



Terrace Leaves

July • August 2023

A Message From the Mayor



With summer comes increased activity around town. The city asks that you please pay attention to your fellow residents and drive slowly and cautiously throughout Oakbrook Terrace, since many children are at play. Everyone can be a part of helping to make our community safer.

Our police department has been enforcing traffic violations throughout the community, specifically 22nd and MacArthur, Hodges and Monterey, and 16th and Leahy. We will continue to monitor and enforce traffic violations.

On May 26, DuPage County Judge Craig Belford ruled against Oakbrook Terrace's use of red-light cameras at Illinois Route 83 and 22nd Street in favor of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). The ruling runs contrary to a favorable August 22, 2022, ruling by Judge Belford, which re-instated the city's right to operate the cameras. Oakbrook Terrace has been able to use the cameras throughout the lengthy legal process. The City believes that the court misapplied Illinois law and will appeal the ruling in the appellate court. The police departments of local municipalities have long been charged with the responsibility of enforcing the state's traffic laws within their borders. Oakbrook Terrace takes its responsibility to protect the traveling public seriously. Safe travel on roads and highways is of vital importance to the public.

The revocation of the red-light camera will have a \$2.5 million-dollar financial impact on the city's budget. The city administration and council will be working hard to present new revenue opportunities for the city.

Remember that the second annual Summer Concert Series, held at Terrace View Park, has begun; please join us on Friday evenings starting at 7:00 p.m. I look forward to seeing our residents enjoy live music featuring great local bands and good food. Please bring chairs and blankets. The event is open to the public, and admission is free.

I look forward to seeing everybody at this year's 4th of July celebration and the July 4th parade. We are all looking forward to this annual community event, and I want to thank the parade committee for all their efforts in coordinating the parade. The City of Oakbrook Terrace 4th of July Parade is an all-volunteer event.

The City is in the final stages of completion of the Streambank Stabilization project. The city is working with landscape architects to develop a virtual landscape model for replanting to present to residents. A town hall meeting will be announced shortly.

The Police Department is hosting National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, from 6-8 pm, at the City Municipal parking lot. This is a great event, and I look forward to seeing everyone there.

I want you to know I am always available to answer your questions and hear your feedback. Please feel free to call me and leave a callback number so I can respond to your call and answer any concerns you may have. My direct number is 630-834-1416. I'd like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito

City of Oakbrook Terrace Concert & Fireworks Tuesday, July 4

PARADE: 12 pm. Starts at City Hall (See Map page 2)

PICNIC: 3-6 p.m. Terrace View park

Features crooner Sam Savage, Mr. D's Magic Show (3:30 pm), and Raffle 4-5 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.)

CONCERT AND FIREWORKS: Terrace View park

Concert: 6 - 7 p.m. Full Volume
8-9 p.m. Deja Vu
Fireworks: 9:30 p.m.

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

CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE



CELEBRATION

Concert and Fireworks



Concerts in the Park Summer Concert Series

Terrace View Park, 7:00 pm

1 Parkview Plaza

Oakbrook Terrace

Free and Open to the Public

Bring chairs and blankets

JULY 14

- R Gang
- Anchors Away

Yacht Rock



JULY 21

- Vinyl Goldmine
- Infinity

Ultimate Rock Experience

JULY 28

Full Volume

Kashmir

**Classic Rock, the Best of
Led Zeppelin**

AUGUST 4

- Mizzconstrued
- Poison'd Crue

80s Hair Band Night

AUGUST 11

- Southern Jack
- Sugar Highway

Modern Country

AUGUST 18

- Lake Effect
- The Chicago Experience

Ultimate Pop Rock with Horns

AUGUST 25

- Sealed with a Kiss
- Hi Infidelity

Top Notch Cover Bands

SEPTEMBER 1

- Jade 50s
- 7th Heaven

50s and 60s Ultimate Rock Band

New Finance Coordinator David Meimers

The City is pleased to welcome new Finance Coordinator David Meimers who joined in April. In his role, David is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day finance and accounting operations. His responsibilities include reviewing accounts payable, payroll and revenue.

David is enthusiastic about his new position: "We've got a great team in Finance that help keep everything running smoothly," he said. "Every day is busy with different challenges. Loving it!"

David is also enthusiastic about the Oakbrook Terrace community, "I love the people, the tight-knit community, the City's social events and the town spirit," he said. "City staff have all been great, very friendly and helpful. Also enjoying exploring the local businesses and restaurants," he added.

David grew up in Lombard and today resides in Bloomingdale.

The City is pleased to have David on board!

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1, 6-8 p.m.

*Oakbrook Terrace Police Department
17W261 Butterfield Road*

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department invites you to National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. Fun for everyone!

✓ Facepainting

✓ Touch-a-Truck

✓ Games

✓ Food



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

History of Stella May Swartz School in Oakbrook Terrace

In June of 1954, with Salt Creek School District #48 busting at the seams with school children, voter approval was given to build a new school in Elmhurst Countryside (the portion of our district west of Rt. 83 and south of Butterfield Rd.). The name of the school would be Butterfield School, by a school board vote of 4-3 winning over the name "Countryside School." Stella May Swartz, who was a teacher at the time, would become principle, and Mr. Albright was named the first district superintendent.

Marshall Fields & Co. had just purchased the land that would be known as Oakbrook Terrace Shopping Center: the "Genie in the bottle" that was to ease the school district's financial problems from that day forward. It was estimated that the Marshal Fields Shopping Center would add 25 to 40 million dollars of assessed valuation to the school district. This would more than double

the present wealth in 1961. Dorothy Drennon would become Mrs. Swartz's secretary at Butterfield School. In about 1964, the Butterfield School P.T.A successfully petitioned the school board to change the name of the school to Stella May Swartz School.

Credit: "A History – Salt Creek School District 48" by Bonnie Simms



Butterfield School, 1956



Looking for Photos

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society has a collection of class pictures from Stella May Swartz School, but is looking for more to complete the collection. Do you have any that we can scan? Contact us at obthistory@comcast.net.



Stella May Swartz, 1960

For more history of The City of Oakbrook Terrace, please visit the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society at 17W245 16th Street on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m.



Friday, June 30.. Deadline to pick up raffle tickets and wrist bands
Tuesday, July 4..... Independence Day Celebration
Tuesday, August 1National Night Out

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. - Thurs.: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department

A ribbon cutting celebration was held to welcome the Grand Opening of Ton-Ichi Ramen, 17W420-422 22nd Street. At Ton-Ichi Ramen you will have an authentic Japanese culinary experience with fresh ingredients. Their menu includes a great diversity of appetizers, sushi rolls, hot and cold plates, and

their signature and famous Japanese Ramen, in addition to many other Japanese delicacies. The atmosphere is perfect to sit and relax at lunch or dinner. The restaurant is open every day for dine-in, takeout and delivery www.tonichioakbrook.com.

Building Permits

Why Permits Are Important

Building permits are a written authorization issued by the city to a property owner, authorized agent, or contractor who desires to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change a building or structure. Permit approval says your plans are in compliance with all adopted city building and construction codes, and local zoning laws. Permits are important in protecting your safety and the safety of those around you.

There are many important reasons to obtain the required building permit(s) and for the City to conduct the required inspections for your project.

Reasons For Obtaining A Permit

Helps Protect Property Value

Your home is an investment. If a construction project does not comply with the city's adopted codes, the value of your investment could be reduced. A permit assures that the work is done properly, built soundly, and is safe.

Saves Money

Homeowner's insurance may not cover work or damage caused by work done without a permit. Obtaining the necessary permit could also save you money on your insurance. Always check with your insurance provider for details.

Makes Selling Property Easier

When selling your property, as the owner, you are required to disclose any improvement or repairs made, and if permits were secured and city inspections performed. Without a permit, you may be asked to remove or alter existing work which could lead to costly repairs before closing.

Improves Safety

A permit allows city code officials to conduct mandatory inspections to ensure adopted codes are being followed and act

as a system of checks and balances resulting in a safer project for you, your family and future owners. Most construction and renovation disasters are a result of people thinking they know what they are doing and failing to consult a professional or having the proper city inspection performed.

It's the Law – Permits are Required For...

As outlined under the city ordinance, many common building and renovation projects require a building permit. Some of those include concrete or asphalt work, brick paving, electrical, plumbing, drywall, roofs, siding, fences, A/C units, sheds, swimming pools, decks, and porches, just to name a few. If it's discovered you do not have a permit, either by random check or a concerned neighbor, the city can issue a "Stop Work Order" forcing you or your contractor to cease work until a proper permit is obtained. You might even be ordered to remove work already done, and additional fines could be assessed.

