



Terrace Leaves

September • October 2022

A Message From the Mayor



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

Our police department has been enforcing traffic violations throughout the City, specifically 22nd and MacArthur, due to Costco and the new Overlook of Oak Brook development coming soon. Our streets will be monitored for through traffic on Hodges and Monterey, and 16th and Leahy.

I would like to report an update regarding the status of the City's Red Light camera. Judge Belford of the 18th Judicial Circuit Court of DuPage County, granted the City's Motion to Stay the Decision of the Illinois Department of Transportation. The City is hereby authorized to re-activate the automated traffic law enforcement systems located at Route 83 and 22nd Street in the City. The safety of our residents and the traveling public is our number one priority. Judge Belford's decision, reinstating the city's right to operate its automated traffic law enforcement systems, is a significant step toward achieving that goal.

I would like to thank our Police Department for hosting National Night Out. It was great to see residents and children turn out for this annual event. Thank you to our sponsors, Frankie's Deli, Giordano's, Tapicozza's, Tijuana Flats, Rainbow Cone, and Flood Brothers.

I would like to thank the residents who attended the Streambank Special City Council meeting on August 20. The project will move forward in phases, with direction from the City Council, staff, and residents.

Bring the kids for Pumpkins in the Park, the City's Fall event, held in Kreml Park on Saturday, October 22, at noon. I'd like to remind you that Halloween is Monday, October 31st. Please use caution while driving and be aware of the children on the streets while they are trick-or-treating between 2 and 6 pm.

As always, I respect your opinions, so feel free to call me at 630-834-1416 or stop by City Hall. I will always take your call or get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mayor Paul Esposito

Pumpkins in the Park Saturday, October 22



Resident Only Event

Bring the kids for Pumpkins in the Park, the City's Fall event, held in Kreml Park on Saturday, October 22, 12 p.m.

- Pick a pumpkin from the patch to take home and decorate
- Goody Bags
- Light refreshments

Please use the registration form on page 2 to register your children for this event. For more information, please call Jodie Esposito at 630-941-8300, ext. 202.



Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape," works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires. Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning. Go to nfp.org for more information.



- Monday, October 3 & 24Final Brush Pick-Up
- Wednesday, October 19 Pumpkins in the Park Registration Deadline
- Saturday, October 22 Pumpkins in the Park



Registration Form Pumpkins in the Park Saturday, October 22

(Please return form no later than 2:30 pm, Wednesday, October 19)
Late registrations may not be guaranteed goody bags.

Resident Children 12 and Under:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Childrens' Names _____ Age ____ Sex ____

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

Limit 1 pumpkin per child

Meet New Staff Members Amy Raffel and Melissa Headley

Amy Raffel

Amy Raffel joined the City of Oakbrook Terrace this spring to support the City Administrator. Amy also has the additional responsibilities of working as the City's Deputy Clerk and in Human Resources (HR).

"The staff I work with is outstanding and has been very welcoming," she said. "I also enjoy how close the community is. Everyone that I have met has been delightful."

Prior to working at Oakbrook Terrace, Amy worked for the Village of Villa Park. At Villa Park, she started as the Confidential Analyst for Public Works. Her role was to support engineering, water, forestry, permitting, and the Director of Public Works. There she worked with multiple databases – such as ESRI – created various maps, assisted with the RPZ program, and worked alongside multiple commissions. She also served four years on the Traffic and Safety Commission. In 2021, she became the Executive Administrative Assistant to the Village Manager. Her role included assisting with day-to-day operations, working with special events, and creating the Council agenda and Staff Weeklies.

Amy and her husband Darren reside in Streamwood and have four children. Her oldest son works as an engineer and her two school-age children, in Amy's words, "They're involved in any sport they can play."

Melissa Headley



Melissa Headley recently joined the City of Oakbrook Terrace as the new Director of Community and Economic Development, heading up the City's Community Development Department, which replaces the Building and Zoning Department.

