



Terrace Leaves

November • December 2024

A Message From the Mayor



With the Holiday season approaching, please rest assured that our Public Services Department will keep our streets clean and handle inclement weather. Please use caution while driving in our City and always be aware of pedestrians.

Thank you to all residents who attended the Special City Council Meeting to discuss MacArthur Drive through-traffic concerns. The City Council will

continue to address solutions to limit the amount of through-traffic utilizing our community streets. Committees have been formed and have immediately addressed the following actions on MacArthur Drive:

- New Ordinance 24-36 passed by the City Council to enforce “No Through Traffic” northbound on MacArthur Drive from Karban Road to Stillwell Road between the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM. No vehicles to proceed southbound on MacArthur Drive from Stillwell Road to Karban Road between the hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
- New Ordinance 24-25 passed to enforce and fine violators \$100.00 for “No Through Traffic” violations.
- New, more prominent signs will be installed on MacArthur Drive, signaling “No Through Traffic” and imposing an enforceable fine.
- New crosswalk signs will be installed along the walking path on MacArthur Drive and Karban Road, slowing vehicles down for the safety of our residents.
- As many observed, speed bumps will be used for special events throughout the year when children are present.
- The IDOT construction project on Rt 83 has been completed, and traffic flow through the community has been reduced.

Our Police Department has been doing an excellent job enforcing speeding and stop sign violations throughout the community. Over the last two months, over 100 citations have been issued.

I would like to thank everyone who attended “Pumpkins in the Park” on October 12 and our City staff for their hard work on this event.

Please join us Monday, November 11, at 11 a.m., for our Veterans Day Ceremony this year at the VFW Post 2801 in Villa Park, IL, to honor all

veterans from Oakbrook Terrace, Villa Park, and VFW. Additional information will be sent out to residents in the coming weeks.

I welcome all residents and children to attend the City’s Annual Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at Swartz School and Fik Point on Friday, December 13th, from 6 to 9 p.m.

On November 5, I ask our residents to vote “yes” for the District 48 Tax Referendum to improve safety and security in our schools, increase ADA compliance, and enhance educational programming. Please consider the impact this will have on strengthening the future of our community for all the children attending this excellent school district.

As 2024 comes to an end, I would like to thank the residents, City employees, businesses, retail, and corporations for helping to keep Oakbrook Terrace successful and financially sound. We have completed and started numerous projects this year: the City Strategic and Comprehensive plan, continued curb installation, resurfacing and sealing of our city streets, and the implementation of new BS&A financial software.

The City Aldermen and I are committed to doing what is best for the residents, businesses, and the community, making our city safe and financially sound. Thank you, Oakbrook Terrace Police Department, Public Works and administrative staff, for all your hard work and efforts in 2024.

Let us continue to appreciate and celebrate our City’s positive aspects. Our City takes pride in its strong sense of community. Through neighborhood and local events, we have built a supportive network that fosters connections and strengthens bonds among residents. This sense of belonging makes our City not just a place to live, but a place to call home. Together, we can build upon these strengths and create an even brighter future for ourselves and generations.

As always, I’m proud to serve as your Mayor. From the entire City Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a safe and prosperous New Year!

*Sincerely,
Mayor Paul Esposito*



Tree Lighting and Children's Holiday Party, December 13

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All residents are welcome for the City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Tree Lighting and Children's Holiday Party. The party will take place on Friday, December 13, 6-9 p.m., at Stella May Swartz School.

All resident children 0-12 years of age who register for this event will receive a stocking from Santa.

City of Oakbrook Terrace Children's Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 13, 6-9 p.m.

Registration Form

*Return to City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m.
on Wednesday, December 11*

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Children's Name(s)

_____ Age _____ Sex _____

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Luminaries Make the Holiday Special

Luminaries will be distributed to residents before December 24. Please line up the luminaires and light the candle along the front of your property at dusk on December 24 to illuminate the neighborhood and create a magical holiday.

If you would like to help with assembly or distribution of luminaries, please contact Amy Raffel at 630-941-8300 ext. 267.



Monday, November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony

Thursday, November 28 City Hall Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29 City Hall Closed

Friday, December 13 Santa is Coming to Town

Tuesday, December 24 City Hall Closed

Wednesday, December 25 City Hall Closed

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 City Hall Closed

Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 11

Join us in honoring those who served at our Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., at the Villa Park VFW, 39 E. St. Charles Road, Villa Park. Please submit memorabilia. Items will be returned.



Saturday, November 30



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society



Top left, Twin Ice Skating Rink. Above, Drury Lane Theater 1986. At left, Drury Lane Theater today

We all know Drury Lane Theatre in Oakbrook Terrace, located at the intersection of Illinois Route 83 (Kingery Highway), Butterfield Road and Illinois Route 38 (Roosevelt Road). It opened in the Fall of 1984 and is well known for dominating the Chicagoland Theater scene with a commitment to reimagining classic musicals, plays, and children's theater, while comfortably seating 950 people. Drury Lane has a spectacular grand ballroom, including banquet facilities for meetings, private parties, or wedding receptions for up to 1300 people. It also houses the beautiful Lucille Restaurant (formerly known as the Martinique Restaurant), named after the beloved wife of Drury Lane founder Anthony Desantis.

Some of the many stars that have performed at the Drury Lane Theatre include Phyllis Diller, Tony Bennet, Mickey Rooney, Ann Miller, Donny and Marie Osmond, Frankie Valli, Robert Goulet, Mitzi Gaynor and Wayne Newton.

But did you know what was initially built at that location? It was originally built as Twin Ice Forum in the early 1970s with two full-size ice-skating rinks. It was often used by the Chicago Blackhawks High Farm Team for practice and playoff games, local suburban adult hockey teams, high school hockey teams and for public skating.

The Twin Ice Pro Shop was located in an outbuilding on the property and just before Twin Ice sold to Drury Lane, the Pro Shop building was moved next to City Hall where it was converted to a Public Works Garage.

Later in 1977 it changed to the Oakbrook Terrace Entertainment Center: "Music Venue." The March 1977 *Terrace Leaves* listed the considerations that would be part of the agreement as:

- A permit must be secured for each performance.
- No acid or hard rock concerts will be allowed.
- Security costs must be absorbed by the promoter or by the person securing the permit.
- The city would confer with homeowners in the area as to what they believe is needed for security.
- Parking spaces should be provided for at least 25 percent of those attending the concert.
- Reimbursement must be made to "Arbor 40" for past expenditures (\$900)
- Landscaping of the property to be completed by June 1, 1977.

Some big-name bands that performed there included BTO (Bachman-Turner Overdrive), WAR, Guess Who, Brownsville Station, Waylon Jennings, Jackson Browne, Dan Fogelberg, Wishbone Ash, Mac Davis and Blue Oyster Cult (so much for consideration #2).

John Dispensa, III, remembers listening to the music that could be heard in the Dispensa's Castle of Toys parking lot. "It was great! My father hated it!"

*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 – Open Now!

Bruster's Real Ice Cream – 17W727 Roosevelt Road

Calling all ice cream enthusiasts...the wait is over. Bruster's Real Ice Cream is now open. Indulge in a scoop (or two) of pure bliss – where every bite is a celebration of tradition and taste.



Bruster's Ice Cream takes pride in crafting their frozen delights the old-fashioned way, ensuring each scoop bursts with authentic flavor. At the heart of their operation lies a commitment to quality, with

handcrafted recipes that commence with a proprietary homestyle mix, made fresh daily in their store.

Prepare your taste buds for a tantalizing journey since Bruster's promises to deliver at least 24 premium flavors of ice cream, yogurt, Italian ice and sorbet, rotating flavors daily. From crunchy handmade waffle cones to customized sundaes adorned with a myriad of toppings, and from candy-filled blasts to decadently thick milkshakes, there's something to satisfy every craving.