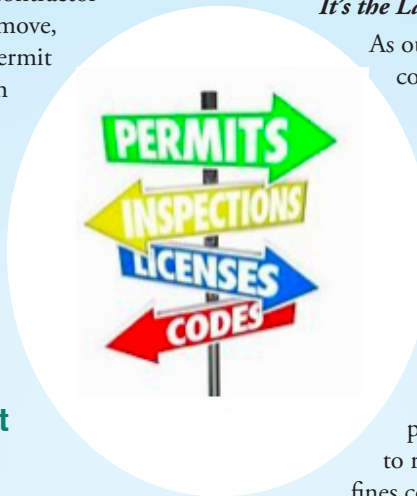
Costs

Did you know that the City of Oakbrook Terrace does not charge a permit fee to their residents for most permits. There are exceptions, of course, and charges from outside consultants do apply, if needed. The safest approach is to call the Community Development Department and inquire if a permit is needed. Trying to save money on a permit upfront could cost you fines and repairs later. Permit applications may be downloaded from the city website at www.oakbrookterrace.net.

A Permit Means Peace of Mind

You get peace of mind, knowing that the job is legal, that it's being inspected and is being done properly. You get the professional expertise and experience of the city's staff who will review your plans for building code compliance and make sure that what's on paper matches the work being performed, as well as on-site inspections at the proper building stages.

A building permit is your insurance. It's a safety net, and that's worth your time and effort.



City Departments CORNER



Police



Congratulations Officer Michael Bulava

Please join us in congratulating Officer Bulava on his assignment to Investigations as a full-time Detective. Officer Bulava has been with the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department since August 2019 and brings many years of experience to Investigations. Best of luck to Officer Bulava.

Summer Dog Care

As the weather heats up, you may be tempted to take your dog with you when running errands around town. Following are a few tips to consider.

It doesn't have to be super hot outside for your car to heat up. The inside of a vehicle parked in 70-degree weather can reach 100 degrees in just 20 minutes. On very hot days, temperatures inside

parked cars can climb to 140 degrees Fahrenheit in less than an hour.

All dogs are susceptible to heat stroke. Heat-intolerant brachycephalic breeds (dogs that have a relatively broad, short skull), such as Pugs and Bulldogs, however, could suffer negative effects sooner than other breeds.

If you know you'll be on the road with your dog, make plans to travel with another adult who can remain in the vehicle with them while the air conditioner is running. This will keep them safe, and it will also reduce the risk of your dog jumping out of an open window at a rest stop or in a parking lot.

The best way to keep your dog safe in a moving vehicle is to use a harness, carrier, or crate. Look for equipment that has been crash-tested and certified by the Center for Pet Safety. Without proper restraint, dogs can climb into your lap and restrict your view of traffic, and block the break or accelerator pedal, and be seriously injured by an airbag or thrown into the windshield in the event of an accident or sudden stop.

Public Services

Pest Prevention: Exterior Cracks, Crevices, Gaps &

Insect and rodent pests can gain entry to a facility through any number of cracks, gaps, and openings on the exterior. Sealing these access points prevents pests from harboring inside wall voids. Having door sweeps on the bottom of all exterior doors prevents rodent and insect pests from entering through any gaps.

Verify all vents, windows, and door screens are in good condition to prevent flying insects from entering the building. Inspect carefully along the areas where the building foundation and roofline meet the structure. These are common areas for gaps, cracks, and crevices. They should be properly sealed to prevent insect and rodent entry.

Pay attention to any place where pipes enter or leave a building. There are frequently gaps left around these where rodents and insects can easily enter the structure. Ensure air intake systems have filters installed to prevent small flying insects from being introduced. Cover vents from attic spaces, plumbing, and laundry

facilities with screening to prevent insects and rodents from gaining entry at these points.

Verify eaves and roof overhangs are sealed properly. Insect and rodent pests can gain access to structures just as easily at higher building points as they can at those near the ground. Materials used for sealing gaps, cracks, crevices, and holes should be durable and pest-deterrent. Some recommended materials that are easy to use include silicone caulk, copper mesh, stainless steel mesh, and expandable foam.

2023 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

July 10 and 31

August 14

September 11

October 2 and 30



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Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
www.oakbrookterrace.net

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Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

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, 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. 267
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-629-0886

July/August 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.-Thurs. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Fri.: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.