



# Terrace Leaves

August • September 2016

## *A Message From the Mayor*

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to our residents who attended our City's Fourth of July celebration. Events such as this really showcase our community bond. Thank you to the sponsors and all the City staff who donated and worked hard to put on this great celebration.



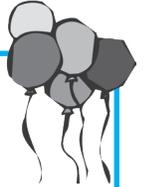
The City home inspectors are working this summer inspecting single family homes and home rentals and the inspections should be completed by September. Once all homes are inspected, we will announce a date at a City Council meeting to inform the residents when we will discuss the updated results on rentals and single family home inspections. A date for this will be announced on an information flyer and also posted on the City message sign.

I'd like to congratulate two of our City mail carriers who are retiring on September 2 after 35 years of service to our community. Postal workers Joe Flanagan and Dave Lass have served our City and residents with dedication and pride. We thank you for your service and send you our best wishes in your retirement.

Finally, let me say thank you to the residents who maintain their homes and property, and thank you to the residents who complied with the needed corrections from the inspections this summer. Your homes and property reflect the beauty of Oakbrook Terrace, so please let's take pride in our City.

Sincerely,

*Mayor Tony Ragucci*



*The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department invites you to:*

**National Night Out**  
Tuesday, August 2, 6-8 p.m.  
Oakbrook Terrace Police Dept.  
17W261 Butterfield Road



**P**lease join us at the new City of Oakbrook Terrace Police Department for National Night Out. The evening will feature lots of family fun, including face painting, games, touch-a-truck and more.

This event is free and open to the public.



- Monday, August 1 .....Brush Pickup
- Monday, August 22 .....Brush Pickup
- Friday, August 26 .....City Summer Hours End
- Monday, September 12 .....Brush Pickup



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

- *Platinum sponsor: (\$10,000)*  
—Flood Brothers
- *Bronze sponsors: (\$1,000)*  
—BMO Harris Bank  
—Christopher B. Burke Engineering  
—Robinette Demolition, Inc.  
—Storino, Ramello & Durkin
- *Certificate sponsors: (\$500)*  
—BKD (formerly Wolf & Co.)  
—Butterfields Pancake House & Restaurant  
—Hilton Suites/Hilton Garden Inn  
—JRC Investments, LLC  
—Daniel Law Office  
—Martinique Drury Lane LLC
- *Red, White & Blue sponsors: (Under \$500)*  
—Chapel Hill Gardens West Funeral Home/  
Cemetery

## Water Conservation Tips

*Help save one of our most precious resources:*

- Wait until your dishwasher and washing machines are full before running.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clear debris from driveways, sidewalks and patios.
- Avoid unnecessary toilet flushes.
- Follow the City's lawn watering restrictions.
- Check faucets, spigots, toilets, hoses and automatic sprinklers for leaks.
- Don't leave the water running when shaving, brushing teeth and washing dishes.
- Get cold drinking water from the fridge instead of letting the tap run until cold.

## When You Think Spring Cleaning, Think Home Safety Makeover

Spring cleaning time offers a great opportunity to re-think home safety. To enhance the safety of your family, use the following checklist to get started.

- Repair loose or damaged siding on your home or garage.
- Have your air-conditioning system professionally inspected.
- Install surge protectors to prevent home electronics and appliances from lightning strikes and power surges using power strips that are rated for these events.
- Inspect swimming pools and outdoor play equipment to ensure they're properly maintained and safe.
- Reduce fire hazards by removing clutter from storage areas.
- Keep any flammable materials and liquids several feet away from gas furnaces and water heaters.
- Make sure decks, porches and balconies have secure railings and that any posts in these structures are spaced no more than four inches apart to prevent children from slipping through.
- Keep operating fire extinguishers in the kitchen and garage. Make sure everyone knows how to use them.
- Check to ensure that any garage door opener has an automatic reversing mechanism and a sensor that prevents the door from closing on a person or pet.
- Set the thermostat on the water heater to 120 degrees to prevent scalding.
- If there are small children in the home, install child-proof latches on all windows that are less than two feet above the floor or on upper stories. Also, any window glass located less than 18 inches off the floor should have safety glass.
- Outfit electrical outlets located near water sources with ground-fault circuit interrupters.
- Install and properly maintain smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

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## City Hall & Public Services Summer Hours

Mon., June 6 - Fri., August 26

### City Hall

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Police  
Department  
hours remain  
the same.

### Street and Water Divisions

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.



## Back to School Safety Tips

As children and their parents make last-minute preparations for the beginning of a new school year, the safety of our youngsters should be a top priority.

Motorists are urged to drive carefully as youngsters walk and bike to and from school, or wait at bus stops throughout the community. Illinois law requires motorists to stop when a school bus displays flashing red lights and an extended stop arm to warn that the bus is loading or unloading passengers.

Parents are reminded to teach their children to wear seatbelts in the car and helmets when biking, and to follow pedestrian safety rules.

Young children should always be supervised as they walk to and from school or wait at bus stops. Let's give our kids every chance to have a safe and happy school year.

## Staying Safe In Summer

Following are some summer safety tips from the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department.

### Biking

- Obey the rules of the road.
- Always wear a helmet.
- Wear bright-colored or reflective clothing while riding.
- Always ride with traffic – never against it.
- Tell your parent/guardian where you are heading.
- Always keep bicycles locked up.

### Vacation Watch

When leaving town on vacation, stop by the police department to request a vacation house watch. We will keep an eye on your home for free.

- Have someone pick up your mail and newspapers.
- Leave a lamp on a timer.
- Always lock your home, garage or office.
- Fight the urge to let everyone on social media know that you are out of town and that your home and valuables are unattended!

### General Safety

- Do not leave valuables in your car.
- If you must leave items in your car, put the items in the trunk.
- When driving, always lock your doors.
- When transporting small children, use rear door child safety locks (your owner's manual will give you the specifics).

## 2016 Brush Pick-Up Dates

August 1 & 22    September 12    October 3 & 24

### 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.

## Banking and ATM Precautions



Automatic teller machines (ATMs) have revolutionized the personal banking industry, providing unprecedented ease and convenience. But they have also created new opportunities for thieves and robbers. Here

are some tips to keep you and your money secure while conducting all types of banking transactions.

- Never walk away from the teller's window or an ATM with cash still in hand. If you are going to count your money, do so at the window or the ATM. Then take the time to put your money in your wallet and also to put your wallet in an inside pocket or pouch before leaving.
- Be aware of your surroundings while making transactions at an ATM. If you feel uneasy, end the transaction as quickly as possible and leave the area.
- Look around before entering a secured ATM center. Never hold the door open for someone else entering an ATM location. You could be letting in a possible offender.
- If someone follows you into an ATM center and you feel uncomfortable, leave right away.
- Avoid using ATMs at night.
- Fill out deposit slips before beginning your transaction and not in plain view. Complete your transaction quickly.
- Use your body as a shield when making a transaction at the bank teller or the ATM.
- Keep your Personal Identification Number (PIN) private. Never affix it to your card or keep a copy in the same wallet as your card.
- Take all receipts with you. You don't want to let a potential criminal know how much money you have withdrawn or how much you have in the bank.
- Avoid large cash withdrawals.
- When making an ATM transaction from your car, be aware of your surroundings. Keep your eyes and ears open, and keep car doors locked.



## Join the Boy Scouts

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is proud to announce the opportunity to Join Scouting with the Boy Scouts of America. For over 100 years, The Boy Scouts of America has helped build the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible and productive society.

To learn more about local scouting units and how you can join, please visit [www.blastintoscouting.org](http://www.blastintoscouting.org). If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact our local Scouting representative Emily Kitterman at 630-797-4628 or [emily.kitterman@scouting.org](mailto:emily.kitterman@scouting.org).