Police

Police Remind Residents to Follow 9 P.M. Routine

Residents are encouraged to keep their homes and property safe by remembering to follow the 9 P.M. routine each and every night. The routine reminds residents to make sure they follow a simple safety checklist that can help keep residents and their property safe. Setting an alarm on your phone or watch can help remind you to do the following:

- **SECURE YOUR CAR** – Even if your car is inside your garage, make sure your car is locked, and never leave your keys or garage opener in your car.
- **LOCK THE GARAGE** – Check to make sure that your garage door is closed and that side doors are locked.
- **CHECK YOUR MAIL** – Pick up your mail every day
- **LOCK YOUR HOUSE** – Make sure that all doors and windows are locked before going to bed.
- **SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING** – If you see something or someone suspicious, do not hesitate to call 911.

Amorino Med Spa – 1S376 Summit Ave Court B #2C

Take the time to love yourself. At Amorino Med Spa their goal is to make you feel the most confident you've ever been. They nurture the skin and body from the inside out, promoting health and beauty by utilizing the most advanced technology and treatments.

Their mission is to provide a first-class experience while partnering with you to achieve highly individualized beauty and wellness goals. Call Amorino Med Spa at 708-566-7515 to book your complimentary consultation and learn more on how their team of highly trained professionals can help you meet your aesthetic and wellness needs.

Business Expansion

Oakbrook Food & Liquor – 17W604 14th Street

Looking to purchase spirits for the upcoming holiday season? Check out Oakbrook Food & Liquor's retail expansion. Explore and shop your favorite beer, wine, liquor and extras in-store or from a selection of 5,786 products at GotoLiquorStore.com. Items are available for in-store pickup or delivery within Oakbrook Terrace.

Fire Protection District Welcomes New District Chief



Above: Oakbrook Terrace Fire Board President Donald Ventura swears in Johnny Turkovich as the new Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District Chief. Chief Turkovich has been with the District for more than 30 years.

City Departments CORNER

Public Services



2024-25 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- If more than one person resides in the house, a doctor's note will be required for each individual stating that they are disabled.

- A seasonal charge of \$50.00 is required prior to the start of the program. This charge covers all winter plowing, 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 take place after a snowfall of two inches or more and driveways will be cleared after all streets and public facilities have been done.

Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up effective November 1, 2024.

City Salting & Snow Removal Policy

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.

- * The City only plows and salts City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception is if the City agrees to provide service by contract and is compensated accordingly, or if a handicapped resident resides there who has been approved to participate in the City's private driveway snow removal program (see above).
- * The City does not provide snow removal from sidewalks or driveway entrances. The only exception is the driveway snow removal program.
- * Snow removal operations follow established snowplow routes, chosen 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 private driveway snow removal program.
- * The City prohibits parking on all City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs after a 1" snowfall. This allows snow crews to clear the streets without the potential for a collision between a parked car and a snowplow or salt truck.
- * City snowplows discharge snow from the streets toward the adjacent parkway and driveway, sometimes creating windrows of snow at driveway entrances. It is impossible to prevent this; it is a by-product of our effort to clear streets of snow accumulation in the safest and most efficient manner.
- * Residents are prohibited from shoveling snow from their driveways into the street where it can become compact and harden into ice mounds, creating a dangerous safety hazard for motorists and emergency vehicles.
- * Residents are asked to keep mailbox doors closed to prevent damage.
- * City snow crews try to minimize the mounding of snow around fire hydrants, but plows are designed to discharge snow into the unpaved parkway, making it 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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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.

Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

Residents are reminded that water pipes can freeze and burst during very cold weather, but by taking precautions, this can usually be prevented. The following are some steps you can take on very cold days:



- ✓ Use insulation around exposed pipes and water meters
- ✓ If pipes are located against exterior walls, expose them to the warm air in the house
- ✓ If your kitchen or bathroom sink is located against an outside wall of the house, leave the cabinet door open to allow the warmer air to circulate around the pipes
- ✓ Run water in a trickle from pipes near outside walls

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

November/December 2024 City of Oakbrook Terrace

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 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