



Terrace Leaves

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A Message From the Mayor

As the winter season approaches, with the anticipation of snowfall, rest assured that our Public Services Department will be ready to handle any situations that arise. During these winter months, please remember to use caution while driving in our City, and be aware of pedestrians walking on our City streets. If you are a senior and have a disability, you may be eligible for the City's Driveway Snow Removal Program. Please call the City at 630-941-8300 for more details.



I welcome all residents and children to attend the City's Annual Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at Fik Point, located at Swartz School, on Friday, December 4, from 6 to 9 p.m.

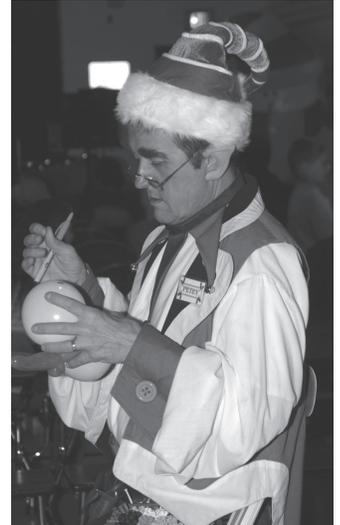
The City Council Meeting on November 24 had important dialogue and concerns about housing issues in our City. We pledge to do everything in our power to ensure safety and integrity for the community, but we also need your assistance. Please maintain your homes and property. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

As we approach the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!!

*Sincerely,
Mayor Tony Ragucci*

Children's Christmas Party, Friday, December 4, 6-9 p.m.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is holding its annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party on Friday, December 4, from 6-9 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at Fik Point and the Children's Christmas Party at Swartz School Gym. Lots of fun activities are planned. All residents are welcome and all children up to 12 years of age will receive a stocking filled with goodies from Santa with pre-registration using the form on page 2. Residents who have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., who they would like to bring, but who are not residents, can bring them for a fee of \$5 per child (with registration form) to receive a stocking from Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served.



- * Entertainment from **Rick Kelley** and **Petey the Elf & Toy Soldier; face painting.**
- * Mayor Ragucci will **light the tree at Fik Point.**
- * Santa arrives with **stockings for the children: 7-8 p.m.**

Preregistered children must be present to receive their stocking. No stockings given away before or after the event. All children's registration forms must be returned to City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30. Any registration form turned in for a non-resident child without a \$5 fee will not receive a stocking at the event. **Note: Only residents and their guests may attend the Children's Christmas Party.**



City Officials and Staff wish you and yours the most joyous of holiday seasons.



- Fri., December 4, 6-9 p.m.Children's Christmas Party
- Wed., December 16..... Salvation Army Day at local hotels
- Tuesday, December 29.....Refuse Amnesty Day



Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, 6 p.m.
 City of Oakbrook Terrace
 Children's Christmas Party

Registration Form

All residents invited. Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Children's Name(s)

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

Non-resident Children's Name(s)

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed for ____ (qty.) non-resident children. *Make checks payable to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.*

I would like to volunteer to assist with the Children's Christmas Party:

Name _____

Phone _____

Please mail or drop off at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, 17W275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Salvation Army Day Wednesday, December 16



On Wednesday, December 16, four Oakbrook Terrace Hotels will be helping the Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace Corps by donating 10 percent of total revenues for that day. When you enjoy a meal or a beverage, host a meeting or stay overnight at any of the following hotels, you will also be benefiting this charity, which is dedicated to helping individuals with basic needs by using creative solutions to positively transform lives.

The following hotels will be participating in this event: *Comfort Suites*, 17W445 Roosevelt Road, 630-916-1000; *Courtyard Marriott*, 6 Transam Plaza Drive, 630-691-1500; *Hilton*, 10 Drury Lane, 630-941-0100; *Hilton Garden Inn*, 1000 Drury Lane, 630-941-1177.

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall is Official Community Warming Center

In the event of weather emergencies, Oakbrook Terrace City Hall is an official community warming center. For information about availability, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-941-8320.

New OBT Police Station Opens

On October 14, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department moved into its new state-of-the-art police station, located next door to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall. The City's Executive Staff and Building and Zoning Department will remain in the existing City Hall. To celebrate the opening of this new facility, a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the public was held on October 19.



Left to right: Deputy Chief Casey Calvello, Assistant to the Mayor and Administrator Michael Sarallo, Alderman Tom Thomas, Alderman Frank Vlach, Alderman Bob Przychodni, Mayor Tony Ragucci, Alderman Dennis Greco, Alderman Paul Esposito, Alderman David Schwartz, City Clerk Michael Shadley, City Administrator Amy Marrero, Chief Wayne Holakovsky and Public Services Director Craig Ward

DuPage County Low-Income Home Energy Program

DuPage County Human Services is once again providing low-income households with help to pay energy bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

LIHEAP provides low-income households with financial assistance to help pay for winter heating. Emergency furnace repair is also available to eligible homeowners whose heating systems are not operational or have been determined unsafe to use by a utility company.

DuPage County households with disabled or elderly members, and those who are disconnected from their utilities, may now apply for heating assistance by appointment at the DuPage County Human Services office located at the DuPage County Administration Building, 421 N. County Farm Road, third floor, Wheaton, or at any township office.

Before applying, please call 630-407-6500 or 800-942-9412 for information about what types of documentation must be brought in when you apply. For more information, please visit www.liheapillinois.com.

Lions Christmas Tree Sale

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees again this year. The trees are 5-6 feet in height and are \$28 each. For \$38, 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 during the first week of December. For more information, call Lion Mike Fortuna at 630-941-0645.



Yes! I want to order a Holiday Tree from the Lions Club

Holiday Tree (\$28) qty: _____

Holiday Tree w/Stake: (\$38) qty: _____

My check in the amount of \$_____ payable to the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is enclosed. Return to: *Lion Mike Fortuna, 1S576 Nimitz Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181*

Deliver to: _____

Phone: _____

Meet OBT Staff Member Mike Sarallo

Assistant to the Mayor and City Administrator Mike Sarallo has been involved in local government in Oakbrook Terrace for more than 30 years. "I'm a big believer in getting involved in your community," he said. "It's where you live. Obviously not everyone has the time, but if you have the opportunity, the City is always looking for input."



Mike's history with the City of Oakbrook Terrace began when he held the position of Superintendent of Public Works from 1985 to 1996. Three years later, Mike was elected as alderman, Ward 2, a position which he held for 15 years until he joined the City staff last December.

As a longtime member of the City Council, Mike said that he is proud of many of the developments that took place during his tenure.

"No matter how you feel about an issue," he said, "you have to make the decision about what's going to be good for Oakbrook Terrace and not what's best for just one person. I think that's part of the reason Oakbrook Terrace has sound finances and longstanding employees who have made a career here."

Mike has resided in Oakbrook Terrace since 1955 and believes that many of his neighbors have a long history in town for many of the same reasons. "Oakbrook Terrace is still a place where people like to spend time with their neighbors," he said. "It's a great neighborhood atmosphere."

In his position with the City, Mike is responsible for providing staff assistance to the Mayor and City Council. In addition, he is involved with internal policy development and administration of personal benefits, such as insurance. He also supervises and directs special events, communication media and oversees City contracts and construction projects, as in the case of the new police department recently completed adjacent to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.

Mike and his wife Ellie have two grown daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys outdoor activities and is an avid Chicago sports fan.

Holiday Food Donations

Food donations are needed to help those less fortunate in our community. A drop-off box for food is located in City Hall through mid-January. Bring such items as non-perishable canned and dry foods, boxed foods, paper products, soaps and cleaners. Collected items will be distributed by the York Township Food Pantry.



2015-16 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. Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up beginning November 1, 2015.

- 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. A copy of an example statement is included in the packet.
- 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 for the program.

- If more than one person resides in the house, a doctor's note will be required for each individual stating that they are disabled and cannot shovel snow.
- A seasonal charge of \$50.00 is required prior to the start of the program. This charge will cover any and all plowing for the winter season, 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 be performed after a snowfall of two inches or more and driveways will only be cleared after all streets and public facilities are cleared.

City of Oakbrook Terrace Salting and Snow Removal Policy

Each year, 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:

1. The City only salts City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception to this policy is if the City agrees to provide service by contract and is compensated accordingly.
2. The City only plows City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception to this policy is handicapped residents who have been approved to participate in the City's private driveway snow removal program. The requirements of the handicapped private driveway snow removal program are available at City Hall.
3. The City does not provide snow removal from sidewalks or driveway entrances. The only exception is identified in the driveway snow removal program.
4. Snow removal operations will follow established snowplow routes. These routes have been carefully determined 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 driveway snow removal program.
5. The City prohibits parking on all City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs after a 1" snowfall. This parking ban allows snow

removal crews to make a clean pass of the streets by eliminating the potential collision between a parked car and a snowplow or salt truck.

6. City snowplows discharge snow from the streets toward the adjacent parkway. It is impossible to prevent the deposit of snow at the driveway entrances. Windrows of snow at entrances to driveways are an unavoidable by-product of our effort to clear streets of snow accumulation in the safest and most efficient manner.
7. Residents are prohibited from shoveling snow from their driveways into the street. Snow can become compact and harden into ice mounds, thereby causing a dangerous safety hazard for motorists and emergency vehicles.
8. Residents are asked to keep mailbox doors closed at all times to prevent damage to mailboxes.
9. Although the City snow crews try to minimize the mounding of snow around fire hydrants, plows are designed to discharge snow into the unpaved parkway, which makes keeping the hydrants clear very 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.

OBT Refuse Reminders

Do you need to dispose of items not included in the regular weekly refuse pickup? Following are some reminders:

Bulk Items

Bulk items include refuse that cannot be reduced to fit into the 65-gallon or 35-gallon wheeled container, such as discarded furniture, fixtures, household appliances of all kinds, including white goods, and small amounts of construction debris. Bulk items will continue to be collected for free. Remember to call Flood Brothers for bulk item pick-up, since it may require two workers to remove the item.

Special Pick-Ups

A Special Pick-Up can be set up for drywall, plywood, paneling, carpeting, disassembled kitchen and bathroom fixtures, sod, clay,

sand, stone, concrete, rocks, or any other loose small items or construction materials that are not suitable for placement in containers and that exceed fifty (50) pounds in weight, or that are in bundles exceeding four feet (4') in length and two feet (2') in diameter. Residents must call Flood Brothers to schedule a Special Pick-Up. The collection will take place within 48 hours and will cost an amount specified by the contract. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400.

Remember that when you place white goods and containers of garbage, landscape waste and recyclable materials at the shoulder of the roadway for pick-up, they cannot be put out before 6 p.m. on the day before scheduled collection, and the containers must be removed from the roadway shoulder before 10 p.m. on the day of collection.



Oakbrook Terrace Park District

Call 630-627-6100 or visit www.obtpd.org for more information about any of these programs.

Birthday Parties

Looking for an entertaining and educational birthday celebration? The Nature Center provides a fun and safe environment for kids to explore, create and have fun, ages four years and up. Oakbrook Terrace Park District staff will help you plan a two-hour party. Parents provide refreshments, paper goods and treat bag. For additional information call 630-941-8747.

Fees: \$75R/ \$95NR

Up to 12 children (additional fees apply for extra children)

Wednesday, December 17

Community Craft Days

Make a holiday craft from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Oakbrook Terrace Park District Heritage Center.

Tuesday, December 29

New! Cool Science: Let's Learn About Chocolate

In this fun, highly edible class, kids will learn where chocolate comes from, taste different kinds of chocolates, and make their own yummy chocolate treat to take home! Held 10 - 11 a.m. in the Heritage Center.

Fees: \$15R/ \$19NR

Ages 3-5

OBT Police Officer Honored for Rescuing Man from Pond



Officer Jason Sluzewicz, at left, was honored for his role in helping to save a man whose car had gone into the water. Oakbrook Terrace Police Chief Wayne Holakovsky, right, assisted in the recognition.

On October 28, Oakbrook Terrace Police Officer Jason Sluzewicz was recognized at the annual Hundred Club of DuPage County Awards Banquet for helping a man whose car had gone into a local pond. Officer Sluzewicz had assisted the Elmhurst Police Department on a call for a vehicle that had left the roadway and driven into the Eldridge Park Pond. Upon arriving at the scene, Officer Sluzewicz removed his duty belt and uniform and swam the 90 feet out to the vehicle, which had become completely submerged. After several underwater attempts, Officer Sluzewicz removed the unconscious driver from his vehicle and brought him back to shore for waiting paramedics.



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Refuse Amnesty Day, Tuesday, December 29

On Tuesday, December 29, the City's waste hauler will collect all refuse placed in containers without requiring refuse stickers for additional containers. This special collection does not apply to bulk items that cannot be reduced to fit into the 65-gallon or 35-gallon wheeled container or for special pickups, such as construction debris or any other material that exceeds 50 pounds in weight.

Christmas Tree Collection Service

Flood Brothers will pick up Christmas trees for collection and disposal on your usual pick-up dates. Christmas trees are not considered yard waste, since many are contaminated with tinsel, flocking and ornamental residues.

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/.

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:

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 MAYOR & ADMINISTRATOR		
	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
ADMINISTRATION	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 201
BUILDING & ZONING	.....	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. 202
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-629-0886

December 2015/January 2016

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