed Ramos John Thill Connie Travis

Janine Witko

Village Administrator

Ralph E. Czerwinski Village Attorney Teresa Hoffman Liston

USEFUL UTILITY CONTACTS

Resources will always be available for emergency response. However, in the event you experience interruptions in the following services, alerting the provider directly may result in the quickest resolution.

UTILITY	PROVIDER	CONTACT	
Cable TV	Comcast/Xfinity	(800) 934-6489	
Electricity	ComEd	(800) 334-7661	
Natural Gas	NICOR	(888) 642-6748	
Refuse/Garbage	Groot	(800) 244-1977	
Residents are reminded that if any condition threatens safety			

Residents are reminded that, if any condition threatens safety, DIAL 911 immediately.

> Visit the Village website or Village Hall to sign up for our eNewsletter and emergency alerts: www.mortongroveil.org

CONNECT WITH US

Morton Grove Exchange The Village of Morton Grove 6101 Capulina Avenue Morton Grove, IL 60053-2985

To: Postal Customer

Morton Grove, IL 60053

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