



Terrace Leaves

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A Message From the Mayor

Thank you to everyone who attended our children's Halloween party, and a special thank you to the Oakbrook Terrace Park District staff for all of their hard work. We are fortunate to have these holiday opportunities in our community.



I would like to welcome all residents and children to attend the City's Winter Party and annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Fik Point, located at Swartz School, on Friday December 6, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This is a wonderful time of year to connect with neighbors and friends.

We are pleased to welcome new Deputy Police Chief Casey Calvello to our community. Casey formerly worked for the Village of Oak Brook Police Department for 24 years.

The City has been in the process of installing LED lighting throughout Oakbrook Terrace to provide added security and also to benefit from savings in electricity using this energy-efficient lighting system. We are anticipating that the new street lighting should be completely installed by the end of November.

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

Mayor Tony Ragucci

New Deputy Chief Casey Calvello Joins Oakbrook Terrace Police Department

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome Casey Calvello as its new Deputy Police Chief. Calvello brings a wealth of law enforcement experience to the position, and most recently, worked for the Village of Oak Brook Police Department for 24 years.



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.

Of his career in law enforcement, Calvello said that he had always planned to be a police officer. "Since I was a kid I always wanted to be in law enforcement," he said. "Most of the guys I grew up with became police officers as well."

Calvello has been married for 27 years and he and his wife Margaret have two daughters who are attending college. His daughter Cassie attends St. Louis University, while his daughter Gina is at Indiana University.

In his spare time, Calvello, a former hockey player, enjoys watching hockey, and especially the Blackhawks.

Calvello is enthused about his new position with the City of Oakbrook Terrace. "Oakbrook Terrace is very community-oriented," he said, "which really appeals to me. It's a hidden gem."



Friday, December 6 Children's Winter Party

Wednesday, December 18 Salvation Army Day
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**Tuesday, December 24 &
Wednesday, December 25** City Hall Closed

Tuesday, December 31 Garbage Amnesty Day



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



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 Tuesday, December 3. Any registration form returned after Tuesday, December 3, 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 Tuesday, December 3. 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.**

Veterans Day Ceremony: Remembering those who Served

The City of Oakbrook Terrace, together with the Oakbrook Terrace Park District, commemorated Veterans Day and held a rededication of Dorothy Drennon Park on Monday, November 11. The ceremony took place at the new Veterans Garden in Dorothy Drennon Park.



Rainbow Cow Ribbon Cutting

City of Oakbrook Terrace officials recently held a ribbon cutting for the opening of Rainbow Cow in the Oakbrook Terrace Square Shopping Center at 17 West Roosevelt Road.

Founders Peter Bogdanov and Tim Gadjev are first generation from Bulgaria where yogurt and yogurt-making is an important part of the country's cuisine. They have brought their knowledge of yogurt-making to America and opened the Rainbow Cow to offer a wide variety of yogurt creations for every taste.

Hours are Monday-Saturday, 12 - 9 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 8 p.m. For more information, call 630-953-7396, email info@rainbowcowyogurt.com or visit www.rainbowcowyogurt.com.

At right: Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, second from left, and Alderman Tom Thomas, cut the ribbon for the Rainbow Cow opening.



Lock Box Program Helps First Responders Reach you in an Emergency

Residents can now take advantage of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Lock Box Program

What is the Lock Box Program?

The program will provide law enforcement and paramedics with a way to gain entry into the home in the event of a life-threatening emergency.

How does the program work?

A key to the residence is stored in a lock box and then placed outside of your home. In the event of an emergency, the key code and location of the box will be securely and electronically dispatched to the first responders, who could then access your residence at a time of need.



Who is eligible?

Any resident who resides in Oakbrook Terrace, is elderly, disabled, has medical or special needs or who wishes to be placed on this program.

Is there a fee for the program?

There is no fee associated with enrolling in the program. Your estimated cost for the lock box is about \$30.00. If you are unable to make this purchase, a lock box may be provided to you based on availability of private donations.

How do I enroll?

You can download the application form from the Oakbrook Terrace City website at www.oakbrookterrace.net and return the completed form to the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department. For additional information on lock boxes, contact Sergeant Hylton at the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department at 630-941-8320.

Water Rate Increase Effective Jan. 1

The DuPage Water Commission (the "Water Commission") has approved a 2014 rate increase.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace obtains its potable water through a customer agreement with the Water Commission. The Water Commission, in turn, buys the water in bulk from the City of Chicago. The Water Commission passes along the City of Chicago increases to their customers. As you may be aware, the City of Chicago has increased water rates to their customers over a four-year period that began January 1, 2012.

Effective January 1, 2014, the City will enact a \$0.66 per 1,000 gallon water rate with the increase. Each lot or premise within the City that is served by the municipal water system shall pay a minimum bi-monthly water service charge of \$55.80 for up to and including the first 6,000 gallons of bi-monthly water use, and shall pay \$9.30 per 1,000 gallons of water use thereafter, rounded down to the nearest 1,000 gallons.

A water customer outside the City limits pays a minimum of \$83.70 for the first 6,000 gallons of bi-monthly water usage and \$13.95 per 1,000 water usage above 6,000 gallons. If you have questions about your water bill, please call Water Billing at 630-941-8300 x 342.

Holiday Food Donations

Food donations are needed to help those less fortunate in our community. A drop-off box for food 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.



Salvation Army Day Wednesday, December 18

On Wednesday, December 18, four Oakbrook Terrace Hotels will be helping

the Salvation Army Oakbrook Terrace Corps by donating 10 percent of total revenues for that day. When you enjoy a meal or a beverage, host a meeting or stay overnight at any of the following hotels, you will also be benefiting this charity, which is dedicated to helping individuals with basic needs by using creative solutions to positively transform lives. The following hotels will be participating in this event: *Comfort Suites*, 17W445 Roosevelt Road, 630-916-1000; *Courtyard Marriott*, 6 Transam Plaza Drive, 630-691-1500; *Hilton*, 10 Drury Lane, 630-941-0100; *Hilton Garden Inn*, 1000 Drury Lane, 630-941-1177.

Refuse Amnesty Day, Tuesday, December 31

On Tuesday, December 31, the City's waste hauler will collect all refuse placed in containers without requiring refuse stickers for additional containers. This special collection does not apply to bulk items that cannot be reduced to fit into the 65-gallon or 35-gallon wheeled container or for special pickups, such as construction debris or any other material that exceeds 50 pounds in weight.

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.

Safety Checks for Children's Car Seats and other Restraint Systems

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 Officer Terrence Mastrino at 630-941-8320.

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



Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 7, 9 am
Santa's coming for breakfast. Lots of fun activities.

Gingerbread House Workshop

Register by December 13 to decorate gingerbread houses with all supplies included.

Friday, December 20 11 am-11:30 am Age: 2-3 years (with parent)

Friday, December 20 3:30 pm-4:15 pm Age: 3-4 years

Friday, December 20 4:30 pm-5 pm Age: 5-7 years old

Candy Cane Hunt

Friday, December 20 Age: Up to 10 years old

Hunt for candy cones with flashlights and then warm up with hot chocolate. Prizes, too.

Woodfield Shopping & Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, December 21 9 am-1 pm Grades: 6th-8th

Get your last-minute shopping done with neighbors and friends. Scavenger hunt, too.

Helping Homeless Veterans

A Veteran Initiative, Stand Down Day, is a time when homeless veterans from the Chicago area will have access to comprehensive medical and social services at the Humboldt Park Armory in order to help the homeless veterans prepare for winter. The homeless veterans are in need of clean gently used men's winter coats, sizes M through XXL and new hats and gloves. Items should be donated by Saturday, December 7, and can be dropped off at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.

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 are available at City Hall for residents to pick up.

- 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.



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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.

Christmas Tree Collection Service

Flood Brothers will pick up Christmas trees for collection and disposal on your usual pick-up dates. Christmas trees are not considered yard waste since many are contaminated with tinsel, flocking and ornamental residues.

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/.

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:

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

December 2013/January 2014

City of Oakbrook Terrace

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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 — January 13, 2014, 6:30 p.m.