



# Terrace Leaves

September • October 2021

## *A Message From the Mayor*



I would like to remind everyone that our schools are back in session, so please use caution while driving on our streets. Please pay close attention especially to the children who are entering and

exiting the school buses, and please stop when the school bus stop signs are displayed.

I would like to thank our Police Department for hosting National Night Out. It was great to see residents and children turn out for this annual event. I would also like to thank all of our sponsors — Frankie’s Deli, Gulliver’s, Tapicozza’s, and Flood Brothers — for helping to make this event a success.

Bring the kids and join us on Saturday, October 16, for Pumpkins in the Park at 12 noon in Kreml Park. Also, as a reminder, Halloween is Sunday, October 31. Please be alert when driving throughout our neighborhoods and be aware of children on the streets for trick-or-treating.

As always, I respect your opinions, so please feel free to call me at 630-834-1416 or stop by City Hall to see me. I will always take your call or get back to you as soon as possible.

*Sincerely,*

*Mayor Paul Esposito*

## Pumpkins in the Park

Saturday, October 16



Join your neighbors and friends for Pumpkins in the Park on Saturday, October 16, 12 noon, Kreml Park.

- Activities for kids age 0-12
- Pick a pumpkin from the patch
- Decorate your pumpkin – craft supplies provided
- Temporary Tattoos
- Goody Bags

Light refreshments will be served. Please use the registration form on page 2 to register your children for this event which is free for OBT residents. For more information, please call Jodie Esposito at 630-941-8300, ext. 202.

### Fire Prevention Week: Learn the Sounds

The National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA), the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 95 years, has announced “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™” as the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2021, October 3-9. From beeps to chirps, this year’s campaign works to better educate the public about the sounds smoke alarms make, what those sounds mean, and how to



respond to them. Smoke alarms have played a leading role in reducing fire death rates over the past 40 years.



Monday, October 4 & 25 .....Final Brush Pick-Up  
 Wednesday, October 13 .... Pumpkins in the Park Registration Deadline  
 Saturday, October 16 .....Pumpkins in the Park



# Registration Form

## Pumpkins in the Park

### Saturday, October 16

*(Please return form by 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13)*

#### Children 12 and Under:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Childrens' Names \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Limit 1 pumpkin per child**

## Sign Up for the City's New E-News

Check out the City's new e-mail alerts! Want to be "In the Know" with all of the City's news? You can sign up for general weekly news stories by subscribing to the Terrace Topics E-Newsletter, or for more specific interests, such as Development/New Businesses, Meeting Agendas, Press Releases, Public Safety and Crime Prevention Tips and Strategic Plan Updates, you can opt in to receive each of those notices as well. To sign up, visit [oakbrookterrace.net/enews](http://oakbrookterrace.net/enews).

Remember, the City utilizes Nixle for emergency alerts only. If you are interested in receiving text, email or phone alerts in the event of an emergency, please subscribe at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).

## New Website

Check out the City's new website, which has been redesigned to be easier to navigate and locate services for residents and businesses.

The homepage now features clickable images to make it easier to find what you're looking for. It also includes running information about upcoming events, such as street sweeping, mosquito treatments and how to receive emergency alerts. Be sure to check it out at [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net).

## National Night Out

Thank you to everyone who attended our National Night Out and thank you to our sponsors, Food Brothers, Frankie's Deli, Gulliver's and Tapicozza's.





# A Little Bit of History

*By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society*

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society was proud to participate in this year's 4th of July Parade with their entry of a 1953 Chevy 5-window pickup (below). Members and their families rode in the back and tossed nostalgic candy to the crowds.



We held an ice cream social in partnership with the National Night Out on August 3. What a wonderful event! 120 ice cream bars were given out and so many people toured our historical society Sears Homart home, which is currently under exterior renovation to restore it to its original catalog look.

Our brick walkway fundraiser continues. Please visit our Facebook page for the order form (under Media), or call Bob Shanahan at 630-834-8661.

## Having Fun at the Oakbrook Terrace Fourth of July Parade



## Thank you Fourth of July Sponsors!

### Platinum

Food Brothers Disposal

Lakeside Bank

### Gold

Frankie's Deli

Bosch

### Silver

Crowe Horwath

### Bronze

J.R.C. Investments

Robinette Demolition

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### Certificate

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# City Departments CORNER

## Building & Zoning

### New Businesses Now Open

**BELLA AMORE BEAUTY**, 1S131 Summit Avenue, is the new go-to place for all types of beauty treatments. Their specialized services include hair removal, lash extensions, and a variety of skin care treatments.

**FISHER INVESTMENTS**, 18W140 Butterfield Road, Suite 1180 Fisher Investments is an investment advisory firm offering financial planning and customized portfolio management services tailored to help both individuals and institutions.

### Power Up Your Home (Art) with Community Solar

With the popularity of solar panels growing, the city has seen a number of residences take advantage of solar energy as an alternative to power their home. In our last issue of Terrace Leaves, we explained the difference between an Off-Grid and “On-Grid” solar system, and we now are taking a closer look at another option known as Community Solar Farms.

