



Terrace Leaves

December 2016

A Message From the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who attended the City's first Children's Fall Festival party on October 22 and also a special thank you to our City staff for their hard work on this event.



I welcome all residents and children to attend the City's annual Children's Christmas Party and Tree lighting at Fik Point and Swartz School, on Friday, December 9, from 6-9 p.m.

Now that the winter season is approaching, you can rest assured that our Public Services Department will be ready to handle any situation that arises. During these winter months, please remember to use caution while driving in our City, and please be aware of pedestrians walking on our City streets. If you are a senior and/or 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.

Earlier this year we held a City Hall meeting to address numerous concerns our residents had, and I would like to report to you that these concerns are being addressed and we will be holding a City Hall meeting for residents on January 24, 2017, at 7 p.m.; please attend to discuss these issues.

With the annual audit just ending, our Fiscal Year 2016 General fund revenues surpassed expenditures by \$527,616.00, increasing our operating fund balance to \$6.1 million or a 9.4 percent increase over Fiscal Year 2015. The City is proud to exceed the General Fund budget reserve policy of at least forty percent of estimated yearly revenues, which amounts to \$3 million!! General Fund revenues continue to exceed pre-recession amounts, and staff continues to make prudent decisions in their spending, keeping expenditures lower than budgeted, overall making the City fiscally sound.

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

New OBT Police Chief Casey Calvello

The City is pleased to announce that Acting Police Chief Casey Calvello has been promoted to Chief of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department. Calvello brings a wealth of law enforcement experience to the position. He has been with the OBT Police Department for three years, and prior to that, worked for the Village of Oak Brook Police Department for 24 years.



*New OBT Police Chief
Casey Calvello*

A native of Berwyn, IL, Calvello has worked in a wide variety of law enforcement capacities, including patrolman, detective, gang crime specialist, school liaison officer, public information officer, D.A.R.E. officer and juvenile officer. He attended the University of Louisville National Crime Prevention Institute and is a graduate of the Chicago Police Academy.



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



Friday, December 9 Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party

Tuesday, January 24 City Hall Meeting for Residents

GET INTO *the Holiday Spirit!*

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Children's Christmas Party



Friday, December 9

6-9 p.m., Swartz School



All residents are welcome for the City of Oakbrook Terrace annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party, on Friday, December 9, 6-9 p.m.

■ **Tree Lighting**, Fik Point, *Mayor Ragucci will light the tree*

■ **Children's Christmas Party**, Swartz School Gym, *Santa arrives with stockings for the children, 7-8 p.m.*

■ Entertainment, refreshments, facepainting

To receive a stocking from Santa, all children up to 12 years of age must have been pre-registered. Residents who would like to bring non-resident children can bring them for a fee of \$5 per child (with registration form) to receive a stocking from Santa Claus. Any registration form turned in for a non-resident child without a \$5 fee will not receive a stocking at the event.



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

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: _____

Holiday Food Donations



A drop-off box for food for those less fortunate in our community 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.

En Fuego Mexican Grille Opens in Oakbrook Terrace

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome a new restaurant to its business community. En Fuego Mexican Grille features a new flavorful twist on classic Mexican dishes. This restaurant has a warm, comfortable atmosphere and offers over 50 tequilas in addition to Mexican beers, and specialty wines from Mexico, Spain and South America. Food is made fresh daily. Hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. For more details, visit www.enfuegomexgrill.com.



Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci cuts the ribbon for the Grand Opening of the City's newest restaurant, En Fuego Mexican Grill

Police Station is Official Community Warming Center

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

Steps for Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

Residents are reminded that water pipes can freeze and burst during very cold weather, but by taking precautions, this can usually be prevented. The following are some steps you can take on very cold days:

- Use insulation around exposed pipes and water meters
- If pipes are located against exterior walls, expose them to the warm air in the house
- If your kitchen or bathroom sink is located against an outside wall of the house, leave the cabinet door open to allow the warmer air to circulate around the pipes
- Run water in a trickle from pipes near outside walls

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.



2016-17 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 effective October 1, 2016.

- 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.

City Departments CORNER

Police

Police Squad Cars

You may have noticed our police squad cars are undergoing a “make-over!” In an effort to increase visibility and safety, we have re-stripped our vehicles to traditional black and white (versus all black). Additionally, over the next few months, all squads will be equipped with overhead emergency lighting (versus interior).



Detective Nicole DeMario

Officer Nicole DeMario has recently been assigned to our Investigations Division ... Congratulations Detective DeMario!

Building & Zoning

JRC Plaza will be welcoming several new businesses in the near future with construction underway on the following:

- Mathnasium Learning Center, 17W434 22nd Street, is a neighborhood math-only learning center. Experienced math tutors deliver a customized learning plan designed for each student's needs.
- Magic Nail Salon, 17W432 22nd Street, is opening its sixth location here. The salon offers manicures, pedicures and waxing, as well as children's services for 12 and under. Salon can also do group parties for weddings, bridal showers, birthdays, etc.
- Dunkin' Donuts, 17W460 22nd Street, is now under construction and will occupy the west side of the Tilted Kilt building.

In addition, Butterfield Point, located on the southwest corner of Butterfield and Midwest Road, is now under construction. When finished it will be a one-story retail center made up of commercial businesses and restaurants.

Now Open

Garden Arcade, 17W731 Roosevelt Road, is a new video gambling location for adults in a friendly, relaxing atmosphere.

Public Services

Public Services Director Craig Ward attended the Annual Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Regulatory Update held in Elgin, IL. The purpose of the program was to assist organizations in keeping abreast of all regulations concerning the public water supply.

Other recent Public Services activities included painting of City roadway markings (stop blocks, cross walks, etc.) to increase visibility and promote safe travels throughout our community.

The Spring Road Culvert Repair Project was successfully completed in September. This project replaced a deteriorated culvert beneath Spring Road.

In addition, compliance monitoring of coliform and bacteria continue to be successfully sampled in our water supply.

The City's Brush Pickup Program has ended for the year and the first 2017 Brush Pickup will take place on April 3.

Other updates (through October 2016):

- JULIE locates for digging were up to 983
- Sign totals were up to 41
- Mailboxes were up to 55
- Fleet maintenance: 95 oil changes were completed; 66 squad repair orders were performed





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Crime Stoppers

Did you know you can provide information about criminal activity anonymously? Crime Stoppers enables individuals to furnish crime-solving assistance through a program that offers anonymity. Callers are given a code number rather than being asked for their name. Crime Stoppers also offers rewards for information that leads to felony arrest and/or convictions. The Crime Stoppers number for anonymous tips is 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477).

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

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 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