



Terrace Leaves

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A Message From the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who attended our children's Halloween party on October 18 and also extend a special thank you to the Oakbrook Terrace Park District staff for all of their hard work on this annual event. These holiday parties are a great way for our children to safely enjoy the holiday in our own community.



I hope everyone will join me for the City's Annual Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at Fik Point, located at Swartz School, on Friday, December 5, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. What a great way to re-connect with neighbors and friends while enjoying holiday cheer.

I would like to congratulate City staff member Amy Marrero who was recently appointed as Oakbrook Terrace City Administrator. Amy has served as Interim City Administrator since January 2014. Prior to that she was the City's Finance Director. Amy has been a great asset to our City staff since she first joined us in 2001 and we are pleased to welcome Amy to this new position!

Construction for the City's new Police Station is progressing well. Underground electrical and plumbing utilities have been installed, the foundation has been laid and the slab has been poured. In addition, internal grade block masonry walls are now being installed. Work on the Police Station is expected to continue throughout the winter season.

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

Two New Restaurants Join Oakbrook Terrace Business Community

uBuild Pizza

At the new uBuild Pizza Restaurant, located at 17W 046 22nd Street in Oakbrook



Terrace, customers can top their own pizza, choosing from an assortment of over 80 premium ingredients. Customers' pizza creations come to life in the wood stone oven, where they are baked to perfection in less than five minutes. The menu also features pasta and salad with options for customizing your dish to your own taste. For more information, please visit www.ubuildpizzaworkshop.com.

Trugurt Yogurt

Mother Nature knows best is the slogan for the new Trugurt Yogurt, located at 17W 420-22



22nd Street in Oakbrook Terrace. Featuring exciting soft serve frozen yogurt in a wide variety of flavors, these no-guilt treats are USDA organic with live and active cultures, as well as Omega 3 and Vitamin D. For more information, call 331-209-9184 or visit www.trugurt.com.



Fri., December 5

Children's Christmas Party

Wed., December 17

Salvation Army Day at local hotels

Tuesday, December 30

Refuse Amnesty Day



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



**Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, 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, December 1. Any registration form returned after Monday, December 1, cannot be accepted.

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

Children's Christmas Party, Friday, December 5, 6-9 p.m.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is holding its annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 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 at left. 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 at a new time: 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, December 1. 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.**

Veterans Day Ceremony Commemorates those who Served

The City of Oakbrook Terrace, together with the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, commemorated Veterans Day on Tuesday, November 11. The ceremony took place at the Veterans Garden in Dorothy Drennon Park.



Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci addressed the assembled guests



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.

Water Rate Increase Effective Jan. 1

The DuPage Water Commission (the "Water Commission") has approved a 2015 rate increase. The City of Oakbrook Terrace obtains its potable water through a customer agreement with the Water Commission. The Water Commission, in turn, buys the water in bulk from the City of Chicago. The Water Commission passes along the City of Chicago increases to their customers. As you may be aware, the City of Chicago has increased water rates to their customers over a four-year period that began January 1, 2012. This is the last year of the four-year rate increase. The City does not anticipate any further rate increases for the near future.

Effective January 1, 2015, the City will enact a \$0.67 per 1,000 gallon water rate with the increase. Each lot or premise within the City that is served by the municipal water system shall pay a minimum bi-monthly water service charge of \$59.82 for up to and including the first 6,000 gallons of bi-monthly water use, and shall pay \$9.97 per 1,000 gallons of water use thereafter, rounded down to the nearest 1,000 gallons. A water customer outside the City limits pays a minimum of \$89.73 for the first 6,000 gallons of bi-monthly water usage and \$14.96 per 1,000 water usage above 6,000 gallons. If you have questions about your water bill, please call Water Billing at 630-941-8300, extension 342.

Helping Homeless Veterans

A Veteran Initiative, Stand Down Day, is a time when homeless veterans from the Chicago area will have access to comprehensive medical and social services at the Humboldt Park Armory in order to help them prepare for winter. The homeless veterans are in need of clean, gently used men's winter coats, sizes M through XXL, as well as new hats and gloves. Items should be donated by Saturday, December 6, and can be dropped off at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.

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.

Occhi' Lash and Brow Studio Comes to Oakbrook Terrace

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome Occhi' Lash and Brow Studio to its business community.

Located at 17W 580 Butterfield Road (Three Oaks Plaza), the studio offers the finest in individual eyelash and brow extension services performed by highly skilled lash and brow artists. Owned and operated by Lynn La Palermo, a well known esthetician and master lash artist and trainer, the studio offers an array of lash extensions, including classic style and genuine mink lashes, as well as the newest trend, volume lash sets — to meet every woman's unique style.

Additionally, The Occhi' Institute for Lash & Brow Training offers classes in both eyelash and brow extensions. The beautifully appointed studio is equipped with five lash and brow stations.

For more information, please visit www.occhilashes.com or call 630-785-6668.



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.

Safety Checks for Children's Car Seats and other Restraint Systems

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department conducts safety checks of children's vehicle restraint systems free of charge on Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with an appointment. To make an appointment to have yours checked, please contact Officer Terrence Mastrino at 630-941-8320.

Oakbrook Terrace Park District

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

Open House: Storytime with Santa

Saturday, December 13

6:30 - 8 p.m.

Ho, ho, ho! Come visit with Santa Claus himself as he makes a special stop at the York Center Park District to visit with all the good boys and girls. He will be available to take pictures, hear your Christmas wishes, and will even read two stories during the event. The YCPD preschool program will also be having a special performance right at the start of the event. Activities and light refreshments will be available.

Gingerbread House Workshop

Saturday, December 20

Heritage Center

10 am-10:45 am Age: 2-4 years old (with parent)

11 am-11:45 am Age: 5-7

\$15 R/\$20 NR

Decorate your very own gingerbread house at the Gingerbread House Workshop. All supplies will be provided. Wear clothes that can get dirty. If you have a special candy or decoration to add, please bring it to the class. Please register by December 13.

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: _____



Salvation Army Day Wednesday, December 17

On Wednesday, December 17, 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.



2014-15 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.

- 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.



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Refuse Amnesty Day, Tuesday, December 30

On Tuesday, December 30, 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

The cost for a Villa Park Library Card is \$40 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$49 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2015. 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. Credit/Debit Card transactions will only be accepted in person at the City Hall front desk. 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:

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

December 2014/January 2015 City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci
City Clerk Dennis Greco
City Administrator Amy Marrero
Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni
Ward II: Ald. Michael Sarallo
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, 7:00 p.m.
Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.
Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter