



# Terrace Leaves

May • June 2023

## *A Message From the Mayor*



As spring approaches, we have so many things to look forward to, especially a safe return to normalcy. Over the last two months, our Police Department has been enforcing reckless driving regulations in our subdivision and this will continue to be enforced on an ongoing basis, specifically due to new retail development at 22nd and MacArthur, Hodges and Monterey, and 16th and Leahy. Additionally, the

City Council has approved new signage: "No Thru Traffic Residents Only." These signs have been installed on 22nd and MacArthur.

Please pay attention and drive slowly and cautiously throughout the City since there are many children at play.

I'd like to thank the community for their strong support at the annual Easter Egg event. Approximately 85 children attended along with their parents. I hope to see everyone at this year's Fourth of July celebration, which will include a picnic, live entertainment, and fireworks.

The Streambank Stabilization project is near completion and in the final phases. I would like to thank all of our residents for their input and consideration to work together as a community. We will have another resident Town Hall Meeting scheduled in May to present tree replanting designs along the streambanks.

The City will be holding their third annual Recycling and Shredding event for DuPage County residents only on Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the City Hall parking lot, 17W275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace. Start your spring cleaning and get ready for the upcoming annual Citywide Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event will be promoted with signs and ads.

The second annual Oakbrook Terrace Summer Concert Series will take place at Terrace View Park, June 23 -September 8, 7-10 p.m.. The event is free to residents, and I look forward to seeing you there. A Concert Series schedule will be mailed soon.

Our 2023-24 budget has just passed, and we want to thank our residents and businesses. Once again, our City is in great financial shape with a strong fund balance and operating reserves. I also want to thank our City staff for all of their dedication and hard work that helped to make this possible.

As your mayor, I always have an open-door policy for every resident and business in our City. Feel free to call or stop by City Hall to see me or to call your Alderman, as well. I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor. I take this position seriously and personally and I will always be available to residents at any time.

*Sincerely,*  
*Mayor Paul Esposito*

## City of Oakbrook Terrace and Flood Brothers Concert & Fireworks

### Tuesday, July 4

*Terrace View Park*



### Picnic, Raffle and Entertainment: 3-6 p.m.

Oakbrook Terrace residents must pick up wrist bands and raffle tickets for the picnic portion of the July 4th celebration at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall prior to noon on Friday, June 30. Resident wrist bands and raffle tickets are free. Only Oakbrook Terrace residents may purchase nonresidential wrist bands for their guests at a fee of \$20 per wrist band. (Total family limit of eight.)

### Music

Live Bands: 6 - 9 p.m.

Fireworks: 9:30 p.m., Terrace View Park

*No pets, alcohol or fireworks of any kind – including sparklers.*



**2022 Water Quality Report:** The 2022 reporting year of the City's Consumer Confidence Report is available for viewing on the City's website at [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net). If you prefer a hard copy, please contact Public Services Director Craig Ward at 630-941-1651.



- Saturday May 20..... Touch-A-Truck
- Fri., Sat. June 9-10.....Citywide Garage Sale
- Tuesday, July 4..... Independence Day Celebration

CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE  
*Independence Day Celebration*  
 CONCERT AND FIREWORKS  
 2023 SPONSORSHIP PACKET



## Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Sponsorships will be offered in six categories:

- Platinum sponsor —\$15,000
- Diamond sponsor—\$10,000
- Gold sponsor—\$5,000
- Silver sponsor—\$2,500
- Bronze sponsor—\$1,000
- Certificate sponsor—\$500
- Red, White & Blue sponsor—less than \$500

Depending on level of sponsorship, participating businesses will receive numerous opportunities for exposure, including the *Terrace Leaves Newsletter*, the City's website, banners at the event and much more. For more information, please contact Amy Raffle at 630-941-8300 ext. 267.



## Volunteer/Participation Applications

Volunteer/Participant Applications should be completed and submitted as soon as possible so that we may ensure a smooth running Parade. Respond early to be considered for placement in our parade volunteer needs.

