

Terrace Leaves

March • April 2022

A Message From the 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 on the proposed 2022-2023 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, April 9, 12:00 noon, at Stella May Swartz School for an Egg Hunt/Kite Fly. 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.

Due to the increased crimes in surrounding communities, the City will be increasing security measures by installing eight Flock Safety cameras at all entranceways into the residential subdivision of the City. The purpose of the added security is to protect our City, residents, and officers. Protecting our City is of utmost importance!

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,

Mayor Paul Esposito

Annual Easter Event Saturday, April 9



he City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Easter Event will be an Egg Hunt/Kite Fly and will take place on Saturday, April 9, 12 noon, at Stella May Swartz School.

Registration for the Egg Hunt is open to resident children through age 9. Children age 10-12 years can participate in the kite fly.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 6, 4:30 p.m. Please use the registration form below to register your children. Any resident that is not signed up ahead of time will not be able to participate.

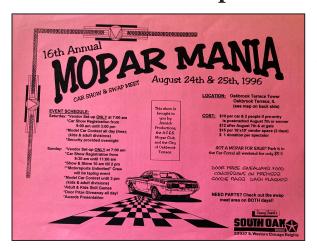
Registration Form Egg Hunt/Kite Fly	
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Address	
Phone	
Childrens' Names	Age

Upcoming Elections

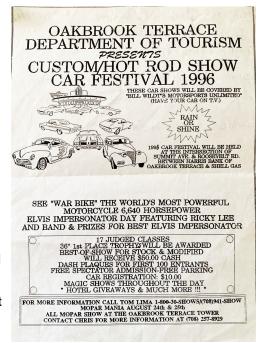
The Primary Election will be Tuesday, June 28, 2022, and the General Election will take place Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The DuPage County Election Commission encourages residents to get involved as election judges. For more information about elections and becoming an election judge, visit www.dupageco.org/election.



1980s and 90s: Mopar Mania in OBT



For many years in the late 1980s and into the 1990s, the City of OBT hosted Car Shows sponsored by the City's Department of Tourism. To see more auto show memorabilia visit the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society, open Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. More information at www.obthistory.com







Below: The shows featured Elvis Impersonators, Magic Shows and Hula Hoop Competitions.





Below and right: The local community cable TV station featuring the well known Bill Wildt Show, Motorsports Unlimited and the lovely ladies of Motorsports.















Mall Safety

You can never be too cautious. It may sound cliché, but safety is important.

Shopping in crowded malls while carrying multiple bags and items can make shoppers a target for criminals. Therefore, we put together a handful of shopping mall safety tips to help keep you and your belongings safe. Whether you are shopping alone or with small children, it's important to take precautions.

Shopping Mall Safety Tips

- 1. Be aware and trust your instincts. It's easy to get caught up in to-do lists and shopping lists, etc. Remember to be mindful of your surroundings while you are out shopping. If something seems off, or unsafe, trust your gut and ask for help when needed.
- 2. Park in well-lit areas that are close to your destination. Look under, in, and around your car as you are approaching it. If you are shopping alone, do not hesitate to ask a security to escort you to your vehicle, especially at night.
- 3. Do not leave valuables in plain view in your car, such as gifts, cell phones, purses, clothing, etc. Put these items in the trunk or cover them up. This will decrease the likelihood of a car break-in.
- 4. Carry your keys in your hand while walking to your car. This will help to ensure you get into your vehicle quickly and you can use your keys as a weapon if necessary. Also, if you have a "Panic" button on your keys, be sure not to put your keys away too quickly.

- 5. Don't linger in the parking lot. When returning to your car, get in, lock the doors, buckle up, and leave. Parking lots are not a good place to unwind, relax, or make phone calls.
- 6. Do not allow cell phone conversations, text messaging, or even headphones and music to be a distraction to you while you are shopping or walking back to your car.

"If possible, invite a friend to go shopping with you. It's always more fun to have a friend join you, and safer too."

7. Try not to hold a purse or pocketbook, and keep your cash in your front pocket (not in a back pocket.) If you must carry a purse, try to choose one that is a cross body type messenger bag. This will make it more difficult for purse snatchers.

- 8. Keep your cell phone on you, in a pocket, or in your hand this way if a purse snatching occurs, you will still have a phone to make calls.
- 9. If possible, invite a friend to go shopping with you. It's always more fun to have a friend join you, and safer too.
- 10. Always know where the nearest exits are in the case of an emergency.
- 11. Always keep small children securely in a stroller and do not let them wander away from you.
- 12. Have a meeting place. Make sure all children are aware of where you will meet in the event of them getting separated from you.
- 13. Children should know their full name, address and phone number as early as possible. If the child is too young to remember, place your cell phone number in their pocket.
- 14. Always accompany children to the bathroom and do not leave them alone while you use the restroom.
- 15. Keep an eye on children around escalators. Check their clothing for untied shoe laces, hanging scarves. Escalators have an emergency stop button at the top and bottom; press this button immediately if something gets stuck.



Annual Easter Event, April 9, 2022

Monday, April 4	First 2022 Brush Pick-Up
Wednesday, April 6	Registration deadline Annual Easter Event
Saturday, April 9	Annual Easter Event
Monday, April 25	Brush Pick-Up
Tuesday, June 28	Primary Election

City Departments CORNER

Building & Zoning

NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

Juicy O' Express Deli opened its doors at 1901 S. Meyers Road. The deli offers fresh menu items, including sandwiches, salads and popular deli treats.

Improved Functions Therapeutic Services, specializing in physical therapy, opened an office location at 17W745 Butterfield Road. As a patient, you work one-on-one with a licensed therapist to establish your unique goals and treatment while maintaining constant communication with your referring physician.

Elevare MD, a board-certified medical practice specializing in plastic and reconstructive surgical care, moved into the building at 17W300 22nd Street. Elevare MD also offers non-surgical cosmetic treatments, including skincare services.

OTHER COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

The commercial building located at 17W240 22nd Street was recently purchased by Ortho Sport & Spine Physicians, a full-service orthopedic practice headquartered in Georgia. Major renovations to the interior and exterior of the building are now underway. Once construction is completed this building will be the home of Ortho's first Midwest office practice.

Short-Term Rentals are Prohibited

With the growing popularity of short-term rentals of residential properties through websites such as Airbnb, VRBO and HomeAway, the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals that are less than 28 days within the City of Oakbrook Terrace. This ordinance was designed to protect and promote the neighborhood character and the health, safety, and general welfare of the community. A short-term rental is defined as follows.

A single-family dwelling, or a residential dwelling unit in a multi-unit structure, condominium, cooperative, timeshare or similar joint property ownership arrangement that is rented for a fee for less than 28 consecutive days. "Short-term rental" includes vacation rentals.

PROHIBITIED

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"Short-term rental" does not include: (a) a dwelling that is used for any non-residential purpose, including educational, health care, retail, restaurant, banquet space, event center or other similar uses; (b) a bed and breakfast establishment as defined in Section 2 of the Bed and Breakfast Act; or (c) transient accommodations, including hotels and motels that are not classified as residential property for real property taxation purposes.

Ordinance No. 22-02 dated January 11, 2022, is available for viewing on the City's website

Residential Rental Licensing



The City of Oakbrook Terrace requires all residential rental properties to be licensed and inspected yearly. The purpose of the licensing and inspection of residential rental properties is to protect the public health, safety,

and welfare of the residents of the City. The City ordinance ensures that rental properties comply with the minimum housing standards, along with maintaining and improving the character and stability of residential areas. Inspections also correct and prevent housing conditions that adversely affect, or are likely to affect, the life, safety, health, and general welfare of persons occupying the dwellings. The City of Oakbrook Terrace also seeks to eliminate overcrowding of dwellings by requiring compliance with established occupancy standards.

