



Terrace Leaves

September • October 2024

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.

Due to the IDOT road repair project on Rt 83 and 22nd street, there has been increased thru traffic entering the city the last four weeks. Our police department will continue to monitor and enforce for thru traffic on MacArthur Drive, Hodges and Monterey, and Stillwell Rd. The city will be conducting more detailed intersection traffic counts through video detection set up by Christopher Burke Engineering. The data will be used and presented to the Illinois Department of Transportation to further build a case to modify the MacArthur and 22nd intersection controlled by the state.

Special thank you to all our residents, businesses, intergovernmental groups, and staff who participated in the strategic and comprehensive plan focus groups. NIU Center for Government will be presenting final plans to the City Council in September. All residents are welcome to attend City Council meeting presentations. The final plan adoption will occur in October and will be posted online for all residents to view.

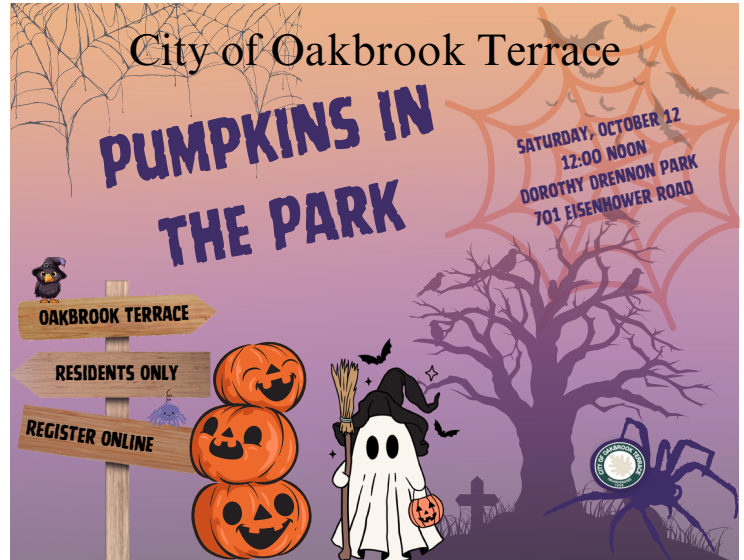
Thank you to our Police Department for hosting National Night Out. It was great to see residents and children turn out for this annual event and we thank you for supporting our police department, officers, and staff in making this event a success. Thank you to our sponsors, Tapicozza's, Lou Malnati's,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

It has been brought to the City's attention that some of the newly planted trees and shrubs have died along the streambank. Due to the high heat and cicada problem this summer, we have lost a few of the trees in this area. A full inspection will occur to assess all of the newly planted trees. All the dead trees will be replaced in fall at no cost to the City, since they are still under warranty.

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 12, at 12 noon. Also, I want to remind you that Halloween is Thursday, October 31. Please use caution while driving and be aware of the children on the streets while they are trick-or-treating between 3 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



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

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

Registration Form Pumpkins in the Park Saturday, October 12

(Please return form no later than 2:30 pm, Monday, October 7)
Late registrations may not be guaranteed a pumpkin.

Resident Children 12 and Under:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Children's 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



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Monday, October 7..... Pumpkins in the Park Registration Deadline
 Saturday, October 12.....Pumpkins in the Park
 Monday, October 28.....Final Brush Pick-Up



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

I Remember When. . .

As remembered by Loraine Fik (Utopia/Oakbrook Terrace resident from 1947-2008, 17W245 16th Street)

I remember every home had a clothesline in the backyard that was used from April to the end of October and there were no fences. Kids played on streets and in ditches.

I remember when the County Highway Department used to oil and tar the roads; you had to keep one pair of shoes just to wear on the streets and your floors were a mess and tar was on your pants, socks, shirts, hands and hair. One time they came through on a very windy day and when I and others went to take clothes off the line they were speckled with tar. Our house had just been painted and it was speckled; one woman had her bedroom window open, and her dresser had to be refinished.

I remember we had four party lines (on our telephone) and when I caught my arm in a wringer (yes, no automation for washing machines at that time) I picked up the phone to hear voices. I asked the lady if I could please call my neighbor – I needed help. She immediately hung up. My friend a block down came by, helped, called a doctor and before much time went by, I met Mrs. Carlberg, the lady on the phone – she came by to help, too.

I remember when the OBT Fire Protection District was Butterfield Fire Protection District and was in an old barn on Kolberg Ct. across from Safeway Steel off Route 83 and when Safeway Steel was West Side Racquet Club.

I remember in 1967 during a disastrous snowfall hearing a rumbling sound and seeing this huge Caterpillar tractor with a blade that extended from one side of street to the other clearing the snow. We were the only town around with clear roads in the area. Thanks again, Mr. Robinette.

I remember a modern home built on the corner of MacArthur and Orchard Place, flat roof with a lot of windows, which later became what we called “Health House.” There they tried to carry out experiments to find a cure for the common cold.

I remember when Dorothy Drennan Park was referred to as “Witches Willow” – another great place for kids to play, when it wasn’t a swamp.

I remember when District 48 had only one school, the old wooden Salt Creek building that was considered not safe for children, and was moved to become the Easter Seals Center.

I remember when, finally in 1970, the first City Hall was built – one room for the clerk, two rooms for the police department, and a two-car immense garage – the railing to which unruly persons were handcuffed so they wouldn’t destroy property.

I remember when as City Clerk, I was also police radio operator, dispatcher, police matron and janitor. The police department had one Chief, Walter Cliff, two full-time police officers and some part-time officers.



Lions Christmas Tree Sale

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees again this year. The trees are 5-6 feet height and are \$45 each. For \$55, you will receive a tree and a heavy metal stake for setting the tree up in the front yard. Lions Club members will deliver and set up yard trees on Saturday, November 23.

For more information, call Lion Anthony at 630-209-3096.

YES! I want to order a Holiday Tree:

Holiday Tree (\$45) qty: _____

Holiday Tree w/Stake (\$55) qty: _____

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

Return to Lion Anthony Lukaszewski at 1S286 Euclid Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

DELIVER TO:

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

ZELLE payments made to: **obtlions@gmail.com**
Please make sure to include your address and email address

*Please visit us on Wednesdays from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
17W245 16th Street, Oakbrook Terrace
Call 630-834-8661*



City Departments CORNER

Community Development Department

NEW BUSINESSES

Zara Fashion, 17W731 Roosevelt Rd, Suite F

Zara Fashion offers a vibrant collection of Pakistani party wear and casual wear alongside South Asian kids' clothing and jewelry. The store also carries a selection of men's kurtas and branded clothing.

Ethr Lab, 1S550 Route 83

Oakbrook Terrace, already buzzing with the dynamic vibes of the Oakbrook Shopping Center, trendy new restaurants, and a plethora of family-friendly activities, now has an exciting new addition - ETHR Lab. This lively town now boasts a cutting-edge wellness, recovery, and performance center, designed to cater to its vibrant community. With state-of-the-art technology and experienced wellness coaches, ETHR Lab is here to elevate your health and wellness journey. Whether you're an athlete, a busy professional, or simply someone looking to optimize your recovery and well-being, ETHR Lab is your go-to destination in the heart of Oakbrook Terrace.

ETHR Lab is all about cutting-edge recovery, performance, and wellness. They offer the latest smart Hyperbaric Oxygen Chambers, full-body Cryotherapy from Cryobuilt, Ballancer Pro Lymphatic Compression therapy, PEMF, NanoVi, and non-invasive spa tech like Endospheres. In today's fast-paced world, with declining food quality, environmental factors, and everyday stress, staying healthy can be tough. ETHR Lab is created to be your go-to spot to reclaim your health and feel excited about your wellness journey. In their shop, they've also curated a selection of the highest quality supplements and on-the-go food and drinks.

C'essential's, 1S132 Summit Ave, Unit 305B

Custom hair care for men, women, and children. They are here to provide you with the essentials and they are a family-friendly stylist. Men, women, and kids are welcome! Give them a call at 708-657-8300.

Our Happy Place Beauty, 1S132 Summit Ave, Unit 305A

Our Happy Place Beauty is a premier beauty destination located in Oakbrook Terrace. They offer a variety of services including, hair cutting/styling, hair removal, and some body treatments. They create a relaxing and enjoyable experience for their clients. At Our Happy Place Beauty, they strive to help clients look and feel their best, leaving them with a renewed sense of confidence and Happiness.

Sharif Wealth Strategie, 17W220 22Nd Street, Suite 250

To be financially sound throughout your life, you need to have a plan. Money doesn't save itself, nor does it just appear for emergencies, college tuition, or retirement. Have the professionals at Sharif Wealth Strategies help you create a financial plan that will work towards helping you live comfortably while saving money. They will assess your needs and goals while reviewing your

finances. Working directly with you, they will suggest different strategies that work towards helping you stay financially stable throughout the coming years. They offer tax planning, investment management, and retirement management services.

Kinema Fitness, Oakbrook Terrace Tower – Under New Management

Kinema Fitness at the Oakbrook Terrace Tower offers a variety of amenities and services. The fitness center is open to the general public and provides one-on-one personal training, group fitness classes and mind-body wellness services. Other features include a lap pool, sauna, and steam rooms. The location is an oasis to clear your mind and improve your body.

Denny's, 17W660 22Nd Street – Under New Ownership

For more than 50 years, Denny's has been bringing on the day with round-the-clock breakfast and casual family dining across America, from freshly cracked eggs to crave-able salads and burgers. Check them out today!

Comprehensive Plan Open House – Save The Date

Everyone is welcome to join us to look at the future of Oakbrook Terrace. The purpose of the open house is to receive public comment prior to the beginning of the formal review process with City Council. Representatives from the City and NIU Center for Governmental Studies will be available to answer questions. The draft plan will be available for public review and comment. Exhibits on display at the open house will include future land use maps, as well as the recommended priorities for the City in the near future. To be notified when the date is finalized, please follow the City's Facebook page or register for the Terrace Topics e-newsletter.

Additional information about the comprehensive plan is available at <https://egretandoxplanning.mysocialpinpoint.com/oakbrookterrace>. Please contact Melissa Headley at mheadley@oakbrookterrace.net or (630) 941-8300 ext. 213 with questions about the open house.

Allowable Construction Work Hours

Monday through Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Construction is prohibited on the following holidays:

New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day

City Departments CORNER

Public Services

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Proudly Serves Lake Michigan Water Free of Lead and Copper

Twenty-five years ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) published the Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) to control lead and copper in drinking water. The reason for the rule is that lead and copper negatively affect our health. What is not widely understood outside of the water treatment and regulatory communities is that the LCR's action level is not a health-based limit but rather a trigger for water providers to implement treatment options, which include water quality practices that help stabilize the water and prevent a corrosive environment. The LCR was developed to protect the end users, but as long as there are lead pipes in the ground or lead plumbing in the home, some risks remain. In Oakbrook Terrace we have ZERO lead service lines and have never failed a lead test since the water system's inception.

Oakbrook Terrace's source of water is Lake Michigan, which is free of any detectable lead. Our Lake Michigan water passes through the James Jardine Treatment Plant in the City of Chicago, then flows through the City's tunnel system on its journey to DuPage County, where it ends up at the DuPage Water Commission, then

comes to Oakbrook Terrace via two connection points from DuPage Water Commission. The DuPage Water Commission was constructed well after the use of lead in 1986. This further adds to the safeguard that our water has had no contact with any source of lead during its journey to our homes.

The City of Chicago routinely tests the source water and the water in its transmission system for lead and a variety of other possible contaminants, in addition to the LCR required sampling of its distribution system. These regulations also apply to the DuPage Water Commission, Oakbrook Terrace and every other lake water community.

If you know someone who is concerned about the possibility of lead in their drinking water, please direct them to the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/lead>.



2024 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

September 9 & 30

October 28



Police

Do Not Hesitate to Call 911

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department encourages everyone to quickly call 911 whenever there is an emergency. Too often, people hesitate before calling 911 because they are questioning their judgment regarding the situation and trying to decide if it rises to the level of being an emergency.

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department would like to remind residents when to call 911.

The following is a list of instances:

- **FIRE** - If you see a fire. Remember, big fires usually start out as small fires.
- **CRIME IN PROGRESS** - If you are witnessing a potential crime in progress.
- **CAR ACCIDENT** - If you see a car accident, a person may be injured or the accident may be causing a potential traffic concern.

• **INJURY OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY** - If a person is in physical or emotional distress. Whether a person is struggling to breathe, having chest pains, experiencing an allergic reaction, bleeding heavily, or expressing emotional distress, do not hesitate.

• **SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR** - If you witness any type of suspicious behavior, do not hesitate.

First responders, Police, Fire, and Paramedics, are trained to respond to emergency calls and provide assistance. However, some people don't call 911 when there is a legitimate emergency for a variety of reasons, such as assuming someone else has already called, not wanting to get involved, or feeling uncertain that this particular incident is an emergency. The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department wants all of our residents and guests to feel comfortable calling 911. Even if a situation ends up not being as serious as initially thought, it is better to be safe than sorry.





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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, 2024, library cards are a flat \$20 to all residents through April 30, 2025. 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, American Express, 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 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 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 2024 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.-Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm