



Terrace Leaves

November • December 2023

A Message From the Mayor



With the Holiday season approaching, please rest assured that our Public Services Department will keep our streets clean and handle any inclement weather situation. Please use caution while driving in our City and always be aware of pedestrians.

The city council will continue to work on solutions to limit the amount of through traffic on MacArthur

Road due to increased retail developments and traffic flow on 22nd Street. Traffic and speed counts have been recently completed for several of the City streets & intersections. The counts were conducted by Fish Transportation Group and identified the following:

- Hodges Road – between Parkview and Monterey: The increase in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) from 2019 to 2023 is 8.1%
- Stillwell – between Elder and Leahy: The increase in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) from 2019 to 2023 is 6.8%
- MacArthur Drive – between Stillwell and Halsey: The increase in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) from 2019 to 2023 is 9.6%
- MacArthur Drive – North of 22nd Street: The increase in Average Daily Traffic (ADT) from 2019 to 2023 is 8.1%

Traffic evaluation found a more considerable percent traffic increase on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, while the other days of the week showed a slight vehicle increase and, in some cases, a vehicle decrease.

I would like to thank everyone who attended “Pumpkins in the Park” on October 21 and our City staff for their hard work on this event.

Please join us Friday, November 11, at 11 a.m., for our Veterans Day Ceremony this year at the VFW Post 2801 in Villa Park, IL, to honor all veterans from Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, and VFW. Additional information will be sent out to residents in the coming weeks.

I welcome all residents and children to attend the City’s Annual Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at Swartz School and Fik Point on Friday, December 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

As 2023 comes to an end, I would like to thank the residents, City employees, businesses, retail, and corporations for helping to keep Oakbrook Terrace successful and financially sound. We have completed and started numerous projects this year: City Strategic and Comprehensive plan in process, continued installation of additional Flock Cameras, curb installation, completion of Streambank Stabilization Project repairing and securing the infrastructure of the creek, completion of stormwater pipe replacement on Stillwell and Leahy Roads, and water tower resurfacing with new city image.

The City Aldermen and I are committed to doing what is best for the residents, businesses, and the community, making our city safe and financially sound. Thank you, Oakbrook Terrace police department and staff, for keeping our community safe.

As always, I’m proud to serve as your Mayor, and from the entire City Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a safe and prosperous New Year!

*Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito*



Tree Lighting and Children's Holiday Party

All residents are welcome for the City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Tree Lighting and Children’s Holiday Party. The party will take place on Friday, December 8, 6-9 p.m., at Stella May Swartz School.

All resident children 0-12 years of age who register for this event will receive a stocking from Santa.

Registration form can be found on page 2.



Saturday, November 25



City of Oakbrook Terrace Children's Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 8, 6-9 p.m.

Registration Form

Return to City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m.
on Wednesday, December 6

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Children's Name(s)

_____ Age _____ Sex _____

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Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 11

Join us in honoring those who served at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Villa Park VFW, 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park. Please submit memorabilia. Items will be returned.



CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

Veterans Day Appreciation Event

Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.

Villa Park VFW, 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park

The City is inviting any residents who are veterans or service members to a Veterans Day Appreciation event, which will include a brief ceremony and refreshments on Saturday, November 11, 11 a.m. at the Villa Park VFW, 39 E. St. Charles Rd. Villa Park. Please complete the registration form below and return to City Hall by Friday, November 3.

Veteran or Service Member Name/Rank

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Number of guests _____

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

Lions Christmas Tree Sale



The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees again this year. The trees are 5-6 feet height and are \$45 each. For \$55, you will receive a tree and a heavy metal stake for setting the tree up in the front yard. Lions Club members will deliver and set up yard trees on Saturday, November 25.

For more information, call Lion Anthony at 630-209-3096.

YES! I want to order a Holiday Tree:

Holiday Tree (\$45) qty: _____

Holiday Tree w/Stake (\$55) qty: _____

My check for \$ _____ payable to the *Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club* is enclosed.

