



# Terrace Leaves

July • August 2021

## *A Message From the Mayor*



With summer comes increased activity around town. The City asks that you please pay attention to your fellow residents and drive slowly and cautiously throughout Oakbrook Terrace. Everyone can play a part in helping to make our community safer.

I want to alert residents that we have reached Phase 5 of re-opening Illinois. Our City's restaurants and bars have fully opened for outdoor dining without restrictions. I ask that you please continue to support our local businesses. The economic impact on their operations has been severe. Everyone benefits when we keep our sales tax dollars in Oakbrook Terrace.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace has been fortunate to remain financially sound over the last year and we are pleased to report that despite the economic effects of the pandemic, the City of Oakbrook Terrace continues to be in a strong financial position.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the 4th of July celebration and the July 4th parade this year. We are all looking forward to this annual community event and I want to thank the parade committee of Amy Biskup, Tracey Schellhorn, Kate Beckwith, and Jessica Lindeen for all their efforts in coordinating the parade. The City of Oakbrook Terrace 4th of July Parade is an all-volunteer event.

The Police Department is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, from 6-8 pm, at the City Municipal parking lot. This is a great event and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I want you to know that I am always available to answer your questions and hear your feedback. Please feel free to call me and leave a call back number so I can respond to your call and answer any concerns you may have. My direct number is 630-834-1416.

I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

*Sincerely,  
Mayor Paul Esposito*



## **Flood Brothers, Lakeside Bank and City of Oakbrook Terrace Concert and Fireworks**

### **Sunday, July 4**

*Terrace View Park*

**Picnic: 3-6 p.m.; Raffle: 4-5 p.m.**

**Band: 8-9 p.m. Anchors Away**

**Fireworks: 9:30 p.m.**

*Not permitted: pets, alcohol and fireworks of any kind – including sparklers.*

The City of Oakbrook Terrace will be holding a Fourth of July event this year that includes a buffet style picnic, a band and fireworks at Terrace View Park. You must have registered by June 21 for the picnic or box lunches.

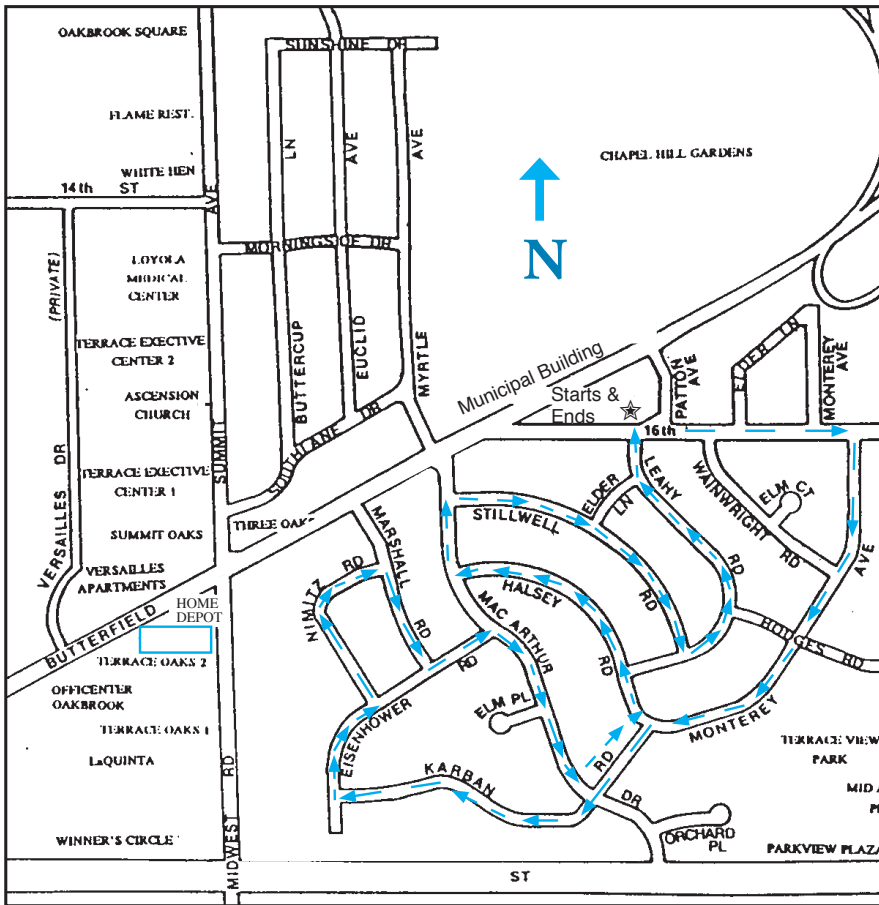
### **July 4 Parade**

The Oakbrook Terrace Fourth of July Parade will wind through the neighborhoods of our community. **See the full Parade map on page 2 of this Terrace Leaves newsletter.**



- Sunday, July 4..... Independence Day Celebration
- Monday, July 12..... Brush Pick-Up
- Monday, August 2 & 23..... Brush Pick-Up
- Tuesday, August 3.....National Night Out
- Monday, September 13..... Brush Pick-Up
- Monday, October 4 & 25 ..... Final Brush Pick-Up

# Fourth of July Parade Route



## National Night Out Tuesday, August 3

*Oakbrook Terrace Police Department  
17W261 Butterfield Road*

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department invites you to National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3. Fun for everyone!

- ✓ Facepainting
- ✓ Touch-a-Truck
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Food

## Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget Approved

The City Council recently approved the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget (“FY 2022 budget”), together with the City’s five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan document (“CIP”). The City remains optimistic that the local economy will continue to show signs of improvement over the coming year as we enter into Restore Illinois Phase Five (5). The FY 2022 budget will continue to be impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with reduced revenues for amusement taxes and hotel taxes, which are two (2) of the hardest hit industries namely, entertainment and tourism. In an effort to reduce costs, the City eliminated several administrative positions saving the City approximately \$253,000 in annual salary and benefit costs. In FY 2022, the City anticipates the receipt of

about \$129,500 in grant funds through the American Rescue Plan Act. The City will continue to look to grant funding, when available.

The City maintains four (4) funds: General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Water Fund.

### General Fund

For this year, the City Council approved a balanced General Fund budget with revenues of \$10,713,117 and expenditures of \$10,385,053. The General Fund is the City’s main operating fund and provides most of the services provided to residents, such as general administration, police protection, code enforcement, grounds maintenance, special events, storm water management, and street maintenance. The major revenue sources in the General Fund

include: the local share of State sales taxes, the local hotel/motel tax, property taxes, and police fines. Public safety expenses comprise the largest portion at 55% of the General Fund’s expenses at \$7,312,315.

### Water Fund

The Water Fund is comprised of two (2) components – Operations and Maintenance (O&M), and Distribution. O&M pays for the costs to operate and maintain the water system, while Distribution pays for capital improvements to the water system and related expenditures.

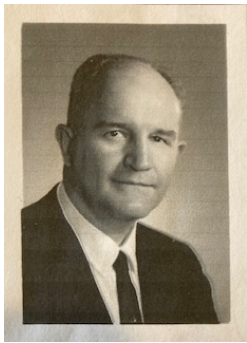
For the FY 2022 budget, Water Fund revenues are estimated at \$1.2 million, and expenses are budgeted at \$1.3 million, almost breaking even. The



# A Little Bit of History

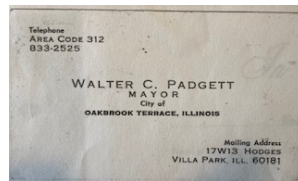
By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

## Photo of Fourth Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Found



A photo of Walter Padgett, the fourth mayor of Oakbrook Terrace, whose picture was missing in our last article, has been found. Thank you to our volunteer Barbara Scott who enjoys doing family archive searches for people. She found Mr. Padgett's grandson and then Mr. Padgett's daughter, who shared this picture and business card of her father. She also included his life story and his love for our city. Many people worked so hard in the early

years to form our city. If you know of someone we should know, please share their information with the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society, so we can include their story in our city's archives.



## Did You Know?

The City of Oakbrook Terrace sponsored and hosted the Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant from 1995 – 2004 at the Drury Lane Theater. During that time, two of the Miss Illinois winners went on to become Miss America. The events were paid for with tourism funds collected from our local hotels in a tourism tax.

To learn more about our City's history, visit the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society at 17W245 16th Street. We are open to the public every Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. Or contact Bob Shanahan at 630-834-8661 for a VIP showing at an alternative time.

## Fiscal Year 2021/22 Budget *continued*

DuPage Water Commission charges represent the largest expense at \$445,000 or 33% of the total budget. The DuPage Water Commission supplies Lake Michigan water, which is then distributed through the City's water infrastructure to each utility customer.

### Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Motor Fuel Tax collections for the FY 2022 budget will be used to fund two (2) programs: the City's allotment of road salt and snow plowing related charges.

