



Terrace Leaves

A Message From the Mayor

Summer is here and our children are out of school. Please pay attention to our fellow residents by driving slowly and cautiously.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the 4th of July celebration and the July 4th parade hosted by our own resident Amy Biskup.



The Police Department is hosting the National Night Out on Tuesday August 6, 6-8 pm, at the City Municipal parking lot. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

I have received numerous calls from people, some of whom are residents of our City, about the conditions of the streets in the area. I'd like to address their concerns and questions, but they are not leaving a phone number for a return call. The streets in the City's jurisdiction all are in great condition. The streets I'm getting complaints about are 22nd St./Butterfield Rd. west of the intersection, and Summit Ave./Roosevelt Rd. None of these streets are in the City's repair jurisdiction. They are IDOT's (State's), or DuPage County's responsibility. The City has called numerous times to the proper authorities to repair those streets.

Please feel free to call me and leave a call back number so I can respond to your call and answer your concerns. My direct number is 630.832.9558.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

Oakbrook Terrace and Flood Brothers Concert & Fireworks Display

Thursday, July 4th
Terrace View Park



Residents can pick up tickets for 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.

Picnic, Raffle & Rides, 3-6 p.m.

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.



- Wednesday, July 3** Deadline to pick up July 4th tickets
- Thursday, July 4** Annual July 4th Celebration
- Monday, July 8 & 22** Brush Pick-Up
- Tuesday, August 6** National Night Out
- Monday, August 12 & 26** Brush Pick-Up

