



# Terrace Leaves

April • May 2013

## *A Message From the Mayor*

The spring season is upon us, and as our City moves forward, we anticipate numerous new businesses opening this season at the Oakbrook Terrace Square Mall at Summit Avenue and Roosevelt Road, as well as throughout other areas of our community.



In addition to Pete's Fresh Market, Hokkaido Buffet and Steakhouse, Qdoba Mexican Grill, Caribou Coffee and Luxury Nails, we welcome new businesses at the Oakbrook Terrace Square. Betty's Bistro, Supercuts and Zoup Restaurant are just a few additional new businesses we expect to open soon. A Wing Stop Restaurant will be opening at the corner of Roosevelt and Summit. OPA, located at 1S130 Summit Avenue, formally known as Costa's, should also be opening within the next few months.

On the south side of the City, we are pleased to welcome I Dream Of Falafel Restaurant at 18W066 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and also opening soon will be Betty's Bistro, their second location located at 18W046 22<sup>nd</sup> Street in the City. At the Oakbrook Terrace Tower, Ferrara Pan Candy relocated their corporate headquarters and will occupy two floors, bringing 152 employees to our City.

The City is currently working on the proposed 2013-2014 budget. Staff is projecting that the City's operating fund (General Fund), is to remain relatively stable from this current fiscal year on both revenues and expenditures. As with Fiscal Year 2012, our proposed City Budget is expected to see a surplus in the General Fund. Furthermore, for the first time since 2008, the City's Water Fund is also expecting a surplus. This is due in part to redirecting the Electrical Utility Tax from our Capital Improvement Fund to the Water Fund in Fiscal Year 2013. During these economic times, we are fortunate that our City continues to flourish and achieve a balanced budget.

The City will continue to work hard to attract new businesses and control the budget to assure your City will have the best quality of life.

Please don't forget your right to vote in the municipal election April 9, 2013.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

## Seeking Fourth of July Sponsorships

### A Unique Opportunity for Oakbrook Terrace Businesses

To help defray the cost of the City's annual Independence Day Celebration, as well as to offer area businesses added visibility through City communications, Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to sponsor the Fourth of July activities once again this year.

Sponsorships will be offered in five 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 the level of sponsorship, participating businesses will receive numerous opportunities for exposure, including the *Terrace Leaves Newsletter*, the City's website, banners at the event, appreciation plaques and much more. Interested businesses must apply for the Fourth of July Sponsorship by May 1. Businesses will receive notice within 20 days if their application is approved. To apply, please contact Lori Dvorak at 630-941-8300 x338.



**Saturday, March 30..... Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly**

**Monday, April 1 .....Yard Waste Pick-Up Resumes**

**Tuesday, April 9.....Consolidated Election**

**Saturday, May 4 ..... Lions Pasta Dinner**

**Saturday, May 18 ..... DuPage River Sweep**

**Friday & Saturday, June 14/15 ..... Citywide Garage Sale**

**Saturday, June 22 (tentative) ..... Citywide Shredding Event**



## Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, March 30

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, March 30, 12 noon, at Stella Mae Swartz School. Registration for the Egg Hunt is open to children through age nine who wish to participate in this special event. Children ages ten to twelve can participate in the kite fly.

Deadline for registration is Monday, March 25, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form at right to register your children. Any child that is a non-resident, such as grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, or just friends, will need to pay a \$5.00 fee for each child to receive a basket or kite, depending on the age of the child.

## Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, March 30 Registration Form

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25)

There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_

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Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, Attn: Lori Dvorak,

17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181



## DuPage River Sweep May 18

Enjoy the outdoors while you help to make a difference in the quality of water in your community. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon, to help remove trash and debris and to restore stream banks of the DuPage River.

Since 1991 approximately 8,300 volunteers have participated in this annual clean-up and have removed over 190 tons of trash – but each year there's always more to clean.

Please call The Conservation Foundation at (630) 428-4500 x 2 or visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) and search "DuPage River Sweep" to register and for more information.

Benefits of participation in the River Sweep:

- Make our streams and communities more attractive, while improving water and stream bank quality.
- Help to improve water flow through the county, thus alleviating potential flood hazards.
- Remove potential hazards for fish and other wildlife.
- Have fun while getting some exercise.



## Consolidated Election, April 9

A consolidated election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, for the election of Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials. In Oakbrook Terrace, elections will be held for Mayor, City Clerk and Aldermen for Wards 1, 2 and 3. You must have registered at least 28 days prior to any election to vote in that election (this year March 12). For more information, please visit [www.dupageco.org/election](http://www.dupageco.org/election).

## Oakbrook Terrace Police Officers Visit Swartz School



*Officers Ross Failla and Nicole DeMario on a recent visit to Swartz School.*



## Citywide Garage Sale, June 14-15

Clean out those basements and garages and get ready for the next Citywide Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 14 and 15. The event will be promoted with signs throughout the community, as well as ads in selected publications.

