



Terrace Leaves

May • June 2024

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. The City Council will be acting on the increased traffic through our community and will be reviewing the following actions:

1. Working with IDOT to redesign the intersection at McArthur and 22nd Street. The city engineer will be conducting another traffic study to monitor directional data from vehicles entering the community from Butterfield and Mac Arthur and 22nd and Mac Arthur.
2. Changing McArthur to "One Way" prohibiting nonresident Costco traffic from entering the subdivision.

We want to ensure the best action is enforced to address safety and reduce traffic flow, but I would ask our residents for their opinions as well to address this issue.

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 107 children attended along with their parents. I hope to see everyone at this year's July Fourth celebration, which will include a picnic, live entertainment, and fireworks.

The City will be holding its annual Recycling and Shredding event for DuPage County residents on Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, in the City Hall parking lot, 17W275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace. The third annual Oakbrook Terrace Summer Concert Series will take place at Terrace View Park, June 28th -September 6th, 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 2024-25 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 their dedication and hard work to help make this possible.

It is with sad news I report the passing of former Mayor William Kallas on Thursday, March 26. Mayor Kallas served our City as Alderman from 1991 to 1993, and then as Mayor from 1993 to 2001. I would like to extend my condolences to the Kallas family. I want to thank the former Mayor for the impact he had on our community over the many years of service. His leadership and dedication to the City will never be forgotten. Mayor Kallas will always be a part of the history of the City of Oakbrook Terrace and part of our family.

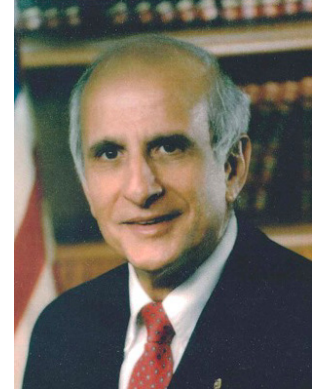
As your Mayor, I always have an open-door policy for every resident and business in our City. Feel free to call or stop by City Hall to see me or call your Alderperson, as well. I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor. I take this position seriously and personally and I will always be available to residents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

*Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito*

In Memoriam: Former Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Willian Kallas

William J. Kallas, 90, of Crossville, TN, formerly of Oakbrook Terrace, IL, passed away Thursday, March 28, 2024.

He was born December 29, 1933, in Forest Park, IL, the third child of James and Bertha Kallas. Mr. Kallas' sister, Bessy, and brother, Pete, are deceased. Bill worked in his father's shoe store where he shined shoes as a youth.



After graduating from Proviso High School in 1951, Bill served in the 90th Bomb Wing of SAC (Strategic Air Command) in the U.S. 8th Air Force during the Korean War. After attending college, Bill entered the corporate real estate field dealing with major office buildings and developments, handling over 1,000 transactions. In 1993 he became Mayor of the City of Oakbrook Terrace for over eight years.

Bill was married to Bonnie Sanders in 1956 and gave birth to Willam A. Kallas, who resides in Houston, Texas, and has two daughters, Andrea and Krista. In 1971 he married Caroline and adopted her two daughters from a previous marriage, Rebecca Larson and Suzanne Tidei. Rebecca lives in Gilberts, Illinois and has twin boys, Palmer and Nathan. Suzanne lives in Kentucky and has ten children whose names are Daniel, Adam, Jonathan, Benjamin, Paul, Caleb, Joshua, Joanna, David, Mary. Amanda was born in 1975 with Down's Syndrome. Caroline died of cancer in 1999. They were married 28 years. Amanda is 49 and lives at Little City Group Home in Arlington Heights, IL. In 2003 Bill married Sharon who has a son, Brian, who has Traumatic Brain Injury due to a car accident when he was eight. Brian is 56 and lives at Hilltoppers Group Home in Crossville, TN. They were married 20+ years. Sharon continues to live in Tennessee.



Saturday, May 18 **Touch-A-Truck**
Thursday, July 4 **Independence Day Celebration**

City of Oakbrook Terrace and Flood Brothers Concert & Fireworks

Thursday, 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 28. 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.



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 or Amy Raffel at 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.

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 Raffel at 630-941-8300 ext. 267.

City Hall & Public Services Summer Hours

Monday, June 3, to Friday, August 30

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.



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Potergeist III Filmed in Oakbrook Terrace

Do you know the Hollywood connection to Oakbrook Terrace? In May of 1987, some scenes from Poltergeist III were shot in the underground parking of Mid America Plaza (Route 83 & 22nd Street)! The scene where the cars were “frozen” by the poltergeist was filmed right here in Oakbrook Terrace. There was even some excitement during that filming. One of the controlled special effects explosions went awry and the polystyrene used to make the fake ice on a car caught on fire. “A ball of fire chased everyone out of there. There was black smoke all over the place and there was a lot of structural damage to the concrete,” Fire Chief Barton said. Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection had four firefighters on hand for the filming as a precaution, and about 100 cast and crew members were present. Six vehicles and 25 firefighters responded to the blaze at 1:30 a.m.; it was under control by 3:30 a.m. “Even though they had the fire, the director said, “Great shot” Barton said.



In May of 1987, some scenes from Poltergeist III were shot in the underground parking of Mid America Plaza (Route 83 and 22nd Street).

Visit the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society



Dispensa's Kiddie Kingdom Castle of Toys special exhibit is still on display at the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society, including some updated items.

Engraved personalized bricks are still available for purchase for our walkway. Please visit www.obthisory.com for more information and an order form.

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is open on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Leave a message at 630-834-8661 to arrange other times and we will do our best to accommodate your request.

City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department

NEW BUSINESS – COMING SOON

Bruster's Ice Cream – 17W727 Roosevelt Road

If you've noticed the construction activity at Oakbrook Terrace Square, lately, you might be curious about what's being built. Brace yourselves, ice cream enthusiasts because a sweet treat is on the horizon! A brand-new Bruster's Ice Cream shop is set to grace the location.



Bruster's Ice Cream takes pride in crafting its frozen delights the old-fashioned way, ensuring each scoop bursts with authentic flavor. At the heart of their operation lies a commitment to quality, with handcrafted recipes that commence with a proprietary homestyle mix, delivered fresh from their very own dairy to every ice cream shop.

Prepare your taste buds for a tantalizing journey as Bruster's promises to deliver premium flavors and artisanal desserts, all concocted on-site. From crunchy handmade waffle cones to customized sundaes adorned with a myriad of toppings, and from candy-filled blasts to decadently thick milkshakes, there's something to satisfy every craving.

Excitement is building as the team targets an opening by the end of June 2024. Get ready to indulge in a scoop (or two) of pure bliss at Bruster's Ice Cream – where every bite is a celebration of tradition and taste. Stay tuned for updates as the grand opening approaches!

Online Permitting and Licensing – Coming Soon!



All residents, businesses, or contractors seeking a permit are encouraged to utilize the City's Self-Service Portal. Designed with user convenience in mind, the portal offers a seamless experience, boasting a robust interface and a suite of helpful tools. From creating a user profile to monitoring the permit process in real-time, uploading essential documents, scheduling inspections, and engaging in direct communication with our dedicated staff, the portal puts control firmly in your hands.

By registering for the City's Self-Service Portal, users can enjoy a plethora of benefits, including:

- Applying for various building permits (such as fencing, decks, driveways, pools, etc.)
- Uploading necessary documents effortlessly
- Scheduling inspections at your convenience
- Communicating directly with our knowledgeable staff
- Tracking the progress of your permitting process with ease

Furthermore, the portal promises a seamless user experience across desktop and mobile devices, ensuring accessibility for all.

For more information on the self-service portal, including how to sign up as a new user and how to navigate and manage the permitting process, please visit <https://www.oakbrookterrace.net/development/webform/building-permit-application>.

Home Improvement Projects

Now that the weather is finally starting to warm up, you may be starting to think about spring projects. Just a reminder: many home improvement projects require permits. Some typical items that require permits are:

- Fences, Patios, Sidewalks, Driveways
- Pools, Decks, Porches, Windows
- Doors, Roofs, Siding HVAC
- Interior Remodels & Additions

If you have a project in mind, please call Community Development at 630-941-8300 EXT. 239. Our knowledgeable staff can provide guidance on whether a permit is required and assist with the application requirements and process. This information can also be found on the City's website under "Community Development."

Annual Aesthetics Inspections

Keep an eye out for our City Code Enforcement Officer as he embarks on the annual aesthetics inspections. Beginning in May, our inspector will be conducting thorough checks on each property to ensure compliance with exterior property maintenance standards. Armed with a comprehensive checklist derived from Building and Property Maintenance Codes, our inspector will meticulously review various aspects of each property. Should any violations be identified, property owners will receive a detailed list of necessary corrections to bring their property into compliance before a re-inspection is completed. Some of the items that will be reviewed include:

- Sidewalks and driveways are in good condition.
- Inoperative or unlicensed vehicles
- Only one RV, boat, or trailer per property
- Accumulation of rubbish or garbage
- Garbage containers out by the street before 6:00 p.m. on the day before scheduled collection or later than 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection.
- Garbage containers stored in the front of the home.
- Tall weeds or grass (taller than 6")
- Nuisance vegetation and dangerous trees/shrubs
- Peeling paint
- Roof, fascia, soffit, and gutters are in good condition.
- Windows and doors in good condition.
- Stairways, decks, porches, and balconies in good condition
- Street numbers are visible

We encourage all residents to proactively address any potential violations to maintain the beauty and safety of our community.

City Departments CORNER

Public Services



Grout Maintenance and Repair

1. Do not pressure wash or high-pressure hose floors with grout. This can damage grout and create debris-collecting gaps in flooring and wall/floor junctures. Accumulated debris attracts pests.
2. When cleaning, limit water usage to what is needed and wash carefully. Excess water, splashing, or hosing can allow moisture to penetrate wall and floor voids. That can lead to other problems – like mold or wood rot – and once again, attract pests.
3. Sweep, then mop floors. Sweeping before mopping removes most debris. Mop tile floors with a commercial floor cleaner containing a degreaser.
4. Dry floors. Use a squeegee to remove excess water after rinsing floors. If low areas hold water, consider using a commercial floor fan to aid drying.
5. Repair damaged grout or tile right away. Damaged grout or tile can collect debris, which attracts pests. Seal any gaps, cracks, or openings in damaged grout immediately to reduce the chance of further damage to floors. Replace or repair cracked tiles.
6. Frequently inspect for grout replacement needs. If a grout joint holds water, it is time to repair or replace it.
7. Use epoxy grout when repairing gaps. Unlike cement grout, epoxy grout is extremely durable. It will resist cracks, is waterproof, and does not stain or need to be sealed to repel moisture.
8. Use proper repair methods. Ensure all tiles and grout are sloped toward floor drains. The tops of the coving tile (floor/wall junction) should be sealed completely. A layer of silicone along the top over the grout will help repel water and is easily replaced.

2024 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

May 13	June 3 & 24	July 8 & 29
August 12	September 9 & 30	October 28

Acceptable Brush

- Tree trimming up to 6 inches in diameter.
- Mounded less than 4 feet high and 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.

Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

The 2023 reporting year of the City's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available for viewing on the City's website at www.oakbrookterrace.net. If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the CCR, please contact Public Services Director Craig Ward at 630-941-1651.



Police

Beware of IRS Scams

Residents are reminded to be aware that criminals continue to make aggressive calls posing as IRS agents in hopes of stealing taxpayer money or personal information. Keep in mind that the IRS initiates most contacts through regular mail by the USPS.

When in doubt, report the call. Here are some signs to help you identify scams:

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card, or wire transfer.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- Demand that taxes be paid without giving taxpayers the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Call unexpectedly about a tax refund.

Taxpayers who receive these phone calls should report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration online at www.tigta.gov or by calling 800-366-4484.



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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

May/June 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
SUMMER HOURS (Mon., June 3 - Fri., August 30)
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