What is Community Solar? Community solar refers to a local solar facility shared by individual community members who receive credits on their electricity bills for their portion of the power produced. A community solar farm is designed to make the many advantages of solar power accessible to anyone. Community solar farms are typically built on an open parcel of land and feature thousands of solar panels all interconnected and generating clean energy that is fed directly to the local utility grid. Once a solar farm is complete, it begins sending clean energy to the local grid. A homeowner will still get their power the same way as always, from the existing power lines through the local utility company. The benefit is that the local grid now has a new, clean, carbon-free source of energy in the mix, helping to reduce emissions and enable the shift toward a cleaner energy future. A homeowner benefits from the value of the energy while actively supporting the growth of much-needed clean energy on the grid.

There are several reasons why rooftop solar panels are not an option for everyone: You do not own the home you reside in or you live in a multi-family unit; you do not have a suitable roof, or the location of your home does not receive sufficient sunlight; you do not have the money to invest up front or simply you do not like the look of the panels. Yet you still want the benefits of solar energy, which include cost savings and a reduced environmental footprint. Within the last few years, community solar programs have become an option.

How community solar works:

- A homeowner enrolls in a local community solar farm.
- The solar farm sends clean energy directly to the grid.
- The homeowner receives a share of the value applied as a credit to their utility bill.
- The community solar provider bills for the credit at a fixed discount.

### Some Interesting Facts

REI, Recreational Equipment, Inc, located at 17W160 22nd Street has been in business at their Oakbrook Terrace location for about 26 years and recently completed the installation of a solar panel system on 85% of the store’s rooftop. They recognize that generating their own electricity through outside solar rays provides free zero carbon energy for years to come. They hope to inspire other businesses to do the same moving forward in the future.

### Grass Height & Property Maintenance

Oakbrook Terrace municipal code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of six inches or less and property owners are encouraged to maintain clean, sanitary, and safe conditions for their entire premises.

## Public Services

### Lake Michigan Water Facts

The Great Lakes were formed when the glaciers cut through the surface of the earth and melted. This created the largest source of fresh water on the face of the planet.

Even though Lake Michigan is the largest lake in the United States, it is only the third largest of the Great Lakes (Lake Superior is the largest) and the fifth largest lake in the world.

Lake Michigan is 923 feet deep at its deepest point and 307 miles long and 118 miles wide at its widest point. It is the only Great Lake to lie completely within the boundaries of the United States. Lake Michigan contains so much water that more than 320,000 gallons evaporate off of the Lake every second!

Lake Michigan is so big that more than 400,000 gallons of rain or snow land on the lake every second!

### 2021 Brush Pick-Up Dates

October 4 & 25 final brush dates for 2021

# City Departments CORNER



## Police

### Protect Your Family When Seconds Count – Register for Smart911!

#### What is Smart911?

Smart911 is a free public safety service that helps first responders help you more quickly when you dial 911. You create an electronic safety profile that provides essential household information about family members, home, pets and vehicles.

This information will display automatically on the 911 call taker's screen when you make an emergency call. It's private and secure, and you control what information is in your profile. Smart911 is offered by the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County and is supported by existing 911 fees.

#### How does Smart911 help?

Detailed profiles can save valuable time during an emergency. Some examples:

**Mobile phones:** Approximately 73% of 911 calls come from mobile phones – but a cellular telephone's exact location can't always be determined by GPS from a cell tower. Smart911's enhanced service displays the listed address of the mobile phone in the profile and can track the call via GPS, even if the call is disconnected.

**Missing children:** It can take up to an hour to acquire a current photo of a child and disseminate it. Smart911 profiles will display the user-provided photo of the child, which can be immediately saved or forwarded to officers in the field or news channels.

**Unresponsive callers:** Callers may not be able to speak because they are unconscious, have a speech condition or be in a situation where it is dangerous to speak. A Smart911 profile can display medical information so that first responders know about existing medical conditions and how to treat them. A profile can also list caregiver contact information.

**House fire:** The Smart911 profile will list family members, photos, room locations, and even pets to assist fire fighters in

quickly locating all members and rescuing them safely.

#### What information can be included?

Anything you think could be useful, including:

- Family members' ages, photos or physical descriptions
- Information about your home, including address, utility shutoff valves and keyholders
- Medical information, such as medications, medical conditions or disabilities
- Special considerations like language restrictions, restraining orders or rescue notes

#### Who can use Smart911?

Anyone who lives, works or visits DuPage County can create a profile. It's free, and the information provided is available only to emergency responders during a 911 call. DuPage first responders encourage participants in the State of Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) to also complete profiles.

#### How do you sign up?

Visit [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com) to create a profile. The step-by-step online process lets you decide which information you want to include on your profile – and you can update or change it at any time.



#### Congratulations!

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to congratulate Jeffrey Bryant on his Recent Promotion to Sergeant. The City is grateful to Sergeant Bryan for his dedication to keeping our community safe.



### Stay Connected To Your Town

Residents can now receive real time, up-to-the minute, emergency alerts from the City of Oakbrook Terrace. 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)



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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 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

## September/October 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