



Terrace Leaves

September • October 2020

A Message From the Acting Mayor



Children are getting back to school this fall, but with a revised format due to COVID-19. Schools have implemented new “Return to School Plans,” which involve both e-learning and hybrid classroom sessions.

The City is now operating in phase 4.5 of the Governor’s “Restore Illinois Plan” to address

COVID-19 concerns. I encourage everyone in our community to continue to wear facial masks when out in public.

We are pleased to announce that the Police Department will be hosting the National Night Out again this year. Please watch for the date to be announced. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

The kids will enjoy the City’s new Pumpkins in the Park taking place on Saturday, October 17, 12 noon, in Kreml Park. Due to the Coronavirus, this event replaces our annual Fall Fest, which was held indoors.

Don't forget that Halloween is Saturday, October 31. Please use caution when driving throughout our neighborhoods and be aware of the children on the streets for trick-or-treating from 2-6 p.m.

I'd like to remind all residents to complete the 2020 Census. Oakbrook Terrace's response rate is at 54.3 percent, which is considerably lower than the state average of 68.4 percent. Please take the time. Census representatives will be out in the community visiting homes where they have not completed the Census. By completing the Census, you bring needed funds to our community with wide-ranging benefits. The Census only takes place every 10 years, so it is critical that you are counted.

*Sincerely,
Acting Mayor Paul Esposito*

Pumpkins in the Park

Saturday, October 17



Bring the kids for the all-new Pumpkins in the Park — a no-contact Fall event held in Kreml Park, which replaces our Annual Fall Fest.

To participate, just come to the pumpkin patch in Kreml Park on Saturday, October 17, 12 noon. Kids can choose a pumpkin and a no contact craft supplies kit, too. Get everything you need to make the perfect Jack-O-Lantern!



- Monday, September 14.....Brush Pickup
- Monday, October 5.....Brush Pickup
- Saturday, October 17 Pumpkins in the Park
- Monday, October 26.....Final Brush Pickup

CITY EVENTS CANCELED
Citywide Garage Sale
July 4 Celebration



National Night Out

Please join us for the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department's National Night Out, held in the Municipal Parking Lot, with the date to be announced.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to help make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

Each year, millions of neighbors across thousands of communities from all 50 states take part in National Night Out.

Have You Been Counted?

It is critical that everyone in our City be counted in this year's Census. Your participation helps to bring government funds to Oakbrook Terrace for a wide range of uses, including schools. To-date the Oakbrook Terrace census response is at 54.3% — well below the state average of 68.4%. Many of the surrounding communities have already had a response rate of 75% or higher.

Census representatives will be out in the community visiting homes where the residents have not completed the Census.



Oakbrook Terrace Eats Stimulus Program a Big Success

On August 4, the City held an Oakbrook Terrace Eats Stimulus Program Drive-Thru to help the hardest hit businesses in the community. The event was held in the Municipal Parking Lot where residents picked up five \$20 stimulus vouchers for selected Oakbrook Terrace bars and restaurants. Acting Mayor Paul Esposito and City staff members issued the vouchers to attendees, which are good through December 31, 2020. A big thank you to everyone who participated to help our business community through these challenging times.

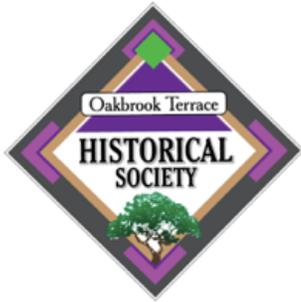


Acting Mayor Paul Esposito greets residents as he and City staff members hand out five \$20 vouchers to each family.

Halloween Safety Tips & Hours

Residents are reminded that Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, 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.



The Spirit of Our Past
A Vision for the Future

A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Robinette Demolition: The Longest Running Oakbrook Terrace Business

The history of Robinette Demolition as told by Tom Robinette

Clayburn “Bud” Robinette, Tom’s father, started the business in 1952 or 1953 with the purchase of 32 acres of land located north of Roosevelt Road and west of Route 83. The original business was a trout farm where local families from the surrounding area came to fish in the multiple stocked ponds of trout, catfish and bullheads.

It was a great family outing with dads teaching their children to fish. Eventually the State of Illinois began requiring everyone who fished to have a license making it too costly for family entertainment.

When the trout farm closed in approximately 1963, the business was transitioned into a landfill, which would eventually be the home of Ebenezer Floppen Slopers Wonderful Water Slides, later changing its name to Doc River’s Roaring Rapids Water Park, operating from 1980 to 1989. For approximately the last 40 years, there has also been a go cart track, including batting cages, a miniature golf course and water wars called Just-Fun Amusements located on their acreage.

Bud Robinette built a home for his wife on their land. This home eventually became and still is the business office of Robinette Demolition.

One of Tom’s earliest memories of Utopia (former name of Oakbrook Terrace) is his dad telling him and his brother John

that the first thing that needed to be done after a snowstorm was to dig out the streets of the local community with their heavy equipment. He also remembers that Elmhurst and Villa Park petitioned to have their acreage be part of their communities and it was put to a vote. Both Tom’s mom and dad voted to become part of the newly formed Utopia community.

In the early 1960s, the State of Illinois took a portion of their property to use in the redesign of the Route 83, Roosevelt Road, Butterfield Road interchange.

Sons, Tom and John, both went off to serve in the Vietnam war in the late sixties and early seventies. John received a purple heart and a bronze star. Eventually Tom and John would take over the very successful Robinette Demolition Company, which has completed more than 12,000 demolition projects and has been ranked tenth in the nation among demolition companies.

Both John and Tom are Charter Members of the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club and have always been very supportive of the community. The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is proud to recognize Robinette Demolition as the longest running business in Oakbrook Terrace.



The Robinette property in the early 1960s



The same property in 2015



City Departments CORNER

Building & Zoning

Over the last several months, the Coronavirus has monopolized every aspect of our lives, and as everyone continues to adjust to a new normal, the City of Oakbrook Terrace has experienced a continued surge in businesses relocating to our community. From the start of the pandemic, all new construction projects, including Lou Malnati's Pizza, 18W080 22nd Street, Courtyard by Marriott, Six Trans Am Plaza Drive, and the Sleep Inn/Mainstay by Choice Hotel, 17W710 22nd Street, have continued. Permits were received for several major tenant build-outs within the city's commercial districts, four new residential homes and various permits for home improvement projects.

Businesses That Opened During Covid-19

Joe's Tailor Shop, 17W580 Butterfield Road

Have you gained or lost weight or just need an alteration to one of your favorite pieces of clothing? Bring your clothes in and Joe's Tailor Shop will make them fit like new. Joe's provides high quality alterations for versatile clothing pieces from casual wear to suits and formal dresses. Walk-ins are accepted and emergency services are available for an additional charge.

Shop Therapy Boutique, 1S055 Summit Avenue, Suite C

Shop Therapy Boutique is a women's clothing store carrying sizes ranging from petite to plus; they also offer online shopping. Explore their website at www.shoptherapyboutique.com and see what they have to offer.

Ligocki Dental Group, 1S224 Summit Avenue, Suite 140

A full-service dental office offering dental care for all ages in a caring environment.

Anesthesiology & Dental Consultants, PC 1S161 Summit Avenue

Dr. Zak Messieha, a Board Certified Dentist Anesthesiologist, purchased the building for office use and offers mobile office-based anesthesia services.

Rahal Fruits and Flavor, Two Trans Am Plaza, Suite 165

The City welcomed the new office headquarters for Rahal Fruits & Flavors, the largest independent importer and broker of high-quality fruit juices, concentrates, purees, and natural colors and sugars in the U.S.

Under Construction

Red Effect Infrared Fitness, 1S550 Route 83, Unit D

Oakbrook Terrace will be welcoming the first Illinois location of Red Effect Infrared Fitness. Red Effect Infrared Fitness provides a unique, life-changing approach to wellness with group fitness classes combining infrared therapy, heart rate monitoring and high-intensity interval training

to provide customers with a fitness routine they love. Their studio will offer a variety of available concepts, including Interval Training, Cycling, Kickboxing, Circuit Training and Barre/Yoga sessions. Check out their website for more information at www.redeffectfitness.com.

Townsend Salon, 1S131 Summit Avenue

Townsend Salon will be the new go-to place for everything beauty. They provide an array of services specializing in hair removal, lash extensions and skincare treatments. Townsend Salon purchased the building which is currently undergoing interior renovations.

Driftwood Grill, 17W648 22nd Street

A casual dining restaurant offering many American food favorites will be opening in the now-closed Enfuego Mexican Grill.

Lakeside Bank, 18W076 22nd Street

Construction is scheduled to begin soon on a new branch located next to the new Lou Malnati's Pizza on 22nd Street.

Apex Construction Group, 17W601 14th Street

APEX Construction Group is a full-service general contractor, construction management and design-builder providing all phases of development. Apex specializes in a broad range of markets, including residential, office, retail, and mixed-use development. Apex has purchased the building for office use, which is undergoing a complete interior and exterior renovation.



Solar Panels

Solar panels have grown in popularity as an affordable, reliable, clean, and smart way to power your home, and the City recently adopted an ordinance approving the installation of rooftop solar panels within

the single-family detached zoning district. If you are interested in installing solar panels, contact the Building and Zoning Department for permitting requirements.

Just A Reminder

Residents are required to obtain the necessary building permits before beginning any home improvement project. Construction projects include new buildings, additions, and remodeling, decks, paver patios, fences, driveways, and pools, just to name a few. Contact the Building and Zoning Department to verify if a permit is required before the start of any work.



Public Services

Public Services Highlights June and July 2020

- All Public Services Vehicles inspected and certified
- Three City-wide mosquito control treatments
- Three rounds of brush pick-ups
- Remedied effects from heavy windstorm
- Trimmed right-of-way trees
- Decorated City for Fourth of July celebration
- Cleaned creek inlets and creek outfalls
- Collected water samples for coliform and bacteria, lead and copper and total trihalomethane and haloacetic acids. All successful and in compliance.
- Received high marks from IEPA Facility Inspection
- Completed IEPA Monthly Report
- Mowing, trimming and bed maintenance continues
- Removed three dead trees
- Maintained City Hall and Police Department Back-up Generator
- Maintained City Hall and Police Department HVAC system

Totals

JULIE Locates: June – 98 July – 110

Sign Repairs: June – 4 July – 5

Mailbox Repairs: June – 4 July – 5

Gallons of water pumped: June – 7,811,000 July – 9,072,000

PD Car Sheet Repair Orders: June – 21 July – 16

2020 Brush Pick-Up Dates

September 14

October 5 & 26



Police

Beware of Unemployment Insurance Fraud

According to the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), unemployment insurance fraud has increased during the COVID-19 pandemic. The following is some information provided on the IDES website:

How can I spot unemployment insurance identity theft?

- You receive a debit card or an unemployment insurance letter (UI Finding), but have not filed a claim for benefits.
- You are notified by your employer that a claim for benefits has been filed when you have not been separated from employment.
- You attempt to file a claim online and one already exists.
- You receive IRS correspondence regarding unreported UI benefits.
- You receive notice of a State or Federal tax offset.

What steps should I take if I receive a debit card and did not file for unemployment insurance?

If you suspect a claim has been submitted using your information, and you have not applied for unemployment insurance benefits in Illinois, take steps as follows:

DO NOT DELAY AND ACT QUICKLY

- Call the Benefit Payment Control Division at (800) 814-0513. Please Note: Call volume is high due to an increase in reports of fraud, so please be patient in waiting for your scheduled call-back. When prompted:
 - Select English or Spanish language option
 - Select option #1 for claimants
 - Select option #5 to report identity theft
 - DO NOT activate the debit card that was mailed to you
 - DO NOT contact KeyBank
 - Destroy the card
 - Request your free credit reports via www.annualcreditreport.com and review them for fraudulent activities.



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Final 2020 Brush Pick-Up Dates

October 5 & 26

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

Attention Residents

As of May 1, 2020, the annual fee for a Villa Park library card is \$43 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, 2021. 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. 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 2020 City of Oakbrook Terrace

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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

CITY HALL HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Public access to City Hall is Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

(Due to COVID-19)