

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome 1500 Neighbors!

"On behalf of the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Chamber Members, I would like to welcome you to the Village of

Morton Grove." This is the opening statement that is sent out to all new residents of Morton Grove in our Welcome Neighbor package. This is the new spin on the "Welcome Wagon." It's a housewarming gift. We incorporate your literature or lightweight premiums, along with information from the Village Hall including the Community Guide, and the Morton Grove Chamber's Shop Directory.

I'm bringing this to your attention because it is estimated that over 1500 new residents will be moving into

Morton Grove in the not so distant future. (See Bill Neuendorf's article on enclosed insert for details on this figure.)

The Morton Grove Community Relations Committee Ad Hoc Diversity Committee is also working with the Morton Grove Chamber to have a decorative 11x17 poster contest for K-8th grade students that will feature a "Welcome Neighbor" wagon. Many of you have agreed to sponsor this project that will show a combined effort between the children of Morton Grove, the Village Hall's Community Relations Committee and the Morton Grove Chamber members. The winning posters will be displayed at the Village Hall, the Civic Center and then at the Taste of Morton Grove, at the White Eagle, in March. The winning posters will then be made into note cards.

Do you remember when you first moved here or opened your business? I'm sure it was a special moment when you were greeted with a warm welcome. You felt like you made the right decision to move to Morton Grove. I hope this is how all of our new neighbors will feel when we welcome them. I've enclosed information about the "Welcome Neighbor Program in this newsletter. I hope it will peak your interest.

It does take a village, but it also takes a welcome.

Suzanne Archer



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November/December 2005

News You Can Gobble Up

Building Businesses One Referral at a Time



EVENT CALENDAR

Shop Directory Deadline is Friday, Nov. 4

Wednesday, Nov. 9
Board of Directors
Planning Conference Lunch
11:30am-1:00pm
Bringer Inn
6230 W. Lincoln
Morton Grove, IL

Thursday, Nov. 10
Multi-Chamber Event
5:00pm-7:00pm
Costco Wholesale
7311 N. Melvina
Niles, IL

Thursday, Nov. 17
Women's Power Luncheon
11:45am-1:00pm
Morton Grove Village Hall
6101 Capulina
Morton Grove, IL

Wednesdays in November
Multi-Vantage Meetings
8:15am-9:30am
Morton Grove Chamber
6101 Capulina
Morton Grove, IL

Wednesday, Dec. 7
Board of Directors Meeting
4:00pm-5:00pm
Morton Grove Village Hall
6101 Capulina
Morton Grove, IL

Thursday, Dec. 8
MGCCI Holiday Party
5:00-7:00pm
Champs Sports Bar & Grill
9001 N. Waukegan
Morton Grove, IL

Wednesdays in December
Multi-Vantage Meetings
8:15am-9:30am
Skokie Chamber
5002 Oakton
Skokie, IL

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006
Installation & Awards Dinner
5:00pm Cocktails, 6:00pm Dinner
Chateau Ritz
9100 N. Milwaukee
Niles, IL

Thank you Chamber Members and residents of Morton Grove You're the best!

\$26,000 and 2 Truckloads of Goods for Slidell,LA!

Together, under the direction of Mayor Rick Krier, we raised almost \$26,000 and collected enough items to fill 2 huge trucks for our sister community, Slidell, LA.

Hurricane Katrina within a week of the disaster. City Car and Truck Rental jumped in to help with this effort by offering their facility and provided trucks that were used to bring items to Slidell,LA.

The fundraiser event that culminated on October 15, was a perfect example of teamwork! Everyone should be proud of this effort. It took commitment!

Thank you M.G. Fire Dept. & M.G. Police Dept. for going to Slidell and helping out our sister community.

Thank you to the many businesses and individuals who donated cash and/or items to make this a successful fundraiser for Slidell.

Thank you to all the special volunteers and leaders who contributed with every aspect of this fundraiser, from donating, coordinating, collecting, sorting, driving, attending, loading, cooking, serving, selling, performing, and cleaning up.

Thanks to the Morton Grove Moose Family Center who started collecting items for the victims of



PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY BUSINESS AFTER HOURS EVENT AT CHAMPS, DECEMBER 8 @ 5pm



VIP OF THE YEAR will be announced at this event.

BUSINESS MEMBER OF THE YEAR will be announced at the Installation and Awards Dinner scheduled for Jan.25.

Use the enclosed ballot to send in your nominations. Who do you know that has "given back" to the chamber and the Village of Morton Grove throughout the years.

Deadline to submit nominations is Nov. 1.

Please review the list of wonderful Business Members of the Month. (see enclosed flyer) Help decide who will win the title of Business of the Year for 2005.They are all deserving, but only one can win! Please vote now!

OFFICIAL REPORT

by Bill Neuendorf, Community and Economic Development Director
see *Brisk Residential Development* enclosed insert

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John C. D'Amico
State Representative

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will be listed under Real Estate Staging
in the next Shop Directory



Paul Vanderhulst Agency
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farmers.agent@comcast.net

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in the next Shop Directory

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K & G Superstore

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in the next Shop Directory

Classic Bowl

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8530 Waukegan Rd.
Morton Grove, IL 60053
call: 847-965-5300

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BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER



Super Cup Coffee Shop

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Congratulations goes to Super Cup Coffee Shop-MGCCCI's November Business of the Month.

Super Cup Coffee Shop is Morton Grove's local coffee shop located on Fernald and Lincoln. They offer all types of espresso beverages as well as fresh roasted coffee and pastries. Super Cup opens at 5:30 a.m., just in time for the first train into the city. They are dedicated to serving "super coffee, super fast."

Being a small independent business has given Super Cup Coffee Shop an opportunity to become part of the neighborhood. Stop in to find out what local events are coming up on the bulletin board or grab a local paper. During the holidays you may even hear local school musicians playing or neighborhood residents commenting on the day's events.

Super Cup features hand decorated, locally made cookies. Greeting cards and Blue Bunny Ice Cream are also available. Super Cup's owner, Carol Meyer, always tries to accommodate the needs of those customers "on the go" or local residents who enjoy using her place to chat over a great cup of coffee. On a rainy day feel to borrow a Super Cup umbrella.

Carol is a resident of Morton Grove. "I really felt we needed a neighborhood coffee shop. We have such a great community. I love Morton Grove."

Super Cup has sponsored MGCCI's Golf Outing and the July 4th Parade for many years. Her cookies were the talk of the town when she provided them for a Women's Power Luncheon.

DECEMBER



Morton Grove Moose Family Center #376

6419 Chestnut St.
847-965-2928 fax 847-965-0098

December Business of the Month goes to the highly deserving Morton Grove Moose Family Center # 376

The Morton Grove Moose Lodge was established in 1951 and was renamed Moose Family Center in 2001 putting more emphasis on the "family." Currently there are over 600 male and nearly 200 women members locally.

The Moose sponsors the MG Park District's Halloween Festivities and Morton Grove Days. They also host the Village's "Santa Comes to Town" Program and other events such as Niles West Boosters and Boy Scouts of America's social and sporting events, including children's holiday celebrations each year. The Women of the Moose host a monthly family dinner. The Men host a Fish Fry on the 2nd and 4th Fridays and a Steak Dinner on the first Tuesday of the month.

Moose Int'l is a charitable, non-discriminatory, non-profit corporation funded primarily by members of the Moose. This fraternal and service organization was founded in 1888, comprising nearly 1.5 million men and women in the Loyal Order of Moose. in more than 2,800 Lodges and Chapters throughout the world..It is headquartered at Mooseheart, IL,

Mooseheart Child City & School and Moosehaven Retirement Community were founded and supported by the Moose. Moose Lodges and Chapters conduct nearly \$90 million worth of community service (counting monetary donations and volunteer hours worked) annually.

Morton Grove Moose Family Center # 376 was the initiating force in collecting items for the Hurricane Katrina victims of Slidell, Louisiana.



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Family of 2	\$178
Senior Family of 2	\$345
Family of 3	\$263
Each Additional	\$409
6 Months	\$50
3 Month Summer	\$164
Corporate Daytime/ Corporate Anytime	\$59.95
Guests Club Fitness	\$178* / \$228
Gymnasium 18 & under	\$6
Gymnasium 19 & over	\$2
	\$3

*Daytime Membership: Offered to anyone who would only utilize Club Fitness Monday through Friday from 5:30am to 3:30pm and all day Saturday and Sunday.

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Saturday & Sunday 7am - 5pm

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- A photo I.D. is required for resident rates. Only parents and unmarried children under the age of 21 residing at the same address will be considered for family memberships.
- You must be at least 14 years old or a high school freshman in order to use the fitness center.
- All annual memberships are year to date.
- A Senior Citizen is someone 62 years and older.
- Resident Business/Corporation refers to businesses in Morton Grove, Niles, or Skokie.
- No refunds will be given on Club Fitness Memberships.

Come be a part of our extended fitness family.

MEMBER NEWS AND UPDATES

Bethany Terrace Nursing Centre is holding their Fall Festival Bazaar on Friday, November 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a bakery booth, crafts, jewelry, toys, gifts, and lunch will be served from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Resident Council and future projects the residents choose.

City Car and Truck Rental sent their trucks to Slidell, LA with many of the much needed items that were collected

with the initial efforts of the **Morton Grove Moose Family Center.**

Morton Grove Park District will host the annual "Santa Comes to Town" on December 4 Noon -3:00pm. Santa will sail around Morton Grove throwing out candy and prizes to young children that come out to greet him. He will start from the **American Legion Civic Center** and end up at the **Morton Grove Moose Family Center** where children will get to meet

Santa and collect their prizes. Contact the Morton Grove Park District for more information at 847-964-1200.

Contact MGCCI at 847-965-0330 to put your news and updates here.

If you are interested in advertising in MGCCI's "Shop" Directory which is scheduled to be distributed at the end of November, please complete the enclosed insert.

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4. Refritos3.95 <i>Beans with Cheese and Sausage</i>	16. Tacos Suizos (2) <i>With Rice & Beans</i> <i>Beef or Chicken</i>4.25 <i>Steak</i>5.25
5. Nachos3.95	17. Enchiladas Suizas (2) <i>With Rice & Beans</i>4.75 <i>Beef, Chicken or Cheese with</i> <i>Green, Red or Mole Sauce</i>
6. Chicken Soup4.95	18. Flautas (3) <i>Beef, Chicken or Cheese</i>4.75 <i>Steak</i>5.75
7. Veg. Omelette <i>With Rice & Beans</i>4.75	
8. Chorizo and Eggs <i>With Rice & Beans</i>4.75	
9. El Sol Omelette <i>With Rice & Beans</i>4.75	
10. Rancheros Eggs <i>With Rice & Beans</i>4.95	
11. Vegetable Burrito <i>With Rice & Beans</i>4.95	
12. Burrito <i>With Rice & Beans</i> <i>Beef or Chicken</i>4.95 <i>Steak</i>5.95	

Combos

(Served with Rice and Beans)

19. Chile Relleno and Beef Enchilada5.75
20. Pork and Tamale and Chicken Flauta4.25
21. Guacamole Tostada, Cheese and Bean Burrito4.75
22. Chicken Chimichanga and Cheese Quesadilla4.75
23. Steak Taco and Cheese Enchilada4.50
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Thursday
November 17, 2005
11:45am-1:00 pm
6101 Capulina Avenue
\$10.00 prepay
\$12.00 at the door
R.S.V.P. 847-965-0330



Thursday, November 10th, 2005
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5:00-7:00

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By becoming a member of the Chamber, you'll be exposed to many great benefits such as...

- Advertising Opportunities
- Community Guide Listing
- "Shop Morton Grove" Directory
- Networking Opportunities
- Referral Services
- Website with Listing and Address
- Public Promo Display at Village Hall
- Seminars and Workshops
- Welcome Neighbor Program
- New Resident Reception
- Multi-Chamber Networking
- Annual Calendar of Events
- Newsletter
- Community Recognition

You'll also be able to participate in great events like...

- Current Member Events
- Business After Hours
- Installation Dinner
- Golf Outing
- Business Person of the Year
- Women's Exchange Luncheon
- Holiday Party
- Concert in the Park

Application for Membership

company name

contact person

address

city, state, zip

phone

fax

email

web address

type of business

How would you like to be contacted?

fax email

I would like to link my web address to the chamber web site.

What are you looking for in your chamber?

- Networking Certificate of Origin
- Advertising Referrals
- Community Involvement
- Seminars/Workshops
- Other _____

Membership Rate: _____

One Time Processing Fee: **\$10.00**

Total Amount Due: _____

Please make sure your check is made payable to the Morton Grove Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

Visa Mastercard (circle one)

name on card

card number exp. date

signature

I, the undersigned, hereby make application for membership in the MGCCI subject to acceptance by the Board of Directors. The undersigned agrees to pay the annual dues appropriate to above fee schedule until canceled in writing and payment of all dues to date of registration. A check for the initial fee must accompany application.

signature date

Membership Rates

<u>Number of Employees</u>	<u>Dues</u>
1-5	\$180.00
6-15	\$200.00
16-35	\$295.00
36-50	\$400.00
51-100	\$570.00
101-499	\$745.00
500 +	\$995.00

Brisk Residential Development Continues in Morton Grove

By Bill Neuendorf, Director of Community and Economic Development

Morton Grove continues to be a desirable location for residential developers and new homeowners. Mirroring a trend in several established villages and towns in Chicagoland, the design and construction of condominium and townhouse projects is proceeding at a strong pace. Most of these projects are located within walking distance of the Metra train station at Lehigh and Lincoln.

Over the next three years, nearly 900 new units will be constructed on sites that were previously used for industrial and commercial purposes. At least 1,500 new residents are expected to settle in the Village.

New Projects Under Construction

Two large scale residential projects are currently underway on Lincoln Avenue (between Lehigh and Austin). If you haven't already visited, feel free to stop by the sales offices to learn more about them.

1. The Woodlands – A total of 400 condominiums and townhouses are being constructed by the Elliot Group and McShane Construction. The first three phases of this inaugural project in the Lehigh-Ferris Redevelopment Area are completed and occupied. The final phase is under construction with fewer than 25 units still available for sale.

2. Trafalgar Square – Developed by

Concord Homes and Neri Development, this project consists of 245 condominiums and townhouses. The site formerly owned by Schwarz Paper Company has been cleared, new roadways and utilities have been installed and the first phase of construction is well underway. With the foundation of the first condominium building still being poured, the first phase is nearly 50% sold. Sales are expected to accelerate after the buildings are visibly under construction.

On the Drawing Boards

Plans for three additional projects have been submitted to the Village and have been approved by the Plan Commission this summer. Complete plans are currently being prepared by the project architects and engineers. Each project is expected to begin next year.

1. The Crossings at Morton Grove – 65 upscale townhouses are planned by Toll Brothers for a site in the 8700 block of Ferris.

2. Concord Woods – 110 upscale townhouses are anticipated to be built in a new neighborhood on Waukegan Road at the former Revell-Monogram site. The developer is Concord Homes.

3. The Preserves of Morton Grove – A total of 65 townhouses and condominiums are proposed on Dempster Street on the site of the former Maxwell's Restaurant. This project is also expected to contain more than 10,000 square feet of commercial space and will feature a plaza with a fountain.

The buyers and residents of these projects are typically

represented by three main groups: current Village residents seeking a smaller home with less maintenance; 20-something singles that seek the recreational and community amenities available in the Village along with the convenience of a reasonable commute to their jobs via Metra or expressways; and married couples who are seeking a comfortably-sized home as they graduate from rental apartments.

Each of these new households brings with them a spirit of enthusiasm and energy that can be a positive force to the Village. The new households also present a fantastic opportunity to local businesses, as more than 1,500 residents are expected to be welcomed to the Village. As new residents settle in, they will inevitably seek goods and services offered for a reasonable value in a convenient setting. The members of the MGCCI are poised to satisfy the increased local demand for goods and services. There are several commercial sites in close proximity to the redevelopment sites that are available for local businesses who seek to relocate or expand. Feel free to contact me at (847) 470-5231 or bneuendorf@mortongroveil.org to learn more about these growth opportunities.

These new residential projects create an exciting new chapter in the Village. Is your business prepared to take part in this time of new growth?