



Terrace Leaves

May • June 2019

A Message From the Mayor



As spring is upon us, please use caution while driving in the subdivision and throughout the City; remember our children and residents deserve the right to walk on our City streets without the fear of vehicles driving recklessly. The City will be installing two more radar speed signs in our community soon; please observe your speed while driving by them. The Police

Department will enforce any violators or reckless drivers in our subdivision that endanger others.

I'd like to thank the community for their strong support for the Easter and egg hunt event. We had approximately 90 children attend this event, along with their parents, relatives and friends.

I hope to see everybody at this year's 4th of July celebration. This is the City's annual event and we look forward to celebrating with all the residents and their families. This year there will be a 4th of July parade hosted by one of our residents. I'd like to thank Amy Biskup and her family for putting this

parade together. The parade will start at noon and will go through the subdivision and end at the City Hall parking lot. The parade route will be posted in the *Terrace Leaves*.

The City will be welcoming two new Aldermen elected by the residents: Ward 1 Alderman Charlie Barbari, Ward 3 Alderman Bob Rada, and also re-elected, Ward 2 Alderman Dennis Greco. Congratulations to all elected and we wish them much success.

Our 2019-2020 budget just passed, and thanks to the residents and businesses, once again our City is in great financial shape with a strong fund balance and operating reserves. I want to also thank the City Staff for their dedication and hard work on the budget.

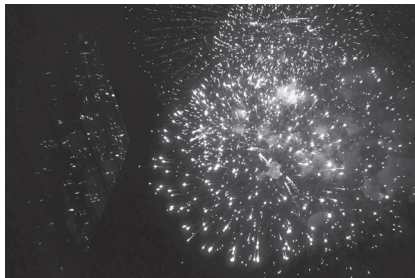
Thank you for letting me serve as your Mayor, and as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 630-832-9558.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

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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.

Street and Water Divisions: Mon. - Fri.: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Police Department Open 24 Hours/Day Year-Round



Monday, May 13.....Brush Pick-Up

Monday, June 3Brush Pick-Up

Monday, June 24.....Brush Pick-Up

Monday, July 8.....Brush Pick-Up

Wednesday, July 3.....Deadline to pick up July 4th tickets

Thursday, July 4.....Annual July 4th Celebration



City of Oakbrook Terrace and Flood Brothers Concert & Fireworks Display



**Thursday
July 4th**

*Terrace View
Park*

**Picnic, Raffle and
Rides: 3-6 p.m.**

Residents can pick up tickets to the July 4th Celebration at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall until July 3, 4:30 pm. Resident picnic tickets are free. The cost for non-resident tickets is \$10. Only residents can purchase non-resident tickets.

Together Musical Group, 8-9 p.m.

Fireworks: 9:30 p.m., Terrace View Park

Not permitted: pets, alcohol and fireworks of any kind – including sparklers.

We need your help!!

The Oakbrook Terrace 4th of July Parade Committee is a group of volunteer residents whose mission is to plan and coordinate the 4th of July parade and celebration for and by the citizens of Oakbrook Terrace and surrounding cities. This is a volunteer parade put together by community members, business sponsors and donations. Be a part of the parade as a volunteer, parade participant, financial sponsor or spectator.

- Parade Date: July 4th
- Parade line-up time: 11:00 am
- Parade start location: Stella Mae Swartz School, 17W160 16th Street, Oakbrook Terrace
- Parade Start Time: 12 pm
- Parade Route: 1.5 miles – begins at Stella Mae Swartz School (16th Street), continues on to Leahy, Elder Lane, Stillwell, MacArthur, Karban, Monterey, Wainwright, 16th Street and ends at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.

Alderman Tom Thomas Retires After 16 Years of Service



The City of Oakbrook Terrace congratulated Tom Thomas recently on his 16 years of volunteer service to the community and wished him well in his retirement. Tom served as Alderman for Ward 1.

Show Your Support and Gain Community Exposure: Be a Business Sponsor!

Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Once again, the City of Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to gain exposure for their business by supporting the City's Fourth of July celebration. This is a great opportunity to get community exposure and show your support for our community.

Sponsorships will be offered in six categories:

- Platinum 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 Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300 ext. 201.



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Mary Arends has lived in Oakbrook Terrace for nearly 70 years. She and her husband Carl purchased a lot in the community in 1949 with the intention of building their home here. They were the first people to buy land for a home in Oakbrook Terrace and soon other families followed.

Carl and his father built the house themselves, bringing many of the materials out on the train from their residence in Chicago. When the house was complete, Mary said, she and Carl had spent a total of \$5,000. Today Mary continues to live in the home that her husband and father-in-law built themselves.

She described the growth that took place in the community. As more homes sprang up in the early 1950s, a new school was constructed named Salt Creek School, followed by Butterfield School, which was later named Stella Mae Swartz School. "Swartz School was named after the school principal," Mary said.

Not only did Mary's children attend Swartz School, but her grandchildren attended there as well. "My daughter and granddaughter had the same teacher," she added.

