



Jerry Coursey
President

The Morton Grove Park District is governed by the Park Board of Commissioners which is responsible for setting policy effecting the entire operation of the District. Most importantly, each one of our five Park Board members represents our entire community and act in response to the needs of our residents.

President's Message

Dear Residents,



Kevin Lochner
Vice-President

Welcome to another fall season in the great community of Morton Grove. We at the Morton Grove Park District are committed to providing Quality Park and Recreation Services for our taxpayers, residents and patrons.

We have upcoming events that should prove to be fun and exciting. Get your tents out for the family campout on September 11th-12th. On Saturday, October 30th, participate in the annual Halloween Family Festival. Also, keep in mind that all Polar Express applications are due by October 1st. In addition, we anticipate launching a fun attractive, informative and interactive website late this fall. All our board actions, ordinances, and meeting minutes will be available at the click of your mouse.



Betty Ann Fergus
Treasurer

The Park District would like to give a special thanks to State Representative John D'Amico for his assistance at Jacobs Park and helping at the rededication of the park.

Also, the board members would like to issue a reminder that all are welcome to attend board meetings on Thursdays. Be sure to check out the back of this brochure for a full schedule of meetings.

Come out and celebrate our commitment to quality services that exceed your expectations! Come in to Club Fitness on Sunday, October 10th and try out the facilities for free to see if you would be interested in becoming a member. When you sign up on 10/10/10 you will receive a \$10 gift certificate to use on a future program.



Eileen Coursey
Board Secretary

Sincerely,

Jerry Coursey

President



Dominick Burdi
Commissioner

Park Board

Jerry Coursey, President
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 Dominick Burdi, Commissioner

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 Marylou Kohl, Lead Customer Service Representative

Morton Grove - M-NASR Inclusion Philosophy

The Morton Grove Park District and the Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation (M-NASR) believe that all individuals should be provided with leisure opportunities that allow for performance at their highest level of ability. Although many people achieve this through participation in a M-NASR program, others may have greater success in a Park District activity. M-NASR and the Morton Grove Park District adhere to the following basic principles when providing accommodations so as to allow for successful inclusion of individuals with disabilities in Park District activities.

Principles of Inclusion

1. The interests and needs of the individual participant will be addressed.
2. The concerns of the family will be taken into account.
3. The Park District staff will be given support by M-NASR.
4. Options and choice of participation will be made available to individuals with disabilities.

Families of individuals with disabilities should contact M-NASR (1-847-966-5522) to discuss the individual's participation in the program of choice. The TTY phone number for M-NASR is 1-847-966-8897.

Park District Website

www.mortongrovecparks.com

Administrative Office

Prairie View Community Center
 6834 Dempster Street
Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm
Phone: 1-847-965-1200
Fax: 1-847-965-7484
E-mail: gomgpd@mortongrovecparks.com

Wi-Fi Now Available

Free Wi-Fi Access is now available at Prairie View Community Center.

Registration & Club Fitness

Monday - Thursday, 5:30am - 10:00pm
 Friday, 5:30am - 9:00pm
 Saturday & Sunday, 7:00am - 7:00pm

Phone Numbers - Area Code (1-847)

Program Registration: 965-1200
 Fax Registration: 965-4115
 Club Fitness and Gym: 965-1200
 Administration: 965-1200
 Museum: 965-0203
 Parks: 965-0065
 Hot Line: 965-7558
 Park Police: 965-1200

Hot Line Information

At your convenience 24 hours a day, the Park District Hot Line provides information regarding class cancellations, program updates, weather decisions and much more.

Call our Hot Line at 1-847-965-7558 for...

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| #1 | General Information |
| #2 | Pools |
| #3 | Adult Softball |
| #4 | M.G. Baseball & Softball Assoc. |
| #5 | Leave message for Morton Grove Baseball & Softball Assoc. |
| #6 | B.A.S.E./Preschool |

Holiday Hours

The Administrative Office and Club Fitness will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 6.

Photo Policy

Photographs and videos are periodically taken of participants while they are engaged in programs, special events or enjoying the parks. Please be aware that these photos may appear in the local newspapers, Park District publications and/or the park district or newspaper websites.

Reminder

Nothing kills a program quicker than not registering on time. If a class does not have sufficient registration by five (5) working days prior to its beginning, it could be cancelled.

Progress in the Parks

• Jacobs Park Rededication

Pictured here is Representative John D'Amico (15th District) Park Board President, Jerry Coursey and neighborhood children preparing to cut the ribbon at the rededication ceremony of Jacobs Park on June 10, 2010. Jacobs Park is the 13th park in Morton Grove's system and was built in 1998 at 9226 Natchez in Delaine Farms. The district's playground equipment is replaced every 11-13 years depending on condition. Representative D'Amico secured \$75,000 in state funding for the park district to replace the equipment and install a new technology bonded rubber surface around the play structure.



• Energy Efficient New Roof and HVAC System

The roof and two HVAC units at Prairie View Community Center were replaced. The roof project and systematic unit replacement assists with energy efficiency which is a green initiative.

• Court Resurfacing

This summer the athletic courts at Mansfield, Palma Lane and Jacobs Park were resurfaced.

• Upgrade at Pools

New sound systems were installed at Oriole and Harrer Pools.

• Parking Lot Resurface Project

The parking lot at Prairie View Community Center will be resurfaced this fall.

• Focus Groups

Input from the May 3rd focus group is already being considered and implemented. The next step is to focus on specific areas. On **Monday, September 20, 2010** residents are invited to discuss operations.

If you are interested in participating in one of our focus groups, please contact Kelly Smith at 847-965-1200, Ext. 3006 or at ksmith@mortongrovesparks.com

• Website Redevelopment

Park District Commissioners and staff are working on launching a fun, attractive, informative and interactive website. It is scheduled to be up and running by early 2011.

We Hope You Will Attend

The Morton Grove Board of Park Commissioners welcome citizens at all their meetings. All meetings are held at the Prairie View Community Center, 6834 Dempster. Individuals needing special assistance should call one (1) week in advance 847-965-1200 so that arrangements can be made. Scheduled meetings are:

- Recreation and Facility Program Committee
1st Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- Park and Facility Maintenance Committee
1st Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- Administration and Finance Committee
2nd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
- Park District Board Meeting
3rd Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change. Please call 847-965-1200 for more information.

How Are We Doing?

We invite you to share your feedback about our programs and facilities.



Exceeding your expectations is our goal - go to www.mortongrovesparks.com and click the checkmark located on our home page and answer a quick survey. You can also call us at 847-965-1200 or email us at gomgpd@mortongrovesparks.com to let us know what you think. Thank you for your assistance.

Thursday, August 12

Frank Hren Discovery Park 9500 Oak Park Ave

The Park Board of Commissioners would like to invite the public to gather at Frank Hren Discovery Park at 7pm on August 12th for a ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the official opening of the



Park. This redevelopment would not be possible without funding assistance from Senator Ira Silverstein and State Representative Lou Lang.

Wi-Fi Now Available

Free Wi-Fi Access is now available at Prairie View Community Center.

For On-line Registration

The Morton Grove Park District now accepts payment for on-line registration by Master Card, VISA or Discover. **This is a secured site.** You can register for most park district programs everyday - 24 hours a day.

Note: Your on-line signature will have the same legal basis as an original signature.

Your Registration cannot be completed unless your Waiver and Release Form are signed!

For Mail-In Registration

The Morton Grove Park District accepts Visa/Mastercard/Discover as payment for mail-in registration. Registration made with an invalid credit card will not be processed. Payment by check is payable to Morton Grove Park District. Mail completed form with payment to:

REGISTRATION

Morton Grove Park District
6834 Dempster
Morton Grove, IL 60053

For Fax Registration

Registration can also be received via Fax. All information must be completed in full and waivers must be signed. Please note that a facsimile signature will have the same legal basis as an original signature. Our fax number is 1-847-965-4115.

For Walk-In/Drop Off

To register in-person or to drop-off your registration please come to the:

Prairie View Community Center
Lower Level
6834 Dempster St.

Registration Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 5:30am - 10:00pm
Fri. 5:30am - 9:00pm
Sat. & Sun. 7:00am - 7:00pm

Note: We accept Visa, Mastercard, Discover, Cash, and Checks. The minimum amount for credit card transactions will be \$10.

Sorry, Phone-in Registration is not Accepted.

Registration Procedures Resident

Morton Grove resident registration begins upon delivery of the brochure. All registration will be processed according to the time and date it is received at the Park District.

Non-Resident

Non-resident fees for Park District programs are 35% more than the resident fee unless otherwise stated. Non-residents may begin registering on **August 9, 2010.**

On-Line Registration

Go to the Morton Grove Park District web site at www.mortongroveparks.com

Click on "Register Now" on the park district home page.

Please read carefully all the registration procedures and program information when you get to the on-line registration page.

After you send the online registration form, you will receive notice that your registration has been received by the Registration Coordinator.

Note: Registering on-line does not guarantee you a place in the program. The Registration Coordinator will notify you by email and regular mail if you have been accepted into the program(s).

Refund Policy

Refund requests for recreation programs may be made by phone or in person. Refunds will be granted minus a \$5 cancellation fee in the following cases:

1. If notice is given 2 full working days prior to the start of a program.
2. A pro-rated refund is issued after a program or activity has started (medical, moving, death in family...). Proof may be required.
3. If a program is cancelled by the Park District, a refund will be made in FULL.
4. If a program is cancelled and an alternate choice is offered, a refund will automatically be issued if no response is received within 2 days.

Registration Questions

Call 847-965-1200.

Definition of Residency

Anyone living within the geographic boundaries of the Morton Grove Park District is considered a resident for recreation programs only. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 enrolled in and currently attending the following Morton Grove Public Schools are also considered residents for recreation programs:

District 67 - Hynes & Golf
District 70 - Park View
District 63 - Nelson & Melzer
District 69 - Edison
Jerusalem Lutheran
Julia S. Molloy
MCC Full Time School

Class Abbreviations

Class abbreviations are as follows:

M-Monday **Tu**-Tuesday
W-Wednesday **Th**-Thursday
F-Friday **Sa**-Saturday
Su-Sunday
PVCC-Prairie View Community Center
RC-Racquetball court
ADS-Aerobics Dance Studio
CR-Community Room
CC-Cycling Center

Returned Check Policy

There is a service charge of \$25 for all returned checks.

Reminders

Please try to register early for programs you are interested in. Some classes tend to fill up very quickly. If you wait too long to register, it might be too late. We may have no choice but to cancel a class if the minimum number of participants have not enrolled prior to start date.

Payment Plans

The Morton Grove Park District offers a payment plan through the Check Free System for Club Fitness memberships and designated recreation programs. An automatic debit is processed on a monthly basis from either a checking or credit card account. A \$25 refundable service fee will be required to new participants to utilize this service. For further information contact the Registration Coordinator at 847-965-1200.