All owners of a rental property within the City of Oakbrook Terrace must obtain a yearly license. Applications will be mailed to all property owners on file with the City by the end of April or the application is available online at www. oakbrookterrace.net. The completed application with the

required fee and support documents are due by May 1 and must be submitted to the City before a rental inspection would be scheduled.

Ordinance No. 16-9, dated February 9, 2016, is available for viewing on the City's website.

City Departments CORNER

Public Services

Inspect your roof.

Whether you have shingles, tin or concrete tiles, your roof is your home's first line of defense against water damage. If you delay repairing spots on your roof that need fixing, you could find yourself facing water damage inside your home the next time a storm hits.

Clean your gutters.

Gutters direct rain away from your roof and home, protecting both in the process. Clogged gutters, meanwhile, open your home to water damage—and there's a good chance you won't notice the damage until you need an expensive repair.

Clean or replace HVAC filters.

You need to do this more than once a year. A dirty filter forces your heat, ventilation and air-conditioning system to work harder, which in turn drains your wallet.

Clean your dryer vent.

Not all lint gets caught in the lint trap; some makes its way into the dryer vent. A clean vent will save you money by reducing the time your dryer has to run, while a plugged vent not only wastes money but could cause a house fire.

Check the washing machine fill hose.

A leaky hose under pressure can cause major damage in a short period of time, so you want to look for cracks that could become leaks.

Clean and repair your screens.

Trying to reduce your electric bills this summer? In many parts of the country, you can keep your house cool (at least at night) by opening the windows. Gently scrub on a flat surface with soapy water. Also, patch small holes as needed.

Clean decks, driveways, fences and other outside surfaces.

A pressure washer makes this job easier. If you don't have one, borrow one from a neighbor or consider renting one from a home center. While you're cleaning, inspect for damage.

Fix cracks in walks, driveway and the outside of your home.

Unlike the human body, cracks in asphalt, concrete or stucco don't heal themselves. Fortunately, most of these repairs are fairly easy if taken care of early on.

Repair any cracked or peeling paint.

A good paint job makes your home look nice, while providing a protective barrier from the elements. Touch-up painting is easy to do and inexpensive.

Vacuum your refrigerator coils.

The coils you'll find on the bottom or back of your fridge conduct the hot air from inside the unit. If they're coated with dust, they do the job less efficiently and cause your refrigerator to work harder; that means a higher electric bill for you. Use a vacuum cleaner hose or a brush on the coils.

Replace batteries in smoke detectors.

You never know when you'll need them. Sometimes it's a matter of life or death, so take the time to change the batteries now.

Prepare your lawn mower for summer.

Change the engine oil and sharpen the cutting blade; you'll lengthen the life of the mower and improve the look of your lawn.

Check seals around windows and doors.

Winter weather can crack and harden caulk and other weather seals. Inspect them and repair or replace as needed. You'll reduce your air-conditioning bill and prevent water from entering your home and causing damage.

Clear vegetation around your AC compressor.

To work efficiently, the compressor needs good airflow. To ensure it has breathing room, prune any plant growth that could block it.

Drain your water heater.

Sediment builds up in your water heater tank. Use the spigot near the bottom of the heater to drain it. By doing so, you'll prolong its life and reduce your electric bill.

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



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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, 2022, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$45 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$55 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2023. 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 Emergency911
Information630-941-8320
FIRE EMERGENCY911
MAYOR630-941-8300, EXT. 208
CITY CLERK630-941-8300, EXT. 206
CITY ADMINISTRATOR630-941-8300, EXT. 207
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR
ADMINISTRATION630-941-8300, EXT. 202
BUILDING & ZONING630-941-8300, EXT. 209
CODE ENFORCEMENT630-941-8300, EXT. 265
PUBLIC SERVICES630-941-1651
WATER BILLING630-941-8300, EXT. 242
SPECIAL EVENTS630-941-8300, EXT. 213
OBT PARK DISTRICT630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT630-629-0886

March/April 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