



# Terrace Leaves

October • November 2014

## *A Message From the Mayor*

As the fall season begins, I would like to remind everyone that you are invited to join me on Tuesday, November 11, for the Veterans Day ceremony in Veterans Garden in Dorothy Drennon Park. The veterans who have served our country so admirably, as well as their families, have made countless sacrifices for our benefit and I extend my sincerest thanks for their service.



I would also like to remind residents that children will be out and about on Friday, October 31, Halloween. Recommended Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. and page 4 of this newsletter offers tips for helping to keep children safe this Halloween.

We are pleased to report that two new businesses have opened in Oakbrook Terrace. Beppes Deli at the intersection of Butterfield and Summit in the Three Oaks Shopping Plaza, offers great sub sandwiches, soups and salads. Remedy Pub at 1S 130 Summit Avenue in Oakbrook Terrace is a great place to try some pub food with a twist, as well as craft beers.

The City was saddened to learn recently that Alice Schellhorn, director of the Oakbrook Terrace Youth Commission from 1979 to 1994, passed away. Alice was much-loved by the children of Oakbrook Terrace, many of whom are now adults, and remember her energy and enthusiasm fondly. We extend our sincerest condolences to her family.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as we give thanks for friends and family, as well as the privilege we all share in being a part of this great community.

*Sincerely,  
Mayor Tony Ragucci*

## Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11

Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres. The fire began on October 8, but continued into and did most of its damage on October 9, 1871.

While the Great Chicago Fire was the best known blaze to start during this fiery two-day stretch, it wasn't the biggest. That distinction goes to the Peshtigo, WI, fire — the most devastating forest fire in American history. The fire, which also occurred on October 8, 1871, roared through northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people and scorching 1.2 million acres before it ended.

The Fire Prevention Week theme for 2014 is "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives. Test Yours Every Month!"

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the first thing in your home that can alert you and your family to a fire — 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you're awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire. The NFPA also reported that in fires considered large enough to activate smoke alarms, hardwired alarms operate 93 percent of the time, compared to 79 percent for battery-powered alarms.

Did you know that many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should? When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. You need working smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Test yours every month!

For more fire prevention tips, please visit [www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/homefireprev/](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/homefireprev/).



- Monday, October 6 ..... Brush Pick-up
- Friday, Saturday, October 10-11 ..... Lions Club Candy Day
- Monday, October 27 ..... Last Brush Pick-up this Year
- Tuesday, November 11 ..... Veterans Day Ceremony
- Friday, December 5 ..... Children's Christmas Party



**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.**



**Lions Club Candy Day**

This year's Lions Club Candy Day will take place on Friday, October 10 and Saturday, October 11. 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 Paul Zubinski at 630-217-1722.

**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 Tuesday, November 11, at 1:00 p.m. to commemorate Veterans Day. The ceremony will take place at the 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.

## In Memoriam – Alice Schellhorn: "She shaped a whole generation."

The City was saddened to learn that Alice Schellhorn passed away on August 14 at the age of 77. Alice was the founder and director of the Oakbrook Terrace Youth Commission, a place where children could go after school and participate in a variety of activities.

She founded the Youth Commission in the basement of her home and it was later moved into the basement of City Hall and then the former house in front of the old Oakbrook Terrace Public Works Garage.

Alice was instrumental in organizing such activities as softball games between the local firefighters and the children of the Youth Commission, open gym nights at the school and arts and crafts projects for the kids.

The Youth Commission's first activity in conjunction with the City of Oakbrook Terrace was a concert in the park featuring rock and disco music. The success of this effort spurred the group on to other activities, including the Halloween Party, Christmas Party, Easter Egg Hunt and the 4th of July celebration. Alice also worked out an arrangement with Swartz School to use their gym for some of these events.

Alice, who had three children herself, was fondly referred to as



*Alice Schellhorn, middle, with her daughter Donna Koza and her two granddaughters Whitney and Ashley Koza.*

"Shoey" by the Youth Commission kids, who likened her to the "Old Woman in the Shoe."

One former Youth Commission kid wrote of her on Facebook: "She helped shape a whole generation in this town. They will long remember the talks in the office, advice, and love and secrets shared. Everyone was always accepted by Alice no matter what." Another wrote: "I cannot begin to say how much influence Shoey had on my life growing up; she was always a confident mom to many, a great person with a huge heart."

Alice was the director of the Youth Commission from 1978 to 1994. The City extends its sincerest condolences to her family.

## The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome two new restaurants to the business community

### Beppes Italian Deli and Cafe

Located in the Three Oaks Shopping Plaza at the intersection of Butterfield and Summit, the new Beppes Italian Deli features sub sandwiches made with Gonnella bread, quality meats and cheeses, as well as homemade soups, fresh salads and chili, all prepared daily. Gluten-free breads and wraps are also available. Beppe's Deli also sells all meats and cheeses by the pound and offers catering services for special events.

Beppes is open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. For more information, please call 630-656-1172.



*Above City of Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, second from left, with owners of Beppes Italian Deli — Joe Martinello, left, Kate Martinello, second from right and Maura Martinello, right.*



### The Remedy Pub

The theme "Find Your Remedy" is the inspiration for the name of the new Remedy Pub, located at 1S 130 Summit Avenue in Oakbrook Terrace, featuring a full line of craft beers and classic pub entrees with a twist, like Braised Chicken Pot Pie, Cider Plank Salmon and Remedy Fish & Chips. A wide variety of appetizers, salads, soups and burgers rounds out the delicious menu.

Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday and Sunday 11 a.m. - 1 a.m., and Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 2 a.m.

For more information, please visit [www.theremedypubobt.com](http://www.theremedypubobt.com) or call 630-656-1312.

## Halloween Safety & Hours

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

## National Night Out at Oakbrook Terrace Park District



*From left to right: Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and Oakbrook Terrace Park Board President Roger Sweitzer, during the Oakbrook Terrace Park District's National Night Out event.*

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District's National Night Out event featured music and an outdoor movie, as well as representatives from the DuPage Sheriff's Office and a variety of trucks for kids to explore, including fire trucks, police cars, garbage trucks and more.

## Oakbrook Terrace Park District Halloween Carnival, Saturday, October 18

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 2-5 p.m., this free event will feature:

- Haunted house
- Games, crafts and Bounce House
- Costume contest
- Everyone receives a treat bag



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

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

## 2014 Brush Pickup Dates

October 6

October 27 (Final 2014 brush pickup)

### 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.



## 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 beginning November 1, 2014.

- 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 OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

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### Check out the Calendar on the City's Website

Check out the calendar of events on the City of Oakbrook Terrace website at [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net) for great family-friendly events throughout Chicagoland.

### New Public Services Department Hours

Please note that the Oakbrook Terrace Public Services Department now has new hours from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. To contact the Public Services Department, please call 630-941-1651.

### 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 \$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/](http://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:

<b>POLICE</b> Emergency.....	911
Information.....	630-941-8320
<b>FIRE EMERGENCY</b> .....	911
<b>MAYOR</b> .....	630-941-8300, EXT. 308
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</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/</b>	
<b>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

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## City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Clerk Dennis Greco

Interim 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