



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2024

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 and remember to bring your garbage cans in from the street no later than one day after pickup. The city code enforcement officers will be out inspecting properties for cosmetic and landscaping violations; we don't want to issue citations for these violations, so please maintain your property for your neighbors and the community.

I would like to welcome Susan Griffin as the Interim Finance Director to the City of Oakbrook Terrace. Susan brings a substantial amount of municipal financial experience to the City, and we look forward to working with her in the coming months.

We are working on the proposed 2024-2025 budget, and the City is projecting that the Operating Fund (General Fund) is to remain stable again on both the revenue and expenditures side. The City will be taking a very conservative approach to expenditures this year due to the loss of the automatic traffic enforcement camera revenue. I would like to thank City Administrator Jim Ritz and his staff for their hard work 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, March 23, at 12:00 pm, at Stella May Swartz School for an Egg Hunt. We are fortunate to have these wonderful community traditions in our City, and I look forward to welcoming you and your family. The City will continue to instill that hometown feeling and provide a friendly community by hosting holiday parties and outings for all our residents and their families, including the Christmas, Easter, Fourth of July celebrations, Police National Night Out event, and Halloween festival, along with the third annual Summer Concert Series.

The NIU strategic plan is in the final stages and will be ready for residents to review in March. The Strategic Plan will be posted on the City's website. Again, I would like to thank the City Council, department staff, our residents, and business owners for joining together and formulating future plans.

As a reminder, the General Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at City Hall Council Chambers from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Finally, let me say I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor and to serve this great community that we call home! I've said it before, but I believe we have and live in one of the best cities in DuPage County, as well as the Chicagoland area.

Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito

Annual Easter Event Saturday, March 23



The City of Oakbrook Terrace's Annual Easter Event will be an Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 23, at Stella May Swartz School, 17W160 16th Street, Oakbrook Terrace, starting at noon. (No kite fly.) Registration for the Egg Hunt is open to all resident children through age nine who wish to participate in the event.

The deadline for registration is Monday, March 18th, 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

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 18)

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



Monday, March 18Registration deadline Annual Easter Event
Tuesday, March 19General Primary Election
Saturday, March 23.....Annual Easter Event



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Oakbrook Terrace Site of Miss Illinois Pageant 1995 to 2003



Miss Illinois winners who went on to become Miss America, Erika Harold and Kate Shindle

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Department of Tourism was proud to host the Miss Illinois Scholarship Pageant at the Drury Lane Theater from 1995 to 2003.

Winners representing the State of Illinois were:

- 1995 Tracy Hayes
- 1996 Tania Joy Gibson
- 1997 Kate Shindle
- 1997 Ashley Eisenhauer
- 1998 Amanda Meadows
- 1999 Jake Smalls
- 2000 Jennifer Powers
- 2001 Kristin Castillo
- 2002 Erika Harold
- 2002 Michelle LaGroue

The Illinois winners would go on to represent the State of Illinois at the Miss America Scholarship Pageant each year. Two of these Illinois winners, Kate Shindle and Erika Harold, would ultimately win the Miss America Pageant. The first runner-ups would then step up to represent the State of Illinois.

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

Upcoming Elections: March 19 and November 5

Tuesday, March 19, 2024 – General Primary Election

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – General Election

Election judge sign-up at dupagecounty.gov



Call for Participants and Volunteers for July 4th

This is a volunteer event by community members, business sponsors, and donors. Be a part of the parade as a volunteer, parade participant, or financial sponsor.

Become an Independence Day Sponsor

Concert and Fireworks Sponsorship Levels

- Platinum Sponsor \$15,000
- Diamond Sponsor \$10,000
- Gold Sponsor \$5,000
- Silver Sponsor \$2,500
- Bronze Sponsor \$1,000
- Certificate Sponsor \$500

Depending on the sponsorship level, 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 get in touch with Amy Raffel at 630-941-8300 ext. 267.

City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department



Cinderheart Gaming holds a ribbon cutting for their opening

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. Cinderheart Gaming recently celebrated their grand opening at JRC Plaza.

Affinity Whole Health, 1901 Meyers Road

Since 2012, thousands of individuals have placed their trust in Affinity Whole Health's tailored programs for hormone optimization and health enhancement. The organization conducts thorough lab work and medical assessments, prioritizing the understanding of hormones' role in overall well-being. If you have been thinking about health optimization or enhancement, give them a call at 866-586-1906 to schedule a free evaluation.