Melissa oversees the responsibilities of the department, including economic development, planning and zoning, building permitting and code enforcement. The department also provides direct support to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

"I am excited to begin working with residents on updating the City's Comprehensive Plan," she said. "This will be an important project to guide growth in the City for the next ten to twenty years."

Melissa comes to the City of Oakbrook Terrace with a career that began in Planning and Zoning Administration at DuPage County. From there, she worked for six years for the Village of Villa Park, five of those years in the position of Assistant Director of Community Development and was promoted to the position of Director. Melissa moved to the Village of Westchester where she served nine years as the Director of Community Development.

Melissa and her husband and three kids reside in unincorporated DuPage County near the Morton Arboretum.

Thank you Fourth of July Sponsors!

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The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is the new location for the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club used eyeglass mailbox. The Lions Club collects used eyeglasses, hearing aids, cell phones and keys for humanitarian services. The bright yellow mailbox is located next to the brick walkway at 17W245 16th Street.

A big shout-out to the Lions Club for collecting over 1,000 pairs of used eyeglasses last year!



Lions Seeking New Members

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The Club began with 66 members and currently has 16 members.

One of the Club's major projects is the annual Someone Special program. The Club provides a play and luncheon at the Drury Lane Theater for special needs children and their families. The Lions Club also supports the local schools, residents in need, Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Lions Club International Foundation. In addition, the Lions Club participates in the July 4 festivities, provides glasses and hearing aids for those in need, supports community food banks and other needs as they arise. An Annual Pasta Dinner and Christmas tree sales are fundraisers for the organization.

The Lions mission, in the words of Helen Keller, is to be "Knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness."

The Lions Club is actively seeking new members to help continue and expand its services. The only qualifications are that new members must be 18 years old and are interested in helping others inside and outside of Oakbrook Terrace. The Club meets once a month on the first Monday at Anyways for dinner, socializing and event planning.

Please contact any of these Lions to learn more about joining the Lions Club: Bob Shanahan, Don Ventura, Peter Zubinski, Mike Fortuna, Bruce Almeroth, Paul Zubinski, Rodney Durham, Shelly Lear, Dean Jarog, Phil Loehman, Anthony Lukaszewski and Anthony Tucci.



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 \$45 each. For \$50, you will receive a tree and a heavy metal stake for setting it up in the front yard. Lions Christmas Trees will be delivered and set up on Saturday, November 26. For more details, call Lion

Mike at 630-816-5276.

YES! I want to order a Holiday Tree:

Holiday Tree (\$45) qty: _____

Holiday Tree w/Stake (\$50) qty: _____

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

DELIVER TO:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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

City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department

After 31 years, Mihaela Dragan has retired as the Building and Zoning Administrator with the city. We are excited to announce the hiring of Melissa Headley as the new Director of Community and Economic Development. (See page 2 for more information about Melissa.) The Building and Zoning Department is now known as the Community Development Department. The department staff will continue to provide all the same services and outstanding customer support.

NEW BUSINESSES NOW OPEN

Casa De Crepes, 17W580 Butterfield Road

If you're looking for a cozy place to relax and grab a bite to eat, check out this new restaurant specializing in Mexican-inspired crepes, pastries, sandwiches, chilaquiles and more in a selection of sweet and savory flavors. A full-service coffee bar offers an array of hot and cold beverages from milkshakes, smoothies, espressos, and teas. Stop by Casa De Crepes and enjoy their freshly handmade food and drink.



Emy Hair & Barber, 17W731 Roosevelt Road

A family salon for men, women and children offering a full range of hair care services including eyebrow threading and body waxing.



Nelmar Health Center, One Trans Am Plaza

If you struggle from anxiety, depression, ADHD or memory problems, Nelmar Health Center can help you live a happier and healthier life. Their multidisciplinary team uses a holistic approach to help uncover the roots of one's struggles and provide a person the best evidence-based diagnostic tools available to help bring happiness and well-being back into your life.

