



# Terrace Leaves

January • February 2020

## The Census is Coming Much more than a headcount

Watch for a postcard from the U.S. Census in early March 2020. It is very important that every member of our community is counted for many reasons and possibly most importantly, federal and state funds flow to our City based on our population count. Every individual counted in the U.S. Census is worth approximately \$1,700 per year in funds that can come to the community. It also provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses and how congressional seats are apportioned.

Once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the U.S. and record basic information about them.

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. Confidential and Secure Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual or business. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to five years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that helps inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives. The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party. The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data. To make sure you and your community are counted, learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

## NOTE: Refuse Pick-Up Day Changed to Monday

The garbage collection day in the City of Oakbrook Terrace is Tuesday morning. As of January 1, the garbage collection day will change to Monday mornings.

## Election Judges Needed

The DuPage County Clerk's Election Division is actively looking for Election Judges for the upcoming March 17, 2020 election. Election Judges and Student Judges are the backbone of the election process and their efforts are much valued and appreciated!

Judges of election are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the polling place on Election Day and are in the position of ensuring that the election process is administered fairly and in accordance with the law.

Election Judges are paid for the day and additional payment is available for attending training class(es) as long the Judge serves on Election Day.

Qualifications are be a citizen of the United States; be of good repute; be able to speak, read, and write the English language; be skilled in the four fundamental rules of mathematics; be of good understanding and capable character; reside in and be entitled to vote in the county; and not subject to the registration requirement of the Sex Offender Registration Act; not be a candidate for any office in the election and not be elected committeeman. Additionally, Student Judges are welcomed, with a few more criteria, as outlined on their application.

If you are interested in working and being paid for the time, please complete the online applications at [www.dupageco.org/Election/JudgeApplication/](http://www.dupageco.org/Election/JudgeApplication/) or Student Judge: <https://www.dupageco.org/election/> - click on "Student Judge of Election Online Application." Any questions, please contact Valerie Prohammer at 630-407-5615 or [electionjudge@dupageco.org](mailto:electionjudge@dupageco.org).



- Monday, January 6 .....First Monday Refuse Pickup
- Monday, February 17 .....City Hall Closed for President's Day
- March 6 ..... Approximate Date to Receive Census Postcard

## Home Decorating Contest

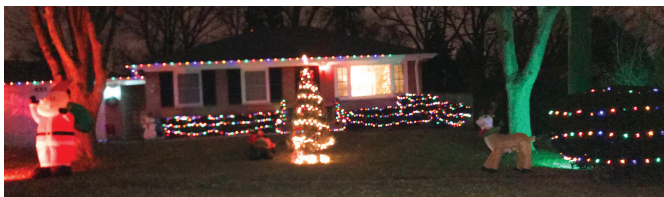
Thank you to this year's Home Decorating Contest participants! These beautifully decorated homes helped to make the holidays more festive and we truly appreciate all of their hard work.



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1S 501 Monterey



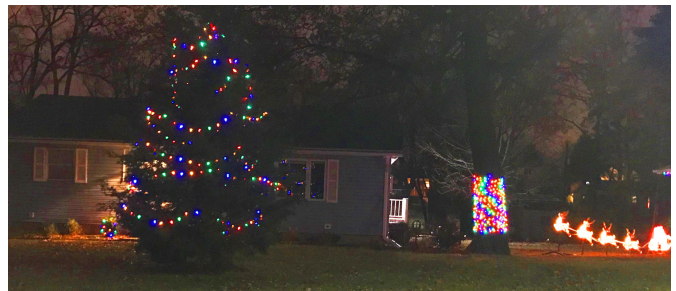
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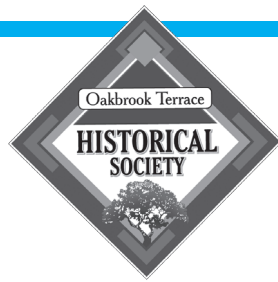
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## Home Safety

**Fireplace Safety** - As you relax in front of your fireplace the last thing you are likely to be thinking about is the condition of your chimney or if the liner is intact. Before you light those winter fires, we encourage you to have your fireplace cleaned and inspected. Dirty chimneys can cause chimney fires, which damage structures and destroy homes and property. Indications of a chimney fire have been described as loud cracking and popping noises with a lot of dense smoke, and an intense odor. Fireplaces and vents should be inspected at least once a year for soundness, freedom from deposits and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs should be done if necessary. Even if you don't use your chimney much, animals may build nests in the flue or there may be other types of deterioration that could make the chimney unsafe to use.

**Dryer Vent Safety** – When was the last time you had your dryer vent cleaned? Lint and debris can build up in your clothes dryer duct causing your dryer to work overtime, creating potentially hazardous conditions, including dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in your home or even a fire. Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry and remove lint that has collected around the drum. Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. If you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.





## A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

# The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club

Serving Oakbrook Terrace, our country, our state, our nation, and our world since 1987

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

- Founded in 1917 in Chicago, IL, by Melvin Jones (local businessman).
- In 1925 Helen Keller gave the Lions the challenge to “be knights of the blind.”
- Lions Clubs International is the world’s largest service club organization.
- Lions International is located in Oak Brook, IL, and coordinates 1.4 million members worldwide in over 46,000 clubs based in 200 countries.
- Lions Foundation was chartered in 1968, becoming the charitable arm of Lions International.
- SightFirst was launched worldwide in 1990.
- Youth programs include: Lions Quest, Youth Exchange, Peace Poster Contest, Ski for Sight, Camp Lions, Someone Special and Leo Clubs.

## PURPOSE

- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among people of the world.
- To promote principles of good citizenship.
- To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To unite clubs in bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To provide forums for open discussions in matters of public interest, provided that partisan politics and religion not be debated by club members.
- To encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward and to encourage efficiency and high ethical standards in all professions.

## LIONS CLUB EVENTS

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club holds a number of events each year, including Someone Special, the Pasta Dinner, Glow Stick Sales, Candy Day, Holiday Tree Sales and Holiday Food Baskets.

## FAQs

Lions Club dues are \$10 per month and both men and women can join. There is no minimum time commitment and membership is not limited to business professionals. Also, there is no need to be an Oakbrook Terrace resident.



*Today's Lions Club putting up one of the trees from their Holiday Tree Sale*



*The 2004 Lions Club*



*The 1987 Lions Club*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Beep Baseball, NEDSRA Fishing Derby, Ski for Sight Conventions, Sight & Sound Sweepstakes, Golfing bowling

## LIONS SUPPORT

- Vision screening and eyeglasses for those in need.
- Used eyeglass and hearing aids collected, identified and redistributed.
- Diabetic Eye Screening education.
- Ski for Sight (ski program for the visual impaired).
- Camp Lions
- College scholarships for local students.
- Special Olympics
- Local school district programs.
- Global disaster relief funds and more!

## MEETINGS

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Anyway's Restaurant and visitors are always welcome! If you are interested in finding out more information, please contact the Lions Club so that they can invite you to their next meeting. As their guest, you will learn what they do and how you will fit in, For more information about the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club, please contact Lion Bob at 630-834-8661

# City Departments CORNER

## Building & Zoning

Several projects are currently underway or slated to begin throughout Oakbrook Terrace.

The German industrial giant Bosch has secured a lease for around 110,000 square feet of office space over four floors within the Oakbrook Terrace Tower and space within the industrial building on the property. Bosch plans on moving its automotive aftermarket division, consisting of roughly 350 employees, from its Broadview location to Oakbrook Terrace in the spring of 2020.

Gold and Oaks Title Services, a full service real estate closing facility will be opening an office at 17W418 22nd Street within the JRC Plaza.

Work is progressing on the full scale renovations of the former LaQuinta hotel now known as Choice Hotel / Mainstay Suites and Sleep Inn located at 17W710 22nd Street directly east of the Home Depot on 22nd Street. Updates include exterior styling enhancements of the building and full interior updates including added hospitality and business center amenities.

Site development has been completed at 18W080 22nd Street on the north side of 22nd Street and construction of the building shell for the new Lou Malnati's Pizza is now underway. Lou Malnati's is expected to open in the spring of 2020.

Lakeside Bank, a locally owned, community-oriented bank that has been serving the area since 1966, will be adding another building to its portfolio with the construction of a new building at 18W078 22nd Street along the north side of 22nd Street. This location will offer personalized banking services tailored to each individual and business customers.

Interior renovations are underway throughout the Courtyard by Marriott located at Six Trans Am Plaza Drive. All common areas and guest rooms throughout the entire hotel are being updated to include a contemporary inviting environment including improved hospitality resources. Exterior improvements will follow.

### NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

The Body Connection Health and Wellness Center, a wellness-based chiropractic practice featuring functional medicine, has opened an office within the commercial building at 1S450 Summit Avenue.

The Poke Bros Fresh Fish Hawaiian Style franchise has opened a new location at 18W046 22nd Street on the north side of 22nd Street just west of the Home Depot. This fresh healthy cuisine originates from Hawaii and features cubed, cut raw fish mixed in a bowl with rice, veggies and flavorful toppings.

Century 21 Premier Properties, a full service Real Estate Brokerage company, recently opened an office within the single story office building at 18W100 222nd Street.

FreeTaxi Dispatch, a taxi service offering a wide range of services at no extra cost, including minivans, has opened a dispatch office at 1S043 Summit Avenue on the east of Summit Avenue across the street from Pete's Fresh Market. Should you need ride assistance anywhere, including one of the airports or any of the Chicagoland Sporting Stadiums, give them a call at 844-894-3733.

The Joint Chiropractic is now open at the corner of Roosevelt Road and Summit Avenue within the Oakbrook Terrace Square. The Joint Chiropractic is a walk-in, no appointment chiropractic facility staffed by licensed professionals.

### OTHER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

Butterfield's Pancake House, located at 1S616 Midwest Road and known for serving a variety of breakfast specialties items was recently purchased by Honey-Jam Café. The new owners will be changing the name and altering the menu to offer Honey Jam's signature food choices like their other locations.

Minutemen Press, a community staple for many years, recently moved to a larger showroom a few blocks west at 17W733 Butterfield Road. Minutemen Press is a provider of all printing needs, including design assistance and promotional services.



## Police

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Police Department is pleased to announce that they have hired a new police officer, Gabriel L. Leon, who will be starting at the police academy on January 6, 2020. Upon completion, he will be assigned to a Field Training Officer here at the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department.

# Public Services

## Public Services Highlights October & November 2019

- 2021 Midwest Road Watermain Project installed and completed
- LaQuinta Watermain Project installed and completed
- Road Resurfacing Project Phase 2 completed
- Performed several rounds of brush-pick up due to storms
- Creek cleanup measures were taken post storm
- Public Services assisted in the City's annual Fall Festival
- Finished construction on Gazebo in Kreml Park
- All City-owned fire extinguishers were tested and certified
- Performed right-of-way tree trimming
- Public Services handled a couple of early snow storms
- Procured bulk rock salt for 2019-2020 snow season
- Prepped fleet for winter
- City-wide street sweep performed
- Applied for a grant for up to \$250,000 to offset some costs of the Streambank Stabilization Project
- Performed the City's annual Lake Michigan water audit for compliance with the Department of Natural Resources
- Performed coliform and bacteria sampling for compliance monitoring requirements

### Totals

JULIE Locates: October – 126 November – 69  
Sign Repairs: October – 5 November – 4  
Mailbox Repairs: October – 4 November – 5  
Gallons of Water Pumped: October – 7,907,000  
November – 6,768,000

### Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Services (Oil Change and Service): Oct. — 2 Nov. — 3  
Tire repairs: Oct. — 0 Nov. — 1

## Senior Citizens' Real Estate Tax Deferral Program

The Senior Citizens' Real Estate Tax Deferral program provides tax relief for qualified senior citizens by allowing them to defer \$5,000 of their property tax on their principal residence. Applications are taken January through the cut-off date of March 1 each year. You may also choose to defer payment of special assessment taxes levied by the City or water and sewer district.

The deferral is similar to a loan against the property's market value. The deferred amounts are borrowed from the State of Illinois, who then pays \$5,000 of the current year's tax bill. To ensure repayment, a six percent (6%) simple interest rate is charged on the deferred amounts and a lien is filed on the property.

Deferred amounts must be repaid within one year of the settlement of the estate or at the time the property is sold or title is transferred.

The annual qualifications for the program are:

- Be 65 years old by June 1
- Have a total combined annual household income of no more than \$55,000.00
- Have owned and occupied the property or other qualifying property for at least the last three years
- Have no delinquent property taxes or delinquent special assessments on the property
- Have adequate insurance against fire and casualty loss
- Own the property, or share joint ownership with your spouse, or be the sole beneficiary, or you and your spouse be the sole beneficiaries of a land trust

Applications and guidelines are available from Gwen Henry, DuPage County Collector, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, Phone 630-407-5900. Applications can be printed at the DuPage County Treasurer web site [www.dupageco.org](http://www.dupageco.org).



# CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

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## Crime Stoppers

Did you know you can provide information about criminal activity anonymously? Crime Stoppers enables individuals to furnish crime-solving assistance through a program that offers anonymity. Callers are given a code number rather than being asked for their name. Crime Stoppers also offers rewards for information that leads to felony arrest and/or convictions. The Crime Stoppers number for anonymous tips is 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477).

## Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2019, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is \$42 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$51 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2019. The library card provides access to all of the library's resources. Applications for Villa Park library cards are available at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall or the Police Department after hours. For more information, please visit [www.villapark.lib.il.us/](http://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](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 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 MAYOR & ADMINISTRATOR**  
..... 630-941-8300, EXT. 213
- ADMINISTRATION**..... 630-941-8300, EXT. 201
- BUILDING & ZONING**..... 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. 201
- OBT PARK DISTRICT** ..... 630-627-6100
- YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT** .....630-629-0886

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## City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Clerk Michael Shadley

City Administrator Amy Marrero

- Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni  
Ald. Robert Rada
- Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach  
Ald. Dennis Greco
- Ward I: Ald. Paul Esposito  
Ald. Charlie Barbari

### 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**