



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2021

A Message From the Acting Mayor



The spring season is approaching and it's time to clean our properties of winter debris. We have a beautiful city, so please maintain your homes and yards and remember to bring your garbage cans in from the street no later than one day after pickup. The city code enforcement officers will be out inspecting properties for cosmetic and landscaping violations; we really don't want to issue citations

for these violations, so please maintain your property for your neighbors and the community.

We are working once again on the proposed 2021-2022 budget and the City is projecting that the Operating Fund (General Fund) is to remain stable again on both the revenue and expenditures side. I would like to thank City Administrator Amy Marrero and her staff for their hard work in keeping our City financially secure. Oakbrook Terrace will continue to work to attract new businesses and control the budget to ensure that your City will have the best quality of life.

We hope to see you at the Annual Easter Event on Saturday, March 20, 12:00 noon, in the parking lot of Oakbrook Terrace City Hall. This drive-thru event will be a great time for the children to meet the Easter Bunny and receive some goodies. We are fortunate to have these wonderful community traditions in our City and I look forward to welcoming you and your family.

The City will continue to instill that hometown feeling and provide a friendly community by hosting holiday parties and outings for all of our residents and their families, including, the Christmas, Easter and Fourth of July celebrations, together with the Halloween festival and the Police National Night Out event.

April 6, 2021, is Election Day in Oakbrook Terrace; you will be electing a Mayor, three Aldermen and a City Clerk; please exercise your Constitutional rights and go to the polls and vote!

Finally, let me say I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor and to serve this great community that we call home! I've said it before, but I believe we have and live in one of the best Cities in DuPage County, as well as the Chicagoland area.

*Sincerely,
Acting Mayor Paul Esposito*

COVID-19 Vaccine: What You Need To Know

COVID-19 Vaccine Registration

All DuPage County residents and workers can now sign up with the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD) to receive COVID-19 vaccine appointment notifications. This allows DCHD to contact you with specific information when appointments or clinics are available. Please note: you will not be able to schedule an appointment until the time is right! Appointment availability will depend on vaccine supply, which is currently very limited. Please be patient!

Register at dupagehealth.org. The sign-up button is right at the top of the homepage.

Need Assistance?

If you don't have internet access or need assistance registering for the COVID-19 vaccine, please contact City Hall at 630-941-8300. We can help complete the registration over the phone, or you can make an appointment to come to City Hall and use a City-provided computer to complete your registration (masks required).

FAQs from the DuPage County Health Department

Why should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe. Routine CDC procedures are in place to ensure the safety of the vaccines.
- COVID-19 vaccination will help keep you from getting COVID-19 and prevent serious illness.
- Getting vaccinated will help keep others safe, especially those at risk of serious infection.
- COVID-19 vaccination is a safer way to help build protection compared to being infected with COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help stop the pandemic and get life back to normal!

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Annual Easter Event, Saturday, March 20

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Easter Event will take place on Saturday, March 20, 12 noon, in the City Hall parking lot. This will be a drive-thru event with the Easter Bunny on hand to give out goodies to all eligible resident children.

Registration for the Easter Event is open to children through age 12. **No non-resident children will be permitted this year.**

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 17, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form at right to register your children.

Any resident that is not signed up ahead of time will not be able to participate.

Registration Form Annual Easter Event Saturday, March 20

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17)

NOTE: No non-resident children permitted this year

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Childrens' Names _____

Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, attn: Amy Marrero,
17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

COVID-19 Vaccine: What You Need To Know *continued from page 1*

When Will I be Eligible to Receive the Vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine will be available for free to all who are eligible, including individuals who do not have health insurance or legal immigration status.

Vaccine supply is currently very limited, however and it will be prioritized through a phased approach:

- Phase 1a: Healthcare personnel and congregate care staff and residents.
- Phase 1b: Front line essential workers and those aged 65+
- Phase 1c: Those persons aged 16 to 64 years with medical conditions that increase the risk for severe COVID-19, as well as other essential workers.
- Phase 2: Larger number of vaccines are available.
 - The remainder of the population.

Group recommendations will likely change, depending on the vaccines available, supply and disease spread in the community.

Should I Register at a Pharmacy or County Vaccine Site?

At this time, we recommend that residents register through the DCHD. However, if you are contacted directly through your

healthcare provider or medical group before the health department contacts you, you should get vaccinated.

How Far in Advance Can I Register?

People should begin registering now. This will provide you with direct communication and updates as vaccination sites begin offering appointments to your group.

Avoid COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

Residents are cautioned to be alert for COVID-19 Vaccine scams. Potential scammers may: ask you to pay out of pocket to get the vaccine, offer to give you early access to the vaccine, or offer to ship you vaccine for payment. Residents will be able to receive the vaccine only through a designated health clinic. No one can pay to put their names on a distribution list or purchase early access to the vaccine. For more information or to file a consumer complaint, please visit: <http://bit.ly/ag-covid-scams>.

Continue to Practice the Three Ws!

Vaccines are just one tool we have to stop the spread of COVID-19! Please continue to wear a mask, watch your distance and wash your hands. The 3 Ws are the the best way to protect each other until everyone gets their shot.

Stay Informed

Learn more about the vaccine, its safety, effectiveness, and DuPage County planning efforts at www.dupagehealth.org/covid19vaccine.



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Jus-Fun Amusements

A successful 39-year Oakbrook Terrace business, Jus-Fun Amusements, was started by two friends discussing their childhood over a few beers. Bob Hansen of Oakbrook Terrace and Duane Pierson of Villa Park began their venture when they purchased 14 used go-carts.

Now began their search for a location where they could set up shop. One day Bob Hansen was driving along Route 83 and saw the empty lot and thought, "This is it!" Celozzi-Ettleson Chevrolet owned the property at the time and had been using the lot for car storage, but because car sales were down due to the oil embargo, it was the perfect time for Bob and Duane to lease the property. They hoped that with its proximity to the water slide, just south of the location, it would be a great draw for them. "It all began with a plot of dirt and a dream," says Duane Pierson.

Jus-Fun Amusements opened May 1, 1981, at 0S480 Route 83, Oakbrook Terrace, with just the 14 used go carts. They quickly learned that customers needed more to do, so in 1983 they added four batting cages, along with four more go-carts. Business kept coming and they continued to grow. In 1986 they added the Kiddie Electric Bumper Boats and trampoline games known as High-Ball. The kiddie boats were great, but the adults wanted in on the water fun, too, so in 1988 they changed from the small boats and put in full size bumper boats in a 50 x 60-foot pond. They also purchased 20 new go-carts. In 1989, Bob Hansen left the business to operate Funway in Batavia.

In the spring of 1993, Duane needed a change, so he removed the bumper boats and installed an 18-hole Mini-Golf course. A larger ticket booth, game room area and repair shop were also added. In 2001 he put in the Titanic, a 33-foot-tall, two-lane slide that was very fast. Four years later, due to insurance issues, he was unable to keep the Titanic, and in 2007, he added Water Wars, a water balloon game that customers launched at each other. It was a great way to cool off on the hot Oakbrook Terrace summer days. In 2012 he doubled the Water Wars, so that now more people could battle it out at the same time, guaranteed to get wet.

With go-carts, batting cages, mini-golf and Water Wars, the space was maximized and Jus-Fun continued to be a clean, safe and customer-friendly business at a park that was fun for all ages and where everyone would find something they love.

Duane hoped to operate the business for 40 years. Unfortunately, the writing was on the wall last year when the property he leased, now owned by Robinette Demolition, was being aggressively marketed for sale. So, as Duane says, all good things must come to an end, and he closed the business October 12, 2020, after 39 years. In addition to the wonderful customers, Duane attributes his success in part to the great employees he had over the years.



With Water Wars, customers threw water balloons at each other



In 1983 the Batting Cages were added to expand the offerings



The Titanic was a 33-foot, two-lane water slide



An 18-hole Mini Golf Course was constructed at Jus-Fun in 1993, replacing the Bumper Boats

City Departments CORNER

Building & Zoning

NEW BUSINESSES

New businesses continue to choose the City of Oakbrook Terrace in which to invest and call home. Here are just a few service businesses and commercial offices that have taken up residency over the last few months. Think local and support our retailers, restaurants and service providers.

Celebrity Home Loans, LLC, One Mid America Plaza

An employee-owned mortgage company offering home loans around your needs. If you are looking for a mortgage to purchase a home or refinance your existing mortgage, Celebrity Home Loans has you covered.

TPG Plastics, LLC, Two Mid America Plaza

TPG Plastics, a premier designer and manufacturer of engineered plastic blow molded products, has leased approximately 2,200 square feet of office space within the Two Mid America Plaza.

Holistic Health Family Center, 17W300 22nd Street

A healthcare practice offering a holistic and integrative approach to wellness. Families have unique health needs, from the youngest members to those enjoying their golden years. The Holistic Health Family Center works with you not just to cover up the symptoms, but to treat the underlying problem to bring you back to a state of wellness.

May's Lounge, 17W500 22nd Street

Gather with friends or stop in and spend some me time at May's Lounge — a video gaming lounge with a relaxing and comfortable atmosphere. May's is the place where you can enjoy an eclectic tasting of gourmet tapas style dishes, accompanied by a seasonal selection of craft beer, wine and refreshments.

Digital Realm, Inc., 17W705 Butterfield Road

A state-of-the-art video technology and production company that offers the latest technology in the video recording industry.

Graphics 2000, 17W715 Butterfield Road

A one stop custom printshop, from banners and business cards to posters and postcards, their offset and digital printing experts are ready to turn your project into a thing of beauty. Their skilled professional staff will work with you every step of the way.

The Image Salon Studios, 1S183 Summit Avenue

A style salon offering personalized services in color, cutting, styling, hair and lash extension.

Innersight Counseling, 1S450 Summit Avenue

A private group practice specializing in behavioral and mental health, Innersight offers a unique clinical approach to Therapy and Counseling care for individuals, couples, families, and children in a nourishing therapeutic environment.

HOME INSPECTIONS: Understanding The Process

The process of buying a home can be a challenging experience, especially during these challenging COVID times. After finding that perfect home, one of the first things to consider is whether to schedule a home inspection.

Home inspections are a vital part of the home buying process. An inspection can protect a buyer as they are about to enter into making the most significant investment of their life. Understanding the home inspection process can help a buyer during an exciting yet stressful time in their lives.

What is a home inspection?

The American Society of Home Inspectors defines a home inspection as an objective visual examination of the physical structure and systems of the house. Inspectors will conduct visual examinations from the roof to the foundation of the home. Additional structures on the property, such as sheds or detached outdoor living areas, are not typically included in the examination.

What do inspectors examine?

The ASHI notes that inspectors will examine the condition of various parts of the home — the heating system, central air

conditioning unit, interior plumbing and electrical systems, a ground level visual inspection of the roof, attic and insulation will be examined. Inspectors will also examine the existing walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, the foundation of the home, any basement or crawl space, and structural components.

Can a home fail inspection?

Homes cannot fail home inspections, which are just assessments of a home's existing condition, nor does the inspection determine if the home is in compliance with the current Municipal Code. The home inspector will provide a detailed report describing the condition of the home and indicate if any repairs are necessary.

Do I really need a home inspection?

The choice is up to you. A home inspection is a vital component that can help a person make a more informed decision before finalizing the purchase. Forgoing an inspection can leave a buyer vulnerable to potentially costly repairs and issues with a home that might have been detected with a proper home inspection.

To find an inspector in your area, or for more information about the inspection process, go to www.homeinspector.org.



Carjacking: Be Alert

A carjacking is one of the scariest things that can ever happen to a driver. It's a violent crime that involves stealing a car by force, often at gunpoint or knifepoint. According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, an average of 49,000 completed and attempted carjackings occur in America each year. Although your risk of being a carjacking victim is probably pretty low, there are a few precautions you can take to keep you and your vehicle safe.

Why Does Carjacking Happen?

Carjacking occurs for a variety of disturbing reasons, including fleeing the scene of a crime, as part of a gang initiation ritual, or even just for fun. It is usually a crime of opportunity. Since there are so many potential cars on the streets and victims to target, car thieves scope out the situation and choose the most vulnerable cars and people. Carjacking is also often linked to other crimes, and your vehicle could be used as a getaway car without you even knowing it.

Who Can Be Affected by Carjacking?

The short answer is absolutely anyone. Carjacking is most often associated with inner-city neighborhoods notorious for gang violence, but car theft can happen to anyone anywhere. Since this is a crime of opportunity, carjackers often don't choose victims by age, sex, or race. However, people who appear distracted or that park in isolated areas are especially vulnerable.

What Carjackers Look For

Carjackers commonly look for opportunities such as self-serve gas

stations, desolate intersections with a stoplight, parking garages, residential driveways and highway exit ramps.

Carjacking Scenarios

One common carjacking strategy is to bump your car from behind to make a minor fender bender appear like an accident. The carjacking occurs when the driver pulls over and gets out to assess the damage. Carjackers have also been known to stage other types of accidents to take advantage of Good Samaritan drivers. Two other common scenarios involve a carjacker flashing their lights behind you in order to signal a maintenance problem, or following you to your home and attacking when you pull in the driveway.

Tips to Prevent Carjacking

- Park in well-lit areas and avoid driving alone at night
- Always be hyper-aware of your surroundings
- Equip your car with an anti-theft device
- Lock your doors while driving

Don't stop for apparently stranded strangers. Note their location and pull over in a safe place once you've passed to call for help.

What to Do After an Attack

If you are threatened with a weapon, give up your car – your life is worth more than your car is. Try to note as many physical characteristics of the carjacker as possible, so that you can provide a detailed report when you call the police. But as always, avoiding a potentially dangerous situation is the best way to prevent an attack. Always carry a cell phone with you when you exit your vehicle and use your best judgment when driving and parking in unfamiliar areas.

Public Services

2021 Streambank Stabilization Project Grant

The City applied for and received a grant for \$234,000 from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to be used to stabilize the banks of our Spring Road Tributary, which begins on Eisenhower Road near Dorothy Drennon Park and ends at Terrace View Park near Hodges Road. All permitting is complete and we anticipate construction to begin in the spring of 2021 and be completed before winter of 2021. The project will have 2,564 feet of bio-technical shoreline stabilization and 255 linear feet of hardscape bank stabilization.

The project consists of nearly 3,000 lineal feet of improvements within the 20 ft. channel of the tributary. Improvements include:

- Removal of all non-native trees and invasive shrubs and planting of native seedlings
- Repair of eroded streambank and installation of erosion control blanket
- Removal of excess sediment, debris, rubble, concrete and trash within the limits of the proposed improvements
- Restoration of channel dimensions. Realignment of a portion of the channel in a highly eroded section to reduce risk of future erosion
- At strategic locations, riprap, boulders, landscape blocks and coir rolls will be installed to stabilize the channel and minimize the risk of future erosion
- Temporary cofferdams will be installed to isolate the work area for each construction phase.

Five Signs your Water Heater Is About to Fail

- Gurgling, rumbling, bubbling or popping noises coming from your water heater.
- Cloudy, metallic or funky scented hot water.
- Rust on the outside of the tank (especially near the bottom and around any valves).
- Lack of water, insufficient hot water or lukewarm water during normal use.
- Your water heater is older than 10 years. (Typical lifespan of a water heater is 10-15 years.)

2021 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 5 & 26 May 17 June 7 & 28 July 12 August 2 & 23 September 13 October 4 & 25



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Oakbrook Terrace Private Security Camera Rebate Program

The City of Oakbrook Terrace offers a Private Security Camera Rebate Program for residents of owner-occupied, detached, single-family homes and detached townhomes located within the City where the property is used as the owner's primary residence.

The program provides a rebate of up to \$150 per camera system per residential address. The rebate is exclusively for the cost of the security camera(s) and installation, including any applicable taxes. Rebates will only be given for cameras that are installed on the exterior of the property and for the amount that was paid at the time of application. For more information, please visit www.oakbrookterrace.net.

Villa Park Library Card

Attention Residents

As of May 1, 2021, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$44 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$54 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2022. The library card provides access to all of the library's resources. For more information, please visit www.villapark.lib.il.us/.

Water Bill Payments

The City accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover for payment of water bills. In addition, there are other ways to pay your Oakbrook Terrace water bill: have it debited automatically from your checking account, mail it in, or drop your payment into the convenient drop-box located at the Butterfield Road entrance to City Hall. You can also now pay your water bill over the phone with a credit card by calling 630-941-8300, ext. 242, or pay online by visiting www.oakbrookterrace.net. If paying by mail, please send it no less than five mailing days before the due date to avoid a penalty for late payment. Please note that water bills are now mailed to residents on a bi-monthly basis. IF YOU ARE MOVING, please call City Hall at 630-941-8300, ext. 242, to schedule a final reading.

Phone Numbers

For City Services:

POLICE	Emergency.....	911
	Information.....	630-941-8320
FIRE EMERGENCY		911
MAYOR		630-941-8300, EXT. 208
CITY CLERK		630-941-8300, EXT. 206
CITY ADMINISTRATOR		630-941-8300, EXT. 207
ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR & ADMINISTRATOR		630-941-8300, EXT. 213
ADMINISTRATION		630-941-8300, EXT. 201
BUILDING & ZONING		630-941-8300, EXT. 209
CODE ENFORCEMENT		630-941-8300, EXT. 265
PUBLIC SERVICES		630-941-1651
WATER BILLING		630-941-8300, EXT. 242
SPECIAL EVENTS		630-941-8300, EXT. 201
OBT PARK DISTRICT		630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT		630-629-0886

March/April 2021

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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Ald. Dennis Greco

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Ald. Joseph Beckwith

Monthly Meetings:

City Council — 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd Tues., 6 p.m.

Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter

CITY HALL HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 9 am - 2 pm