



# Terrace Leaves

November • December 2020

## *A Message From the Acting Mayor*



The Holiday season is approaching, together with winter weather. Please rest assured that our Public Services Department will keep our City streets clean and handle any situation that arises due to inclement weather. Please remember to use caution while driving in our City, and always be aware of pedestrians walking on our streets.

I would like to thank everyone who attended “Pumpkin in the Park” on October 17 and also thank our City staff for their hard work on this event.

Be sure to watch for our upcoming "Santa is Coming to Town" event, beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, December 5. Santa will be on parade throughout the Oakbrook Terrace community, beginning at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall and proceeding throughout the neighborhoods. See the map on page 2 for more route information.

As 2020 comes to an end, I would like to thank the residents, City employees, businesses — retail and corporate — for helping to keep Oakbrook Terrace successful and financially sound. It has been a challenging year and I thank all of you all for complying with COVID-19 guidelines of social distancing, facial covering, and most of all, ensuring the safety of everyone during this pandemic.

The City Aldermen and I are committed to do what is best for the residents, businesses, and the community, to make our city safe and financially sound, and to maintain Oakbrook Terrace as one of the best places to live and raise your family in the Chicagoland area.

As always, I'm proud to serve as your mayor, and from the entire city council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year!

*Sincerely,*

*Acting Mayor Paul Esposito*



## Santa is Coming to Town

*December 5*  
*12 noon*

Be sure to watch for Santa on Saturday, December 5, when he will be coming to town for a parade throughout the community, beginning at 12 noon.

The 1.5-mile parade route (pictured on page 2) will wind through the neighborhoods behind Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.

All residents and their children are invited. We hope to see you there!

## Police Station is 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.



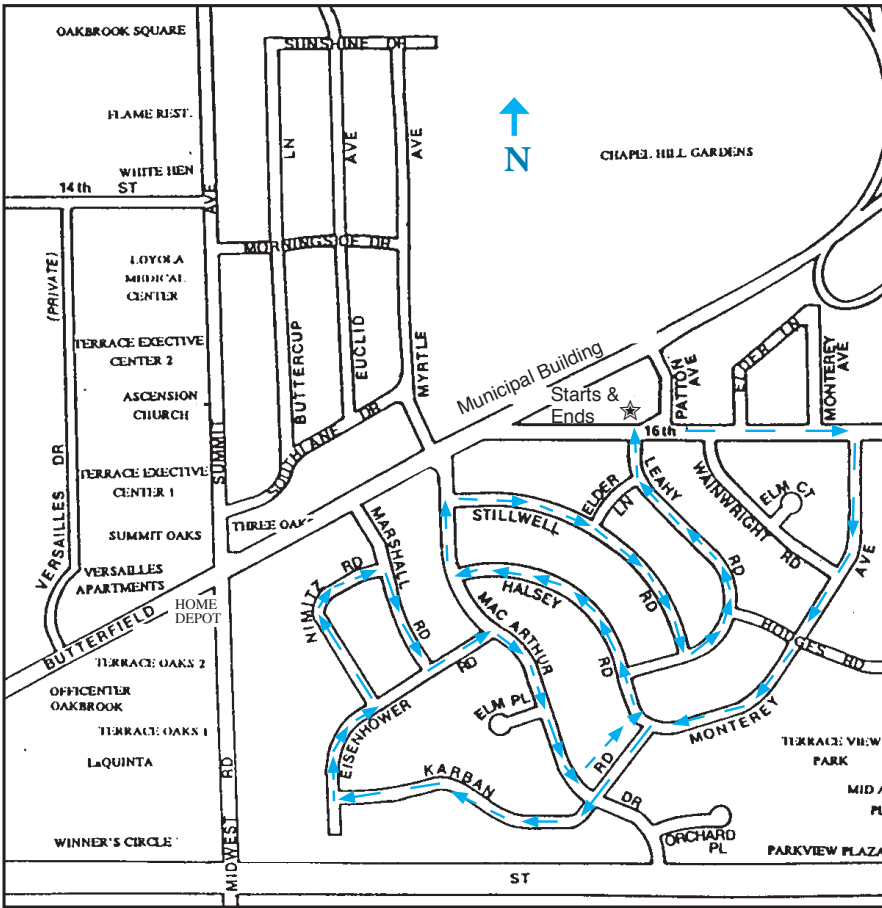
Thursday, November 26.....City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27 .....City Hall Closed

Saturday, December 5 ..... Santa is Coming to Town

Friday, Dec. 11...Deadline to Register for Home Decorating Contest

Tuesday, Dec. 15 .... Home Decorating Contest Judging Takes Place



## Holiday Home Decorating Contest

Join in the fun for the City's Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Decorated homes and apartments really make the holiday special.

Judging will take place on Tuesday, December 15, so be sure to have decorations out by then. Fill out the form below and return it to City Hall by Friday, December 11, to be included in the contest. For more information, contact Michael Sarallo at City Hall at 630-941-8300 x213 or msarallo@oakbrookterrace.net.

### Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entry Form

YES, please enter me in the City of Oakbrook Terrace Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off, mail or fax this form by Fri., Dec. 11 to:  
 Oakbrook Terrace City Hall  
 17W 275 Butterfield Rd.  
 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181  
 or Fax: 630-617-0036



## Santa is Coming to Town Parade Map

- Begins on 16th Street behind Municipal Building
- Heads east on 16th St.
- Right onto Monterey Avenue
- Left onto Karban Rd.
- Right onto Eisenhower Rd.
- Left onto Nimitz Rd.
- Right onto Marshall Rd.
- Left onto Eisenhower Rd.
- Right onto MacArthur Dr.
- Right onto Stillwell Rd.
- Left onto Leamy Rd.
- Back to Municipal Building on 16th Street
- Left onto Eisenhower Rd.
- Right onto MacArthur Dr.
- Left onto Karban Rd.
- Left onto Halsey Rd.
- Right onto MacArthur Dr.
- Right onto Stillwell Rd.
- Left onto Leamy Rd.
- Back to Municipal Building on 16th Street



## Lions Christmas Tree Sale

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees again this year. The trees are 5-6 feet in height and are \$28 each. For \$38, you will receive a tree and a heavy metal stake for setting it up in the front yard. Lions Club members will deliver and set up trees on Saturday, November 28. For more information, call Lion Mike at 630-816-5276.

**YES!** I want to order a Holiday Tree    Holiday Tree (\$28) qty: \_\_\_\_\_    Holiday Tree w/Stake (\$38) qty: \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is enclosed.

Return to: Lion Mike (630-816-5276), 1S576 Nimitz Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

DELIVER TO: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



## A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

### Oakbrook Terrace Trivia

How much do you know about our community's past? Take this quiz and find out! Circle your best answer to each question, put your name and phone number on it and return it to the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society, 17W245 16th Street (Cow Plop Lane). Prizes will be given to those with the most correct answers.

You can find out the answers to these questions and many more by visiting the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society. We are open Wednesdays 1 to 3 p.m. For an alternate time, call 630-834-8661.

**What was Stella May Swartz School called when it was first built in 1959?**

- 16th Street School
- Dorothy Drennon School
- Carpenter School
- Butterfield School

**What year was our first city municipal building constructed?**

- 1970
- 1972
- 1969
- 1975

**On which corner was Phil's Shell Service located?**

- Southwest corner of Roosevelt & Summit
- Southeast corner of Roosevelt & Summit
- Northwest corner of Butterfield & Summit
- Southwest corner of Butterfield & Summit

**Many years ago, what was 16th Street Called?**

- Cow Plop Lane
- Cannonball Trail
- Butterfield Rd.

**What name was chosen for our city when it was first incorporated in 1958?**

- City of Yorktown
- City of Oakbrook Terrace
- City of Utopia
- City of Elmhurst Countryside

**Who was the first Mayor of Utopia?**

- Richard Sarallo
- Theodore Truske
- Robert Mack
- Darwin Rudd

**Where were the initial City Council meetings of Utopia held?**

- Stella May Swartz School
- 17W376 Karban Rd.
- 1S506 Monterey Ave.
- 17W221 Leahy Rd.

**What was Summit Ave legally called in the early years?**

- Cannonball Trail
- Midwest Rd.
- Canfield Rd.
- Cass Ave.

**What is our City's Historical Society Slogan?**

- The Spirit of our Past...A Vision for the Future.
- Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it.
- Learn from our past and dream of the future.
- Making history meaningful

Hint: see OBTHISTORY.COM

**What was our Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District named in the early years?**

- Oakbrook Terrace Volunteer Fire Department
- Butterfield Fire Department
- York Center Fire Department
- Utopia Fire Department

**Where were Sizzler Family Steak House, JoAnn's Bakery and Famous Liquors located?**

- Oakbrook Square Center
- Oakbrook Terrace Square Center
- JRC Plaza
- Roosevelt Plaza

Hint: OBT 25th Silver Anniversary Booklet

**What was the best part of the Oakbrook Terrace Halloween Parties in the late 1970s and early 1980s?**

- Bobbing for Apples
- Trick-or-Treating until after dark to fill pillowcases with candy.
- Three-Legged Races
- Throwing a witch into a HUGE bonfire.

**Who played Santa Claus at many Christmas parties in the 1970s and 1980s?**

- Richard Sarallo
- Tony Barton
- Ed Fik
- "Grandpa" Jack Shanahan

**Where was Bennigan's Tavern located?**

- Oakbrook Terrace Plaza
- JRC Plaza
- Oak Brook Square
- Venture Parking lot

**What have been the name(s) of our City's Newsletter?**

- The Butterfield Siren
- The Utopian
- Terrace Topics
- Terrace Leaves
- All of the above

## Building & Zoning



### Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

Lower temperatures mean higher thermostat settings, and higher gas bills in the dead of winter. Check the weather stripping around doors and windows and replace those that are worn.

- ✓ **Inspect your heating system** and schedule a furnace tune-up. Don't wait to turn on your furnace. If you have issues, you'll want to know before winter. As a homeowner, you should listen for strange noises, such as booming, clicking, and squealing. Also pay attention to odd odors coming from the furnace. If you notice anything unusual, call an HVAC professional right away.
- ✓ **Perform a visual check of your roof**, examining for broken or missing shingles, which can lead to water damage inside. Shingle granules in your gutters is a sign they may need replacement.
- ✓ **If you have a fireplace**, fall is a great time to clean your fireplace and give it a thorough cleaning and inspection. Maintaining a clean fireplace is the simplest and best way to remove creosote, a byproduct of wood combustion that contains tar and toxins. This reduces the risk of fire.
- ✓ **It's easy to forget about smoke and carbon monoxide detectors**, unless a cooking disaster sets off the alarm. That's why it's a good time to check the batteries in those devices or replace or install additional detectors if needed.
- ✓ **Run ceiling fans in reverse** to help circulate warm air near the ceiling back into your living space, which can help cut your heating costs. Make sure the fan is off and then simply flip the switch typically found on the side of the motor.
- ✓ **Aerating your lawn** is a great way to help produce a stronger lawn. Once aerated, throw on grass seed or a late-season fertilizer, to help grass retain vital nutrients during the winter.
- ✓ **Contact your irrigation company** and have your outdoor irrigation system winterized to prevent damage from freezing water.
- ✓ **Disconnect and empty garden hoses.** A frozen hose can cause the water inside the wall to freeze and burst. Disconnect your hose and let it drain on an angle.
- ✓ **Throughout the year, your gutters fill up with leaves**, sticks, and other debris. Failing to clear this gunk from your gutters can mean rain and melting snow won't be able to drain easily, potentially causing seepage and leaks into your home.
- ✓ **Clear out flower and vegetable beds.** Take a long look at your yard and decide which landscaping elements worked and which didn't. Removing plants is easier when they're in hibernation.
- ✓ **Snails and slugs spend all autumn eating your perennials**, but you can stop them by cutting back perennials before the season

gets going. By trimming the foliage to the ground it sends energy to the roots for next spring and results in healthier plants.

- ✓ **Get planting.** With your flower beds cleared out, fall is actually a great time for planting tulips, daffodils or other spring bulbs.
- ✓ **Winterize your gardening supplies.** Fix squeaky screws, and de-rust and sharpen any blades to save yourself time come spring. Your local gardening or hardware store might offer a tool sharpening service, but this is also a job you can tackle yourself with a sharpening stone or grinding wheel.

### NOW OPEN

#### Starvel Family Dentistry, 17W695 Butterfield Road, Suite D

Starvel is a general dentistry practice serving the surrounding community for over thirty years. They are now accepting new patients and offer convenient evening and Saturday hours.

