



Terrace Leaves

September • October 2023

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, Hodges, Monterey, and 16th Street.

Our streets will be monitored and enforced for thru-traffic on Hodges and Monterey, and 16th and Leahy. The city will utilize data provided by Christopher Burke Engineering traffic studies to further understand vehicle counts and enable City Council discussions to provide solutions.

Special thank you to all our residents, businesses, intergovernmental groups, and staff who participated in the strategic plan focus groups on Monday, July 24, led by NIU Center For Government. This is a significant project, and it is critical that we receive your feedback and opinions in setting goals for future growth. I know, upon completion, this will be a tremendous achievement for the City.

To all of our residents residing on Stillwell and Leahy, the City is underway with the 2023 Storm Sewer project requiring removal and replacement, including all structures, pipes, outfall locations, and landscape and driveway restoration. The project started the week of August 21st and is slated for full completion and restoration by the end of October.

The Curb Replacement Project will see 2,950 feet of curbing installed in the following locations: MacArthur Drive: From Elm Place to Halsey, Eisenhower Road: From MacArthur to Karban, and Karban Road: From Eisenhower to MacArthur.

Thank you to our Police Department for hosting National Night Out. It was great to see residents and children turn out for this annual event and we thank you for supporting our police department, officers, and staff in making this event a success. Thank you to our sponsors, Tapicozza's, Lou Malnotti's, Chickie's Beef, Rainbow Cone, and Flood Brothers.

I would like to thank the residents who attended the Streambank Special City Council meeting on Saturday, August 19. The project is near completion as we enter the final phase of planting new trees and shrubs, and adding one acre of supplemental seeding. We will also begin our annual maintenance to ensure all invasive species are removed for the streambank plan to successfully take its course.

Don't forget to bring the kids for Pumpkins in the Park, the City's Fall event, held in Dorothy Drennan Park on Saturday, October 21, at 12 noon. Also, I want to remind you that Halloween is Tuesday, October 31. 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.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito*

Pumpkins in the Park Saturday, October 21



Resident Only Event

Bring the kids to Pumpkins in the Park, the City's Fall event, held at Dorothy Drennon Park on Saturday, October 21, at 12 noon.

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

Please use the registration form below to register your child(ren) for this event. For more information, please call Amy Raffel at 630-941-8300, ext. 267.



Registration Form Pumpkins in the Park Saturday, October 21

(Please return form no later than 2:30 pm, Wednesday, October 18)
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: Amy Raffel, 17W
275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Limit 1 pumpkin per child

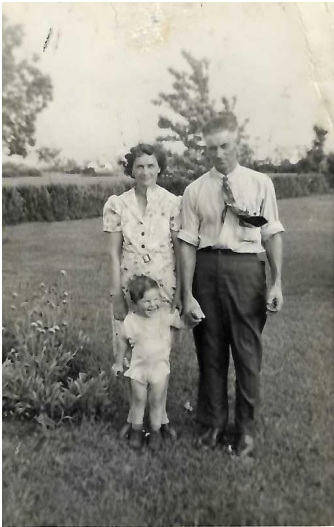


A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

History of the "Berkshire" Development

By Ave Berkshire



Marie, Alvin and Bobby Berkshire



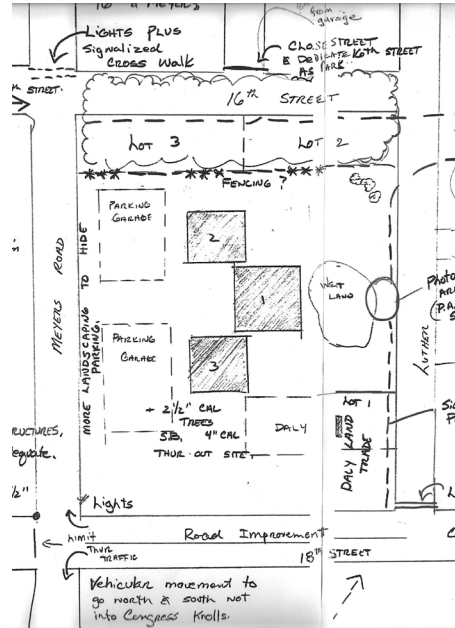
Top: Leonard Berkshire
Bottom: Bobby and Melvin Berkshire

In 1921, the Berkshire family from Oklahoma set out to find good farmland. Their first stop was in Raymond, Kansas, in 1922, where they found the soil to be less than fruitful. Their next journey landed them in what is now known as "York Center" in unincorporated Lombard where they created their family roots in 1924. Alvin & Marie Berkshire had two sons, Leonard and Donald, before moving to York Center and then welcomed three more boys, Bill, Melvin and Bobby by 1940.