### Capital Improvement Fund

Although the local economy is improving, the City Council continued to place capital projects on hold except for the Streambank Stabilization project and

the new squad equipment. Some of the streambanks are severely eroded due to the recent heavy rainfalls. The proposed streambank stabilization project will shore up the creek banks. This project is estimated to cost about \$971,000 and the City was awarded a \$234,000 grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to offset a portion of this expense.

Since FY 2013, the City prioritized the replacement of major equipment, infrastructure, and facilities with existing revenues and without issuing debt, saving the City millions in interest costs. To take a step back for an additional year will restore funding for future improvements.

For the past 13 years, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.



## Stay Connected To Your Town

Residents can now receive real time, up-to-the minute alerts from the City of Oakbrook Terrace about our community by signing up for Nixle. These alerts from the City may include public safety matters, severe weather notifications and traffic advisories. Residents can register by:

- Providing their address or an intersection near them.
- Entering a cell phone number and/or email address where they wish to receive notifications from the City.
- Choose which messages to receive on which device.

To get started, register at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

# City Departments CORNER

## Building & Zoning

### Now Open

**DRIFTWOOD GRILLE**, a casual dining restaurant offering American food favorites, is now open for dine-in or carry out at 17W648 22nd Street.



**LAKESIDE BANK**, a leading, independent community bank for over 50 years, has opened a new branch at 18W080 22nd Street in Oakbrook Terrace. They provide personalized

service by nurturing and remaining loyal to the consumers in their neighborhood, while developing long-term relationships in a supportive environment.

### Coming Soon

**Zwari Bridal**, specializing in Indian wedding dresses and bridal wear, will be opening at 17W170 22nd Street. This Indian Bridal Salon will be the first of its kind in the area.

**Start Smiling Dental Implant Center**, a locally owned and operated dental implant and restorative practice focusing exclusively on dental implants and fixing previously failed implant procedures, will be opening a new office location at 1S660 Midwest Road. The business is expected to open by the end of summer.

### Garbage Cans

Under the City municipal code, garbage cans may not be placed on the parkway 24 hours before the scheduled pick-up day, and containers must be removed from the parkway within 12 hours after pick up.

### Allowable Construction Work Hours

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

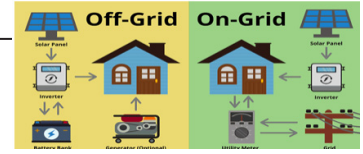
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

*Construction Is Prohibited On The Following Holidays*

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

### Contractor Registration

All general contractors and sub-contractors performing work in the City, for both residential and commercial projects, are required to register with the City prior to permit release. Registration forms are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department or can be downloaded from the City website at [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net).



### Solar Panels

Solar panels have grown in popularity as an affordable, reliable, clean and smart way to power your home. The City of Oakbrook Terrace has adopted an ordinance approving the installation of rooftop solar panels within the single-family detached zoning district. If you are interested in installing solar panels, contact the Building and Zoning Department for permitting requirements.

#### Solar Energy for your Home

When shopping for the right solar system, two key terms to keep in mind are “Off-Grid” and “On-Grid.”

#### Off-Grid Solar Systems

- Are designed for the power needs of mid-to-large homes.
- Have no connection to the utility grid and must make all the electricity necessary to power your home.
- Allow you to store and save your solar power in batteries for use when the power grid goes down.
- Is meant to be entirely self-sustaining.
- Requires more maintenance and is more expensive to install.

#### On-Grid Solar Systems

- Sends the excess power generated to the utility grid when you are overproducing.
- Is most cost-effective and simplest to install.
- Connects to a utility company.
- Has no batteries to maintain, so it is maintenance free.
- Has no backup power, which is a downside.

Weather is a concern with any solar system. Several cloudy days in a row could cause the lights to go out. That will depend on how big of a system you have. A bigger system could last a week to 10 days. A smaller system could only run a couple of days without sunshine.

A typical residential solar electricity system lasts roughly 20 years; however, a well maintained system will last much longer. Check and compare the performance warranty with each company before making a final decision.

Batteries are the biggest maintenance concern. Lead acid batteries typically last five to 12 years, whereas a lithium battery can last 25 years or more.

Regular maintenance inspections should be performed on both systems to ensure all components are functioning and no connections are loose. In some cases, the system can be monitored online for easy troubleshooting.

Solar systems can also be expanded if demand increases, or if the homeowner finds they underestimated their usage.

Cost of a residential solar system depends on need, the size of the project, whether it is Off-Grid or On-Grid and the type of batteries used. Homeowners are strongly encouraged to do their homework and shop around for the best option that fits their needs.