#### Gainz Fit Club, 17W702 Butterfield Road, Suite B/C

A personal fitness studio with a goal of featuring full body functional exercises to improve strength, agility, flexibility, and endurance in a welcoming environment, Gainz Fit Club offers fitness, boxing, and women's yoga. [www.gainzfitclub.com](http://www.gainzfitclub.com).

#### Michael's on Main, 1 Parkview Plaza, First Floor

On the main floor within the Parkview Plaza building, Michael's offers a full breakfast menu and grab and go items, and for lunch, deli wraps, sandwiches, or build-your-own salad bar. Mon.-Fri. 7 am - 2 pm.

#### Courtyard by Marriott, Six Trans Am Plaza Drive

The Courtyard by Marriott recently completed a major renovation and updated all common areas and guest rooms throughout the entire hotel with a contemporary inviting environment and improved hospitality resources.

### OPENING SOON

#### Positano Ristorante, 17W460 22nd Street

A fine dining establishment creating authentic Italian dishes.

#### Driftwood Grill, 17W648 22nd Street

A casual dining restaurant offering many American food favorites.

#### Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, 18W080 22nd Street

One of Chicago's most famous pizzerias will be opening a restaurant and carry out location. Known for their deep-dish family secret buttercrust recipe, each pizza is handmade from scratch.

#### Red Effect Infrared Fitness, 1S550 Route 83, Unit D

Red Effect Infrared Fitness studio offers a variety of classes for all fitness levels including interval training, cycling, kickboxing, or circuit training and Barre/Yoga sessions. [www.redeffectfitness.com](http://www.redeffectfitness.com).

#### The Shake Shop, 17W131 Roosevelt Road, Unit F

An independently owned retail location to purchase Herbalife nutrition and weight management dietary supplements.

## 2020-21 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. Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up effective October 1, 2020.

- 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. A copy of an example statement is included in the packet.
- 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.

- 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.
- A seasonal charge of \$50.00 is required prior to the start of the program. 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.
- This program is for removal of snow on driveways only, not sidewalks.
- 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.

## 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 (see above).
- 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 1" 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.



## Police

The changing weather poses risks and it's important to be aware of the shifting season and its impact on your surroundings.

### Fall Driving Safety Tips

A number of weather conditions can contribute to a risky road. Here are a few dangers of fall weather to be aware of when driving:

- Water can pool on dust and oil, making the pavement slippery
- Leaves can make the road slippery and obscure traffic lines, other pavement markings and potholes
- Temperatures can drop dramatically, making ice spots on areas of the road, such as bridges, overpasses and shaded areas
- Fog can limit visibility when driving
- Sun glare is dangerous because it can impact your sight for a few seconds after exposure, obscuring any vision of pedestrians, oncoming traffic and even the car in front of you.

### Protect Your Pets

When it comes to your home, you might think your pet is safe, but there are some hidden dangers. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has a helpful list of tips to help keep your pet safe from household poisons, cold weather hazards and everything that could pose a possible threat to your pet, including rodenticides (rat poisons), dangerous wildlife, apple stems, leaves or seeds, and poisonous mushrooms (ingestion could cause health problems).

If your pet ingests something harmful – or is bitten or attacked by a wild animal – call your local animal poison control center or your veterinarian immediately.

### Dryer Safety

Prevent dryer fires by cleaning filters after each load of wash and removing lint that collects in dryer vents. Like burning candles, never leave a load of laundry in the dryer unattended.



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## 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 more information, please visit [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net).

## Villa Park Library Card

*Attention Residents*

As of May 1, 2020, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$43 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$52 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2021. The library card provides access to all of the library's resources. 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:

<b>POLICE</b>	Emergency.....	911
	Information.....	630-941-8320
<b>FIRE EMERGENCY</b> .....		911
<b>MAYOR</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 208
<b>CITY CLERK</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 206
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 207
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR &amp; ADMINISTRATOR</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 213
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 201
<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 209
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 265
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b> .....		630-941-1651
<b>WATER BILLING</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 242
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> .....		630-941-8300, EXT. 201
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b> .....		630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b> .....		630-629-0886

## November/December 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. Charlie Barbari

Ald. Joseph Beckwith

### 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**