A few of our local businesses have recently updated their interior spaces with a new look. Those include Denny's Restaurant, 17W660 22nd Street; For Eyes, 17W415 22nd Street; and AT&T, 17W504 22nd Street. Support our community businesses by shopping local.

Public Services

2022 Curb and Gutter Project

The City of Oakbrook Terrace has awarded the 2022 Curb and Gutter project to Davis Concrete Construction in the amount of \$191,014.25. Davis Concrete was the lowest responsible bidder and came in \$48,583.75 below the engineering estimate. Work will take place on Elm Ct, Orchard Place, and a southern portion of MacArthur Dr. Work will consist of concrete shoulder removal and installation of concrete curb and gutter. Necessary structure adjustments, pavement patching, as well as landscape restoration will take place within the construction area. The project was approved by IDOT for use of Motor Fuel Tax funds, and we are hoping to start the project in late September or early October of 2022. The project should be completed within 30 days of the start.

As the project gets closer, residents affected will be notified with further information. If you have any questions, please contact Public Service Director Craig Ward at 630-941-1651.



City Departments CORNER



Police

Traffic Safety Survey

Members of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department have been conducting directed patrols for speed limit and stop sign compliance in the City's residential areas. The details and results of these directed patrols are below.

The intersections of Monterey Avenue and Wainwright Road, Stillwell Road and Elder Lane, and Stillwell Road and Leahy Road were periodically monitored for stop sign compliance between June 15, 2022, and July 15, 2022. During that time, 949 vehicles were observed approaching those intersections. Of those 949 vehicles, 97% of them obeyed the stop signs.

Wainwright Road was periodically monitored for speed limit compliance between June 6, 2022 and June 13, 2022. During that time, 276 vehicles were observed traveling on Wainwright Road. The average speed of those 276 vehicles was 18.01 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour zone.

Southbound MacArthur Drive was monitored for speed limit compliance between April 17, 2018 and June 15, 2022. During that time, 837,635 vehicles were observed traveling south on MacArthur Drive. The average speed of those 837,635 vehicles was 21.42 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour zone.

Northbound MacArthur Drive was monitored for speed limit compliance between April 17, 2018 and June 16, 2022. During that time, 301,562 vehicles were observed traveling north on MacArthur Drive. The average speed of those 301,562 vehicles was 20.92 miles per hour in a 25 mile per hour zone.

We would like to thank you for your compliance and ask that you continue to obey the speed limit, stop at the stop signs, be cognizant of and slow down for pedestrians and bicyclists, and reduce distractions such as cell phones and loud music while traveling through the City.

To report a traffic complaint, please call the police department at (630) 941-8320 or dial 911.

Trick or Treating Safety

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department offers these tips to keep your children safe on Halloween. Children should:

#1 Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners AND look both ways!
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up as you cross the street.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.
- NEVER cross the street between two parked cars.

#2 Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision.

#3 Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.



#4 Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
- Drive slowly and anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.



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Oakbrook Terrace Pet Regulations

All dogs and cats residing in Oakbrook Terrace must be vaccinated for rabies and owners must have a rabies vaccination tag, typically provided by the veterinarian at the time of the vaccination. In addition, City ordinance requires that pets be leashed when not enclosed on their own property. As a courtesy, please respect your neighbors and clean up after your pet and do not let your pet run on the property of others. To help protect your pet in the event that it is lost, you may register it with the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department with your contact information, needed information about the pet and your pet's photo.

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 information, visit oakbrookterrace.net.

Villa Park Library Card

As of May 1, 2022, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$45 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$55 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2023. The library card provides access to all of the library's resources. 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. 267
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
ASSISTANT TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 267
ADMINISTRATION	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	.....	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. 213
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	630-629-0886

September/October 2022 City of Oakbrook Terrace

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Ward III: Ald. Mary Fitzgerald
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. 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Mon.-Fri. 9:00am-2:30pm