



# Terrace Leaves

April • May 2015

## *A Message From the Mayor*

The weather has had a major impact on the City's subdivision streets this year and I ask that if you have seen any potholes in your subdivisions or if you have any questions on related matters, please call our Public Services Department at 630-941-1651.



I hope that you can join me for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 4, 12 noon, Stella Mae Swartz School. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

We are working once again on the proposed 2015-2016 budget and the City is projecting that the Operating Fund (General Fund) is to remain stable again on both the revenue and expenditures side. I would like to thank City Administrator Amy Marrero and her staff for their hard work in keeping our City financially secure.

As Mayor, my commitment is to work hard for the residents and businesses, in order to assure that our community will have the best quality of life afforded to you. Together with the Aldermen, City staff and all employees of Oakbrook Terrace, you have our commitment.

The City will continue to work 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 on April 7, 2015.

*Sincerely,  
Mayor Tony Ragucci*

## Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 4

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, April 4, 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 age ten to twelve can participate in the kite fly.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 1, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form on page 2 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 pail or kite, depending on the age of the child.



Any resident or non-resident that is not signed up ahead of time (with the \$5.00 per child fee for non-residents) will not be able to participate.



- Wednesday, April 1** .....Registration Deadline for Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Saturday, April 4** .....Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Monday, April 6** ..... First 2015 Brush Pick-Up
- Tuesday, April 7** .....Consolidated Election
- Saturday, May 2** .....Lions 27th Annual Pasta Dinner
- Friday, Saturday, June 12-13**.... Citywide Garage Sale

## Registration Form

# Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, April 4



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1)

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

## Consolidated General Election, April 7

A General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, for municipal, park district and school district officials. For Oakbrook Terrace, there will be elections for Wards 1, 2 and 3. The candidates are: Tom Thomas, Ward 1; Dennis Greco, Ward 2; and David Swartz, Ward 3.

To vote in this election, you must have registered 28 days prior to the election. You can register by downloading the registration application from the DuPage Election Commission website at [www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com) and mailing it in. For more information and a list of Early Voting locations, please visit the DuPage County Election Commission website (listed above) or call them at 630-407-5600.



## Citywide Garage Sale June 12-13

Clean out those basements and garages and get ready for the next Citywide Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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, please call 630-941-8300 x301 no later than Wednesday, June 11.

This event is sure to be a big draw for bargain hunters!

## 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*

*Finishing of Basements*

*Room Additions*

*Sheds*

*Sprinkling Systems*

*Garages*

*Windows*

*Swimming Pools*

*Decks/Porches*

*Fences*

*Gazebos*

*Fireplaces*

*Driveways*

*Siding*

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



## Gain Exposure in the Community for your Business

### Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Consumers are more likely to patronize organizations that support their local community and 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, appreciation plaques and much more. Interested businesses must apply for the Fourth of July Sponsorship by May 1, 2015. Businesses will receive notice within 20 days if their application is approved. To apply, please contact Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300 ext. 301.

## Control Mosquitoes and Help Stop West Nile Virus

With warm weather comes mosquitoes and the possibility of West Nile Virus, a debilitating virus that can cause headache, high fever, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, coma and even death. The Culex mosquito, which carries West Nile Virus, thrives in warm temperatures and standing water — even if it's just a small amount.

Appropriate measures should always be taken to use insect repellent and remove any containers of water that could serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Every 7-10 days, new mosquitoes can be produced in stagnant water. To eliminate this problem:

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any container holding water
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard
- Keep gutters, drains, ditches and culverts free of weeds and trash, so water drains properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Repair leaky pipes and outdoor faucets
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least weekly
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house, so adult mosquitoes can't hide there

This is the second year that the City of Oakbrook Terrace has used Clarke's EarthRight Program for mosquito abatement. EarthRight is a gentler, more earth-friendly product that can be used in and around organic gardens. EarthRight's application methods are just as effective as the previous method, but also designed to reduce carbon emissions in our community.

Oakbrook Terrace's mosquito control program is made up of four phases: surveillance/testing, larval control, adult control

and community education. This program closely follows the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, and uses products registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mosquito control applications using a truck generally take place at night in Oakbrook Terrace. By day, residents may also see Clarke employees on foot using backpacks or in small motorized vehicles making applications.

If you would like information about the application schedule, please contact the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555. You may also contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979 ext. 7046 for mosquito concerns.

### DuPage River Sweep: May 16

Enjoy the outdoors while you help to make a difference in the quality of water in your community. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 16, 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.

For more information and registration, please visit [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org).

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.

## 2015 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 6 & 20  
September 14

May 4  
October 5 & 26

June 1 & 22

July 13

August 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.

## 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. 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 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).





## Oakbrook Terrace Park District

Call 630-627-6100 or visit [www.obtpd.org](http://www.obtpd.org) for more information about any of these programs.

### Kite Fly Festival

**Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Heritage Park*

Grab your kite and your friends and head out to Heritage Park for a day of spring time fun. Fly kites, make bubbles and enjoy kite stunts. For those who do not have a kite, you can learn how to make one. Kites will also be available for purchase.

### Spring Celebration

**Saturday, May 16, 12 - 4 p.m.**

*Lake View Nature Center and Terrace View Park*

Spring is in the air! Come celebrate with the Lake View Nature Center. Enjoy FUN activities, live animals, self-guided hike, paddle boating, and more at this festival!

### Morton Arboretum

**April 22, departs 9:30 a.m.; returns 2:30 p.m.**

*Departs Heritage Center*

Enjoy a spring afternoon at the Morton Arboretum. The Arboretum features 1,700 acres and holds more than 222,000 live plants representing nearly 4,300 taxa from around the world. Fee includes admission and transportation. Please feel free to pack a lunch or purchase one on the trip. Ages 18 and up.

## 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.flaggcreekwrdd.org/](http://www.flaggcreekwrdd.org/).

## Sign up for Nixle and Get Information Affecting your Neighborhood

Residents are reminded that the City of Oakbrook Terrace offers you a free way to stay informed about neighborhood public safety and community information.

Founded in 2007, Nixle is a communication system that connects residents with the agencies that serve and protect them.

Residents can use Nixle to receive information ranging from critical alerts to community news.

Residents also can choose how they receive this information – by SMS (text message), email, over the Web or by mobile application.

Your police department and other local municipal agencies use Nixle as a publishing system. Messages are created and assigned a priority level ensuring important information reaches you in a timely manner.

Nixle messages are targeted to specific geographic regions. Add as many locations as you'd like from across the country.

This is an ideal and free method of staying instantly informed about neighborhood public safety and community information from a trusted source. You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want, delivered at no cost, by text message, email and web.

To sign up for Nixle, please visit [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) and click "Sign Up Now." ■

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## Lions Pasta Dinner, May 2

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is hosting its 27th annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 2, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 1S415 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace. 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 – \$7 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.



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## 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.

## 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.

## Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2015, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is now \$41 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$50 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2016. 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. 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 ADMINISTRATOR</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 2015

## City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Clerk Dennis Greco

City Administrator Amy Marrero

Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni  
Ald. David Swartz

Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach

Ward I: Ald. Tom Thomas  
Ald. Paul Esposito

### Monthly Meetings:

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

Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd  
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

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

Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter