



Terrace Leaves

October • November 2016

A Message From the Mayor

The fall season is upon us and our children are back in school. Please use caution when driving on our City streets and watch out for school buses as well.



I would like to invite all of our residents to attend the Children's Fall Festival at Swartz School on Saturday, October 22, at 12 noon. It's sure to be a fun event for the family and I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

I would also like to remind residents that our children will be out and about on Monday, October 31, Halloween. Recommended trick-or-treat hours are 2-6 p.m. Please watch your children and use caution while driving our streets.

I'd like to address some crimes which occurred in our City recently. Numerous vehicles were entered unlawfully and personal items were taken. This is unacceptable and our Police Chief and I are working on possible future solutions to make the Police Department more visible and accessible in our subdivisions within our City. Even though these crimes occurred, the burglarized vehicles were all unlocked. We still live in a safe and well-patrolled community, thanks to our police officers, so there is no need to panic; this issue will be addressed.

Please lock all vehicles and remove items that are visible to the public while parked in your driveway or on City streets. Be sure to call 911 when you hear or see something or someone suspicious anytime of the day. I promise you the City Council will work hard on safety solutions to ensure our community stays safe for you and your family!

I would like to wish everyone a happy Veterans Day on November 11, and as the holiday season approaches, a great Thanksgiving. This is a wonderful time to give thanks for our family and friends, as well as the privilege to live in this great country and be a part of this great community we call home.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City of Oakbrook Terrace Children's Fall Festival Saturday, October 22

12 noon, Swartz School

Join your neighbors and friends for the first City of Oakbrook Terrace Fall Festival. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300, ext. 201.



- Activities for kids age 0-12
- Pick a pumpkin from the patch
- Decorate your pumpkin – craft supplies provided
- Temporary Tattoos
- Goody Bags



Saturday, October 22 Children's Fall Festival
 Monday, October 24 Final 2016 Brush Pickup
 Friday, November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony
 Friday, December 9 Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party

Now New Driver's Licenses to be Mailed

State of Illinois residents now have a new system for obtaining a new driver's license, in order to reduce fraud and increase security. As in the past, for new drivers or license renewals, you will need to visit a Driver Services facility and have your photo taken, but you will leave the facility with a temporary secure paper driver's license, and your old driver's license with a hole punched through it. Until your new license arrives in the mail, these two items will serve as your valid driver's license and will be accepted for air travel. For more information, please visit www.dmv.org.

Meet New Building and Zoning Secretary Michelle Bossle



Michelle Bossle joined the City of Oakbrook Terrace in May in the role of Building and Zoning Secretary. In her day-to-day duties, Michelle supports the operations of the City's Building and Zoning Department, assisting with the process of issuing building permits for various residential and commercial projects, as well as contractor registration. She is also involved in preparations for Planning and Zoning Committee Meetings where she takes minutes.

"I really enjoy the planning and zoning meetings," Michelle said. "They can be very interesting and I really feel like I'm learning a lot."

"In addition, everyone has been very welcoming and has been so helpful in making me feel comfortable and part of the community. It's a very positive atmosphere and I really like that."

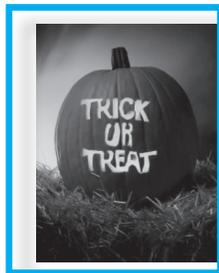
Michelle was happy to have the opportunity to work at the City because the area is very familiar to her. She attended Proviso West High School and grew up in nearby Melrose Park and Berkeley.

She and her husband Joseph have four daughters. In her spare time, she enjoys attending her daughter's gymnastics meets and reading.

Halloween Safety & Hours

Residents are reminded that Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. on Monday, October 31. By following a few simple guidelines, Trick-or-Treating can be a fun and safe time for all. Remind your children to:

- Stay in their neighborhood.
- Go with a parent or guardian.
- Don't enter a home to receive a treat.
- Go to homes with well-lit porches or front entryways; avoid homes that are under construction or look deserted.
- Cross streets at corners only.
- Accept only wrapped or sealed treats.
- Eat treats at home only after they have been inspected by a parent or guardian.
- Cut and wash all fruit before eating.
- Call police if suspicious treats are found.
- Make sure costumes afford visibility. Wear face make-up rather than masks; wear reflectorized clothing or attach reflectorized strips to costumes.



The City Welcomes Hasset Express



Representatives of Hasset Express with Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, second from right.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome Hasset Express, a domestic air freight company, to our business community. The company has made its new headquarters in Oakbrook Terrace and also has other offices throughout the country. Mayor Tony Ragucci welcomed representatives of Hasset Express during their recent Open House.

**Final 2016 Brush Pick-Up Date
Monday, October 24**

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

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is holding its annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party on Fri., Dec. 9, from 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

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 below. 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.



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 5. 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 of Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party Friday, Dec. 9, 6 p.m. Registration Form

Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5

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 event:

Name _____

Phone _____

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



Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 11

Please join us in honoring those who served at our Veterans Day Ceremony, Friday, November 11, 11 a.m. in the Veterans Garden located in Dorothy Drennon Park. The Veterans Garden was created in 2010 to recognize the men and women in our community for their commitment to serving and protecting our country. In attendance will be Oakbrook Terrace Park District commissioners and staff, Mayor Ragucci and City of Oakbrook Terrace Officials.

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: _____



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

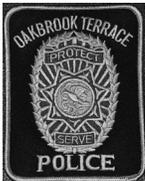
Annual National Night Out

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department wishes to thank everyone who helped to make our First Annual National Night Out a great success.

Oakbrook Terrace residents turned out for the first annual National Night Out in Oakbrook Terrace



New Department Sleeve Patch



This fall, you will notice that Oakbrook Terrace police officers and community service officers will be wearing a new (and improved) department patch on their uniform sleeves. This change was made to differentiate Patrol staff (silver patch) and administrative staff (gold patch), a common practice in police departments.

New Police Officer Brian Wagner

We are pleased to have Brian Wagner as a new City of Oakbrook Terrace patrol officer. Brian successfully completed his training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in June and is now nearing the end of his training period with the City of Oakbrook Terrace. The City is pleased to offer its congratulations to Officer Wagner.



911 Recommendations

DuPage County officials have announced that technology is being implemented that will enable all 911 calls made from cell phones to go directly to DU-COMM. Currently, cellular calls go to the DuPage County Sheriff and are transferred to the appropriate dispatch center. DuPage County residents are also encouraged to sign up for Smart911 service, which provides an enhanced database to 911 personnel. This can save valuable time when seconds count. Sign up at www.smart911.com or go to the City's website at www.oakbrookterrace.net, select the "City Departments" tab and choose "Police Department." The link can be found in the lower left hand corner.

Public Services

The Public Services Department helps to play a role in keeping our community safe and recently held a ComEd Safety Training Event entitled "Digging Around Powerlines." This event was designed to increase safety when working near electricity. In addition, Public Services worked with the York Center Fire Department and ISO to complete an analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system for our community. To be sure our water is safe, Public Services completed a total Trihalomethane and Haloacetic Acid as well as Coliform and Bacteria Compliance Monitoring Sampling as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Other Public Services activities include:

- Eight new water services added so far in 2016
- 642 locations where JULIE locating service was used to keep the City's infrastructure safe from digging
- All City-owned fire hydrants were flushed and inspected.
- 34 signs were replaced in July in accordance with the manual on uniform traffic control devices
- 41 mailboxes were replaced in July as part of the City's uniform mailbox program

Building & Zoning

The Building and Zoning Department has been very busy. Over 150 building permits for residential and commercial projects were issued during the summer months. The City recently annexed the property known as Heritage Park, 1S325 Ardmore Avenue, into the City of Oakbrook Terrace. A Dunkin' Donuts with a drive-through, to be located in the JRC Plaza East Shopping Center on 22nd Street, was recently approved.

Other developments include:

- Pete's Fresh Market on Roosevelt is expanding the store's west side
- Oakbrook Terrace will soon be home to a Party City next to the Home Depot on 22nd Street.
- Once Upon A Child, gently used children's clothing, recently opened in JRC East Plaza, on the north side of 22nd Street.
- The Flooring Gallery recently opened on the north side of 22nd Street in front of Home Depot.



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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

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 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

October/November 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