



Terrace Leaves

July • August 2017

A Message From the Mayor

Now that summer is here and our children are out of school, I'd like to remind you to please pay special attention to our fellow residents by driving slowly and cautiously.



The City has been researching security cameras for the entrances and exits to our subdivision; at this time we have secured a vendor and the initial cost to implement this system is approximately \$75,000. These cameras are just an additional tool that our Police Department can utilize and there is no guarantee that the cameras will deter future crimes. Additionally, these cameras are not intended to monitor our residents' daily activities by being BIG BROTHER — that is not the intention for the cameras. The residents will decide if these cameras are purchased and put in use; there is a form in this *Terrace Leaves* edition. Please mark your choice and bring it to City Hall or just drop it in the water billing box outside City Hall. Also we will be putting a notice in your newspaper boxes with the same information. Please do the same with this notice. After we receive the votes on what the majority of the residents want, that's the direction we will take.

I would like to inform residents that the City opened the west side driveway of City Hall to residents' thru-traffic only. Residents can now use the driveway off Butterfield Road and 16th street to access the subdivision.

Our Police Officers F.O.P. is offering "We Support our Police" signs for your front lawn for a small donation. Please support our Police Department by contacting Sgt. Mike Hylton at 630.941.8320, ext. 346.

The City held its Annual Garage Sale on June 9 and 10 this year. It appears that in the last few years the attendance has fallen. Later this fall, we will put out a questionnaire to determine whether residents want to continue the Citywide Garage sale; your vote will decide the future of this event.

Just a reminder to keep your homes and property maintained. This reflects the beauty of our City, so please let's take pride in our community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tony Ragucci



City of Oakbrook Terrace and Flood Brothers Concert & Fireworks Display

Tuesday, July 4th
Terrace View Park

Picnic, Raffle and Rides: 3-6 p.m.

Residents can pick up tickets until July 3 at 4:30 pm. Resident picnic tickets are free. The cost for non-resident tickets is \$10. Only residents can purchase non-resident tickets.

Together Musical Group,
8-9 p.m.

Fireworks: 9:30 p.m.,
Terrace View Park



*Not permitted: pets, alcohol and fireworks of any kind
– including sparklers.*



City Hall & Public Services

Summer Hours

Monday, June 5, to Friday, September 1

City Hall

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Street and Water Divisions

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Police
Department
open
24 hours/day**



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 help us put on this annual celebration. We thank these businesses for their commitment to our community:

- *Platinum sponsor: (\$10,000)*
—Flood Brothers
- *Silver sponsor: (\$2,500)*
—Crowe Horwath
- *Bronze sponsors: (\$1,000)*
—Christopher B. Burke Engineering
—Hartz Construction
—J.R.C. Investments
—Robinette Demolition, Inc.
—Storino, Ramello & Durkin
- *Certificate sponsors: (\$500)*
—Butterfields Pancake House & Restaurant
—Daniel Law Office
—Drury Lane
—Hassett Express
—Hilton Suites/Hilton Garden Inn
—Holiday Inn
- *Red, White & Blue sponsors: (Under \$500)*
—West Suburban Office Products

Show Your Support and Gain Community Exposure: Be a Business Sponsor!

Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Consumers are more likely to patronize organizations that support their local community. Once again, the City of Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to gain exposure for their business by supporting the City's Fourth of July celebration.

Sponsorships will be offered in six categories:

- Platinum sponsor —\$10,000
- Gold sponsor—\$5,000
- Silver sponsor—\$2,500
- Bronze sponsor—\$1,000
- Certificate sponsor—\$500
- Red, White & Blue sponsor—less than \$500

Depending on level of sponsorship, participating businesses will receive numerous opportunities for exposure, including the *Terrace Leaves Newsletter*, the City's website, banners at the event and much more. For more information, please contact Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300 ext. 201.

Video Surveillance Cameras: We Want Your Feedback

In an effort to deter future crime, the City has been researching the option of placing video surveillance cameras at the entrances and exits of our community. We want our residents to be aware, however, that these cameras are not intended for the purpose of monitoring the daily activity of our residents. These devices, rather, could provide a valuable tool for our police department in its efforts to combat crime. The initial cost to implement a system of this type is \$75,000.

We would like to hear from you about whether you support this program. To give us your feedback, just indicate below whether or not you support installing the video surveillance cameras. Deliver your response to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, 17W 275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. You can drop it into the Water Billing Dropbox located at the Butterfield Road entrance to City Hall. Thank you!

- I support installing the video surveillance cameras
- I do not support installing the video surveillance cameras

Additional Comments: _____

Police

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.

Spotting a Drunk Driver

Drunk driving takes untold lives each year. The following information will describe some of the things that you can watch for to spot and report possible drunk drivers. Citizens need to get involved by identifying and reporting suspected intoxicated motorists.

They are:

- Driving without headlights
- Sudden, hard braking
- Hitting or almost hitting another car or object
- Following too closely
- Making wide turns

If a motorist suspects a car is being driven by a drunk driver, the motorist should:

- Not pass the car
- Keep a safe distance
- Notify the police as soon as possible

With the increased use of cellular phones, more people are being arrested for DUI as a result of a tip from another motorist.

Because of the high number of people killed and injured by drunk drivers, this problem affects all of society. Even though laws are in place to deter and punish these drivers, more action is needed. Citizens must be responsible for their own actions by not driving while intoxicated. Motorists can do their part by reporting suspected drunk drivers to the police. These steps will help to curb the staggering number of deaths and injuries which are the result of drunk drivers.

Another Successful Cop on a Rooftop Event

Despite the cold and rainy weather, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department (together with the help of surprise guests Blackhawks Hall of Fame player Denis Savard and the Chicago Blackhawks mascot Tommy Hawk) raised over \$2,500 for Illinois Special Olympics. A big thanks to all the residents and supporters who came out on May 19. Hope to see you again next year!



*The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department
invites you to*

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 1, 6-8 p.m.

*Oakbrook Terrace Police Department
17W261 Butterfield Road*

Join us for family fun:

- ✓ Facepainting
- ✓ Touch-a-Truck
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Food
- ✧ More!

City Departments

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Continued

Building & Zoning

Public Services

New Businesses Now Open

- **Wayback Burgers, 17W420-422 22nd Street (JRC Plaza)**
A popular East Coast-based hamburger chain known for handmade burgers made with 100% ground beef and hand-dipped milkshakes.
- **Inspired Closets, 1S550 Route 83**
A custom closet and home organization company headquartered in Holland Michigan is now open at the corner of Route 83 and Hodges Road. Their products include storage solutions such as closet organizers, garage storage systems, pantry organizers, wall beds, laundry cabinets, entertainment centers, and much more.

Coming Soon

- **Baklava Faluda House, 17W731 Roosevelt Road**
A coffee lounge serving hot and cold beverages and fresh pastries.

Building Permit Applications

Throughout the residential district, construction of several new homes, additions and various improvements are in progress. The City encourages property owners and contractors to contact the Building and Zoning Department at 630-941-8300 ext. 209 before starting any project to verify permit requirements. Permit applications are available at City Hall or can be downloaded from the City website at www.oakbrookterrace.net. Work started prior to securing a building permit could result in fines and an appearance in court. Once a building permit has been secured, you are required to clearly post the permit either in the front window or door of the building structure.

Oliviabrook

The Oliviabrook subdivision along the North side of Butterfield Road is in the final phase of development. The subdivision constructed by Hartz Construction consists of 31 townhomes and 22 units have currently been sold.

Oakbrook Terrace Park District Heritage Park Redevelopment

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District has started the redevelopment of Heritage Park located at 1S325 Ardmore Avenue. The project involves renovating the entire landscape of the property, including new tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, in addition to creative play areas.

Grass Height Reminder

Residents are reminded that the Oakbrook Terrace municipal code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of six inches or less. Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive during the summer months by regularly mowing and maintaining their properties.

Updates from your Public Services Department

- April brought us major rain events totaling 6" of rainfall in one week. Our storm sewer cleaning program was deemed effective.
- Mowing Operations are in full swing. Eight complete mowing rounds, including trimming and bed maintenance, were completed.
- Pot-hole filling took place Citywide in April and May.
- Brush Pick-up Program began with three scheduled pick-ups.
- All Oakbrook Terrace Streets were professionally swept.
- Public Services Director Craig Ward completed the City's annual Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report and it was accepted and deemed in-compliance by the EPA.
- Water system sampling/compliance monitoring continues to be a success.

The Water Division of Public Services underwent a full-scale inspection of our facilities by the EPA, including our recordkeeping procedures, operating reports, cross-connection control and the like. We received high marks!

Totals:

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Sign Repair Totals — April: 9 May: 2

Mailbox Repair Totals — April: 3 May: 2

Fleet Maintenance

Oil Changes/Full Services — April: 6 May: 13

Tires — April: 1 May: 4

PD Car Repair Orders — April: 2 May: 3

2017 Brush Pick-Up Dates

July 10 & 31

August 14 & 28

September 11

October 2 & 23

Fiscal Year 2017/18 Budget Approved

The City Council recently approved the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget (“FY 2018 Budget”), together with City’s five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan document (“CIP”). The City maintains four (4) funds: the General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Water Fund.

General Fund

The General Fund is the City’s main operating or general purpose fund. Most of the services provided to residents, such as general administration, police protection, code enforcement, snow plowing, grounds maintenance, special events, storm water management, and street maintenance are budgeted in the General Fund. The major revenue sources in the General Fund include: the local share of State sales tax and the local hotel/motel tax. A telecommunication tax, amusement tax, property tax, off-track betting host fees, licenses, permits, and fines are other significant sources of revenue for the General Fund.

For this year, the City Council adopted a balanced General Fund budget with revenues of \$9.2 million and expenditures of \$8.4 million. The local economy is thriving, which is evident by the continued growth of the City’s 43 restaurants, seven (7) hotels, and strong retail sector.

Water Fund

The Water Fund is comprised of two (2) components – Operations and Maintenance (O&M), and Distribution. O&M pays for the costs to operate and maintain the water system, while Distribution pays for capital improvements to the water system and related expenditures.

For the FY 2018 Budget, Water Fund revenue is estimated at \$1.3 million. Included in this amount is \$300,000 from electric utility taxes, \$947,150 from the sale of water, plus \$33,975 in miscellaneous revenues.

The expenditures are budgeted at \$1.24 million. There are two (2) major cost centers comprising the Water Fund expenditures. First is the \$455,000 for the purchase of water from the DuPage Water Commission, and second is the \$59,923 for bond payments.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Motor Fuel Tax collections for the FY 2018 Budget will be used to fund two (2) programs: the City’s yearly allotment of road salt and snowplowing related charges.

Capital Improvement Fund

The FY 2018 Budget identifies one (1) major revenue source for the Capital Improvement Fund; home rule sales tax (\$1.8 million). The major expenditures in FY 2018 are for the bond payments for the Public Services Maintenance Facility (\$345,350) and the curb and gutter program (\$80,000).

Summer Tips for Cyclists



Remember – the same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists. Cyclists are reminded to obey all traffic control devices and use hand signals to indicate stops and turns. Ride predictably.

- Ride as close to the right as practical and in the same direction as traffic. Signal before moving into another lane to make a turn.
- Check for traffic before entering a street or intersection. Bike defensively.
- Always wear a properly fitting helmet, even on short trips. Make yourself as visible as possible by wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing.
- In low light conditions, use a white front light and a red rear light, in flashing mode if possible.

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.

Oakbrook Terrace is home to numerous attractive and convenient businesses. These businesses provide employment to some of our neighbors and friends.

Your shopping dollars not only help the community as a whole, they also help support local business owners and employees.



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www.oakbrookterrace.net

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Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planning a home improvement project, installing a fence or deck, or just planting a tree, don't forget to call 811 or 800-892-0123 before you begin any project that involves digging. JULIE will notify its member utility companies who will send a locator to mark their underground facilities. Digging without making that call may result in service disruption to an entire neighborhood, injuries to yourself or others, and/or potential fines and repair costs.

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. 202
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-629-0886

July/August 2017

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