



Terrace Leaves

January • February 2022

A Message From the Mayor



Thank you to everyone who attended the Veterans Day Appreciation Event this year. It's important that we commemorate the sacrifices made by the members of our armed services and those residents of Oakbrook Terrace who bravely served our country.

Thank you, too, to all those who came out for the "Santa Parade." We had a great turnout and our hard working city staff and volunteers should be commended for helping to put on this great event.

The winter season is here, so please remember that the Police Department and Council Chambers are available to all residents as warming centers.

2021 Financial Highlights

- As we are all aware, 2021 was a year of economic recovery due to the pandemic. I am happy to say that, financially, the City is recovering nicely with first quarter +24% and total expenditures decreasing 6%, netting a surplus of \$572,756.
- With more vehicles on the road, traffic enforcement fines increased 26% or \$185,943 from the prior year.
- Sales taxes through July are up 35% or \$153,069, which is partially due to businesses performing better and the recent tax law changes which have increased the City's sales tax collections from online retailers.

- New for FY 2022 is the City's 3% cannabis tax and State-shared cannabis tax which generated \$77,823.
- Off-track betting receipts increased by 72% and video gaming receipts were \$93,534 higher because the State was fully reopened for the first quarter. Tourism slightly rebounded with an increase in hotel taxes of \$186,365 over last year. However, hotel taxes at \$305,807 are nowhere near the pre-pandemic, first quarter average of \$450,000.
- The entertainment industry has not rebounded yet and with the closure of Drury Lane, amusement taxes were nearly \$0 for Quarter 1. Amusement taxes are expected to resume in Quarter 2, with the planned reopening of productions at the Drury Lane.

I am proud of all the accomplishments that the City was able to achieve during 2021. However, there is much more work to do as we begin working on our 2022 strategic plan, outlining goals and objectives for the City's future, along with a revised comprehensive plan addressing the growth of our residential and business district.

Thank you to our city council, planning & zoning department, city staff and public works department, as well as our police commission and police department for all of your efforts and hard work in keeping the City operating safely in 2021.

I'm proud of Oakbrook Terrace and proud to be your mayor. I wish you and yours all the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Esposito

Santa Comes to Town

We had a great turnout for the Santa Comes to Town Parade. Thank you to everyone who helped to put on this fabulous event.



Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Paul Esposito gives out treats to the kids.



Veterans Day 2021

On November 11, veterans, community members and City officials assembled to honor the sacrifices of our veterans.



Pictured: Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Paul Esposito, center.



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Oakbrook Terrace Police Station Official Community Warming Center

With the potential for cold weather this winter, residents are reminded that in the event of weather emergencies, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Station is an official community warming center. For more information, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-941-8320.



Monday, February 21 City Hall Closed for President's Day



Hundreds Die Annually from CO Poisoning



Hundreds of Americans die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning. Invisible but deadly, carbon monoxide leaks can occur from a variety of household appliances and equipment — and many go unnoticed until it is too late. When carbon monoxide is inhaled, it can cause severe illness and even death.

The only reliable way to detect a carbon monoxide leak is with a carbon monoxide alarm. If your home or business does not have a carbon monoxide detector, you may be at serious risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless and odorless gas that is produced whenever fuel is burned. Any appliance powered by natural gas, kerosene, propane, charcoal, wood, or another fossil fuel, has the potential to cause a deadly CO leak. Carbon monoxide fumes can leak into your home and cause serious illness when inhaled. Large amounts can be deadly.

Unfortunately, carbon monoxide is produced by many common home appliances and equipment, making carbon monoxide poisoning a frequent occurrence. Here are a few sources of carbon monoxide that you may encounter in your home:

Oil and gas furnaces, gas or propane stoves, wood-burning stoves, gas or propane grills, charcoal grills, lawnmowers, gas lanterns, fireplaces, space heaters, gas-powered generators, cars and trucks.

Any appliance powered by natural gas, kerosene, propane, charcoal, wood, or another fossil fuel, has the potential to cause a deadly CO leak.

When these appliances are operated safely and properly maintained, they are not likely to leak carbon monoxide. However, the improper use of equipment — or equipment that has not been properly maintained — can release CO into your home. Carbon monoxide leaks can also occur if appliances powered by fossil fuels are accidentally left running in the home or garage. A blocked chimney or gas line leak may cause CO to build up in the home, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.

The design of many modern homes includes insulation that blocks the flow of fresh air through the building. While this is great for keeping your home warm in the winter, carbon monoxide leaks can be accelerated in homes that lack sufficient air flow.

When a person is exposed to dangerous carbon monoxide levels, they will begin to show mild symptoms that quickly escalate to more severe. Because the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning closely resemble flu symptoms, and CO itself is odorless and

colorless, many people do not know they have carbon monoxide poisoning until it is too late.

Knowing the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can help you respond quickly in an emergency. Here are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning in the common order of onset:

- **Fatigue or weakness**
- **Headache**
- **Light-headedness**
- **Nausea or upset stomach**
- **Vomiting**
- **Disorientation or delirium**
- **General discomfort or feeling ill**
- **Dizziness**
- **Shortness of breath**
- **Chest pain**
- **Blurry vision**
- **Unconsciousness**

Some patients with severe carbon monoxide poisoning may also experience a very irregular heartbeat or seizures. Those with heart conditions may also experience increased chest pain as the first sign of carbon monoxide poisoning, sometimes even before CO levels reach 70 ppm.

If you suspect you are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, call 911 immediately and inform emergency personnel that there may be a CO leak. Because carbon monoxide poisoning closely resembles flu symptoms, emergency visits for carbon monoxide poisoning can be misdiagnosed, leading to fatal consequences. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be confirmed with

a non-invasive test using a CO-oximeter. This probe is placed on the patient's body to test the levels of CO in their blood.

Homeowners should install at least one carbon monoxide detector on each floor of their house. Carbon monoxide detectors should be installed in the hallway near any bedrooms, with one detector for each separate sleeping area. If a carbon monoxide leak occurs while you are sleeping, the carbon monoxide alarm will wake you up before the situation becomes fatal. In the case of a carbon monoxide leak, evacuating quickly is extremely important.

CO detectors can also be placed near any appliances that burn fossil fuels, such as furnaces or heaters. Leaks can then be identified soon after they begin and then remedied quickly. Carbon monoxide detectors should be placed on the ceiling or higher up the wall to be the most effective, and should never be placed behind curtains or furniture. Your carbon monoxide detector should come with manufacturer installation instructions that provide more specific details about where to place your CO alarm.

City Departments CORNER

Building & Zoning

NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

Shear Point Tower Salon, Oakbrook Terrace Tower, Suite 130, reopened under new ownership. This salon space has been remodeled with a tranquil and relaxing atmosphere. The salon offers a variety of services, including cuts, color, and extensions, as well as top quality hair products for both men and women. The salon is open Monday through Friday for appointments and walk-ins.

Zwari Bridal opened at 17W170 22nd Street. Zwari Bridal is a South Asian bridal salon specializing in bridal gowns and special occasion dresses for bridesmaids, formals, mother-of-the-brides and grooms.

Milan Laser Removal, a nationally known laser hair removal company, has opened a location at 17W408 22nd Street. Lasers are FDA cleared and treatments are safe and tailored to each individual. Services are available as a one-time service or unlimited packages and monthly specials are offered.

RecoverRX Physical Therapy opened their second area location at 17W775 Butterfield Road. RecoverRX offers an individualized and specific treatment program tailored to one's demands providing active adults and youth athletes a source to recover from injury, rebuild functional movement, and redefine their future performance, helping you return to sports and activities you love.

Pretty Nail Spa, offering a full array of nail care services, opened at 17W606 14th Street.

Extraordinary Love Boutique, an independently owned women's clothing and accessory store specializing in one-of-a-kind items, opened at 1S055 Summit Avenue, across from Pete's Fresh Market.

Exclusive Smoke Shop opened at 17W625 Roosevelt Road.

Emy Hair & Barber, a family friendly salon for both men and women, opened at 17W731 Roosevelt Road.

NEW BUSINESSES COMING SOON

Build-out work is in progress for the following new businesses coming soon:

Crumb! Cookies, a gourmet cookie chain known for their daily fresh baked cookies, will be opening at 17W410 22nd Street.

Tijuana Flats, a national chain serving Tex-Mex cuisine, will open at 17W615 Butterfield Road, at the corner of Butterfield and Midwest Roads.

Also moving into the retail mall at 17W615 Butterfield Road, next to Tijuana Flats, is **Eyes of Butterfield**, a women-owned optometrist office providing comprehensive eye care using state-of-the-art equipment, advanced technology lenses, and a full selection of hand-crafted frames.

Chicago Hand and Orthopedic Surgery Center, an orthopedic practice that treats a wide variety of conditions, will be opening at 17W775 Butterfield Road.

Restore Hyper Wellness and Cryotherapy will be moving into the Oakbrook Terrace Square at 17W701-703 Roosevelt Road. Hyper Wellness offers an alternative approach to health care by empowering the body's natural capabilities.

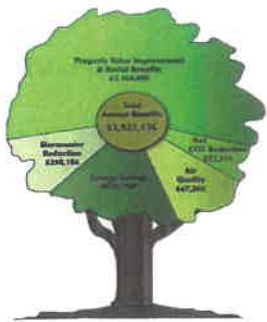
Furnace Filter Maintenance

With the cold weather season upon us, keeping our homes warm is a necessity, and a big part of that is maintaining the furnace. Furnace filter maintenance is key to keeping the furnace running strong and extending its life. By not changing the filter, lack of airflow through the furnace may cause it to overheat and shut the unit down, potentially causing costly repairs. Develop a schedule to check the filter monthly. If you can no longer clearly see light through the filter, change the filter. Clean filters keep air quality high and energy bills low. Costly repairs can be avoided if you change the filter regularly.