After moving to York Center, they purchased large amounts of land from Luther Street to Church Street, and 14th Street to 15th Street. There was nothing on the land when they arrived. By 1946 they had also purchased a large piece of land along Luther Street just South of 16th Street, (currently Oakbrook Terrace where the Berkshire Condominium Association is presently).

Here they made their home, farmed land for their use and raised their family of seven. Five sons would get married and build homes on the property and start raising their families. Three of the Berkshire boys went away to the war, and upon their return, there was a memorial set up for them. Their names, along with other neighborhood boys' names, were engraved on a big rock honoring them. The rock is still there today, located at the north end of the park.

In 1963 the Berkshire matriarch passed away and by 1964 the original property was sold; by 1969 the second property was sold.



Anvan Proposed Epic Center

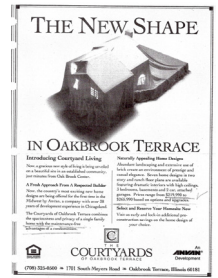
In 1986, Anvan Development Corporation purchased, what is 1901, 1815 & 1801 S. Meyers Road, Known as Oakbrook Terrace Corporate Center. They also owned the property just North of that (which is now Berkshire Condominium Association).

In 1991 Anvan Corporation wanted to develop the Land just North of Oakbrook Terrace Corporate Center to be either an Epicenter, multi-use or planned townhomes, which was going to be named, "The Courtyards of Oakbrook Terrace." The plans fell through, and they sold the land to Town and Country Homes. Town and Country Homes wanted to feature an "English Country" type style atmosphere town home development.

After Town and Country Homes researched the property history, they came across the Berkshire Family as the first settlers on record. This was perfect for their vision as the "English Country" style home they had planned. And so, the "Berkshire" townhome development was named.

Today three of the Berkshire family descendants reside in Oakbrook Terrace: Gary L Berkshire Sr. and his wife, Ave, who raised four boys and one girl in the community, Gary L Berkshire Jr. and his wife Nicole, and Bradley Berkshire and his wife Emily and their two children, Madison and Johnathan. These Berkshire families have lived in Oakbrook Terrace for 39 years.

To learn more, please visit the Historical Society at 17W245 16th Street on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Special visits can be made by calling 630-834-8661.



Anvan Courtyards Ad

City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department

New Businesses



Old Second National Bank opened a local branch at 17W754 22nd Street in the former West Suburban Bank building. Old Second is a 150-year-old banking institution in the Chicagoland area offering full-service banking to individuals, families, and businesses with an extensive array of products. The lobby and drive-through are now staffed with experienced professionals to meet and personally service your every need. To learn more, go to www.oldsecond.com.

SoGong-Dong Tofu & BBQ serving Korean food and BBQ cuisine with authentic flavors has re-opened its doors under new ownership at 18W066 22nd Street. The restaurant has a casual ambiance to sit and enjoy some of its signature dishes, including Korean Bento, BBQ, Bibimbap (mixed rice), and soups. All sure to bring a smile to your face! If you're craving delicious Korean cuisine, this place is worth checking out. Their full menu can be viewed at www.sgdrestaurant.com.