Falcon Wealth Properties, One Trans Am Plaza

Renowned as an award-winning registered investment advisor, Falcon Wealth Properties offers an array of services to meet the diverse needs of its clientele: from retirement planning to investment advice, from tax planning to financial planning and estate planning.

Pure Medical Spa, 17W506 22nd Street

At Pure Medical Spa, a commitment to delivering top-tier care and service prevails. Their team of licensed professionals boasts extensive experience and remains abreast of the latest developments in beauty and wellness. Utilizing premier products and equipment, they prioritize optimal results for clients. Check them out for all your beauty and wellness needs at www.puremedicalspsa.us.

Terrace Cantina, 17W615 Butterfield Road

Now Open...Spice up your dining experience and savor the

vibrant flavors of Mexico at Terrace Cantina, an inviting Mexican restaurant and bar in the heart of Oakbrook Terrace, serving up succulent carne asada and refreshing margaritas. Enjoy a festive atmosphere and discover a vibrant array of Mexican cuisine and culture!

Divyne Soul, 1815 S. Meyers Road

Soul food at its finest. A family-owned cafeteria style restaurant serving an array of fresh food made daily. Whether you are looking for a hot meal or a cold sandwich, the selection at Divyne Soul has got you covered.

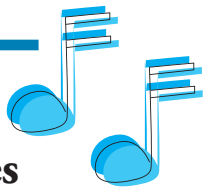
Ariana's Gaming Café, 1S055 Summit Avenue, Unit A

Discover the perfect blend of sophistication and entertainment at Ariana's Video Gaming Cafe, the upscale video slot destination nestled in the heart of Oakbrook Terrace. With a commitment to providing an unparalleled gaming experience, Ariana's offers a refined atmosphere where residents can unwind and indulge in their favorite games. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or simply seeking a nice spot to socialize, Ariana's Video Gaming Cafe invites you to experience gaming in a whole new light.

BUSINESSES COMING SOON...

The For Eyes location at 17W412-17W414 22nd Street will become Luxottica of America. Luxottica is one of the largest optical retailers in the US.

City of Oakbrook Terrace 2024 Summer Concert Series



Sponsorship Levels

Gold: \$5,000

- Sponsor can distribute pre-approved materials at the concert
- Audible on-site recognition prior to concert

Silver \$2,500

- Listed as sponsor on outdoor banners at event and on-stage

Bronze \$1,000

- Listed in thank you ad in local paper
- Name and/or logo prominently displayed in *Terrace Leaves* newsletter issues.
- City website acknowledgement

Single Concert Sponsor

- All recognition listed in bronze level

For more information, please contact Amy Raffel at 630-941-8300 ext. 267.

City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department



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 on 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.

Placement and Removal of Refuse Containers

Under the 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 6:00 p.m. on the day before the scheduled collection day, and to fail to remove such containers from the roadway shoulder before 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Garbage and recycling containers should be stored inside the garage, behind the home 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.

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 1st 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.



Police

Officer Martin Cansino was hired by the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department in October, and successfully completed his training in December. Officer Cansino brings many years of experience in Law Enforcement working in other Police Departments. Please join us in congratulating Officer Cansino.



Safety Starts With Us

Whether your kids are walking to school, the park or a friend's house, here are a few simple tips to make sure they get there safely.

- Teach kids at an early age to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street. Then remind them to continue looking until they are safely across.

- Teach kids to put phones, headphones, and devices down when crossing the street. It is particularly important to reinforce this message with teenagers.
- It's always best to walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
- Children under 10 need to cross the street with an adult. Every child is different, but developmentally, most kids are unable to judge the speed and distance of oncoming cars until age 10.
- Be a good role model. Set a good example by putting your phone, headphones and devices down when walking around cars.

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 quickly, 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. 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 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 will prolong its life and reduce your electric bill.

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		

Acceptable Brush

- Tree trimming up to 6 inches in diameter.
- Mounded less than 4 feet high and with ends toward the street.
- Only brush generated by Oakbrook Terrace residents accepted.

Rules for Smooth Pickups

- There will be one pass down each street on each of the designated dates listed above.
- Residents may place brush at the curb on the weekend prior to brush pickup day. To dispose of brush between monthly pickups, use the weekly yard waste program provided by the City's waste hauler, Flood Brothers.



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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, 2024, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$49 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$60 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2025. 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 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

March/April 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