



Terrace Leaves

January • February 2018

A Message From the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who attended the City's annual Children's Christmas Party and Tree lighting on December 8 and also extend a special thank you to our City staff and volunteers for their hard work on this event.



Since the winter season is here, please be advised that the Police Department is a Warming Center and is open to all residents.

I would like to remind all residents to lock and secure all doors and windows to your residence and vehicles to deter any person from criminal activity. We are in a safe and well-patrolled community, but let's not make it easy for criminals to take advantage of our City.

As the City wraps up the Fiscal Year Audit, the City's General Fund (Primary Operating Fund) once again did exceptionally well, producing a net surplus over \$500,000, increasing our total Fund balance to over \$9,000,000; in this financial time, that is a great achievement. While most communities rely on property taxes as their primary revenue source, Oakbrook Terrace relies on the City's sales taxes and hotel taxes to fund the operations within the City. This in turn allows the council and myself the luxury not to levy additional property taxes and keep the taxes lower than most of the surrounding communities.

For these reasons when people ask where you live, you should be proud to say the City of Oakbrook Terrace and I'm proud to be your Mayor!

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci



Online Water Bill Payments Coming Soon

Oakbrook Terrace residents will soon have the option of making water bill payments online. In addition to this convenient new option, residents will still have the opportunity to have your water bill 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 pay your water bill over the phone with a credit card by calling, 630-941-8300, ext. 242. Watch for more information about online water bill payments.

Police Station is Official Community Warming Center

With the potential for additional cold weather this winter season, residents are reminded that in the event of weather emergencies, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Station is an official community warming center. For more information, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-941-8320.



Monday, February 19 City Hall Closed for President's Day

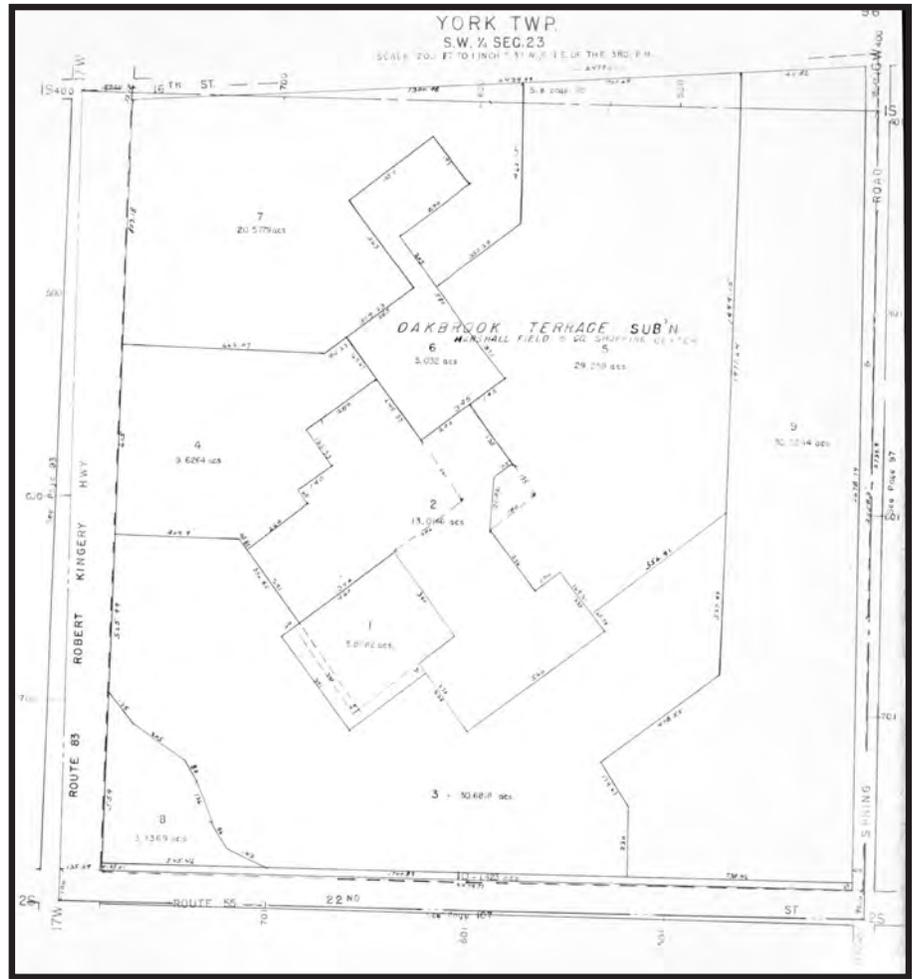
A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Pictured here is a 1960 York Township map showing the upcoming proposed Oakbrook Terrace shopping center by Marshall Fields & Co., to be located at the northeast corner of Route 83 and 22nd Street. Area residents recognized the importance of incorporating what is now Oakbrook Terrace because this new proposed shopping center was within their boundaries.

There were three attempts to incorporate the City in the late 1950s. The first attempt, as the City of Yorktown, failed to pass. A second attempt, as the City of Oakbrook Terrace, also failed. In 1958, a third attempt was made to incorporate as the City of Utopia, which passed. A year later, on November 30, 1959, the name was changed to the City of Oakbrook Terrace by vote. The name was chosen to match the name of the proposed shopping center.

Please visit www.obthistory.com for more information or call Bob at (630) 834-8661.



Thank You, Home Decorating Contest Participants

This year's Home Decorating Contest Participants helped to make the holidays beautiful and bright! Thank you to the following residents for participating:



17W124 16th Street



17W381 Eisenhower Road



1S451 Wainwright Road



17W314 Halsey Road



1S 522 Stillwell Road



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Police

Child Safety Tips

Kids aren't always aware of the potential dangers around them. By keeping your kids informed, you can go a long way to keeping them safe. Tell them:

- Never accept a ride from a stranger or get in their car.
- Never open the door for anybody when you are home alone.
- Never tell anyone you are home alone. If someone calls on the phone, tell them that your parents can't come to the phone and take a message.
- Never go into anyone's house without your parent's knowledge and permission.
- Never play in isolated areas or empty structures, such as homes under construction.
- Never take shortcuts. Always use well-traveled streets.
- Always know your telephone number, your home address and your parents' full names.
- Always let your parents know where you are and who you are with. Remember, there is safety in numbers.
- Always tell your parents who your friends are and where they live – especially new friends and adults you meet.

- Always tell your parents if someone talks to you about sex or love.
- If an adult approaches to ask for directions, step back, tell them you don't know and walk away. Adults should ask other adults for directions.
- If a stranger is following you, go where there are other people. If forced toward a building or car, scream "help," scatter belongings and fight.
- If a stranger tries to grab you, fight and yell for help in a loud voice, "This is not my 'mom' or 'dad', I don't know this person."
- If you see someone unusual hanging around a schoolyard or a park, tell your parents.
- Don't believe any adult who asks you to keep a secret from your parents.
- No one has the right to touch any part of your body that a bathing suit would cover. If someone touches you in a way that feels uncomfortable, tell them in a loud voice that it is your body and they don't have the right to touch you, even if it is a relative or friend. Tell an adult you can trust and keep telling until someone believes you.



Building & Zoning

Department Highlights

- Bella Bianca Bridal Couture, located at 17W527 Roosevelt Road, recently purchased the former A-to-Z Rental building located just west of their location for an expansion. A complete renovation of both the exterior and interior of the building is proposed to allow for a retail bridal showroom.
- I Dream Of Falafel, a restaurant serving fresh Mediterranean cuisine, will be opening a new location at 17W635 Roosevelt Road in the commercial strip center in front of Pete's Fresh Market.
- Construction is underway within the Oakbrook Square Shopping Plaza for the development of a new Office Depot. The Office Depot will be located between the existing retail businesses and the former Hokkaido Restaurant.



Bella Bianca has purchased the former A-to-Z Rental building for expansion of its bridal showroom

- The owners of the Oakbrook Square Shopping Plaza have recently come before the City to request variances for the development of approximately 8,000 square feet of the former Hokkaido Restaurant, to be transformed into Dogtopia Of Oakbrook Terrace. Dogtopia will be a full-service dog daycare facility, to include boarding, a spa and grooming salon.
- The owners of the Oakbrook Square Shopping Plaza have also requested variances for the development of the outlot directly in front of the former Hokkaido Restaurant for the construction of Kiddie Academy. Kiddie Academy would be a child care facility of over 10,000 square feet, with outdoor play areas of approximately 5,000 square feet.
- Flood Brothers Disposal & Recycling, the city's provider for collection of refuse, landscape waste and recycleable materials, has purchased the one-story office building at 17W609 14th Street for their new corporate headquarters. A complete interior renovation is proposed for the structure.
- Forefront Properties, owners of the commercial office building known as Summit Oaks located at 1S450 Summit Avenue,

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Building & Zoning *continued*

recently purchased the adjacent residential property to the north. This parcel will be proposed for annexation into the City Of Oakbrook Terrace and rezoned to allow for commercial development. The owners are in negotiations to sell the front portion of the property for development of a four-tenant retail commercial building. The rear of the lot is slated for the development of additional tenant parking for the Summit Oaks building.

- The former Burger King site located at 1S722 Midwest Road is proposed for redevelopment of a gas station, car wash, convenience store and gaming café.
- Beyond Shades, a Hunter Douglas Gallery, has signed a lease to occupy the former luggage store within the JRC Plaza at 17W508 22nd Street. A permit has been issued for the interior remodeling of the space.
- McCain Foods, the world's largest manufacturer of frozen french fries and

potato specialties, has signed a lease to occupy the 10th, 11th and 12th floors of the Oakbrook Terrace Tower. A building permit has been released for the tenant build-out, which will include a test and product development kitchen.

- The Robinette Demolition Company, located at 0S560 Route 83, has recently placed their 21-acre parcel on the market. The property is located along the Frontage Road on Route 83.

Public Services

Department Highlights

- Final two rounds of brush pick-up for the 2017 season
- Construction of Memorial Garden at City Hall's western end
- Fire hydrant flushing
- All HVAC systems inspected and serviced
- Bed maintenance / fall planting and shrub trimming of all City-owned grounds
- Removal and winterization of decorative fountain and drinking fountain at Kreml Park
- Set-up / implementation / training of new water meter reading handheld and software
- Installation of two defibrillators at the police department: one in council room and one in PD commons area.
- Public Services Director Craig Ward attended AED training
- Fall Festival set-up and assistance
- Procurement of this year's bulk rock salt
- Public Services staff meeting covered winter operating procedures
- Winter fleet servicing and preparation



Public Services constructed the new Memorial Garden at City Hall's western end

- Public Services Director Craig Ward prepared budget for water and streets division
- All fire extinguishers were tested and recertified
- City-wide street sweep performed
- Curb and gutter project completed
- City right-of-way tree trimming project completed
- Staff trained on fire hydrant maintenance and operation

Totals

Julie Locates: October – 125
November – 82

Sign Repairs: October – 4 November – 3

Mailbox Installations: October – 8
November – 2

Fleet Maintenance

Oil changes: October – 5 November – 12

Tire Repairs: October – 7 November – 7

PD Car Sheet orders: October – 5
November – 7



2017-18 Driveway Snow Removal Program

The City provides a Private Driveway Snowplowing Program. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, we welcome your participation in the program for this year if you meet the following requirements. Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up effective October 1, 2017.

- Only residents who cannot shovel snow due to a temporary or permanent disability, regardless of age, are eligible. You must provide a statement from a medical doctor verifying that your disability prevents you from shoveling snow. A copy of an example statement is included in the packet.
- If a resident has a permanent disability that will prevent them from shoveling snow for the foreseeable future, a yearly verification of disability is not required, but an application form does need to be completed on a yearly basis.
- If a residence also houses an able-bodied person, besides the disabled resident, the disabled resident will not be eligible for the program.

- If more than one person resides in the house, a doctor's note will be required for each individual stating that they are disabled and cannot shovel snow.
- A seasonal charge of \$50.00 is required prior to the start of the program. This charge will cover any and all plowing for the winter season, no matter how many snowstorms occur. There will be no refunds of this fee if there is little or no snow this year and plowing is not required.
- This program is for removal of snow on driveways only, not sidewalks.
- You must sign the waiver of liability that is provided in the packet and return it to the City.

Participants should be aware that driveway clearing will only be performed after a snowfall of two inches or more and driveways will only be cleared after all streets and public facilities are cleared.

City of Oakbrook Terrace Salting and Snow Removal Policy

Each year, residents are asked to follow the city's salting and snow removal policies to support efficient removal of snow and ice from local roads while assuring traffic safety:

1. The City only salts City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception to this policy is if the City agrees to provide service by contract and is compensated accordingly.
2. The City only plows City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception to this policy is handicapped residents who have been approved to participate in the City's private driveway snow removal program. The requirements of the handicapped private driveway snow removal program are available at City Hall.
3. The City does not provide snow removal from sidewalks or driveway entrances. The only exception is identified in the driveway snow removal program.
4. Snow removal operations will follow established snowplow routes. These routes have been carefully determined to allow for optimum use of City equipment, manpower and supplies. Snow removal is conducted on City streets and City property only, with the only exception as identified in the driveway snow removal program.
5. The City prohibits parking on all City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs after a 1" snowfall. This parking ban allows snow removal crews to make a clean pass of the streets by eliminating the potential collision between a parked car and a snowplow or salt truck.
6. City snowplows discharge snow from the streets toward the adjacent parkway. It is impossible to prevent the deposit of snow at the driveway entrances. Windrows of snow at entrances to driveways are an unavoidable by-product of our effort to clear streets of snow accumulation in the safest and most efficient manner.
7. Residents are prohibited from shoveling snow from their driveways into the street. Snow can become compact and harden into ice mounds, thereby causing a dangerous safety hazard for motorists and emergency vehicles.
8. Residents are asked to keep mailbox doors closed at all times to prevent damage to mailboxes.
9. Although the City snow crews try to minimize the mounding of snow around fire hydrants, plows are designed to discharge snow into the unpaved parkway, which makes keeping the hydrants clear very difficult. Any assistance that homeowners can provide to keep fire hydrants in front of their home visible is greatly appreciated by the City and the Fire Protection Districts serving City residents.



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Crime Stoppers

Did you know you can provide information about criminal activity anonymously? Crime Stoppers enables individuals to furnish crime-solving assistance through a program that offers anonymity. Callers are given a code number rather than being asked for their name. Crime Stoppers also offers rewards for information that leads to felony arrest and/or convictions. The Crime Stoppers number for anonymous tips is 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477).

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2017, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is now \$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, 2018. 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. 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

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City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Clerk Michael Shadley

City Administrator Amy Marrero

- Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni
Ald. David Swartz
- Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach
Ald. Dennis Greco
- Ward I: Ald. Tom Thomas
Ald. Paul Esposito

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