



Terrace Leaves

September • October 2019

A Message From the Mayor

I would like to remind everyone that our schools are back in session, so please use caution while driving in the subdivision. Please pay close attention to the children who are entering and exiting the school buses, and please stop when the school bus stop signs are displayed.



It has been brought to my attention from several residents, that they are concerned about speeding vehicles, and vehicles not stopping at the stop signs in the subdivision. I have seen these infractions occur on our streets numerous times, and unfortunately, some of the speeding occurrences are happening by our own residents! Even with the speed signs in place, and flashing stop signs, these infractions keep occurring. It is advised, for the general safety of our residents, to please use caution and pay attention while driving.

Since safety seems to be the main topic of my message this newsletter, I would like to additionally comment on how our subdivision has changed with the addition of new families moving to our City with young children. With the amount of traffic in our subdivision, I believe it's time to discuss options for more traffic safety in our City.

The City will be working with our engineering firm, Christopher Burke Engineering, to create a plan that will help diminish the cut-through traffic flow within the community. Other options such as installing sidewalks have been discussed as well. Oakbrook Terrace as a community has to act for the safety of our children and residents, and as Mayor, one of my priority goals is to keep our subdivision safe!!

As always I respect your opinions, so please feel free to call me at 630-832-9558 or stop by at City Hall to see me, I will always take your call or get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

Children's Fall Festival Saturday, October 12

12 noon, Swartz School

Join your neighbors and friends for the City of Oakbrook Terrace Fall Festival on Saturday, October 12.

- Activities for kids age 0-12
- Pick a pumpkin from the patch
- Decorate your pumpkin – craft supplies provided
- Temporary Tattoos
- Goody Bags



Light refreshments will be served. Please use the registration form on page 2 to register your children for this event which is free for OBT residents. For more information, please call Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300, ext. 201.



- Monday, September 16.....Brush Pickup
- Monday, October 7Brush Pickup
- Wed., October 9.....Registration deadline Children's Fall Festival
- Sat., October 12Children's Fall Festival
- Monday, October 28.....Final Brush Pickup 2019
- Sunday, November 3.....Daylight Savings Time Ends

Registration Form

Children's Fall Festival Saturday, October 12



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 9)

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

Thank You to our Fourth of July Sponsors!

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Fourth of July celebration is a great event in part because of the area businesses that helped us put on this annual celebration. We thank these businesses for their commitment to our community:

- *Platinum sponsor*

—Flood Brothers Disposal

- *Silver sponsor*

—Crowe, LLP

- *Bronze sponsors*

—Christopher B. Burke Engineering

—JRC Investments, LLC

—J & S Hospitality dba Holiday Inn

—Oakbrook Terrace Holdings

—Robinette Demolition

—Storino, Ramello & Durkin

- *Certificate sponsors*

—Daniel Law Office, P.C.

—Hassett Express, LLC

—Master Solutions, Inc.

- *Red, White & Blue sponsors*

—Anyway's Restaurant

—Ditka's Restaurant

Halloween Safety Tips & Hours

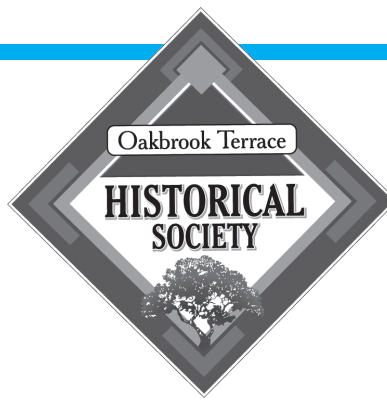
Residents are reminded that Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 31. By following a few simple guidelines, Trick-or-Treating can be a fun and safe time for all.

Remind your children to:

- Stay in their neighborhood.
- Go with a parent or guardian.
- Don't enter a home to receive a treat.
- Go to homes with well-lit porches or front entryways; avoid homes that are under construction or look deserted.

- Cross streets at corners only.
- Accept only wrapped or sealed treats.
- Eat treats at home only after they have been inspected by a parent or guardian.
- Cut and wash all fruit before eating.
- Call police if suspicious treats are found.
- Make sure costumes afford visibility. Wear face make-up rather than masks; wear reflectorized clothing or attach reflectorized strips to costumes.





A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Leicester (Les) Hemingway, the youngest brother of the famous author and Nobel Prize Winner Ernest Hemingway, once wrote an article about our little town Utopia (now Oakbrook Terrace).

With the pending road improvements to the old Cannonball Trail (now called Butterfield Road) going through our town, he pondered how it may change our town forever.

Following is a condensed version of the article he wrote around 1937. The complete text is available at the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society.

Utopia

by Les Hemingway

It took a cheese factory to make Utopia, but a typical product of modern civilization, the paved road, may destroy it. The little west suburban community that has the perfect name will be given a practical laboratory test next year in an unconscious effort by the people of Illinois to see whether there is anything to the myth about the ideal state of life existing in their midst.

Utopia is a reality in the western suburbs. North and west of Hinsdale where the Butterfield and Canfield roads cross, its half dozen houses stand as they have stood for more than half a century. They may become the nucleus of a "highway" town or they may decay and never be replaced. It all depends on Butterfield Road.

This fall a group of surveyors came along. Then teamsters with drags and scoops and finally a concrete mixer and many more men. Forms were laid and the road bed poured. Now a smooth highway runs through the intersection and in the spring the concrete for nearby curving 22nd St. will be poured, and the road extended over the Butterfield Road, the old Cannonball Trail of dirt road days from south of York Center to North Aurora.

Another well-marked concrete trail will have been laid from west central Illinois to the metropolis, to take care of the increasing motor travel.

Fred Buschman, 71, who lives on Meyers Road a mile and a half south of York Center and who once operated the creamery, says, "The people in those days didn't think anything of the town's name. They didn't make jokes about it or think of its meaning at all."

It took a barber who was a storekeeper, a blacksmith (shop), a school, a creamery, a store, a post office and a dance hall, he says, to make Utopia what it was. These last four were all in the same building.

Postmaster Bates gave the United States its Utopia. Perhaps he had read Sir Thomas More's sixteenth century treatise or thought the cheese factory type of civilization was but, "an impractical scheme of social regeneration" as Webster's Unabridged International word book would have you believe.

Or he may have been reading, "The Combination Atlas Map of DuPage

County, Compiled, Drawn and Published from Personal Examination and Surveys by Thompson Brothers and Burr in 1874, in Elgin, Illinois, in which the brothers Thompson with the help of Burr report on Mammoth spring, a steady flowing well a mile east of the cross roads from which the water of Elmhurst was once pumped in hollow log pipes. The three personal examiners say: "The spring burst through the earth's surface in the spring of 1861, making a loud report."

The Atlas goes on to state that "This spring possesses many medicinal properties and may yet become a famous place of resort."

The new road coming through Utopia is an effort to miss the large towns and their attendant stop lights, isn't expected to interfere with the regard citizens have always had for their community. It isn't expected to blemish the name of their fair city; and it isn't expected to influence the lives of the citizens – except maybe for the young ones, who will have for the first time in their lives a smooth surface to try their roller skates on.

It is still Utopia to them. There is no relief problem, no squad cars tear down its side streets, no trains rumble, no radios blare or neon signs glare against its winter dusk. What does it matter if the kids sometimes call it Ethiopia? It is Utopia, isn't it?

Many more historical items and photos can be found at the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society. The Historical Society is open for tours on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm or by appointment by calling Bob at 630-834-8661.

COMING SOON: Special Exhibit Dispensa Kiddie Kingdom

City Departments CORNER

Police



Welcome!

The Police Department is pleased to welcome new Officer Michael Bulava.

Car Burglaries: Tips for Reducing this Crime

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department would like to remind you that crime reduction is a combined effort between the police and the public. We need your help in not only reporting crime or suspicious activity, but also in taking a few simple steps to help reduce your chances of being a victim. Most thefts and car burglary-related incidents are crimes of opportunity. Some things you can do to reduce your risk are:

Lock Your Doors - key fobs are very convenient, but they don't always work, or maybe a wrong button was accidentally pushed. Take a few seconds to check that your car is actually locked or the

trunk was not accidentally released.