Condo and apartment residents can set up their wares in back of City Hall. (Please bring your own table if you require one.) To have your address put on the map for shoppers or to notify the City that you will be selling items on the tables behind City Hall, please call 630-941-8300 x338 no later than Tuesday,



## Lions Pasta Dinner, May 4

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is hosting its 25th annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 4, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 1S415 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace. Join the Lions of Oakbrook Terrace for this milestone event — the 25th year for the Pasta Dinner. Proceeds from the event go to help individuals with vision, hearing and physical limitations.

Come out and join your neighbors for a reasonably priced dinner – \$6 per adult and \$4 per child ages 5 to 12. Kids 5 and under are free! To pre-purchase tickets, please call Frank Orozen at 708-805-2095. Tickets also available at the door.

## Donate Your Eyeglasses to the Lions Club

One of the functions of the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is to provide eyeglasses to needy community members. If you have eyeglasses that you would like to donate, a donation box is available at the Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.

## DuPage County Offering Loans for Home Repairs

The DuPage County Department of Community Development is offering rehab loans for various needed home repairs for low and moderate income families. Contact DuPage County Department of Community Development at 630-407-6600 for further details and qualifying information. Housing rehabilitation is the process of replacing heating, plumbing or electrical systems and improving

structural deficiencies that create substandard living conditions in a home.



The housing rehabilitation fund is made possible by a grant to DuPage County by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under terms of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended.

## 2013 Brush Pick-Up Dates

APRIL 1

APRIL 15

MAY 6

JUNE 3

JUNE 24

JULY 15

AUGUST 5

AUGUST 26

SEPTEMBER 16

OCTOBER 7

OCTOBER 28

### Acceptable Brush

- Tree trimming up to 6 inches in diameter.
- Mounded less than 4 feet high and with ends toward the street.
- Only brush generated by Oakbrook Terrace residents will be accepted.

### Rules for Smooth Pickups

- There will be one pass down each street on each of the designated dates listed above.
- Residents may place brush at curb on the weekend prior to brush pickup day.

To dispose of brush between monthly pickups, use the weekly yard waste program provided by the City's waste hauler, Flood Brothers.

## Do You Need a Building Permit?

Residents are reminded that many types of building and renovation projects require a building permit. Permit applications and handouts are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department or can be downloaded from the City website at: [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net). Go to City Documents and Forms. Work performed prior to securing a building permit could result in a ticket being issued. Decide early on whether you or your contractor will apply and obtain the necessary building permit(s). 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.

Common projects that require a building permit include site work, concrete work, masonry, electrical, metal structural steel beams, carpentry, roofs and finishes, such as new ceilings, walls or plaster, in addition to any new building, addition, structure alteration, structure repairs due to fire or deterioration, scaffolding, signs, tents/trailers. Additional examples of projects requiring a building permit are:

*A/C Units*

*Basements*

*Room Additions*

*Sheds*

*Sprinkling Systems*

*Garages*

*Windows*

*Swimming Pools*

*Decks/Porches*

*Fences*

*Gazebos*

*Fireplaces*

*Driveways*

*Siding*

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For questions, please contact the Oakbrook Terrace Building and Zoning Department at 630-941-8300 x309.

## Call JULIE Before You Dig

Before starting to dig anywhere on your property, be sure to call JULIE at 800-892-0123, to be sure you don't hit buried utility lines. JULIE will provide you with a "dig number," which you should write down to serve as proof of your call. JULIE call center operators are available to receive calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your cooperation with this important safety precaution is appreciated. For more information, call JULIE at the number above or visit them online at: [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).



## Over 65?

### You Can Defer a Portion of Property Tax

Did you know that individuals over 65 years of age and making less than \$50,000 can defer a portion of their property tax? The program allows qualifying seniors age 65 years and older to defer up to \$50,000 of their property taxes until the time they sell their home. To qualify, the applicant's household income cannot exceed \$50,000. In addition, the property must be used exclusively for residential purposes. The deferral is treated as a loan and accrues six percent simple interest until paid. For a copy of the application, please call the DuPage County Treasurer's office at 630-407-5900.

## Prepare Your Family for Tornado Season



Two-thirds of tornadoes in Illinois occur between March and May. During an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported nationwide, resulting in 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries. Violent tornadoes are capable of causing tremendous destruction with winds in excess of 250 miles per hour.

It is essential to make preparations and instruct family members in advance of tornado season. Preparations should include holding frequent drills, and developing and implementing a plan for family members at home, work or school. Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio with a warning alarm tone and a battery back-up so that you can receive warnings in advance of severe weather.

