



# Terrace Leaves

October • November 2013

## *A Message From the Mayor*

I would like to thank everyone who turned out for the Mayor's Coffee on August 24. I hope that you found our session helpful and that we answered any questions you may have. These types of programs are also critical to your government officials, since they provide us with important feedback from the community.



I would like to extend my best wishes to our City Manager John Carpino whose last day with the City was August 31. John has accepted a position as Chief of Police for the Village of Westchester.

John first joined the City of Oakbrook Terrace on October 25, 1979, as a police officer, and rose through the ranks to Deputy Chief before moving on to become Chief of Police in other Chicago area communities.

John returned to Oakbrook Terrace as the City Manager in November 2010. In total, John has served our community for 26 years and we are sad to see him go, but we are happy for him as well as he moves on to new endeavors. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to the citizens of Oakbrook Terrace.

Any questions for the Manager's office should now be directed to Finance Director Amy Marrero at 630-941-8300 ext. 312.

I'd like to remind everyone that the Oakbrook Terrace Park District will be holding its annual Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 26, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Oakbrook Terrace Fitness Center. Co-sponsored by the City of Oakbrook Terrace, this event, as always, promises to be a fun time. Also, trick-or-treating hours for Halloween, Thursday, October 31, are 2-6 p.m. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

*Mayor Tony Ragucci*

## Fire Prevention Week Theme: Cooking Safety

October 6-12 is National Fire Prevention Week and the theme for 2013 is kitchen fires.

Cooking has been the leading cause of home fires for many years, accounting for more than 150,000 such fires reported in the U.S. annually. Cooking fires result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries, and approximately \$1 billion in direct property damage each year.

*“Cooking fires result in hundreds of deaths, thousands of injuries, and approximately \$1 billion in direct property damage each year.”*

The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking, usually on the stovetop. The following tips will help keep you, your family, and your home safe while cooking:

- Stay in the kitchen whenever you are frying, broiling, or grilling food. If you must leave the kitchen, even for a short time, turn off the stove. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding a lid over the pan. Turn off the burner and leave the lid on until the pan is completely cool.
- When simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check the food regularly. Remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer as a reminder.

*continued pg. 2*



- Monday, October 7 .....Brush Pick-up
- Saturday, October 26 .....Halloween Carnival  
(See page 4)
- Monday, October 28 .....Brush Pick-up
- Monday, November 11 ..... Veterans Day Ceremony



**Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, 6 p.m.**  
**City of Oakbrook Terrace**  
**Children's Winter Party**  
**Registration Form**

All residents invited. Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27. Any registration form returned after Wednesday, November 27, 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 Winter Party:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is holding its annual Tree Lighting and Children's Winter Party on Friday, December 6, from 6-9 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at Fik Point and the Children's Winter Party at Swartz School Gym. Lots of fun activities are planned. All residents are welcome and all children ages 0-12 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 **Juggling Mike, Dave Rudolf** and **Petey the Elf & Toy Soldier; face painting by Sparkles.**

\* The City of Oakbrook Terrace will celebrate **Arbor Day** at its annual Tree Lighting and Children's Holiday Party. The Arbor Day Foundation, established in 1972 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Arbor Day, is the world's largest non-profit organization dedicated to planting trees. Working with the U.S. Forest Service, the Arbor Day Foundation plants and distributes more than 10 million trees each year.

\* Mayor Ragucci will **light the tree at Fik Point**

\* Santa arrives with **stockings for the children**

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 Wednesday, November 27. 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 Winter Party.**

**Fire Prevention Week continued**

- Keep anything that can catch fire — including oven mitts, towels, food packaging, wooden utensils, etc., away from the stovetop.
- Enforce a "kid-free/pet-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or served. If you have small children, cook on the back burners whenever possible.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Wear clothing with short or tight-fitting sleeves when cooking.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and stovetops.

**Veterans Day Ceremony,  
 November 11**

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District, together with the City of Oakbrook Terrace, will conduct a ceremony and memorial service on Monday, November 11, at 1:30 p.m. to commemorate Veterans Day. The ceremony will take place at the new Veterans Garden in Dorothy Drennon Park at Nimitz and Eisenhower Roads, Oakbrook Terrace.

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District is offering the opportunity to obtain a memorial brick in memory of someone who has served in the armed services that will be installed in Veterans Garden. There will be no charge for memorial bricks for Oakbrook Terrace residents who have served in the Armed Forces. For more information, please call the Oakbrook Terrace Park District at 630-627-6100.

## City Now Offers CodeRED for Emergency Notifications

The City of Oakbrook Terrace has contracted with Communications Network, LLC, to license its CodeRED high-speed emergency notification system. The CodeRED system provides the ability to quickly delivery emergency messages to targeted areas or the entire city.

All individuals who would like to receive these warning notifications should log onto the Oakbrook Terrace website, [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net), and follow the link to the "CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment" link.

Those without Internet access may call the City at 630-941-8320 and speak to Sandy Del Principe of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (no P.O. boxes), primary phone number and additional phone numbers you would like to add, such as cell numbers.

### How it Works

Moments after a severe thunderstorm, flash flood or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, telephone messages will be sent to affected citizens.

You will know the call is from CodeRED Weather Warning when you see 800-566-9780 on your caller ID. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

Your contact information remains private and will only be used for severe weather alerts and in areas that have CodeRED.

For more information, please contact Sandy Del Principe of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department at 630-941-8320.

## New, More Efficient Streetlighting

The City of Oakbrook Terrace has enlisted the expertise of LumQuest Lighting, LLC, to evaluate and deploy an innovative, efficient lighting solution that achieves benefits of safety and sustainability.

After auditing the area for appropriate light levels, energy use, occupancy, and more, the City of Oakbrook Terrace's City Council, together with LumQuest Lighting, established that the Cree XSP LED cobra head (for street lighting) and the Edge Round decorative fixture (for walking path replacements) would be the most appropriate solution. Utilizing LED technology over traditional sources would provide better illumination, use less energy, and create an even more welcoming and safe atmosphere for residents after dark.

Installation of the new lighting assemblies is anticipated to be completed sometime in October. If you have any questions or comments regarding the installation, please contact LumQuest Lighting at (630) 925-4400 or Craig Ward, Director of Public Services at (630) 941-1651.

## Oakbrook Terrace Park District:

### There's Always Something to Do!

*Please call 630-627-6100 or visit [www.obtpd.org](http://www.obtpd.org) for more information about any of these programs.*

### Free Saturday Walking Club

Every Saturday starting at 8 am Terrace View Park  
Meet other members in the community while getting some exercise. Everyone is welcome. Walk/run at your own pace.

### Halloween Hayride

Friday, October 18, 5:30 pm-7 pm or 7 pm-8:30 pm  
All Ages Welcome \$3 R/\$4 NR

Explore things that go bump in the night by taking a hayride around Terrace View Park learning about interesting Halloween creatures along the way. This family-friendly evening will also include an outdoor story time, exploration time in the Nature Center, a spooky craft activity and refreshments at the campfire circle. The last hayride leaves at 8:30 pm. The rain date is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 19.

### Wild Birthday Parties At Lake View Nature Center

Loking for something fun, entertaining, educational and affordable for your child's next birthday party? Have it at the Lake View Nature Center. The Nature Center provides a fun and safe environment for kids to explore, create and have fun! Our staff will help you plan a two-hour party that will delight your child. Parents provide refreshments, paper goods, and a treat bag for a custom theme. Parties are for ages 4 years old and older. The fee is \$75 R/\$95 NR for up to 12 children (additional fees apply for extra children). Call the Lake View Nature Center to book your party today at (630) 941-8747.

### Teen Drop-In Nights

Friday, November 15, 7 - 9 pm \$5 pre-registered/\$8 at the door.  
Teens, hang out with your friends on Friday night at the Heritage Center for a night of pizza, music, and Wii games. A waiver must be signed by parent and is good for the entire school year. Age 11-15.

## In Sincere Appreciation...



*In gratitude for their generous support of the City of Oakbrook Terrace's Fourth of July Celebration, Mayor Tony Ragucci presented an appreciation plaque to Robert J. Flood of Flood Bros.*

## Oakbrook Terrace Park District/City of Oakbrook Terrace Halloween Carnival, Saturday, October 26

The upcoming Halloween Carnival at the Oakbrook Terrace Fitness Center, co-sponsored by the City of Oakbrook Terrace, promises to be a "Spooktacular" event. From 4:30-7:30 p.m., this free event will feature:

- Haunted house
- Games and crafts
- Costume contest
- Hayrides
- Everyone receives a treat bag



Volunteers are needed for this event. For more information or to volunteer, contact the Oakbrook Terrace Park District at 630-627-6100.

## Halloween Safety & Hours

Residents are reminded that Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. on Thursday, 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.

## New City Contact for Water Billing

The City has a new contact for water billing. For any questions regarding water, please call Matt Allred at 630-941-8300 ext. 342.



## Lions Club Candy Day

This year's Lions Club Candy Day will take place on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12. Lions Club members and volunteers will be standing on street

corners giving away candy that day. Hopefully, people will be generous enough to make a donation at that time.

Lions Club Candy Day is the major fundraiser for the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club. Contributions are tax-deductible and should be made out to *Lions of Illinois Foundation*. Mail your contribution to: Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club, P.O. Box 7018, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181. For more information, please call Pat or Cassandra Salinas at 630-701-4959.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## 2013-14 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 will be available at City Hall for residents to pick up beginning November 1, 2013.

- 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 will be billed 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 OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

17W275 Butterfield Road  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181  
www.oakbrookterrace.net

Presorted  
Standard  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Oak Brook, IL  
Permit No. 330

WSS  
Resident  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

## In the Event of a Property Emergency

Some of the parts used in the City water system's aging infrastructure periodically need replacement. In the event that the City would need to set up an appointment with you to change out failing water system parts, please call or email us to provide the City with your cell number or email address. In addition, residents should provide this information to the City, so that they can be notified in the event of an emergency on their property. Please email or call Matt Allred, mallred@oakbrookterrace.net or 630-941-8300 ext. 342.

## Dog Registration Program

In an effort to reunite lost dogs with their owners in the event they are lost, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department offers a dog registration program. If you would like to participate, please bring to the Police Department proof of residency, together with a current picture of your dog. You can register your dog at the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department 24 hours per day. For more information, please call the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department non-emergency telephone number at 630-941-8320.

## Villa Park Library Card

The cost for a Villa Park Library Card is \$39 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$47 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2014. 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/](http://www.villapark.lib.il.us/).

## Water Bill Payments—Now Taking Credit/Debit Cards

**Please Note:** The City is now accepting credit/debit cards for payment of water bills. Credit/Debit Card transactions will only be accepted in person at the City Hall front desk. The City now accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. 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:

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

October/November 2013

## City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Clerk Dennis Greco

- Ward III: Ald. Michael Shadley  
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 — October 14, 6:30 p.m.