Return to Lion Anthony Lukaszewski at 1S286 Euclid Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

DELIVER TO:

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

ZELLE payments made to: **obtions@gmail.com**

Please make sure to include your address and email address

Email _____



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

I Remember When...

As remembered by Loraine Fik (Utopia/Oakbrook Terrace resident from 1947-2008, 17W245 16th Street)

I remember when **Butterfield Road** was a two lane “Street” with probably one car every forty-five minutes. In that it was so quiet – I checked the whole house to find music I heard playing, only to discover it was coming from the cemetery.

I remember **Sky Hi Drive Inn** was located at Butterfield Rd, Roosevelt Rd and Rt 83. On weekends, it took fifteen minutes to get out of the parking lot at Butterfield and there was a police officer directing traffic.

I remember when **Custard Castle**, “serving the best soft ice cream,” was located on Butterfield Rd and Rt 83., plus a large fresh fruit and vegetable stand.

I remember when there were single-family homes on the south side of Butterfield Rd from Patton to Rt 83. When the state decided to put a cloverleaf in – residents had about three months to move and it took the state over five years to build the highway.

I remember when there was a “**Martin**” farm where Versailles Apartments are now located, where you could buy fresh ducks and eggs.

I remember further west of Versailles Apartments there was another farm that sold fresh eggs, corn, etc. and raised pigs and cows. When

a sow had a litter, they would let us know so the children could see the new-born piglets.

I remember a mushroom farm on the property next to the Versailles Apartments in a high cement block building.

I remember when there was an auction barn where the Dee’s Diggety Dog (now Skippy’s) and office building on **Summit and Butterfield**, where you could get farm animals, tools, household articles, materials and clothes — all by auction.

I remember when the auction barn burnt and the way the flames lit up the night sky. What a void it left.

I remember the “**Henke Home**,” the old, white farmhouse on Butterfield Rd., when it was a Union Labor Pool Hall. Before that it had a beautiful greenhouse attached — Carolyn Henke’s pride and joy.

I remember when Robinette’s was a profitable Trout Farm. You fished by the pound and we had our Fishing Derby there.

I remember Mr. Scheel, Mr. Tadlock, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Fik, and Mr. Adams patching holes in the streets with asphalt from a small truck on a hot day and the ladies serving them cold lemonade as they passed. That was all volunteer work.

To learn more about our history please visit us on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, or call 630-834-8661 to make special arrangements. 17W245 16th Street – Oakbrook Terrace.

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Daylight Saving Time 2023: When Does the Time Change?

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 am. On Saturday night, clocks are set back one hour (i.e., gaining one hour) to “fall back.” Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier on November 5, 2023, than the day before. This shift in time will increase light in the morning.



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 10, 2024, at 2:00 am. On Saturday

night, clocks are set forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring forward.” Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour later on March 11, 2024, than the day before. That shift in time increases light in the evening.

Watch Out for These Common Holiday Scams

For many, the holiday season is the most generous time of the year, inspiring people to give gifts and donate to charities. But not everyone is in the holiday giving spirit. Peak shopping season is also peak scamming season. Here are four of the most common holiday-related scams for you to be aware of while you’re spreading holiday cheer. *(continued page 4)*

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Police

Fake Shipping Notifications

This scam often looks like an email or text message from a legitimate package carrier, like the United States Postal Service (USPS), FedEx or UPS. The message may contain a tracking link that prompts you to confirm your order before it will be delivered, or that you need to reschedule your delivery because an unsuccessful delivery attempt was made. If the message has a link, it's likely a phishing link that wants you to enter your personal and financial information, or it has malware that the scammer can use to extract that information on their own.

Online Shopping Scams

The reason fake delivery notifications work over the holidays is that people are doing a lot of online shopping. Scammers will try to trick people with bogus websites programmed to look like real ones, social media ads for counterfeit or non-existent products and links to "store pages" that will download malware onto your device. One of the most common ways scammers try to trick online holiday shoppers is through fake websites masquerading as actual stores. You should double-check the URL of whatever store page you're shopping from to ensure it matches the company's existing URL, which you can confirm with a Google search. If the logo looks a little off or there are typos on the webpages, those are signs that the site might not be the company's actual website.

Community Development Department

Dreamscape Travel Group, One Mid America Plaza, 3rd Floor
Whether you are seeking a relaxing beach getaway, an exhilarating adventure in the wilderness, or need assistance in planning a destination wedding or a group getaway, Dreamscape Travel Group can lend a helping hand in the planning. To plan your next extraordinary adventure, contact a representative at info@dreamscapetravelgroup.com or 224-265-0197.

Acumen Accounting and Tax Services, 1S660 Midwest Road, Suite 130. The upcoming tax season is fast approaching and if you need assistance preparing and filing your returns, schedule a consultation with an advisor from Acumen, a full-service CPA firm specializing in accounting and tax services for individuals and small businesses. Schedule an appointment for a one-on-one consultation by calling their office at 630-455-1160 or acumencpa.com.

Holistic & Medical Therapies, LLC, 1S132 Summit Avenue, Suite 130. Whether you are suffering from chronic pain, sore from sports or strenuous activity, or just looking for a way to relax, Holistic & Medical Therapies LLC is your place. Their services are aimed to alleviate pain, provide various types of massages, assist with skin care and waxing. Schedule some relaxation time at www.holisticmedicaltherapies.com or by calling 224-457-0026.

Gift Card Scams

Sometimes, thieves will remove gift cards from the in-store display rack and record the numbers on the cards so they can activate them at home without buying them, leaving whoever buys the card with a worthless gift card. Other times, scammers will set up websites to "check the balance" on gift cards, only to use it as a front to steal the information they need to take the money from the card. What can you do to protect yourself? First, only buy a gift card from a reputable retailer, preferably directly from the company the card is for. If you buy it in person, look over the card before purchasing. Check whether the PIN is exposed, and inspect the packaging for any tears, wrinkles, or other indications of tampering. If anything looks suspicious, pick out a different card and hand over the compromised card to the retailer's customer service desk.

Fake Charities

Scammers also use the holidays to take advantage of people feeling generous during the season of giving. The very first thing you should do before donating to an unfamiliar charity is to research it online. Don't make a donation using a gift card, wire transfer or cryptocurrency because those kinds of payments are difficult to track and recover, making them favorites of scammers. You should also be cautious of crowdfunding campaigns, such as those on popular fundraising websites. Many crowdfunding campaigns are legitimate, but there are also plenty of fake campaigns out there. Do your research beforehand, including a check for any money-back guarantees, since fundraising websites aren't obligated to return your money if you're defrauded.

Banda Nawa, 17W612 14th Street. Looking for great tasting authentic Indian and Pakistani cuisine? Like eating at a Dhaba, this hidden gem is worth exploring. Large portions and affordable prices are a bonus to make this your go-to for Indian food.

The Chiropractic Connection, 1S443 Summit Avenue, Suite 304B. This practice provides drug-free and surgery-free healing solutions to a range of conditions including back pain, neck pain, headaches, and even digestive troubles from infants through seniors. Schedule an appointment by calling 708-345-1299 or at chiropracticconnection.net.



Grand Opening of the Chiropractic Connection

Horizons Hospice & Palliative Care, 17W703 Butterfield Road
A hospice care provider offering the assistance of developing a care plan that meets the comfort needs of your loved one. For further information, consult their website at www.horizonshpc.com or by calling their office at 630-410-8338.

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Public Services



2023-24 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, 2023.

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.

2024 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

April 1 and 22	May 13	June 3 and 24
July 8 and 29	August 12	September 9 and 30
October 28		



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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, 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

November/December 2023

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Paul Esposito

City Clerk Michael Shadley

City Administrator Jim Ritz

Ward III:	Ald. Mary Fitzgerald Ext. 273
	Ald. Robert Rada Ext. 275
Ward II:	Ald. Frank Vlach Ext. 276
	Ald. Dennis Greco Ext. 274
Ward I:	Ald. Charlie Barbari Ext. 271
	Ald. Joseph Beckwith Ext. 272

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 - 4:30 pm