## Warning about Lead Pipe Removal

Because of the recent lead scare concerning drinking water, unscrupulous plumbing contractors or local "handymen" are taking advantage of the situation and soliciting customers to change out their piping. Many of these individuals are not skilled, licensed and bonded contractors and plumbers and improper pipe installation and removal can create a public and personal health and safety hazard.

To ensure that jobs of this nature are performed properly, please be sure that any contractors you hire are skilled, licensed and bonded. To find and hire a reputable plumbing contractor experienced in lead removal, call the Plumbing Council at 800-76-VALVE or visit [www.plumbingcouncil.org](http://www.plumbingcouncil.org).



## Oakbrook Terrace Park District

*Please visit [www.obtpd.org](http://www.obtpd.org) for information about all of the great programs and events going on at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District.*

## Oakbrook Terrace Park District Facility Rentals

Looking for a great space to host your event or gathering? Let the Oakbrook Terrace Park District help you find the perfect space to suit your needs. Indoor options include a gymnasium, a theater and meeting rooms. Call (630) 627-6100 for availability and more information.

### Dorothy Drennon Park

Located on the corner of Nimitz and Eisenhower Roads, Oakbrook Terrace, Dorothy Drennon Park is a neighborhood park that offers space for both relaxation and fun! This space is great for those looking to host a gathering of up to 100 people.

### Fitness Center Rentals

Located at 1 Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace, the Fitness Center gymnasium and group exercise studio are only available for rental on dates when there are no Park District programs occurring. Please call the Fitness Center at (630) 627-6100 for availability and to book a rental.

### Heritage Center Meeting Room Rentals

Located at 1S325 Ardmore Ave, Villa Park, the Heritage Center has two meeting rooms available that can be reserved. The Multipurpose Room can seat up to 20 people and the Cedar Room can seat up to 40.

### Heritage Park

Beautiful Heritage Park can be reserved for company picnics, family gatherings and social events. Heritage Park is located at 1S325 Ardmore Ave., Villa Park.

### Mario Parente Theater

With seating for up to 130 people, the Mario Parente Theater, located at 1S325 Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, is the perfect place to host a presentation, reading or small production!

### Terrace View Park

This hidden park is home to the Park District's Fitness Center, Nature Center and various recreational sites, picnic areas and a lake with fountains. Terrace View Park is located at 1 Parkview Plaza, Oakbrook Terrace.

## What's Happening At Your Local Y?



Tri-Town YMCA is celebrating 50 years of serving area communities. After 50 years it continues to offer its programs at various community locations instead of owning its own building; hence all residents are already considered members without

paying any membership dues. Current offerings include:

- Water Fitness Classes for ages 55+ at Lexington Square of Lombard
- Subsidized summer camps for grades K-5 at North Elementary School and New Hope Church in Villa Park, and for K-8 at Manor Hill Elementary School in Lombard

*You can also have fun for a good cause at these upcoming events:*

- **Saturday, September 24**, Tri-Town Toast at Famous Liquors in Lombard
- **Wednesday, October 12**, 50-Year Anniversary Dinner at Lexington Square in Lombard

The Y also offers volunteer and scholarship opportunities, before and after-school enrichment programs and holiday camps for kids when school is not in session.

Learn more at [tritownymca.org](http://tritownymca.org) or contact them at (630) 629-9622 or e-mail [info@tritownymca.org](mailto:info@tritownymca.org).



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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, 2016, 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, 2017. 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/](http://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.



## Power Outages and More on OBTPD Facebook Page

Residents are reminded that they can check out the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department's Facebook page for details about power outages and other area emergencies.

## 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. 208
<b>CITY CLERK</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 206
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR &amp; ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 201
<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 209
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 265
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	.....	630-941-1651
<b>WATER BILLING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 242
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-629-0886

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## 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