



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2020

A Message From the Acting Mayor

As your Acting Mayor, I would like to thank the residents, city administration, and council for their support over the last seven years that I have served as Alderman. I look forward to serving our great City in the coming year.

As we enter the 2020 spring season, the City is preparing the 2020-2021 budget and once again I am proud to say we are anticipating another great year. The City is financially sound with a healthy fund balance and reserves.

As a reminder, please watch for a postcard from the U.S. Census in early March. The U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, by phone, or mail this year. Let's make sure you and the community are counted.

We hope to see you at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, 12 noon, at Stella May Swartz School. It will be a great time for the children and an opportunity to meet and talk to your neighbors and elected officials. We are fortunate to have these wonderful community traditions in Oakbrook Terrace and I look forward to welcoming you and your family again this year.

The City is anticipating new businesses and restaurants this year. I would like to welcome Positano's Italian restaurant, Lou Malnati's, and Remax to our business district. Also, major renovation plans are near completion at Sleep Inn/Mainstay by Choice Hotels and Courtyard by Marriott.

As your Acting Mayor, I want to be attuned to the needs of the community and I encourage residents and area businesspeople who have concerns, ideas or suggestions to contact City Hall. My phone number is 630-941-8300 ext. 208 and I encourage you to feel free to call me.

Please be safe and enjoy the spring season.

*Sincerely,
Acting Mayor Paul Esposito*



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 \$1,400 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 to help 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.

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Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 4



The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, April 4, 12 noon, at Stella May Swartz School.

Registration for the Egg Hunt is open to children through age nine who wish to participate in this special event. Children age ten to twelve can participate in the kite fly.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form at right to register your children.

Any child that is a non-resident, such as grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, or just friends, will need to pay a \$5.00 fee for each child to receive a pail or kite, depending on the age of the child. Any resident or non-resident that is not signed up ahead of time (with the \$5.00 per child fee for non-residents) will not be able to participate.

PLEASE NOTE: Only residents can purchase non-resident tickets.



- Wed., April 2Registration deadline Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Saturday, April 4Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Monday, April 6First 2020 Brush Pick-Up
- Monday, April 27 Brush Pick-Up
- Monday, May 18..... Brush Pick-Up



Registration Form Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, April 4

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2). There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name _____

Address _____

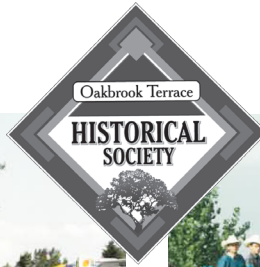
Phone _____

Childrens' Names _____ Age ____ Sex ____

Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall,
attn: Cheryl Downer, 17W 275 Butterfield Rd.,
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society



Western Fest was an International Professional Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo that was part of the Great Midwest Rodeo Tour and it was held in Oakbrook Terrace from 1994 to 1996.

Western Fest

Did you know that the City of Oakbrook Terrace hosted Western Fest for three years? Western Fest was an International Professional Rodeo Association-sanctioned rodeo that was part of the Great Midwest Rodeo Tour and it was held in Oakbrook Terrace from 1994 to 1996.

Many residents volunteered to help set up and run the event. This event was coordinated by Police Officer Larry Bieneman and Cathy Caldarazzo, Oakbrook Terrace Tourism Director, and funded through the City of Oakbrook Terrace Department of Tourism, as well as local business sponsors. The three-day festivals included a championship rodeo, outstanding entertainment, two-step line dancing, carnival rides, arts and crafts, and food vendors.

The first year it was held August 19, 20 & 21, 1994, in the parking lot of the Drury Lane Theater. Entertainment that year included country music singer and songwriters Chris LeDoux and Steve Wariner. Also performing was John "Katman" Ktzabeck and the Kitty Litter Band, and Bill Garcia and the US 99 Traveling Show.

All three years the event hosted in Oakbrook Terrace also included an Exceptional Kids Rodeo, an event for disabled children who were invited to the rodeo to participate and meet real cowboys and cowgirls and rodeo clowns, and participate in stick horse racing and simulated bronco and bull rides.

In 1995, the event was held August 18, 19 & 20 in the Inland Steel and Trans Am Plaza properties. Entertainment that year featured Grammy winner Joe Diffie, country music artist Ricky Van Shelton, and Big John Howell and the US 99 Born to Boogie Band.

The following year, in 1996, it was again held in the Inland Steel and Trans Am Plaza properties on August 16, 17 & 18. Entertainment was country music artist Davis Daniel, country singer and songwriter Mark Chesnutt, Crossfyr and the Marshall Tucker Band.

It required many volunteers working many hours to put on this great event for Oakbrook Terrace.

City Departments CORNER

Building & Zoning

2019 Calendar Year Highlights

- 300 building permits were issued from January 1 through December 31 for residential and commercial work throughout the City.
- Yearly rental housing inspections were performed. The city has a total of 45 residential rental properties.
- Citywide property maintenance inspections were conducted throughout the residential and commercial districts.

New Businesses Locating to OBT

Positano Italian Restaurant will be occupying the space of the former Tilted Kilt at 17W460 22nd Street within the JRC Plaza and interior renovations are currently underway.

Great Lakes Dredge and Dock will be relocating their corporate offices from Oak Brook to the Parkview Plaza Building located on 22nd Street. A permit has been released for interior renovations of 13,771 sq.ft. of space on the third floor, and the tenant is currently in negotiations to sublease the entire eighth floor.

POSNA (Pediatric Orthopaedic Society of North America) has signed a lease to occupy space at One Tower Lane. Interior renovations of the space are currently in progress.

Public Services

Public Services Highlights December 2019 & January 2020

- Dealt with a severe windstorm with 60+mph winds that left several trees down; a special brush pick-up was implemented to help clean up the City.
- Helped prep and assist for the City's Holiday Party and Tree Lighting Ceremony
- All City Streets Swept
- Winterized all plant beds and performed bush trimming at all City-owned properties.
- Installed two banners on 16th Street for Swartz School
- Performed Right-of-Way tree trimming
- Performed snow removal operations 11 times over December and January
- Prepared Budget and Lake Michigan Water Audit
- All Public Services vehicles passed state safety inspection
- Performed all necessary water sampling requirements

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. It will 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 rental property within the City of Oakbrook Terrace must obtain a license. The deadline for applications is May 1, 2020. Applications will be mailed to all property owners 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 must be submitted to the City before any rental inspection may proceed. Ordinance 16-9, passed on February 9, 2016, is available for viewing online.

Totals

JULIE Locates: December – 51 January – 40
Sign Repairs: December – 4 January – 4
Mailbox Repairs: December – 3 January – 5
Gallons of Water Pumped: December – 6,929,000
January – 7,086,000

Fleet Maintenance

PD Car Sheet Repair Orders: December – 11 January – 10
PD Car Repair Orders: Oct. — 8 Nov. — 8

Snow

Snow Opts Days: December – 3 January – 8

Electronics Recycling – Free Drop-Off

Monday-Friday • 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
York Township Highway Department



Did you know that you can recycle electronics free-of-charge at the York Township Highway Department? Items accepted include:

- Computers
- Printers
- TVs
- Video Game Consoles
- Monitors
- Fax and Copy Machines
- VCRs
- Phones

and much more

Location

York Township Highway Department

19W475 Roosevelt Road, Lombard, IL 60148

For more information, please call 630-627-2200 or email: yorkhwy@comcast.net.

York Township Residents Only

2020 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 6 & 27

May 18

June 8 & 29

July 13

August 3 & 24

September 14

October 5 & 26

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 will be 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 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.

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.



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Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planting a tree, installing a fence or deck, or doing any other home improvement project that involves digging, remember to call JULIE (811 from a cell phone or 1-800-892-0123) before you begin. JULIE will notify member utility companies to send locators to mark their underground facilities with paint and/or flags. Once you know the approximate location of utility lines, you can dig safely without running the risk of service disruptions, potential injuries, fines and repair costs.

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/.

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. 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

March/April 2020

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Acting Mayor Paul Esposito

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