



# Terrace Leaves

January • February 2026

## A Message From the Mayor



### *Dear Oakbrook Terrace Residents,*

As we begin another year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your ongoing commitment, support, and dedication to making our community a wonderful place to live.

I am continually inspired by the resilience and spirit of our residents. Your hard work and

community involvement have helped us achieve new milestones, from improving streets and curbs, to enhancing our public services, ensuring that our City remains a safe and vibrant place for families to thrive.

I would also like to extend my deepest thanks to the dedicated City staff, local businesses, and community organizations who have worked tirelessly to support our shared goals. It is because of your collective efforts that we have been able to move forward and continue building a stronger, more connected community.

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.

For more than 50 years, we have celebrated the Children's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting event. We had a record turnout, and our hard-working City staff and volunteers should be commended for putting on this great event.

### **2025 Financial Highlights**

- The City is seeing even better performance in the Business District, with sales tax revenue up 17% vs. November of the prior year. Growth is mainly due to economy-driven price increases and new business grand openings.
- Drury Lane's entertainment taxes have generated \$178,759 in FY24/25. FY25/26 to date have generated \$185,083 with 4 months left in our fiscal year.
- Hotel/Motel revenue has remained constant in line with FY25. With an increased budget amount, we aim to see revenue exceed \$1,727,731 vs. last year of \$1,681,875
- Food and Beverage Eating Tax, as well as its companion, Alcoholic Beverage Tax, have generated \$744,559 in revenue.
- Video Gaming revenue continues to increase and will exceed \$600,000 in FY25/26 vs. \$584,000 in FY24/25.
- Total city revenues are projected to exceed budgetary amounts above \$150,000 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, which have offset any losses that may be incurred due to a decrease in traffic light enforcement revenue.

- The City has earned \$481,000 in interest through Wintrust Financial from January through November 30.
- We have completed and started numerous projects this year: Salt Barn Construction with the help of a grant that was awarded from the DECO in the amount \$ 100,000. Continuation of Curb and gutter replacement throughout the City.
- Lastly, through November of this year, the City received \$185,000 in grant funds. The funds have been used for various capital improvement needs throughout the City. Of the \$185,000 received, \$85,000 of those funds were used toward our Police Department for a retention bonus.
- The City has made significant progress in hiring and recruiting nine new police officers to the department since February of 2025. We are currently seeking to hire three additional officers in the next three months. The department will be fully staffed with a significant reduction in overtime.

In the upcoming year, we will continue to keep our property taxes one of the lowest in the county, keep public safety a priority, offer free disposal of refuse, clean streets and the most efficient snow removal program in the county.

We will also carry on our community events, such as the Easter Egg Hunt and basket giveaway, Fourth of July community lunch and raffle concluding with a Fireworks display, fourth annual Summer Concert Series, National Night Out, Pumpkins In the Park, Veterans Day Ceremony, and of course, ending the year with the Children's Holiday Party, and lighting of the City's Christmas tree.

As we look ahead to the new year, I am excited for the opportunities that await us. With your continued involvement, I am confident that we will keep making progress, addressing new challenges, and working together to create an even brighter future for our City.

I am proud of all the accomplishments that the City was able to achieve in 2025. 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 in making 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 2025.

On behalf of the entire Oakbrook Terrace City Council, I want to wish you and your loved ones a joyful, peaceful, and prosperous New Year. Again, thank you for your dedication, passion, and for being such an essential part of our community. 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.

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## A Message From the Mayor Continued

I want to address the misinformation that circulated throughout our community in the spring of 2025. During the City Council meeting on February 25, 2025, former Sergeant Nicole DeMario read a letter of no confidence in public on behalf of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter #519. This letter contained serious allegations of mismanagement of the police department against the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police.

In response to these allegations, the city council was requested by the union to retain an independent investigator to conduct a thorough investigation. The city council responded to the union's request by retaining the AGR Police Practice Group, LLC, to investigate the allegations. The investigator spent countless hours interviewing numerous individuals and reviewing thousands of pages of documents, ensuring a comprehensive examination of the information presented. This included interviews with over 30 current and former officers, administrative staff, members of the police commission, and even a few City Council members.