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



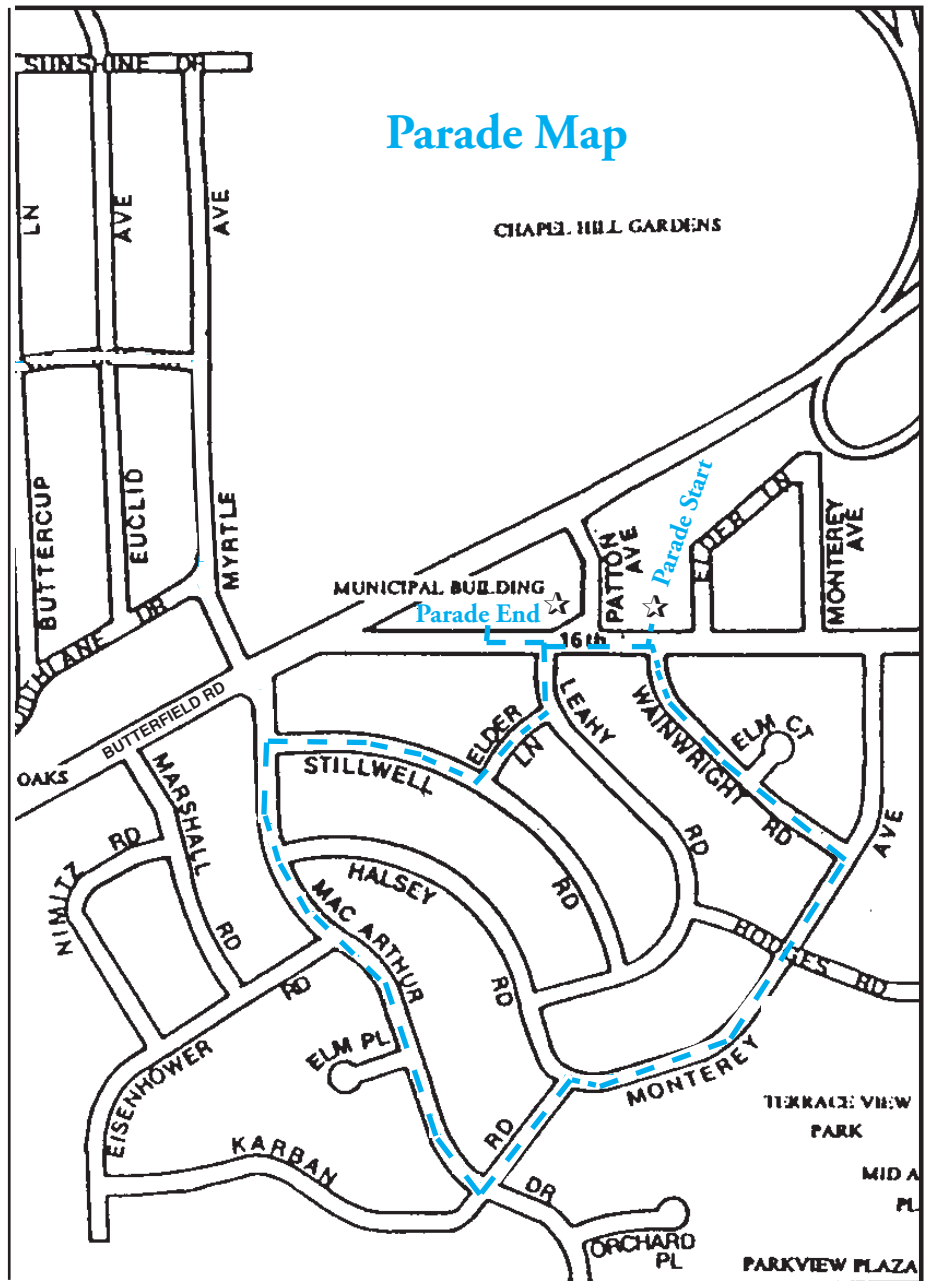
Fourth of July Parade

We need your help!!

The Oakbrook Terrace Fourth of July Parade Committee is a group of volunteer residents whose mission is to plan and coordinate the Fourth 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: Thursday, 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.

For more information, please contact Amy Biskup 630-546-0537; athon1020@yahoo.com.



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.

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.

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



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Recollections of 65 Years in a City called Oakbrook Terrace

By Phil Arends

Where did it begin? The year is 1951. A couple desires to leave an apartment in the City of Chicago, where children were not allowed to walk on the grass, to go to a place where the empty fields were endless. All that was needed to turn a field into a baseball field was to get a bunch of kids with lawnmowers to cut the field, and soon the little kids would play short center field, while the older ones would hit homeruns off the roofs of the few houses across the street. Every kid had a fielder's glove on the handle of his bicycle.

Oakbrook Terrace was a place where it was more important to have a backyard that grew strawberries, grapes, and tomatoes, than it was to kill dandelions. There were no trees to speak of, so there were no leaves to rake. It was a place where when the phone rang with two rings, it was for your house, and when it was one ring, you could listen in as the news of a brand new baby coming to the neighborhood was revealed. Later, the so called "Metropolitan Service," was ushered in, and life changed a little because your phone would just ring and it was always for you.

Oakbrook Terrace was once known as Elmhurst Countryside. Later it was named Utopia, and for the people who lived there in simpler times, it was a utopia.

When it was later organized as Oakbrook Terrace, it also organized a police force. The police department began as a phone in the home of the police chief, and placards on private cars. Later, a reconditioned 1951 Mercury was used, which was painted and lettered by the volunteer policemen, who received FBI training. The courthouse was the magistrate's home.

Some kids on Marshall Road decided to have a Fourth of July parade. They put crepe paper in the spokes of their bicycles and built floats from the wood from the forts they built in the fields. To dress up, they borrowed uniforms from their parents who fought in the war. The neighbors supplied Kool Aid and cookies and John Phillips Sousa's music blared from the second-story window of the neighbor's home where the parade would start and finish — up Marshall Road, down Eisenhower Road, and back to

Marshall on Nimitz. And there began a tradition, that as the years passed, children of the original children marched in the parade.

Neighbors had card parties and would sit on porches and talk as they did in the city. Kids would play jump rope in the street with little fear of getting hit by a car. Kids waited to see an old Chevy with one bright light and one dim light round the corner at Route 83 and 22nd Street, entering the neighborhood, bringing their father home from work.

A special place was the Kustard Kastle at Butterfield and Roosevelt Road, where on a hot summer night, you could sit under the yellow lights in an outdoor booth and have the most wonderful ice cream. The Kustard Kastle sat behind the Fruit Villa that sold fresh vegetables.

On very rare occasions there was pizza from County Inn Pizza. It was a little stand that sat under the Route 83 bridge. Across from the Kustard Kastle was the Skyhi outdoor theater, and when it moved, a small piece of American history moved on as well.

Neighbors built a firehouse and with it came the 6:00 whistle, letting all of us know what time it was — time for dinner. The firehouse was more than that though; it was a meeting place where carnivals were held and Dixieland music might be playing on a Saturday night and dances were held.

We purchased the house as a shell. Plasterboard, stored in a bedroom where kids played "hide and seek," was eventually turned into walls. Every week a few new things were purchased as money would allow. We finished the house to include the plumbing and lighting, and then we turned the house into a home. We always believed that a house is brick, mortar and wood, but a home is people.

Later, everyone waited in anticipation of a glorious new shopping center, which was to replace an abandoned barn and farm field. Kids anticipated that maybe they would be able to get a job there. Some people would say Oak Brook put a Sears store there for the people of Oakbrook Terrace and the Marshall Fields was there for the people in Oak Brook. No matter, it changed our life.

Some of the names on the bricks in Dorothy Drennan Park bear the names of kids that would play there when it was nicknamed "Witches Willow." Some of them died in the war, some remain. A neighbor's child died when they were hit by a car on Butterfield Road and another drowned in a pond in Oak Brook.

Today, some members of my family attend the same Oakbrook Terrace schools where their grandparents went. One of the grandchildren worked in the Fire Service for our fire department; one has gone into law enforcement, serving as an Oak Brook police officer. One went into the medical field and works as a nurse at Elmhurst Hospital. Some worked for our town. Like their grandfather who was the first chief of police in Oakbrook Terrace, most of them followed his lead and serve. And all of them can still come home to a house built 65 years ago, in a place that was once called Utopia.

City Departments CORNER

Police



Aging Laptops to be Replaced in PD Squad Cars

The Police Department will be receiving new laptops to replace the current ones in the squad cars. These laptops were purchased seven years ago and are showing signs of failure. The laptops remain in the squads year-round and have deteriorated due to extreme winter/summer temperatures.

The new laptops (Panasonic Toughbooks) are a much needed update that will help Officers to be more efficient and will support the new software that will soon be implemented throughout the County. Additionally, the laptops convert to tablets that will allow officers needed versatility in the field for completing reports.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 6-8 p.m.

*Oakbrook Terrace Police Department
17W261 Butterfield Road*

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department invites you to National



- ✓ Facepainting
- ✓ Touch-a-Truck
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Food

Public Services

Public Services Highlights April & May 2019

- Performed a record amount of piles for Brush Pick-up. 104 piles. Average 45 piles per round.
- Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report Completed for EPA.
- City-wide Street Sweep
- Cleaned out all storm inlets, catch basins etc. to prepare for a rainy April and May
- Flushed and Maintained the City's Fire Hydrants
- Water Quality testing and Coliform and Bacteria sampling successfully completed
- Installed Speed Radar Signs on MacArthur and Spring Road
- Revamped Decorative Point on Hodges Road at Rt. 83.
- Mowing, Trimming and Bed Maintenance Operations in full force
- Hung new banners for hotel commission

Totals

JULIE Locates: April — 139 May — 127

Sign Repairs: April — 7 May — 4

Mailboxes: April — 3 May — 5

Gallons of Water Pumped: April — 6,728,000 May — 7,300,000

Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Services (Oil Change and Service): April — 7 May — 8

Tire repairs: April — 5 May — 1

PD Car Repair Orders: April — 4 May — 3

2019 Brush Pick-Up Dates

July 8 & 22

August 12 & 26

September 16

October 7 & 28

Building & Zoning

NOW OPEN

MY DANCE HUB. Put your dancing shoes on and head over to My Dance Hub at 1S550 Route 83, an adult dance studio staffed by professional ballroom instructors who will transform you into the Fred Astaire or Ginger Rogers you always dreamed of being.

SO GONG DONG TOFU & BBQ. A casual dine-in restaurant offering flavorful and healthy Korean cuisine is now open at 18W066 22nd Street.

FOCUS NUTRITION. Focus Nutrition, located at 17W731 Roosevelt Road, Unit F, is a juice bar offering a selection of teas, shakes, smoothies, and a variety of snacks or protein bites.

INSKIN LASER opened their first suburban location at 17W300 22nd Street, Suite 320A. This skin care salon offer services to complement any skin type, including laser hair removal, a variety of facial treatment options, spray tanning, and more.

CAMEO SALON, a full service hair salon, is now open at 17W697 Butterfield, Suite C.

OTHER HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

LOU MALNATT'S PIZZERIA, known to be home of the best Chicago deep dish pizza in the Chicago area, will be constructing new restaurant at 18W100 22nd Street. This new location will offer a full-service, dine-in restaurant, with carryout and delivery.



COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT, located at Six Trans Am Plaza Drive, will soon begin a major renovation project of the hotel. The exterior of the building will be transformed with more contemporary styling and all interior common areas and rooms throughout the hotel will be updated, offering a more inviting environment and improved hospitality resources.

SMILE HUB, a family owned dental practice offering dental care for all ages, will move into 17W615 Butterfield Road, Unit B, next to Stan's Donuts at the corner of Butterfield and Midwest Road.

SABRINA'S, a gaming café offering food, drinks and fun times in a relaxing and comfortable environment, will be opening at 17W615 Butterfield Road, Unit C.

Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget Approved

The City Council recently approved the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget ("FY 2020 Budget"), together with City's five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan document ("CIP"). For the past eleven (11) years, the City received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. For the current budget year, the City redirected some of the General Fund's excess reserves to pay down some of the outstanding bond issues. Paying-off these bonds early will save the City approximately \$1,008,460. The City maintains four (4) funds: the General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Water Fund.

General Fund

The General Fund is the City's main operating or general purpose fund. Most of the services provided to residents, such as general administration, police protection, code enforcement, snow plowing, grounds maintenance, special events, storm water management, and street maintenance are budgeted in the General Fund. The major revenue sources in the General Fund include: traffic enforcement fines, the local share of State sales tax, and the local hotel/motel tax. A telecommunication tax, amusement tax, property tax, off-track betting host fees, licenses, permits, and fines are other significant sources of revenue for the General Fund.

For this year, the City Council approved a balanced General Fund budget with revenues of \$12.5 million and expenditures of \$11.4 million. The local economy is thriving which is evident by the continued growth of the City's 43 restaurants, six (6) hotels, and strong retail and commercial sectors.

Water Fund

The Water Fund is comprised of two (2) components – Operations and Maintenance (O&M), and Distribution. O&M pays for the costs to operate and maintain the water system, while Distribution pays for capital improvements to the water system and related expenditures.

For the FY 2020 Budget, Water Fund revenues and other financing sources are estimated at \$1.4 million. Included in this amount is \$437,000 from electric utility taxes, \$947,150 from the sale water, and interest income of \$15,000.

The expenditures are budgeted at \$1.7 million. There are two (2) major cost centers comprising the Water Fund expenditures. First, is the purchase of water from the DuPage Water Commission (\$543,000), and second is the new Midwest-Drennon Watermain loop (\$359,214). This new watermain will improve the overall reliability of the water system and will improve water quality.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Motor Fuel Tax collections for the FY 2020 Budget will be used to fund two (2) programs: the City's yearly allotment of road salt and snow plowing related charges.

Capital Improvement Fund

The FY 2020 Budget identifies one (1) major revenue source for the Capital Improvement Fund; the home rule sales tax at \$1.7 million. The major expenditures in FY 2020 are for the bond payments for the Public Services Maintenance Facility (\$350,450) and Phase Two (2) of the street resurfacing project (\$1,535,031).



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Grass Height Reminder

Oakbrook Terrace municipal code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of six inches or less. Please help keep our community neat and attractive by regularly mowing and maintaining your property.

Control Mosquitoes and Stop West Nile Virus

With warm weather comes mosquitoes. The Culex mosquito, which carries West Nile, thrives in warm temperatures and standing water — even if it's just a small amount. Clarke Mosquito Control will continue to treat Oakbrook Terrace for mosquitoes this summer. If you would like information about the application schedule, contact the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555. You may also contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979 ext. 7046 for mosquito concerns.

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

July/August 2019

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