



Terrace Leaves

February • March 2016

A Message From the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who turned out for our annual Children's Christmas party on December 4. The weather could not have been better for December and it was a great opportunity to connect with members of our community, while we partake in holiday cheer.



I'd like to remind you that during the winter, the City of Oakbrook Terrace is an Official Community Warming Center. Please call the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department non-emergency phone number at 630-941-8320 for more information.

Remember, too, that this spring, we will be enforcing the Home Rental Inspections and Cosmetic Appearance regulations for your homes. Please maintain your properties for the betterment of our community.

As your Mayor, I want to be attuned to the needs of our community and I encourage residents and area businesspeople who have concerns, ideas or suggestions to contact me at City Hall. My direct line phone number is 630-832-9558 and I encourage you to feel free to call me.

As a final note, Easter is just around the corner and I hope you and your family can join us for the annual Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly on Saturday, March 26. This is a great opportunity for children of all ages to search for eggs, fly a kite and spend some time with the Easter Bunny. We are fortunate to have these wonderful community traditions in Oakbrook Terrace and I look forward to welcoming you and your family again this year.

Mayor Tony Ragucci



Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, March 26

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, March 26, 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, March 23, 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.



Thurs., January 28..... Understanding Dementia (pg. 3)

Wed., March 23, 4:30 p.m. ...Deadline to register for Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly

Sat., March 26, 12 noon.....Annual Spring Egg Hunt/ Kite Fly

Mon., April 4 & 25Free Brush Pick-Ups



Registration Form

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly

Saturday, March 26



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wed., March 23)

There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Children's Names _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, attn: Lori Dvorak,
17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

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.

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 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 4 & 25

May 16

June 6 & 27

July 11

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.

A Message from Oakbrook Terrace Police Chief Wayne Holakovsky

Making a Winter Survival Kit

Putting together a winter survival kit is easy and may be one of the best ways to prepare for emergencies in winter weather. Start with an empty three-pound coffee can with a plastic cover and pack inside of it:

- Candle stubs and matches
- Red bandanna or cloth
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Plastic spoon
- Whistle
- Small, sharp knife
- Pencil stub and paper
- Safety pin
- Snacks

• Plastic flashlight and spare batteries
(Reverse batteries in the flashlight case to avoid accidentally switching on and subsequent burnout. Warm batteries between your legs before using.)

Snacks will help keep you comfortable, though food energy may not be as important as water and shelter. Choose small packages of food you can eat hot or cold.

You should also pack the following in your car:

- 30-foot cord that can be used as a homing line for anyone who must leave the vehicle.
- Battery booster
- Tow cable or chain
- Road flares and reflectors
- Basic tools
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Snowmobile suit/boots

- Sand, cat litter or other grit for extra traction
- Shovel – a hub cap may be used if you can remove it.

It is best to store what you can in the passenger area of the car when severe winter weather threatens, in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.

Keeping Children Safe When Traveling

The proper use of child car safety seats saves the lives of hundreds of infants and children each year. CDC statistics show that child safety seats reduce the risk of death in car crashes by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for children between the ages of one and four. For children between the ages of four and seven, booster seats reduce injury risk by 59 percent when compared to using seat belts alone. All children younger than 13 years of age should ride in the back seat to avoid potential injury caused by air bag deployment. Child passenger safety is a top priority for the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department and police officers actively enforce safety seat laws.

The ultimate responsibility for children's safety rests with the parent or operator of the vehicle. 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 the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department at 630-941-8320.

Thursday, January 28, 2 p.m.

Understanding Alzheimer's Disease 101: A Closer Look at Dementia

Location: Terra Vista Information Office, 100 E. Roosevelt Road, Suite 35, Villa Park (next to Outback Steak House)

Free RSVP: info@terravista.org or 630-534-0886

Learn the difference between normal, age-related memory lapses and symptoms that may signal the onset of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia disorders. Additionally, this seminar will help caregivers understand what an Alzheimer's diagnosis means, so you can know what to expect and be able to better plan for the future. Seminar objectives:

- Provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and the toll it's taking as our population ages
- Highlight top ten warning signs of Alzheimer's
- Gain insight into a person living with Alzheimer's
- Encourage early detection and treatment

This session will be presented by Natalie McFarland, BSN, RN, who is an Alzheimer's expert and certified dementia care trainer. Event is free and open to the public.

Visit the Events Calendar on the City's Website

Looking for something fun for the family to do in our area? Or how about a night out on the town? Check out the Oakbrook Terrace Events Calendar on the City's website at www.oakbrookterrace.net.



Oakbrook Terrace Park District

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

Friday, March 11, 8:00 p.m.

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

Grab a basket and a flashlight and join in on the fun for a flashlight egg hunt! Teens will search Heritage Park for hundreds of eggs filled with candy. Look extra close for extra special eggs that can be redeemed for awesome prizes! Pre-registration is required. Register by Mar 4. Fee: \$6R/\$7NR. Age: 11-14.

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 a.m.

Doggie Egg Hunt

Calling all dogs for a doggie egg hunt! Bring your canine friend to Terrace View Park to search for eggs filled with treats. Dogs will find an assortment of treats and toys. All dogs must be leashed and wearing a collar with tags at all times. Registration is required. Day of registration will be accepted at the Fitness Center. Register by Mar 10. Fee: \$5R/\$6N

Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.

Spring Egg Hunt

Get ready to have a hopping good time with lots of prizes and candy! The Spring Bunny is inviting children and their families to participate in our Annual Spring Egg Hunt. Children will be separated into age groups and will have the opportunity to stuff their baskets with eggs that contain prizes. Bunny will stop by to say hello to participants. Don't forget your baskets! Day of registration will be accepted at the Fitness Center. Register by Mar 10. Fee: \$6R/\$7NR (day of: \$7R/\$8NR). Age: 10 and under.

Saturday, April 23, 1 to 3 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration

Grab your kite and your friends and head out to Heritage Park for a day of springtime fun. We will make and fly kites, play with bubbles, and celebrate Earth Day. This is a FREE event open to all ages.

Using Portable Generators Safely

Portable generators are internal combustion engines used to generate electricity during power outages or when remote power is needed. To remain safe, be aware of the inherent hazards associated with the use of portable generators, including shocks and electrocution; carbon monoxide poisoning; fires; and noise and vibration.

Shock or Electrocution

- Never attach a generator directly to a structure's electrical system unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the cords supplied by the manufacturer or other grounded (i.e. three-pronged), heavy-duty cords. Never use frayed or damaged extension cords.
- Keep the generator dry by protecting it with a canopy in rainy or wet conditions. Never manipulate a generator's electrical components if you are wet or standing in water.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Make sure your generator is properly ventilated. Never use it indoors or in an enclosed space, such as a garage, basement, or crawl space. Make sure the generator has three to four feet of clear space on all sides and above to ensure proper ventilation.
- Never place a generator near a door, window, or vent that could allow carbon monoxide to enter and build up in occupied spaces.
- If you or others exhibit symptoms of CO poisoning, such as headache, dizziness, nausea, or tiredness, get to fresh air immediately and seek medical help. Do not re-enter the area until trained personnel have determined that it is safe.

Fire Hazards

Generators get hot while in use and remain hot for long periods after use. Fuels can ignite when spilled on hot engine parts. Before refueling, shut down the generator and allow it to cool.

- Store and transport gasoline or other fuels in approved containers that are vented and labeled with their contents.
- Keep fuel containers away from flame-producing and heat-generating devices, such as the generator itself, water heaters, cigarettes, lighters, and matches. Never smoke near fuel containers. Vapors can travel long distances to ignition sources.
- Never store fuel in your home.

Noise and Vibration Hazards

The excessive noise and vibration produced by a generator can cause hearing loss and fatigue. Keep portable generators as far away as possible from work and gathering areas. Wear hearing protection if this is not possible.

When using a portable generator during a power outage, it is important to remember that they can be dangerous if used incorrectly.

Are Your Alarms and Fire Extinguisher Still on the Job?

Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers should be part of the safety equipment in every household, but they can only protect your family and home if they are operational when you need them. The average life span and replacement recommendations vary according to type, age and manufacturer, but the following information can be used as a general guideline.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes without smoke detectors or without working detectors. Approximately one-third of smoke alarms in the U.S. are past their recommended lifespan. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that residential fire alarms be replaced according to manufacturer's instructions or after ten years (the average lifespan of newer models).

After ten years, alarms accumulate significant levels of dust, dirt and air-borne impurities that can affect the sensors. Replacing smoke alarms every ten years also allows you to upgrade to current models with a variety of new options and improvements. Write the purchase or replacement date with a marker on the inside of the alarm. Batteries should be replaced every year.

Carbon Monoxide detectors should be replaced at least every five years, unless the manufacturer specifies a shorter or longer life span. Some have an average life span of only two years, while other last as long as 10.

It is important to be aware that the test button on a CO alarm only tests the battery and circuitry – not the sensor. Testing at least once a month is important, especially during heating season when doors and windows are normally closed. Batteries should be replaced and the unit should

be cleaned with a vacuum annually. The sensor component of the detector should be replaced every two years. Most units sound an alarm when the sensor needs to be replaced.

Fire extinguishers should be replaced according to manufacturer recommendations, generally between three and twelve years, depending on the manufacturer and model. An annual visual inspection should include the following steps:

- Check to ensure that the pull pin is firmly in place
- Check the pressure gauge to make sure the needle is firmly planted in the green
- Check the nozzle to make sure it is free of debris and insects
- Visually inspect the extinguisher for dents, leakage and corrosion
- Make sure the unit is within the manufacturer's recommended lifespan. The lifespan is usually printed somewhere on the label and the year of manufacture on the bottom of the cylinder.

If your extinguisher fails even one of these steps, it should be replaced.

Proper disposal of smoke alarms, CO detectors and fire extinguishers is important. Smoke alarm batteries and plastic covers can be recycled, and the unit can then be sent back to the manufacturer via surface mail or UPS Ground.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be disposed of with normal trash once the batteries have been removed. Dispose of batteries with other hazardous waste. For fire extinguishers, follow instructions on the unit, or contact the manufacturer for information on proper disposal.

If your extinguisher fails even one of these steps, it should be replaced.

Yield to Emergency Vehicles

Scott's Law was passed in 2002 after Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at an accident scene on a Chicago expressway.

Scott's Law requires that when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, motorists must yield, change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible because of heavy traffic, drivers must reduce their speed and proceed with caution. Violations of Scott's Law carry a mandatory fine of \$100. Higher fines, up to \$10,000, can be imposed if a motorist's actions cause an accident.

Driving under the influence would be considered an aggravating factor, calling for a higher fine. Driver's license suspension is also

imposed: 90 days in cases involving property damage; 180 days if the motorist's actions cause an injury; and two years if the accident results in a death.

Motorists are also reminded that when they are approached by a moving emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals, they are required to immediately pull as far to the right as possible and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. If stopped at an intersection with two-way traffic, motorists are required to remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed. These regulations are designed to protect emergency personnel who risk their lives to serve the public.



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Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planting a tree, installing a fence or deck, or doing any other home improvement project that involves digging, remember to call JULIE (811 from a cell phone or 1-800-892-0123) before you begin. JULIE will notify member utility companies to send locators to mark their underground facilities with paint and/or flags. Once you know the approximate location of utility lines, you can dig safely without running the risk of service disruptions, potential injuries, fines and repair costs.

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

February/March 2016

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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- 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