# City Departments CORNER



## Police

Spring has sprung! The last of the winter weather is clearing up, temperatures are getting warmer, and the trees are blooming. You are looking forward to getting out of the house more often, which means you need to consider how secure your home is when you're away. We've put together some important spring home security tips to consider.

### Fix Your Fencing

The cold, rough winter weather can do a number on your fencing. Your fence may have cracked or shifted in response to the freezing ground. This spring, you should walk the perimeter of your yard and carefully check your fencing. Fences that look fragile, broken, or saggy are targets for potential robbers. They can spot the weakness in the fence line and use it to gain access to your backyard, where they'll be out of sight.

### Lock Your Shed and Garage

Once spring hits, it is time to start gardening and working on the lawn. It's easy to leave the garage or shed open while you're mowing the lawn or tilling the garden, but doing so allows people to see inside. They can find other points of access and will notice what types of valuable equipment you store inside. Be sure to close and lock the shed and garage after each use. Don't leave tools or equipment out on the lawn for easy taking.

### Make the Most of Spring Cleaning

It seems inevitable that during the winter you'll accumulate more stuff than you need. Spring cleaning is a great excuse to clear the clutter. It also gives you an opportunity to go through your valuable items and keep a record of what you own—start a log, jot down serial numbers, and take photos. While you're at it, change the batteries in your smoke detector and your carbon monoxide detector.

### Clean Outside Lighting

The cold weather mixed with winter precipitation can leave a dingy film on lights exposed to the elements. When spring comes, make sure to clean your outside lights so they are as bright as possible. While you're doing that, take the time to assess how bright your yard appears at night. Adding lights along the walkway, hedges, and at the base of trees can beautify and protect your home.

### Maintain Your Yard

Mowing the yard can be an arduous task, especially if you have a large, lush lawn. But keeping up your yard's appearance can be an important security measure. Yards that look disheveled and uncared for can be signals to potential robbers that no one is home. If no one appears to be maintaining the yard, it might be

because no one lives there regularly. Deter burglars by keeping your yard looking beautiful.

### Plan For Vacation

Maybe you've got a spring break trip planned, or you're already starting to put summer getaways on the calendar. No matter what the reason, if you're planning to go out of town, make sure your home is ready. Set inside and outside lights on a timer, ask a reliable neighbor to keep watch over your home, and don't advertise your trip on social media. Enjoy yourself while you're away by planning your home security in advance. In addition, the police department will monitor vacationers' homes when requested, based upon officer availability. Go to the following website link to sign up: [www.frontlinepss.com/oakbrookterrace](http://www.frontlinepss.com/oakbrookterrace)

### Invest in an Alarm System

A security alarm can give you peace of mind while you're away on summer adventures. You can monitor your house inside and out from your phone. You can receive notices if cars pull into the driveway or if windows are opened.

## Public Services

### Control Mosquitoes and Stop West Nile Virus

With warm weather comes mosquitoes. The Culex mosquito, which carries West Nile, thrives in warm temperatures and standing water — even if it's just a small amount of water. Clarke Mosquito Control will continue to treat Oakbrook Terrace for mosquitoes this summer. If you would like information about the application schedule, contact the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555. You may also contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979 ext. 7046 for mosquito concerns.

### 2021 Brush Pick-Up Dates

July 12	August 2 & 23
September 13	October 4 & 25

### City Hall & Public Services Summer Hours

**Monday, June 7, to Friday, September 3**

#### City Hall

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Public Services** Mon. - Fri.: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.



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## Grass Height Reminder

Oakbrook Terrace municipal code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of six inches or less. Please help keep our community neat and attractive by regularly mowing and maintaining your property.

## 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 information, visit oakbrookterrace.net.

## Villa Park Library Card

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/](http://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](http://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:

<b>POLICE</b>	Emergency.....	911
	Information.....	630-941-8320
<b>FIRE EMERGENCY</b>	.....	911
<b>MAYOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 208
<b>CITY CLERK</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 206
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR &amp; ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 209
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 265
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	.....	630-941-1651
<b>WATER BILLING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 242
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-629-0886

## July/August 2021 City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Paul Esposito  
City Clerk Michael Shadley  
City Administrator Amy Marrero  
Ward III: Ald. Mary Fitzgerald  
Ald. Robert Rada  
Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach  
Ald. Dennis Greco  
Ward I: Ald. Charlie Barbari  
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 SUMMER HOURS:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am - 5 pm • Friday 8:30 am - 12 noon