Do Not Leave Valuables in the Open - any time you leave your vehicle unattended make sure valuables are locked in the trunk or under the seats. Place packages, gym bags, briefcases and the like out of sight, even if the vehicle is unattended for "a few minutes."

Do Not Leave The Vehicle Running - if unattended, turn the vehicle off, take the keys with you and lock your doors, even if just for a moment. It does not take long to steal a vehicle or items inside.

Gas Stations - be aware of your surroundings. It is very easy to focus on the gas pump or be distracted and have items taken from the vehicle.

Identifiers - record serial numbers and take pictures of items. This is very helpful for law enforcement for locating items and possible suspects.

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department encourages people to watch out for each other. If you see something suspicious or anything does not look right, please call 9-1-1.



National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 6, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department held its annual National Night Out. Many members of the Oakbrook Terrace community turned out for this fun-filled event.



Building & Zoning

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic growth within the City continues — by attracting new businesses and through investment in the expansion and relocation of commercial businesses. Recent examples include the grand opening of the B.P. Gas Station located at 1S722 Midwest Road. This location also incorporates a touchless car wash, Olivia's Convenience Store and V.I.P. Gaming Café. Loyola Center for Health, with its two locations at 1S224 and 1S260 Summit Avenue, recently completed a full interior renovation of both buildings, and now offers an Immediate Care Center for walk-in patients, which is open seven days a week. The City also welcomed the opening of Frankie's Deli at 17W626 Butterfield Road.

Other development projects underway include the partial demolition of the commercial building located at 18W100 22nd Street. In addition, site development work has begun for the

construction of the building shells for Lou Malnati's Pizza and a commercial retail center, expected to begin this fall.

The new owner of the former LaQuinta hotel will be renovating the building into a 2-in-1 hotel. COMAR Properties, owners of the building at 1S660 Midwest Road, recently purchased the commercial building at 17W635 Butterfield Road. The new owner is in the process of enhancing the full exterior of the building, including improvements to the parking lot and all of the interior common spaces.

Other businesses coming soon include The Joint Chiropractic at 17W699 Roosevelt Road within the Oakbrook Terrace Square, as well as Tapicozza, 17W731 Roosevelt Road, Unit D, which is a combination Mexican, Italian restaurant, and the Insurhause, 17W045 Hodges Road, which is proposing to update the complete exterior appearance of their building. Also, the construction of several new homes and additions are expected to begin throughout the City.

Public Services

Public Services Highlights June & July 2019

- Upgraded the streetlights on Spring Road to LED.
- Cleared out several dead trees and performed extensive tree trimming along Buck Trail.
- Constructed Kreml Park Gazebo new roof.
- Prepped for and executed annual 4th of July Celebration.
- Performed extensive weeding and garbage detail throughout OBT.
- Performed a City-wide street sweep.
- Began phase II of OBT's roadway resurfacing project.
- Watermain work at LaQuinta has begun.
- Installed new banners for the hotel commission.
- Performed 4 rounds of brush pick-up
- Weekly mowing and bed maintenance
- Successfully Completed TTHM (Total-trihalomethane) / HAA (halo-acetic acid) and Coliform and Bacteria Compliance Monitoring Water Sampling

Totals

JULIE Locates: June — 113 July — 104

Sign Repairs: June — 1 July — 5

Mailboxes: June — 2 July — 5

Gallons of Water Pumped: June 8,030,000 gallons July 9,073,000 gallons

Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Services (Oil Change and Service): June — 7 July — 4

Tire repairs: June — 3 July — 4

PD Car Repair Orders: June — 3 July — 3

2019 Brush Pick-Up Dates

September 16

October 7 & 28



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Final 2019 Brush Pick-Up Dates

October 7 & 28

Shop Local: Keep Sales Tax Dollars in our Community

Residents are reminded to shop local whenever possible to keep sales tax dollars in our community.

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2018, 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

September/October 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