Public Services

The Benefits of Tree



HEAT: Trees cool the air in cities and yards, naturally reducing the temperature.

STORMWATER: Trees help reduce stormwater runoff and improve water quality.

CLEAN AIR: Trees absorb air pollution, cleaning the air we breathe.

NATURE: Trees are habitats for many organisms, benefiting the overall ecosystem.

ENERGY: Trees can block the sun to keep homes cooler and break cold winter winds, lowering energy consumption.

COMMUNITIES: Trees can make our communities safer.

HEALTH: Trees can improve our mental and physical health.

City Departments CORNER

Public Services continued



2021-22 Driveway Snow Removal Program

The City provides a Private Driveway Snowplowing Program. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, we welcome your participation in the program for this year if you meet the following requirements. Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up effective November 1, 2021.

- Only residents who cannot shovel snow due to a temporary or permanent disability, regardless of age, are eligible. You must provide a statement from a medical doctor verifying that your disability prevents you from shoveling snow. A copy of an example statement is included in the packet.
- If a resident has a permanent disability that will prevent them from shoveling snow for the foreseeable future, a yearly verification of disability is not required, but an application form does need to be completed on a yearly basis.

- If a residence also houses an able-bodied person, besides the disabled resident, the disabled resident will not be eligible.
- If more than one person resides in the house, a doctor's note will be required for each individual stating that they are disabled.
- A seasonal charge of \$50.00 is required prior to the start of the program. This charge covers all winter plowing, no matter how many snowstorms occur. There will be no refunds of this fee if there is little or no snow this year and plowing is not required.
- This program is for removal of snow on driveways only, not sidewalks.
- You must sign the waiver of liability that is provided in the packet and return it to the City.

Participants should be aware that driveway clearing will only take place after a snowfall of two inches or more and driveways will be cleared after all streets and public facilities have been done.

City Salting & Snow Removal Policy

Residents are asked to follow the city's salting and snow removal policies to support efficient removal of snow and ice from local roads while assuring traffic safety.

- The City only plows and salts City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception is if the City agrees to provide service by contract and is compensated accordingly, or if a handicapped resident resides there who has been approved to participate in the City's private driveway snow removal program (see above).
- The City does not provide snow removal from sidewalks or driveway entrances. The only exception is the driveway snow removal program.
- Snow removal operations follow established snowplow routes, chosen to allow for optimum use of City equipment, manpower and supplies. Snow removal is conducted on City streets and City property only, with the only exception as identified in the private driveway snow removal program.
- The City prohibits parking on all City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs after a 1" snowfall. This allows snow crews to clear the streets without the potential for a collision between a parked car and a snowplow or salt truck.
- City snowplows discharge snow from the streets toward the adjacent parkway and driveway, sometimes creating windrows of

snow at driveway entrances. It is impossible to prevent this; it is a by-product of our effort to clear streets of snow accumulation in the safest and most efficient manner.

- Residents are prohibited from shoveling snow from their driveways into the street where it can become compact and harden into ice mounds, creating a dangerous safety hazard for motorists and emergency vehicles.
- Residents are asked to keep mailbox doors closed to prevent damage.
- City snow crews try to minimize the mounding of snow around fire hydrants, but plows are designed to discharge snow into the unpaved parkway, making it difficult. Any assistance that homeowners can provide to keep fire hydrants in front of their home visible is greatly appreciated by the City and the Fire Protection Districts serving City residents.

2022 Brush Pick-Up Dates

Brush pick-ups will take place on Mondays on the following dates:

April 4 and 25	May 16	June 6 and 27
July 11	August 1 and 22	September 12
October 3 and 24		

Is Your Address Legible?

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Time is of the essence when the services of emergency responders are needed. Please be sure that your home address is visible from the street. To make your address more visible, use contrasting colors for the address and background.

Remember, in an emergency, a few minutes, or even a few seconds, can make a difference to your safety. Look at your address from the street to be sure that emergency personnel can find you quickly.



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Oakbrook Terrace Pet Regulations

All dogs and cats residing in Oakbrook Terrace must be vaccinated for rabies and owners must have a rabies vaccination tag, typically provided by the veterinarian at the time of the vaccination. In addition, City ordinance requires that pets be leashed when not enclosed on their own property. As a courtesy, please respect your neighbors and clean up after your pet and do not let your pet run on the property of others. To help protect your pet in the event that it is lost, you may register it with the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department with your contact information, needed information about the pet and your pet's photo.

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/.

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 CITY ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
ADMINISTRATION	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
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. 213
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	630-629-0886

January/February 2022 City of Oakbrook Terrace

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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 HOURS: Mon. - Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am - 2:30 pm