Please return this form to Kari Bruce at [cbkbruce@yahoo.com](mailto:cbkbruce@yahoo.com) or Amy Raffle at [araffel@oakbrookterrace.net](mailto:araffel@oakbrookterrace.net).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: \_\_\_\_\_

- Walking \_\_\_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_\_\_ Riding a Bike \_\_\_\_\_
- Motorcycle \_\_\_\_\_ Antique Car \_\_\_\_\_
- Business Car/Truck/Float \_\_\_\_\_
- Walking with a Pet \_\_\_\_\_

By completing the form, you agree with the following statement:

I/we hereby understand and agree to accept the risk of bodily injury and/or property damage which I/we may incur or cause a third party to incur as a result of my/our participation in the Oakbrook Terrace 4th of July Parade. With this understanding, I/we further agree to indemnify, defend and save harmless the City of Oakbrook Terrace, The Oakbrook Terrace 4th of July Parade Committee, from and against any and all claims, losses, injuries, suits, and judgments arising from the 4th of July Parade event, or in connection with my successors, assigns, heirs, executors, and administrators, and any other persons or entities who/which may have a claim based on my/our personal injuries and/or property damage. I/we further understand and agree that this save harmless and indemnification shall apply to any and all facilities that the City of Oakbrook Terrace may own and/or control.

## Citywide Garage Sale June 9-10

Get ready for the upcoming annual Citywide Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, June 9-10, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event will be promoted with signs throughout the community, as well as ads in selected publications.

Condo and apartment residents can set up their wares in the back of City Hall. (Please bring your own table if you require one.) To have your address put on the map for shoppers, please call Amy Raffle no later than Wednesday, June 7.

Don't miss out on this big draw for bargain hunters!

## OBT Recycling and Shredding Event, Saturday, June 17

The City will be holding a Recycling and Shredding event for DuPage County residents only on Saturday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the parking lot of City Hall, 17W275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace.

### Documents Shredding

Residents can bring up to six file-sized boxes or paper bags of sensitive documents containing personal information, such as medical history forms, bank statements, personal files and retired tax forms. Paper documents will be shredded on site. Plastic

spines/covers and metal clips/binders MUST BE removed from all documents. DO NOT bring paper in plastic bags. DO NOT include photos, slides, negatives, books, store receipts, magazines, greeting cards or newspapers or any non-paper items.

### Electronics Recycling

Flood Brothers will be collecting the following electronics: televisions (maximum 2), computers, laptops, servers, computer monitors, printers, faxes, scanners, VCR & DVD players, video game consoles and cell phones. Household appliances and hazardous waste cannot be accepted.



## A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

### Someone You Should Know

by Kelly Fik

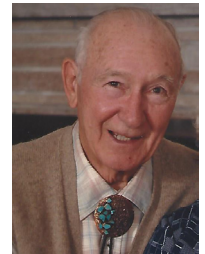
As the years go by, I realize I was fortunate to grow up in a simpler time. I have fond memories of growing up in Utopia/Oakbrook Terrace, and someone I think you should know is Dennis Shanahan, Sr., better known to all the kids in Oakbrook Terrace from 1959 to 1973 as Grandpa Shanahan. To others, he was as a friend, a helping neighbor and later an Alderman. Grandpa Shanahan was always looking out for the youth in the City and working with the City to keep them occupied and let them have fun.

Grandpa Shanahan formed the youth group with the first activity being a mini bike trail which ran from around Eisenhower Road, followed Witches Willow Creek, and to the old hill at the now Terrace View Park. Grandpa Shanahan had a list of rules for using the mini bike trail that all kids had to follow that kept both them and the residents safe. Now I think it is a walking/bike trail.

When the pond at the now Terrace View Park was frozen in the winter and used as an ice rink, Grandpa Shanahan, a master carpenter, built the first warming shed at the park. I

also remember the pond was stocked with fish for fishing derbies in the summer.

Grandpa Shanahan was also a helping neighbor. Around 1970, I was about 14 years old, and my dad and I were fixing some rotten wood around the bathroom window (our only bathroom and no fan!). Grandpa Shanahan was driving down Leahy Rd towards 16th and yelled out to my dad, "Ed, what are you doing?" My dad yelled back from on top of the ladder. Grandpa Shanahan got out of his car, walked up, talked with my dad, and 30 minutes later, ordered him a new window. A few weeks later, he helped us install it. He wouldn't take any money and said, "That's what neighbors and friends do for each other."



Grandpa Shanahan

Grandpa Shanahan believed and trusted in God, and he showed his faith by helping others through time, money, and self. The best thing about Grandpa Shanahan is he always had a smile and a kind word for everyone.



## Police

### Beware of Medicare Scams

The "new" "laminated" or "plastic" Medicare card scam has been frequently reported to the Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Hotline in the past year.

**How the Scam Works:** The scammer will call and say they are from "Medicare Services" or something as equally generic. The voice promises to improve your Medicare benefits, possibly save you money, or even get you more money in your Social Security check. Your phone displays a local number, "spoofed" to make you think it's someone you know.

They will offer you a "new" Medicare card that will be "plastic, gold, or have a chip in it." They will then ask you to confirm all of your personal information. You should just hang up and report the potential scam to your local Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP). Never give out any personal information, including your Medicare card number, over the phone. Medicare will never call you! The Illinois SMP is also here to offer assistance if you feel you have been affected by potential Medicare fraud: call the Illinois SMP at Age Options at (800) 699-9043 or visit [www.illinoissmp.org](http://www.illinoissmp.org).

### Pickles

Our very own Pickles has been busy bringing smiles to many faces. He visited seniors at Brookdale Senior Living, attended "Someone Special" at Drury Lane, and the City's Spring Event where he took pictures with the Easter bunny. Make sure to catch him at the next event.



# City Departments CORNER

## Community Development Department

### NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

**Celebrity Home Loans**, a direct-to-consumer, retail mortgage lender offering home loans to fit your family and budget needs, opened an office at One Mid America, Suite 800. Whether it's a loan to purchase a new home or refinance your existing mortgage, their loan specialists give expert, custom recommendations with real-time interest rates and payment information. Call 630-908-5400 or visit [www.celebrityhomeloans.com](http://www.celebrityhomeloans.com).

**Ton-Ichi Ramen** is now open within the retail center at 17W420-422 22nd Street. At Ton-Ichi Ramen Oakbrook Terrace you have the best service, the best food, and the best atmosphere. They offer an authentic Japanese culinary experience filled with fresh ingredients every day. Here you will find a great diversity of appetizers, sushi rolls, hot plates, cold plates, and their signature and famous Japanese Ramen, in addition to many other delicacies of the Japanese cuisine. For the convenience of their customers, they are open every day for dine-in, take-out and delivery. Come and taste the explosion of flavor! [www.tonichioakbrook.com](http://www.tonichioakbrook.com).

**Pillar Financial**, 1S660 Midwest Road, is a financial planning provider offering an array of wealth management services. From retirement and financial planning to property investing and more. Pillar Financial will help you understand the complex world of investing and show you what tools a person has at their disposal to satisfy short and long-term financial goals. Call 630-480-4301 or visit [www.pillaradvisor.com](http://www.pillaradvisor.com).

**Synaptix Physical Medicine** recently opened their second location in Oakbrook Terrace at 17W755 Butterfield Road. Their vision is to bridge the gap between Athletic Performance, Fitness, and Health Care that is drug-free and surgery-free, with services including Fitness Training, Physical Medicine, Athlete Performance, Nutrition Counseling and Online Training. The staff works with you to design a treatment program that is just right for helping you feel, move, and live a better life. Features of their Oakbrook Terrace location include a full training gym, chiropractic and physical therapy services, and a social lounge with nutrition and recovery services. Visit [www.synaptixperformance.com](http://www.synaptixperformance.com).

**Your 1 Royal Life**, a boutique specializing in women's clothing, jewelry and accessories, opened its doors at 1S055 Summit Avenue. Stop by and browse their selection of one-of-a-kind merchandise.

**Arts & Artifacts LLC**, an art brokerage house that buys and sells fine art and collectible artifacts, opened an office/gallery at One Trans Am Plaza, Suite 390. Whether you are looking to add to your existing collections or just wanting to acquire that special piece, call the dealer and schedule a private gallery viewing.

## The City of Oakbrook Terrace Congratulates Beyond Shades

*Winner of the 2023 Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce Commitment To Diversity, Equity, And Inclusion Award!*

Rachel Gregersen, owner of Beyond Shades, believes diversity leadership starts at the top, creating an environment that values service and that giving is shown through actions, not words. She constantly strives to build a diverse workforce, which is currently at 60% minority representation. Beyond Shades' highly talented workforce

attracts top diverse talent. Beyond Shades goes the extra mile to teach people what they need to know to be successful. Instead of having sales on holidays, the store is closed so employees can spend time honoring the holidays in service. As a minority-owned company, Beyond Shades treats every customer as a VIP, giving back to the immediate community as well as underserved communities. Beyond Shades services areas that other retailers in the business will not service, going into minority, working class neighborhoods. These grateful customers communicated that they were told by their competition that they did not service their area.

While their products can be expensive, Beyond Shades does not make a preemptive decision as to whether or not a customer can afford their products. Beyond Shades is constantly giving back to underserved communities by generously donating products and money, including the Sayers Center for African American Adoptions, MyBlockMyHoodMyCity, Pullman House Project and Historical Society, and Roseland Community Hospital. The City of Oakbrook Terrace is happy to have Beyond Shades as part of our business community.

Beyond Shades, a premier window treatment provider offering superior quality window shades, blinds, shutters, and drapery to give your home the perfect look you desire. Their experienced team of professional designers strives to provide the best services and products on the market. Visit their showroom location at 17W508 22nd Street, or call and schedule an in-home consultation by calling 630-749-9753, or visiting [www.bshades.com](http://www.bshades.com).



**Rachel Gregersen, owner of Beyond Shades, with Dave Carlin, Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce president.**

# City Departments CORNER

## Public Services

*Oakbrook Terrace Residents,*

NICOR plans on having gas main installs completed by the end of April. The restoration that you see right now in your front lawns is only temporary for proper erosion control and safety. Weather permitting, NICOR plans on facilitating all of the final repairs for landscaping and paving beginning late April/early May and should be wrapped up with the entire project, including restoration, by the end of June. If there are any issues with the current temporary control devices in place, or if there are individual resident concerns on any facet of restoration, NICOR will address those concerns. Any and all issues concerning restoration can be directed to Mike Crouch, NICOR Construction Supervisor. He

can be reached via email at [mcrouch@southernco.com](mailto:mcrouch@southernco.com) or via phone at (224) 254-7166. If for some reason your situation cannot be resolved by NICOR, please contact Craig Ward, Oakbrook Terrace Public Services Director, at 630-941-1651 or via email at [cward@oakbrookterrace.net](mailto:cward@oakbrookterrace.net). Please be patient and understand that this time of year is difficult for permanent repairs due to constant weather changes and that NICOR will be making every effort to properly restore all of the disturbed areas.

*Thank you for your patience.*  
Craig Ward, Public Services Director  
City of Oakbrook Terrace

## Pest Control for Landscaping and Grounds Maintenance

1. Keep building foundations clear of vegetation to reduce pest harborage.
2. Prevent plants, shrubs, and trees from touching any structure. Pests can use these as roadways to gain easy access to a building. Planting some trees and shrubs too close to buildings could cause damage to structures. Trees should be planted so that no part of the tree is within six feet of the building.
3. Create an 18-inch “vegetation-free” zone next to any structure to discourage pests.
4. Choose plants, trees, and shrubs carefully and consult with a specialist if necessary. Selected landscaping ornamentals should not produce a food source, such as seeds or fruit, which could draw hungry pests to your property. Ensure plants are healthy and treated for honeydew-producing pests, such as aphids and scales, in order to reduce attracting ants and other insects.
5. Select plants with open canopies or space densely canopied plants far apart to reduce hiding places for pests, especially rodents.
6. Instead of pine-straw or mulch, use lava or egg rock. Pine-straw and mulch can introduce, attract, or support pests to areas near your structure.
7. Design your landscape to eliminate standing water, which can attract a variety of pests, including mosquitoes. This includes evaluating your sprinkler and irrigation systems and monitoring them for leaks or overwatering. Drip irrigation is a good alternative that limits water availability.
8. To discourage mosquito breeding and activity, maintain water features to keep water moving. This includes features such as fountains, bird baths, and man-made ponds. Moving water will help to prevent stagnation.
9. Use termite-resistant building materials for fences and decks.

### 2023 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

June 5 and 26	July 10 and 31	August 14
September 11	October 2, 30	

### City Hall & Public Services Summer Hours

**Monday, June 5, to Friday, September 1**

#### *City Hall*

Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### *Public Services*

Mon. - Fri.: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.



# CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

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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/](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. 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. 267
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-629-0886

May/June 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