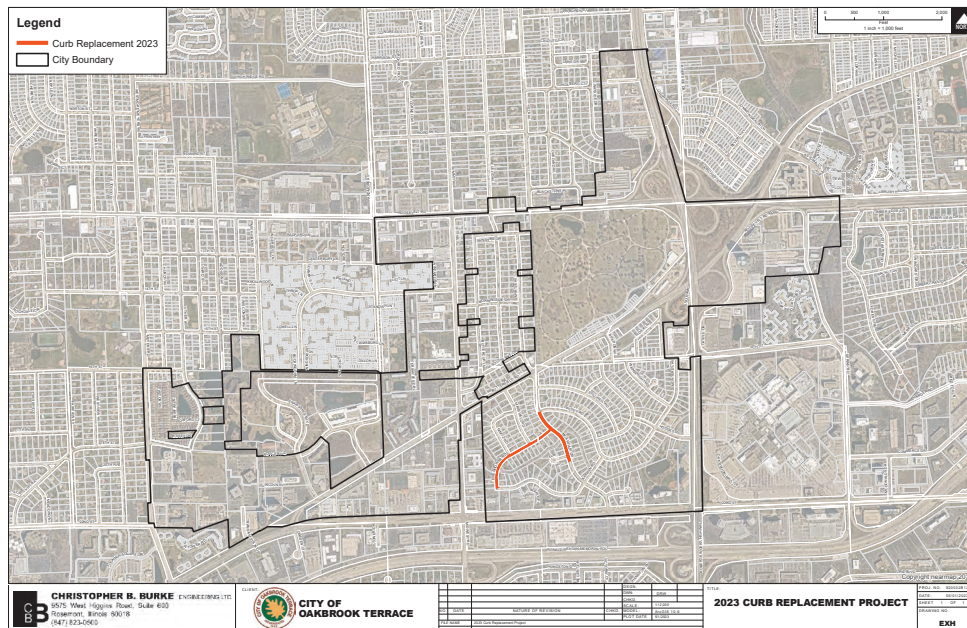
Emery Physical Therapy, a private practice providing clients with Physical Therapy for Orthopedics, Sports Medicine, Work, and Auto Injuries, opened its second location at 17W699 Roosevelt Road. Their philosophy is to improve the quality of life through movement and elimination of pain with the use of skilled, hands-on, personalized treatment. Their knowledgeable, professional

team addresses your specific needs from the moment you walk in the doors throughout your entire treatment. To learn more and schedule a treatment, go to www.emeryphysicaltherapy.com.

Aerotek, Inc., a staffing agency and recruiting network with over 250 offices across North America, opened a branch location within Two Mid America Plaza, Suite 700. Aerotek specializes in connecting talented workers in all industries, especially those looking for light industrial, skilled trades, and construction on a project, seasonal, or high-volume project basis. To search for career opportunities, submit your resume, or find more information about their services at www.aerotek.com.

Jim Fannin Brands, Inc., known as the World's #1 Coach of Champions, best-selling author, speaker, entrepreneur, life strategist, educator, business consultant, peak performance coach, and philanthropist, made Oakbrook Terrace the home of his corporate office location at 1815 S. Meyers Road. Jim provides customized Life Blueprints for individuals and groups that will empower one to become your authentic best self. Jim has guided the careers of the world's best professional athletes from 22 sports and business executives from over 50 industries for more than 50 years. In addition, he has coached individuals, families, relationships, and students in simplifying and balancing their lives. Check out his website at www.jimfannin.com, Podcast, or YouTube videos to learn more about his mission. Jim can take you to your full potential! Where do you want to go?

Public Services



2023 Oakbrook Terrace Curb and Gutter Project

Davis Concrete was the low bidder on this year's Curb and Gutter Project @ \$198,225.00. Nearly 3,000 feet of curb will be installed at the following locations:

- MacArthur Drive: From Elm Place to Halsey
- Eisenhower Road: From MacArthur to Karban

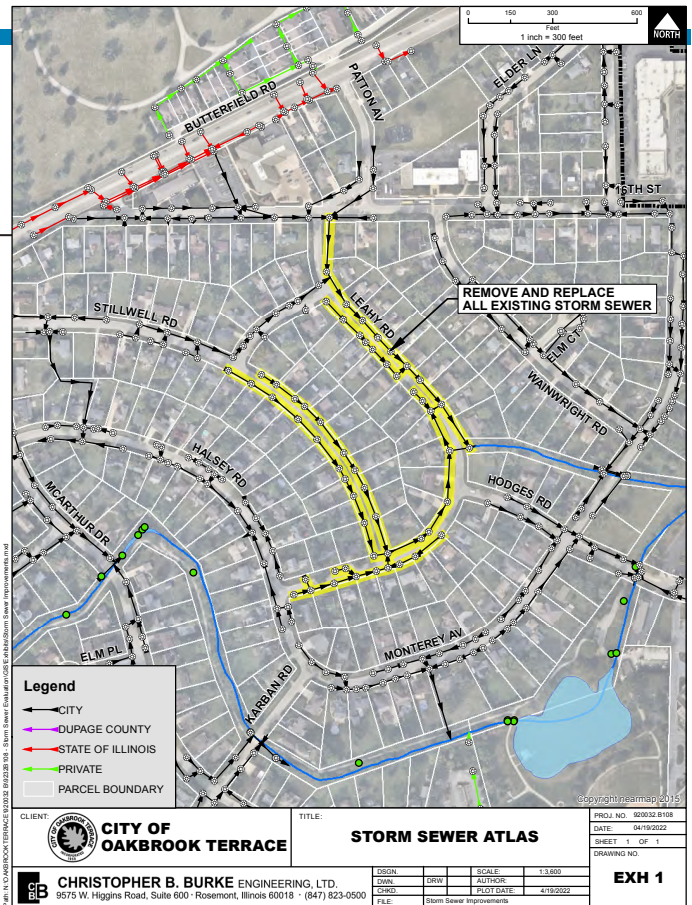
Project dates are to be determined at a pre-construction meeting, but are tentatively scheduled for a September / October start date. Please see our website for more details at www.oakbrookterrace.net

City Departments CORNER

Public Services

2023 Storm Sewer Project

The City of Oakbrook Terrace awarded the 2023 Storm Sewer replacement project to Performance Construction and Engineering in the amount of \$828,187.00. The City applied for and received a grant from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) in the amount of \$500,000 to apply toward this job. This job will remove and replace 2,769 feet of failing corrugated metal storm sewer and replace with new concrete pipe. The job will take place on portions of Stillwell and Leahy. Depending on scheduling, the job will either break ground in the fall of 2023 or the spring of 2024. Please visit our website for more information.



2023 Brush Pick-Up Dates

Brush pick-ups will take place on Mondays on the following dates:

September 11

October 2 and 30



Police

Halloween Safety Tips

From the candy to the costumes, Halloween is a fun time for kids and parents. Here's how to make it a safe, trick-free treat.

- If you have a young child, it's important to always know where they are. Children under 12 should be supervised at all times.
- Before your family embarks on a trick-or-treating adventure, decide on a route of safe houses that's easy to walk and includes clear paths and sidewalks.
- Trick-or-treat early before the sun goes down to maximize visibility. No matter what time of night you go out, walk with a large group with plenty of adults who can keep children on track and out of traffic.
- While trick-or-treating, remind your child of traffic safety rules: look both ways before crossing, use traffic signals and crosswalks, make eye contact with drivers.
- Don't walk while looking down at your phone, even though you might be compelled to capture every "trick-or-treat" moment.
- Make sure your child's costume includes a top layer of lighter, more visible colors. Have fun finding creative ways to incorporate reflective stickers on your child's costume.



Congratulations Officer Joseph Fiorentino

Please join us in wishing Officer Fiorentino a happy retirement. Officer Fiorentino retired August 1, 2023, after 24 years of service to the City of Oakbrook Terrace. During his time with the Police Department, Officer Fiorentino worked in the Investigation and Patrol Divisions. Congratulations Officer Fiorentino, enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

Traffic Safety Survey

Members of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department continue to monitor for Illinois Vehicle Code compliance in the City's residential areas.

Luther Avenue was monitored for speed limit compliance between January 1, 2023, and July 12, 2023. During that time, 6,906 vehicles were observed driving on Luther Avenue. The average speed of those 6,906 vehicles was 20.25 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.

Northbound MacArthur Drive was monitored for speed limit compliance between January 1, 2023, and July 12, 2023. During that time, 58,745 vehicles were observed driving north on MacArthur Drive. The average speed of those 58,745 vehicles was 21.06 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone.



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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, 2023, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$46 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$57 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2024. 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. 267
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-629-0886

September/October 2023

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Paul Esposito
City Clerk Michael Shadley
City Administrator Jim Ritz

Ward III:	Ald. Mary Fitzgerald Ext. 273 Ald. Robert Rada Ext. 275
Ward II:	Ald. Frank Vlach Ext. 276 Ald. Dennis Greco Ext. 274
Ward I:	Ald. Charlie Barbari Ext. 271 Ald. Joseph Beckwith Ext. 272

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.-Thurs. 8:00 am - 4:30 pm