



Terrace Leaves

January • February 2024

A Message From the Mayor



Thank you to everyone who attended the Veterans Day Remembrance Event this year. We must 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.

2023 Financial Highlights:

- The City is seeing even better performance in the Business District, with sales tax revenue up 15% vs. November of the prior year. Growth is mainly due to economy-driven price increases and new business grand openings.
- We are seeing a significant increase of 34% in the entertainment taxes generated through Drury Lane.
- Hotel/Motel revenue has increased 10% or \$96,000 as of November vs. this same time last year. FY 24 revenue to exceed \$1,669,664.
- Food & Beverage Eating Tax, as well as its companion, Alcoholic Beverage Tax, has generated \$703,490 in revenue.
- Video Gaming revenue continues to increase and will exceed \$540,000 in FY24.

- Total city revenues are projected to exceed budgetary amounts above \$550,000 (22% vs. budget), 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.
- 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 to repair and secure the infrastructure of the creek, completion of stormwater pipe replacement on Stillwell and Leahy Roads, and water tower resurfacing with a new city image.
- Lastly, through November of this year, the City received \$272,000 in grant funds. The funds have been used for various capital improvement needs throughout the city.

I am proud of all the accomplishments that the City was able to achieve in 2023. Once again, our City is in great financial shape with a strong fund balance and operating reserves. I also want to thank our City Council Members for all of their dedication and hard work that helped to make this possible.

Thank you to our 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 2023.

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 19 City Hall Closed for President's Day

Thank You from the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club wishes to thank all of the residents who supported our Holiday Tree sales fundraiser. Below are a few photographs of the 100+ trees that were sold. Maybe your home will be featured next year!

This year we had three fundraisers: food sales at the Summer Concerts, our Pasta Dinner and the Holiday Tree sales. With your generous support it enables us to raise funds to help our community.

If you would like to join the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club, please reach out to this year's President, Lion Don Ventura, at 630-279-7504 for more information.



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Community Development Department

NEW BUSINESSES

Cinderheart Gaming, 17W500 22nd Street, JRC Plaza

Welcome to Cinderheart Gaming, where the world of board games comes to life! They're more than just a retail store; they're your gateway to a world of fun, strategy, and social interaction! Step inside their inviting space and discover a carefully curated selection of the latest and classic board games, from family-friendly favorites to complex strategy games. Whether you're a seasoned board gamer or new to the hobby, Cinderheart Gaming is the ultimate destination for board game enthusiasts.

Terrace Cantina, 17W615 Butterfield Road

Spice up your dining experience and savor the vibrant flavors of Mexico at Terrace Cantina! Located at the southwest corner of Butterfield Road and Summit Avenue, this Mexican haven invites residents to embark on a culinary journey filled with authentic tastes and warm hospitality. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of Mexican cuisine with a menu featuring delectable tacos, mouthwatering enchiladas, and a variety of other traditional delights. Let your taste buds dance to the rhythm of Mexican spices—join us in welcoming this exciting addition to our community and indulge in a fiesta of flavors at Terrace Cantina! ¡Buen provecho!

Secure Capital Wealth Advisors, Two Mid America Plaza, Ste. 725

SC Wealth Advisors has a combined 52 years of experience helping clients achieve their financial goals. Their clients include individual investors, high-net-worth individuals, family-owned businesses, trusts, and corporations. At SC Wealth Advisors, they believe in creating trust through transparency. Working with an investment advisor who will act as your fiduciary can help to eliminate many of the conflicts of interest associated with commission-oriented, product-focused financial services firms. Give them a call at 630-735-4203 to learn more.

The HAP Foundation, One Lincoln Center

The HAP Foundation, formerly the JourneyCare Foundation, continues the legacy of expert hospice and palliative care available to all. The HAP Foundation, with deep community roots, proudly expands upon that focus, providing expert hospice and palliative care education and research. The commitment is to positively impact the experience and future of advanced illness and end of life. This means empowering individuals to make informed choices, connecting them to resources that strengthen the continuity of care through the end of life. For more information, contact the HAP Foundation at 312-741-1283



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FEELING EXHAUSTED FROM COOKING EVERY NIGHT? Why not take a break and let one of our city's forty-plus restaurants handle dinner for you? Explore the diverse culinary offerings conveniently listed in the City's restaurant guide, available on our website at

www.oakbrookterrace.net/community/page/restaurants. Treat yourself to a variety of dining options and discover a world of flavors right here in our community. Say goodbye to kitchen duty and hello to a delightful dining experience. Check out the restaurant guide today!

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Community Development Department continued



Interested in shaping the future of Oakbrook Terrace? The City is currently in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan, a crucial document that outlines our shared vision and strategic steps for the next chapter of growth. Originally adopted in 2007, the plan plays a vital role in preserving and

enhancing our community assets, guiding development decisions, and ensuring the well-being of our residents. The Comprehensive Plan is not just a vision for the future—it's a guide for our community to navigate land use and development decisions over the next 10 to 20 years.

Your input is invaluable, and we invite you to share your thoughts and ideas on our interactive comment map at <https://tinyurl.com/obtplans>. You can zoom in to specific blocks, streets, or properties, and post comments on your thoughts, ideas, and concerns about the community. Engage with fellow residents by interacting with their comments. Drop a pin on the map in areas of interest, and let us know your vision. What businesses, stores, or restaurants would you like to see added, and where? Share your insights on the types of housing that should be considered and where improvements to bike connections or access to open space amenities could be made. You can add comments anonymously if you choose. Your feedback is invaluable. Feel free to reach out to the Community Development Department at 630-941-8300 ext 213 if you have any questions or need help navigating the map.



Police

Carbon Monoxide Safety

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane oil, and methane burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area, on every level of the home, and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes, and standards.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.

Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine motor indoors, even if the garage doors are open.

During and after a snowstorm, ensure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.

A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors, away from windows, doors, and vent openings.

Winter Driving Safety Tips

Driving safely in the winter weather can be a challenge for even the most experienced driver. It's easy to forget after months of mild conditions that snow and ice demand careful driving and special preparation for your vehicle. But since 17 percent of all vehicle crashes occur during winter conditions, it's clear that we could all use a refresher.

Pickles and Caine at Pumpkins in the Park



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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, American Express, 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. 206
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

January/February 2024 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.-Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm