



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2023

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. The city code enforcement officers will be out inspecting properties for cosmetic and landscaping violations; we don't want to issue citations, so please maintain your property for your neighbors and the community.

We are working on the proposed 2023-2024 budget, and the City is projecting that the Operating Fund (General Fund) is to remain stable again for both revenue and expenditures. I would like to thank City Administrator Jim Ritz and his 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 1, at 12 noon, at Stella May Swartz School for an Egg Hunt/Kite Fly. We are fortunate to have these wonderful community traditions and I look forward to welcoming you and your family.

We are working with Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies to begin our Oakbrook Terrace Strategic and Comprehensive Plan. The planning process will outline top strategies enabling the City to identify a long-term vision and set organizational purpose, provide an analysis of the current operating environment, and develop a plan with clear priorities and measurable goals through a group leadership discussion process. The process will involve City Council, department staff, residents, and business owners. We will send information via social media, our E-Newsletter, and the *Terrace Leaves*.

In April, we will be holding a Town Hall meeting at City Hall to present the final stages of the Streambank Restoration project, including a landscaping plan outlining the re-planting of trees and shrubs along the streambank. The meeting will be led by our landscape architect and Christopher B. Burke Engineering, LTD. Communication will be posted via social media, E-News, and direct mailers to our residents.

Due to some recent crimes in our City and surrounding communities, we are increasing security measures and officer patrols. Please make sure that you are locking doors and not leaving any personal possessions in your vehicles.

Finally, let me say I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor and to serve this great community that we call home!

*Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito*

Annual Easter Event Saturday, April 1



The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Easter Event will be an Egg Hunt/Kite Fly on Saturday, April 1, at Stella May Swartz School, 17W160 16th Street, Oakbrook Terrace, starting at noon.

Registration for the Egg Hunt is open to all resident children through age nine who wish to participate in the event. Children aged 10-12 years can join in the kite fly.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, March 29th, at 4:30 pm. Please use the registration form below to sign up your children. All forms can be dropped off at City Hall between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

Only resident children who are signed up ahead of time can participate.

Registration Form Egg Hunt/Kite Fly

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Childrens' Names _____ Age _____

Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, attn: Amy Raffel, 17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
araffel@oakbrookterrace.net



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Saturday, April 1Annual Easter Event



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Excerpt from "The Utopian" newsletter, Vol 1, No 1, dated February 1, 1959:

"City council meeting in the new gym at Butterfield School was held to hear a petition to annex a certain area to our City. The southwest corner of Midwest Rd & Roosevelt Rd was desirous of being annexed to our newly formed City and was requesting rezoning for a new shopping center. The petition was for rezoning of an "L" shaped lot around the proposed Shell gas station, including 625 feet frontage along Roosevelt (less 225 feet for gas station) and 557.82 feet along Midwest Road (less 225 for gas station) for the purpose of constructing a multi-store shopping center. 50,000 sq ft of sales area and parking for several hundred cars. Reporting the National Tea Company had already signed a lease for a large supermarket and arrangements are being made for a large drug store, a variety store and several smaller stores. Estimated retail sales will total \$4 to 5 million per year resulting in City sales tax revenue of \$20 – 25,000. The improvement of the land will also result in a sizable increase in real estate evaluation for the City and School District."

This petition would be the first rezoning action undertaken by the young City government. This was also shortly after the City of Utopia had lost the Marshall Field's Shopping Center to Oak Brook.

Vol 3, No 14 "The Utopian" newsletter, dated July 8, 1961 excerpt: "Work has begun on a discount department store and supermarket at Midwest Road and Roosevelt Road. It will be operated by Goodman Community Stores and will open November 1. Goodman now operates 12 stores and is constructing 5 more."

Vol 4, No 4 "The Utopian" newsletter, dated Feb. 24, 1962 excerpt: "Goodman's Community Discount Department Store opened on February 22, 1962. Among its many features are a full-sized grocery supermarket, a restaurant and snack bar, complete lines of wearing apparel for all members of the family and drug section with prescription service at low prices. Also included in the 110,000 sq ft store are sections devoted to toys, hardware, sporting goods, cosmetics, auto accessories, shoes, gift ware and a garden shop. The children will enjoy a unique play area while mother shops."

