



# Terrace Leaves

January • February 2023

## *A Message From the Mayor*



Thank you to everyone who attended the Veterans Day Remembrance 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 Children's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting event. We had a great turnout, and our hard-working city staff and volunteers should be commended for putting on this great event. It was nice getting back to old traditions!

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

### *2022 Financial Highlights:*

- Sales tax through October is up 14% over last year. The City is seeing even better performance in the Business District, with Sales tax up 38% vs. October of the prior year. Ostensibly this is due to pent-up demand, post-pandemic, and the recent increase in the cost of goods.
- We are seeing a significant increase in the entertainment taxes generated through Drury Lane. Hotel/Motel revenue has increased 24% or \$155,000 as of October vs. this same time last year. Drury lane resumed operation last September; this resulted in a 22% increase in amusement tax revenue for FY 2023.
- Total city revenues are projected to exceed budgetary amounts in excess of \$550,000 (~4%); due predominantly to better-than-expected tax proceeds related to home rule sales tax, sales tax, business district

sales tax, hotel tax, and income tax offsetting any losses that may be incurred due to a decrease in traffic light enforcement revenue.

- The curb and gutter project recently wrapped up. Despite significant material cost increases during the year, the project is expected to be \$40,000 under budget.
- Instituted in June of this year, the Places For Eating Tax, as well as its companion, Alcoholic Beverage Tax, commonly referred to as the Food & Beverage Tax, has generated \$345,000 in revenue.
- In September of this year, the City received its second and last American Rescue Plan disbursement from the state of IL. In total, the City received \$285,000 in funds. The funds will be used for various capital improvement needs throughout the city.

I am proud of all the accomplishments that the City was able to achieve in 2022. However, there is much more work to do as we begin working on our 2023 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 districts.

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 your efforts and hard work in keeping the city operating safely in 2022.

I am proud of Oakbrook Terrace and proud to be your Mayor. I wish you and your family all the best in the coming year.

*Sincerely,  
Mayor Paul Esposito*

## Oakbrook Terrace Police Station Official Community Warming Center

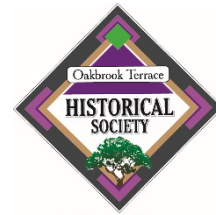
With the potential for cold weather this winter, residents are reminded that in the event of weather emergencies, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Station is an official community warming center. For more information, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-941-8320.



Monday, February 20 ..... City Hall Closed for President's Day

A little bit of History from 60 years ago.

Articles printed in the community newsletter, The Utopian.



The Spirit of Our Past  
A Vision for the Future



June 4, 1960

Vol. 2, No. 11

During public discussion, Mrs. Gordon Dahm expressed interest in establishing a community air raid shelter in view of the current international situation. It was decided to hold a special public meeting in the near future at which representatives of the Civil Defense Program can speak to us about protections from enemy attack

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January 6, 1962

Vol. 4, No. 1

CIVIL DEFENSE COURSE

A course in Civil Defense is being planned in the near future. Notices have been sent to parents of school children in the area, requesting interested persons to return the signed form. The six week course will cover possible effects of nuclear war, shelters, fallout, and many other factors. No fee will be charged and all materials will be provided by the Federal Office of Civil Defense Mobilization. If you are interested, contact Butterfield School, Te. 4-9256.

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October 26, 1962

Vol. 4, No. 21

CIVIL DEFENSE MEETING

A Community meeting was held at Butterfield School on Thursday evening, Oct. 25th. The purpose of the conference was to discuss what should be done to care for the school children in the event of an emergency. It was decided that the pupils would be kept at the school. Efforts are being made to obtain supplies and equipment to make the school an effective shelter. Another meeting will be held Monday evening, Oct. 29th. City officials have indicated their willingness to assist in this effort wherever possible. Help is also being sought from the county Civil Defense group for the next meeting.

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## OBT Welcomes New Finance Director

The City is pleased to welcome new Finance Director Matt Hoffman. In his role, Matt plans, organizes, and supervises the operations of the Finance Department. Other duties include disbursement and accounting of municipal funds, billing, preparation of monthly, quarterly, and annual reports and supervision of staff.

He also serves as a member of the team, along with the City Administrator, in the preparation of the general operating and capital improvements budgets; reviews departmental budget requests for accuracy and justification of resource allocation and expenditures, together with a wide variety of additional duties.

About the City of Oakbrook Terrace, Matt said, "I enjoy the small town feel of the city and the warm, down-to-earth staff. In addition, the residents have been very welcoming," he added, "and I like the multitude of shops and restaurants."

"Oakbrook Terrace is also fortunate to have a mayor and Council that have the best interests of the city in mind," he continued.

Matt grew up and lives in Somonauk, a small town, surrounded by corn about 40 miles southwest of OBT. "My wife and I are planning to move closer eventually," he said.

Matt met his wife while working at her family's supermarket when they were young. They have three children: Henry, age 9, John, age 8, & Eloise, age 5.

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### *Community Development Department*

#### **New Businesses Now Open**

Chill at **DOBOBA**, 17W414 22nd Street. Known as a specialty tea culture offering a variety of bubble milk teas, yogurts, smoothies, and Vietnamese ice-coffee. Their roasted brown sugar milk tea is a house favorite. Stop by and enjoy a refreshing boba.

**Pure Medical Spa**, 17W506 22nd Street, is a full-service medical spa with over 30 years of experience in the beauty industry. The spa offers top-notch quality services including Botox, fillers, body contouring, facial treatments, laser hair removal, and much more. Services are customized to fit your specific needs. Give them a call today and schedule a facial or a little pampering.

**Prosperian Integrative Clinic**, 1S132 Summit Avenue, is a whole-health Primary Care and Wellness practice in natural medicine. Prosperian Integrative Clinic works with patients of all ages from children through adults to help you understand how your body works. Their approach is a natural medicine solution for stronger, healthier living.

**Autohouse Motors**, 17W434 Roosevelt Road, is a full service used automotive dealership, offering a selection of cars, trucks, and SUVs.

**Edelman Financial Engines**, One Tower Lane. No matter where you are in your financial journey, from your first paycheck through retirement, planning for the future is an important step. Edelman Financial Engines has a specialized financial planning team designed

to help plot your course of action from one of life's milestones to the next. Schedule an appointment today and review your financial situation with one of their advisors.

**Nelmar Health Centers**, One Trans Am Plaza Drive, is a holistic mental health center which aims to heal the mind and body without the overuse of medications. Their goal is to evaluate, diagnose and treat their clients by offering treatment options aimed at determining the optimal results for one's needs. Take the next step to a happier and healthier you.

#### **Coming Soon**

**Acrylix by Ashley**, 1S055 Summit Avenue. If you're looking to enhance the look of your nails, look no further than the nail artistry with Acrylix by Ashley. Nail art is a creative way to paint, decorate, enhance, and embellish nails. It is a type of artwork that can be done on fingernails and toenails. Manicures and pedicures are beauty treatments that trim, shape, and polish the nails and nail art is the finishing touch to give you a one-of-a-kind look. Book an appointment today!

**Frida's Flowers & Gift Corporation**, 1S055 Summit Avenue, is a flower and gift boutique specializing in fresh floral creations and gift baskets for all occasions. Whether you need to send that special someone a smile or looking for a hand-crafted arrangement for that special day, Frida's Flowers can help.



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## Police

### Traffic Safety Survey

Members of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department continue to conduct directed patrols for Illinois Vehicle Code compliance in the City's residential areas.

Luther Avenue was monitored for speed limit compliance between September 29, 2022 and November 14, 2022. During that time, 1,633 vehicles were observed driving on Luther Avenue. The average speed of those 1,633 vehicles was 20.11 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.

We would like to thank you for your compliance and ask that you continue to obey the speed limit, stop at the stop signs, be cognizant of and slow down for pedestrians and bicyclists, and reduce distractions, such as cell phones and loud music while traveling through the City.

To report a traffic complaint, please call the police department at (630) 941-8320 or dial 911.

### Retirement

After 33 years of faithful service with the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department, Records Supervisor Sandra Del Principe retired on October 31. Records Supervisor Del Principe was hired by the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department on June 14, 1989 and worked in the Records Division ever since. Del Principe was extremely knowledgeable and always willing to lend a helping hand. She will be missed by all who worked with her. Please join us in thanking her for her many years of service and wish her many years of happiness and good health in her retirement.



*Sandra Del Principe*



*Detective Sergeant DeMario*

### Promotions

On September 9 Detective DeMario became the first female to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department's history. Detective Sergeant DeMario was hired by the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department on March 22, 2005. During her career, she has held the positions of Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Officer-in-Charge, Juvenile Officer, Evidence Technician, Evidence and Property Custodian, Special Event Planner, and Detective. She remains assigned to the Investigations Division where

she has been assigned as the supervisor. Detective Sergeant DeMario will also remain as an Investigator on the DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Response and Investigative Team's Major Crimes Unit.

On November 1, Addy Lozano was promoted to the rank of Records Supervisor. Records Supervisor Lozano was hired by the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department as a Records Clerk on May 1, 2015. She transferred to City Hall in January 2018 where she served as the City's Building & Zoning Secretary. She returned to the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department in August 2022 where she will continue to be a valuable asset to the City.



*Records Supervisor Addy Lozano*

Please join us in congratulating Detective Sergeant DeMario and Records Supervisor Lozano and wishing them the best in their new roles.

### Pickles

We are very excited to announce that Pickles passed his Canine Good Citizen test through the American Kennel Club on August 7 and was officially sworn in by Mayor Esposito on October 11. Pickles has continued his important work at the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department and has made several appearances around the City. Feel free to stop by the police department or one of the City's many events to congratulate Pickles on his tremendous accomplishments.



*OBT Mayor Paul Esposito officially swears in Pickles*



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## Public Services



### 2022-23 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:

- 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.
- 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.

Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up effective November 1, 2022.

## 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.

### 2023 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

April 3 and 24	May 15	June 5 and 26
July 10 and 31	August 14	September 11
October 2 and 30		



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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:

<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. 267
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 267
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
<b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT</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. 202
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-629-0886

## January/February 2023 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 HOURS:

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