Also, instruct family members to learn the sound of the tornado warning siren, which in Oakbrook Terrace sounds on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. as a means of testing the system.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a severe thunderstorm or TORNADO WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service. If conditions indicate that severe weather and/or tornadoes are imminent, a TORNADO WARNING is issued. A NOAA Weather Radio is the best way to receive National Weather Service watches and warnings. A TORNADO WATCH means that a tornado is possible in the area and people should remain alert to approaching storms. A TORNADO WARNING means either that a tornado has been spotted or is indicated by weather radar. If the sky becomes threatening, move immediately to your pre-designated place of safety. Watch for a dark or greenish sky, a wall of clouds, hail or a loud roar that resembles the sound of a freight train. Significant property damage and injuries can be caused by flash flooding, lightning, large hail and damaging straight-line winds that often accompany violent tornadoes.

If a warning is issued, move to your predetermined shelter, such as a basement or an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor, and get under a heavy piece of furniture. If you are in your car, get out immediately. Never try to outrun a tornado. Those most at risk during a tornado are the very young, the elderly, those with physical or mental impairments, people in automobiles or mobile homes, and people who do not understand the warning due to a language barrier.

For more information about tornadoes and how to prepare for severe weather, please visit [www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/safety/tornadoguide.html](http://www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/safety/tornadoguide.html).

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## Be Safe During a Flood

**Don't walk through flowing water:** Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Don't allow children to play in high water, near storm drains or ditches.

**Don't drive through flooded roadways:** Just two feet can lift and move a car, even an SUV.

**Be careful entering a flooded basement:** If electrical equipment is underwater, have the electricity disconnected before going into the basement.

**Avoid power lines and electrical wires:** Electrical current can travel through water.

**Look before you step:** After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris, including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be slippery.

**Be alert for gas leaks:** Standing water can snuff out pilot lights on hot water heaters and furnaces. If this occurs, natural gas may collect in your home, creating the risk of an explosion. Call your utility company for help.

**Carbon Monoxide exhaust kills:** Only use generators or other gasoline-powered machines outdoors.

**Clean everything that gets wet:** Floodwaters have probably picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms and factories. Discard food and medicines tainted by floodwaters.

*To learn more, please visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov).*

## Seasonal Irrigation Cap Applications

The Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District provides for a seasonal irrigation cap against metered water usage for those residential customer users who require above average water use for purposes of irrigation or other usage that would not discharge directly into the sanitary sewer system. This cap restricts the sewer user charge, which is based on water usage, to a maximum limit during the seasonal period. To be eligible for the program, the residential user must complete a Seasonal Irrigation Cap Program Application and submit the application to the District. An application fee of \$20.00 is required for administrative set-up of the cap. Each following year, a \$10 charge will automatically be billed to your account. No need to reapply each year. Only one application for such cap and meter will be allowed per calendar year per residence. To obtain a copy of the application, please visit Flagg Creek's website at [www.flaggcreekwrld.org/](http://www.flaggcreekwrld.org/).



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## Reminders

### Grass Height Reminder

With the growing season almost upon us, 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 their lawns.

### W.O.W. of the Western Suburbs

W.O.W. of the western suburbs is an organization for widows or widowers, which meets at various times throughout the month for restaurant gatherings, bowling, theater and sports outings, as well as a book club. For more information, please contact Pat at 630-903-6159 or email patib59@aol.com.

### Villa Park Library Card Fee Increases

Effective May 1, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card will be \$39 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$47 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2014. The library card provides full 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/](http://www.villapark.lib.il.us/).

### Water Bill Payments—Now Taking Credit/Debit Cards

**Please Note:** The City is now accepting credit/debit cards for payment of water bills. Credit/Debit Card transactions will only be accepted in person at the City Hall front desk. The City now accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. In addition, there are four other ways to pay your Oakbrook Terrace water bill: have it debited automatically from your checking account, mail it in, pay at City Hall, or drop your payment into the convenient drop-box located at the Butterfield Road entrance to City Hall. 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. 342, to schedule a final reading.

## Phone Numbers

### For City Services:

<b>POLICE</b> Emergency.....	911
Information.....	630-941-8320
<b>FIRE EMERGENCY</b> .....	911
<b>MAYOR</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 308
<b>CITY MANAGER</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 307
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 301
<b>CITY CLERK</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 306
<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING/</b>	
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 309
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b> .....	630-941-1651
<b>WATER BILLING</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 342
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 338
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b> .....	630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b> .....	630-629-0886

April/May 2013

## City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Manager John M. Carpino

City Clerk Judy Leslie

Ward III: Ald. Michael Shadley

Ward II: Ald. Michael Sarallo  
Ald. Frank Vlach

Ward I: Ald. Ingrid Durham  
Ald. Tom Thomas

### Monthly Meetings:

City Council — 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.

Police Pension Board — Quarterly, TBA