Many stores will come and go throughout the years including: Guido's Foods, Miskas Liquors, Continental Bank, Minnesota Fabrics, Playback, Sizzler, Fotomat, Melting Pot, Claudio Bakery, True Value Hardware Store, Walgreen's, La Cuisine, Aurelio's, and Dominick's Finer Foods. Can you think of any more? Visit the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm to share your memories and see more pictures.



City Receives Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association has announced that the City of Oakbrook Terrace, has received GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's budget.

The award represents a significant achievement by the City and the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the award, the city had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communication service. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and in the fourteen mandatory criteria, to receive the award.

When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted to an entity, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual(s) or department designated as being primarily responsible for having achieved the award. This has been presented to the City of Oakbrook Terrace Finance Department.

There are over 1,700 participants in the Budget Awards Program. The most recent Budget Award recipients, along with their corresponding budget documents, are posted quarterly on GFOA's website. Award recipients have pioneered efforts to improve the quality of budgeting and provide an excellent example for other governments throughout North America.

Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 22,500 members and the communities they serve.

Consolidated Election, Tues., April 4

The Consolidated Election will be Tuesday, April 4. The election site will be the **Oakbrook Terrace Police Department at 17W261 Butterfield Road.**

The DuPage County Election Commission encourages residents to get involved as an election judge. For more information about the elections and becoming an election judge, visit www.dupageco.org/election.

OBT Welcomes Jim Ritz, New City Administrator

The City is pleased to welcome new City Administrator Jim Ritz who joined in November 2022.

His primary duties as City Administrator involve setting the vision and mission of the City, collaborating with community residents and business partners, formulation and implementation of city policies and procedures, oversight and management of city operations and fiscal and budgetary administration. He will also assist Mayor Esposito in conducting city business and staying up-to-date with all state and federal legislative mandates.

"I look forward to the opportunity to teaming up and being a liaison between Mayor Esposito, the City Council, our city staff, and being active with different local, state, and federal agencies – most importantly to the Oakbrook Terrace residents and community," Jim said. "I'm thrilled to be working with all the department heads, commissions, and boards in coordinating our city services to provide the highest quality of services to our residents and business constituents."

Jim holds a graduate degree in Public Service Administration from DePaul University and brings leadership skills in local city

government to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

In evaluating the new position, Jim spoke with various community leaders in DuPage County. "Everyone I spoke to couldn't speak highly enough about the City," he said, "and, most importantly, about the fabulous culture created throughout the City and within the working environments of City departments. The City of Oakbrook Terrace has such a proud history and offers so many outstanding programs and special events to the residents and the community."

"I truly welcome this tremendous opportunity to have a positive impact on such a great community while working with each of you as we successfully take the city into the future."

Jim is a resident of Lemont (with hopes of moving into Oakbrook Terrace soon) and grew up in the Village of Lyons where he attended Morton West High School in Berwyn. He began his college academic career at Morton College in Cicero and continued at Lewis and DePaul Universities.

Jim has three children, two sons and one daughter, and three grandchildren.

City Departments CORNER



Police

Safety Tips to Protect your Home

Always remember to practice safety and lock all outside doors and windows anytime you leave your home and keep the blinds closed. Close and lock your garage. Lock your vehicles even when it's in the driveway and remove all valuables. Turn on an exterior light if you have one. If you plan on traveling, be careful about sharing your traveling plans on social media and always remember that a vacation watch request can be done through the City's website.



From left to right: Police Chief Casey Calvello, Mayor Paul Esposito, Officer Michelle Cipriani, Officer David Gucciardo, Deputy Chief Dave Clark, and Pickles.

New Police Officers

Officer Michelle Cipriani and Officer David Gucciardo were hired by the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department on November 21, 2022, and successfully completed their training in February. Both bring many years of experience in Law Enforcement from working at other Police Departments. Please join us in congratulating Officer Cipriani and Officer Gucciardo.

Pickles

Our comfort dog Pickles has been busy attending several community events over the past few months. He attended the City's annual Children's Holiday Party, Shop with a Cop, National Blue Blood Drive, visited the seniors at York Township Senior Nutrition Center, and the students at Riverside Brookfield High School, Carmel Catholic High School, and Salt Creek Elementary School. Make sure to say hi to Pickles next time you see him.



At left, Pickles visited the City's Annual Holiday Party.



At right, Pickles at the York Township Senior Nutrition Center.

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Community Development Department

GRAND OPENING



Casa De Crepes, 17W580 Butterfield Road, celebrated their Grand Opening on January 6. This cozy Latin inspired café offers a place to relax and grab a bite to eat or just enjoy one of their arrays of hot or cold beverages while sitting and catching up with friends. A family-owned restaurant specializing in Mexican-inspired sweet and savory crepes, paninis, salads, pastries, and more, all freshly made to order. Check out their full menu at www.casadecrepes.com.

NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

Simply Health Institute, 1S443 Summit Avenue

A Functional Medicine Practice for Integrative, Holistic Care. Dr. Rajka, is a Board Certified Family Physician with 16 years of practice experience dedicated to family and functional medicine and to bridge the gap between allopathic and holistic medicine. This integrative patient-centered approach to health offers more extensive diagnostic and treatment options needed to overcome chronic disorders or to reverse chronic health conditions like autoimmune disease, hypothyroidism, and fatigue, by analyzing digestive, immune, hormonal (endocrine) and neurological symptoms.

Illinois Institute of Regenerative Medicine, 1S443 Summit Ave.

Illinois Institute of Regenerative Medicine, a medical practice devoted to advancing access and quality care in regenerative medicine, including stem cell therapy, to help people suffering from knee, hip, and shoulder pain or any other inflammatory and degenerative conditions. Their philosophy is to harness the body's natural restorative properties to reduce pain without surgery allowing you to get back to the things you love to do in life.

Vital Care Infusion Services, 17W755 Butterfield Road

Vital Care Infusion Services provides safe, convenient, and caring infusion therapy services for patients with acute and chronic conditions, in the comfort of the home or at their new office. They are a pharmacy-licensed service provider offering cost-effective treatment options through post-therapy follow-ups.

QC Kinetix, 1S224 Summit Avenue

If you're looking for regenerative medicine, look no further. QC Kinetix uses natural regenerative therapies to help decrease inflammation, improve chronic pain, and promote recovery without

surgery. Your clinical experience begins with discussing your condition and the approach to treating it. They evaluate your condition, goals, and lifestyle and adopt a holistic approach for your care. They work with you to create a custom treatment plan to suit your needs. Contact their office and schedule a free initial consultation at www.qckinetix.com.

NEW BUSINESSES COMING SOON

Ton-Ichi Ramen, 17W420-422 22nd Street

If you are looking for something warm and delicious, with great service and a wonderful atmosphere, Ton-Ichi Ramen could be your place! A contemporary Japanese restaurant offering ramen made with savory broths and delicious toppings, along with a variety of Japanese cuisine items to satisfy your tastebuds.

Old Second National Bank, 17W754 22nd Street

Old Second National Bank, a 150-year-old banking institution in the Chicagoland area, completed a merger with West Suburban Bank. The former bank building is undergoing an interior transformation to welcome their newest branch location to our community. Old Second National Bank is a full-service banking provider offering consumers and commercial businesses an extensive array of products. They anticipate opening the Oakbrook Terrace branch by the end of March.



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.

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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Placement And Removal Of Refuse Containers

Under City municipal code: It shall be unlawful for a customer to place white goods or containers for general refuse, landscape waste and recyclable materials on any public right-of-way for pick-up before **6pm** on the day before scheduled collection and to fail to remove such containers before **10pm** the day of collection. These containers should be stored inside the garage, behind or on the side of the home and must not be visible from the street. The City asks for your cooperation in abiding by these guidelines.

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, 2023, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$46 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$57 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2024. 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. 267
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 267
ADMINISTRATION	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	.....	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. 202
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-629-0886

March/April 2023

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Paul Esposito
City Clerk Michael Shadley
City Administrator Jim Ritz

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