Additionally, two further investigations were conducted regarding a five-year lawsuit against the City of Oakbrook Terrace by former officer Victoria Johnson and another investigation into the conduct of Sergeant Nicole DeMario. The findings from these investigations are as follows:

Arbitrator's Ruling and Findings on Victoria Johnson's Claims Against the City:

1. Johnson's repeated claims of harassment and discrimination against her superiors were not substantiated by independent investigators, including the recent First Clarity One investigation.
2. Johnson knowingly made these unsubstantiated claims over an extended period, indicating intentional misconduct rather than errors.
3. The arbitrator concluded that Johnson's recent claims were false, frivolous, and made in bad faith, violating the City's personnel policy and the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department's Rules and Regulations.
4. The arbitrator determined that Johnson's years of service as a police officer were an aggravating factor, which did not justify a lesser penalty for her termination in 2024.

Investigation Findings Regarding Sergeant Nicole DeMario:

1. Sergeant DeMario acknowledged that her claims (found to be false) contributed to a vote of no confidence against Chief Calvillo and Deputy Chief Clark.
  - 2 The impact of Sergeant DeMario's falsehoods is significant. Her statements have been proven untruthful and include violations of police department rules, such as moral character, obedience to orders, insubordination, and truthfulness.
- Sgt. DeMario is contesting the termination of her employment. However, after carefully reviewing all testimony and supporting documentation, I have determined that the allegations presented to the City Council were unsubstantiated and lacked objective evidence.

Over the years, the Metropolitan Alliance of Police Union has led multiple votes of no confidence in various communities:

- August 2025 – Gilberts, IL
- August 2025 – Tinley Park, IL
- May 2025 – Quincy, IL
- April 2025 – Wheeling, IL
- February 2025 – Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- August 2024 – Dolton, IL
- November 2022 – Elgin, IL
- August 2021 – Mokena, IL
- May 2019 – Western Springs, IL

In this situation, the vote was presented during labor negotiations and a few weeks before an election. The City Council and I are very committed to ensuring our officers are compensated and treated fairly through the negotiation process.

Many of our residents and police officers have been misled by misinformation. I sincerely apologize to our residents and officers for the conduct of a few individuals. We should always strive to be a community that bases decisions on facts, rather than second- and third-hand information.

Our community should never again be portrayed in the media with manufactured, false information. Three independent investigations have demonstrated that the allegations were untrue and unsubstantiated.

This situation, which we recognized 12 months ago, stemmed from a lack of manpower in law enforcement. This is a national epidemic of which we are aware. We must work together to ensure clarity and integrity in our community moving forward.

The Chief of Police and the Deputy Chief of Police have my full confidence that they are providing effective leadership to our police department.

I want to assure you that our city is committed to maintaining a professional, ethical, and transparent workplace. Our investigation processes upheld these values. We remain dedicated to supporting the integrity of our police personnel and leadership.

Moving forward, I encourage all members of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department to continue collaborating and treating one another with respect as they serve our community. The City has confidence in the leadership of the Chief and Deputy Chief and appreciates the professionalism demonstrated by the department during the investigation process.

Since February, we have hired several additional officers to the department, and we are actively working to add three additional officers in the next four months. The city is making progress, and we are moving forward. This communication is a commitment to full transparency with our residents.

Thank you for your understanding.

*Sincerely,*

*Mayor Paul Esposito*



## Honoring our Veterans on November 11



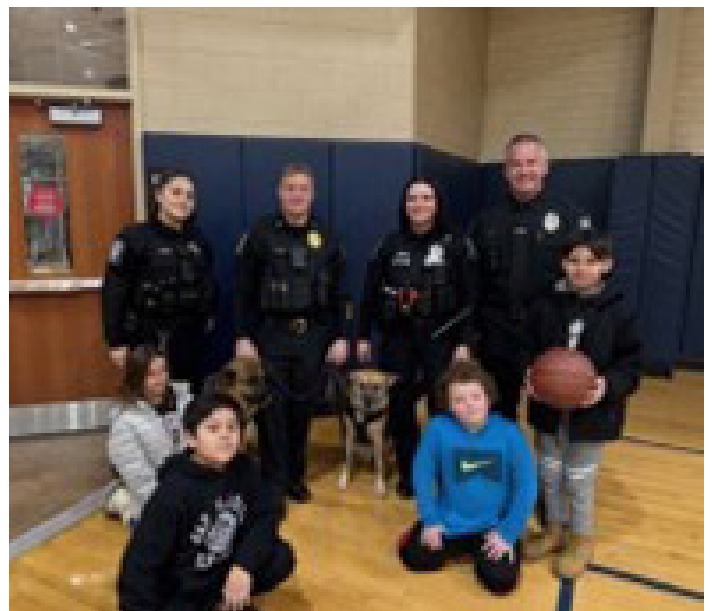
## City Departments CORNER



### Police

### Shop with a Cop

This past December, Oakbrook Terrace Police Officers had the honor to participate in the annual Shop with a Cop event hosted by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Chief Clark, Officer Portillo, Officer Ebibi, Officer Noonan, Pickles, and Caine accompanied three children from Stella May Swartz Elementary for some Christmas shopping fun. This is the fourth year that the City of Oakbrook Terrace participated and we look forward in doing it again next year.





## Having Fun at the Christmas Party



### *Save the Date*

**Presidents Day – February 16**

**Egg Hunt – March 21**

**July 4th Parade and Fireworks – July 4**

**Summer Concert Series – begins June 26**

**National Night Out – August 4**

**Shred Day – September TBD**

**Pumpkins in the Park – October 17**

**Veterans Day – November 11**

**Kids Christmas Party - December 11**

**Luminaries – December 24**





## 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.



# City Departments CORNER

## Community Development Department

### Around Town New Businesses Now Open!

#### Ivanova Dentistry Inc & Perfection Dentistry 1 2S376 Summit Av, Court A, Unit 1E

A new team of dentists with over 20 years of experience have come together to offer patients all phases of dentistry in one place. Each of them adheres to the same mission: To provide an integral and trusting relationship with their patients. Their goal is to provide patients with the best quality of care. For more information about their practice, check out their website: [myawesomedentists.com](http://myawesomedentists.com) or give them a call at 630-571-1030.

#### Power Home Remodeling One Parkview Plaza, 8th Floor

Power Home Remodeling specializes in exterior home renovations and installations, including windows, roofing, entry doors, siding, attic insulation, and solar panels.

Between their highly-trained professional installers and partnerships with some of the best manufacturers in the industry (like GAF, Pella, ProVia, Owens Corning, and more), POWER has served over 500k+ homeowners and installed 1M+ projects in their 30+ years of operation. To learn more about Power Home Remodeling Group, check out their website: [www.powerhrg.com](http://www.powerhrg.com).

#### Supreme Wellness & Aesthetic 17W775 Butterfield Rd, Suite 120 & 121

Supreme Wellness & Aesthetics combines cutting-edge aesthetic procedures with innovative wellness treatments. Their services include skin rejuvenation and anti-aging treatments, facial treatments, injectable neuromodulators, dermal fillers and volume enhancement, specialized treatments and cosmetic enhancement procedures. Are you ready to start your wellness journey? Book a consultation: [www.supremewellness.com](http://www.supremewellness.com).

#### Wendy's – 1S576 Midwest Road – Under Construction

Exciting changes are coming to Wendy's at 1S576 Midwest Road! The location is set for a complete rebuild, giving it a fresh, modern look.

#### Furnace Filter Maintenance

With the cold weather season upon us, keeping our homes warm is a necessity, and a big part of that is maintaining the furnace. Furnace filter maintenance is key to keeping the furnace running strong and extending its life. If the filter is not changed regularly, the lack of airflow through the furnace may cause it to overheat and shut the unit down running into costly repairs. Develop a schedule to check the filter monthly. If you can no longer clearly see light, change the filter. Clean filters keep air quality high and energy bills low. Many costly repairs can be avoided with regular filter changes.



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](http://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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## Public Services

### 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 (at right).

— 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 one-inch 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.



### Public Services 2025-26 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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. 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.
4. This program is for removal of snow on driveways only, not sidewalks.
5. 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 after November 3, 2025.



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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.

### Garbage and Recycling Containers Regulations

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.

### Villa Park Library Card

The City of Oakbrook Terrace has an agreement with the Villa Park Library to provide the City's residents with library services. As a reminder, library cards are a flat fee of \$20 per household for all Oakbrook Terrace residents. The library card provides access to all of the library's resources. For more information, please visit [www.vppl.info](http://www.vppl.info).

### 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 pay your water bill over the phone with a credit card by calling 630-478-0444, or pay online by visiting [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://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. 215
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. 243
OBT PARK DISTRICT .....		630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT .....		630-629-0886

### January/February 2026 City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Paul Esposito

City Clerk Michael Shadley

City Administrator Tanya Walker

Ward I:	Ald. Charlie Barbari Ext. 271
	Ald. Eric Biskup Ext. 272
Ward II:	Ald. Dennis Greco Ext. 274
	Ald. Michael Sarallo Ext. 276
Ward III:	Ald. Robert Rada Ext. 275

#### Monthly Meetings:

City Council — 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7 p.m.  
Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 6 p.m.  
Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter

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