Mary and her husband were among those community members who organized the first Fourth of July Parade — primarily made up of decorated bikes, wagons and buggies, as well as adults and children walking the parade route. "After the parade, cookies and Kool-Aid were served by one of the local families," Mary said.

Mary and her daughter Mary Thon also remember a time when there would be 20 or more kids waiting for the school bus that stopped in front of their house. Many of the neighborhood dogs were allowed to roam free in those days, she remembered, and kids were often accompanied by their dogs until they got onto the bus.

"Parents didn't have to worry so much about their kids then," said Mary Thon, "and when it wasn't a school day, we would leave first thing in the morning and run all over the neighborhood. There were always a lot of kids."

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Neighbors grew close as they raised their families together and soon a bowling league was formed. Other social pursuits included visits to the nearby Kustard Kastle, located at the intersection of Butterfield Road and Route 83 — before the roadway widening and the addition of cloverleaf ramps.

"It was the closest thing to going out," Mary said. "And the best ice cream. In the summertime that was a huge deal."

A barn where auctions were conducted once stood on what is now the southeast corner of Butterfield and Midwest Roads (the current Skippy's Gyros location). "They auctioned off horses and it was a farmer's market as well," Mary said.

Mary and her husband both worked. Carl worked in the tool and die business in Chicago, while Mary was employed at Elmhurst Hospital when it was located on the north edge of downtown Elmhurst. Mary worked there 35 years and was instrumental in making Elmhurst Hospital the first hospital in the area to have personal patient phone extensions in each room.

Home telephones were somewhat primitive in those days. Telephones often had eight "party lines," Mary said. That meant they shared their phone with seven other families. Each family had a different number of rings.

To help keep the community safe, Mary's husband Carl was appointed by the Mayor to be Oakbrook Terrace's first Chief of Police. Like the Fire Department, the Chief of Police was a volunteer position. "All of the volunteers would use their own cars," Mary said.

In 1963, a fire that started upstairs in the Arends home was quickly extinguished by the Fire Department, which was fortunately located directly across the street. "It was a tough year," Mary said. "But we were lucky everyone was fine. The bottom of the house is still original."

Both Mary her daughter love the community that Mary and Carl had chosen to raise their family all those years ago. "Many people stayed here until they retired or passed away," said Mary Thon. "It was a great place to grow up."



Visiting the Kustard Kastle Drive-In, once located at Roosevelt and Butterfield Roads, was an exciting summertime outing for scores of Oakbrook Terrace families

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City Departments CORNER

Police

The following Police Department personnel were recognized at an Awards Ceremony held at the City Council Meeting on February 26. Recognized were: Detective Sergeant David Clark, for his outstanding performance during the investigation of a Residential Burglary and Unlawful Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicles that occurred on November 26, 2018. Detective Sergeant Clark's supervision ensured that a thorough investigation was conducted, which ultimately led to the recovery of the victim's property and the identification of the offenders who were learned to be responsible for numerous burglaries and motor vehicle thefts throughout Northern Illinois.

Detective Nicole DeMario for her outstanding performance during the investigation of a Residential Burglary and Unlawful Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicles that occurred on November 26, 2018. Detective DeMario was assigned as the lead Evidence Technician as well as the lead Detective in the case. The thorough investigation ultimately led to the recovery of the victims' property and the identification of the offenders who were learned to be responsible for numerous burglaries and motor vehicle thefts throughout Northern Illinois.

Officer Victoria Johnson for her outstanding performance during her response to an unconscious patient who was not breathing on February 17, 2019. Officer Johnson quickly recognized that the patient was in significant distress, so she moved him to the floor and administered CPR until the Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District arrived. The subject survived the cardiac arrest.

Officer Przemyslaw (Jake) Lekki, Officer Jason Sluzewicz, and Officer Thomas Tomopoulos for their outstanding performance



during the investigation of a Residential Burglary and Unlawful Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicles that occurred on November 26, 2018. These officers' assistance allowed for a thorough investigation, which ultimately led to the recovery of the victims' property and the identification of the offenders who were learned to be responsible for numerous burglaries and motor vehicle thefts throughout Northern Illinois.

Officer Jason Sluzewicz for his outstanding performance during a traffic stop on February 18, 2019, in which the driver attempted to drive off. Officer Sluzewicz stopped the driver's actions by reaching into the vehicle and removing the keys from the ignition. The driver was subsequently charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Resisting a Peace Officer.

Chief Calvello believes in the recognition of officers, their actions and outstanding efforts in service to the community and their fellow officers. In keeping with this belief, Chief Calvello would like to make the Awards Ceremony an annual event going forward.

Public Services

Public Services Highlights February 2019 and March 2019

- 10 snow events in February and one in March involved a large amount of Public Services' staff time
- Pothole patching
- Litter pickup
- Procured salt for next winter season
- Secured mosquito abatement services through 2020
- Public Services Director Craig Ward Budget made a Public Services budget presentation
- Geared up for spring projects, including right-of-way restoration and decorative point enhancements
- Work continues on Phase II Road Resurfacing preparation
- Work begun on annual Consumer Confidence Water Report

- Continued Buck Trail maintenance and restoration
- Continued Streambank Stabilization project preparation

Totals

JULIE Locates: Feb — 58 Mar — 80

Sign Repairs: Feb — 1 Mar — 4

Mailboxes: Feb — 2 Mar — 5

Gallons of Water Pumped: Feb — 6,589,000 Mar — 6,663,000

Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Services (Oil Change and Service): Feb — 10 Mar — 9

Tire repairs: Feb — 4 Mar — 2

PD Car Repair Orders: Feb — 4 Mar — 4

Building & Zoning

Residential Property Maintenance

Beginning May 1, City staff will be performing yearly compliance inspections on all residential properties within the community. Inspections are conducted from the right-of-way, and residents will receive a courtesy notice door hanger either thanking residents who are in compliance or advising a homeowner of any problems observed during the inspection. Homeowners will be asked to address the issues by a specific date. Failure to comply will result in further action by the City. The City of Oakbrook Terrace thanks residents for their continued cooperation in maintaining the high standards that Oakbrook Terrace residents enjoy!

A few of the areas being looked at during this inspection include:

Property Address Numbers

All residential properties are required to display their property address numbers. The numbers should be placed in a position that is visible from the street fronting the property.

Exterior Surfaces

All exterior surfaces shall be maintained in good condition. Peeling, flaking, faded or rotted materials shall be replaced or repaired and surfaces repainted.

Door, Windows, and Screens

All doors, windows, and screens should be free of cracks, tears, holes, loose or missing panes or rotted boards.

Fences and Landscaping Walls

All fences and landscaping walls shall be safe, structurally sound and not leaning. Any missing slats, parts, loose or unstable materials shall be repaired or replaced.

Vehicles, Trailers, Boat, etc.

A maximum of one boat on a trailer, a trailer, a camping trailer, or a recreational vehicle may be stored or parked on the driveway or off-street parking areas on a zoning lot that is paved with asphalt, concrete or paving brick. Storage of such vehicles is not allowed on any grassy area. Storage of any inoperable, unlicensed, dismantled or damaged vehicles is not permitted on any zoning lot in the City.

Weeds, Grass and Vegetation

Grass and weeds may not exceed six inches (6") in height. All premises and exterior property, including driveways, sidewalks, and landscaping, shall be maintained free from weeds and noxious vegetation.

Spring And Summer Building Permit Requests

THINK AHEAD... If you're thinking of performing any home improvements or remodeling projects in the coming months, residents are reminded that many types of home improvement projects require a building permit. Some of that work includes concrete or asphalt work, brick paving, electrical, plumbing, roofs, windows, siding, fences, A/C units, sheds, swimming pools, decks and porches.

Permits applications are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department or can be downloaded from the City website at www.oakbrookterrace.net. Work started prior to securing a building permit could result in fines and appearance in court. It's always best to check with the Building and Zoning Department before you begin any project.

ALLOWABLE CONSTRUCTION WORK HOURS

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION IS PROHIBITED ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS.

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day

OPENING SOON

Frankie's Deli, a family owned Italian deli established in 1964, will be moving into the building at 17W626 Butterfield Road, formerly occupied by Specialty's Café and Bakery. Interior renovations have begun with the opening date anticipated near the end of June. Frankie's Deli will offer deli sandwiches, salads, Italian grocery items, fresh bread, Italian wines, a butcher shop section, a variety of homemade frozen dinners, pasta and sauces and catering services.

Re/Max Legends will be opening a new real estate office at 17W480 22nd Street within the JRC Plaza. This office will be providing a resource for homes and properties within Oakbrook Terrace and the surrounding areas.

Kiddie Academy, soon to open its doors at 17W725 Roosevelt Road, is an early education and child development center providing child care services for children six weeks to twelve years of age. The Academy focuses on days filled with learning and fun, including hot, family-style meals and a large outdoor playground.

My Dance Hub, an adult dance studio, will be opening their second location at 1S550 Route 83. My Dance Hub welcomes everyone with an interest in dancing, from the single dancer who simply wants to learn to Salsa dance, to competitive ballroom dancers at all levels, to social dancers searching for a place to dance, to the couple hoping for the perfect opening dance for their wedding. Their studio offers a friendly, open and informal atmosphere, and the staff of professional ballroom dance instructors brings years of experience and a wealth of expertise as instructors and competitors with a full complement of ballroom dance styles.

The Joint Chiropractic Clinic will be opening a location at 17W699 Roosevelt Road within the Oakbrook Terrace Square. The Joint is the nation's largest network of non-insurance, private pay chiropractic health care clinics in the United States. No appointments are needed and walk-ins are welcome. Open evenings and weekends for your convenience; all staff licensed professional Doctors of Chiropractic.



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Teen Curfew

As the summer months approach, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department reminds residents that the curfew for children 17 years of age and under is 11 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 12 midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

The 2018 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.

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 \$52 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2020. 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

May/June 2019

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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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