



Terrace Leaves

February • March 2013

I Dream of Falafel Opens in Oakbrook Terrace



Oakbrook Terrace's newest restaurant, I Dream of Falafel, recently opened at 18W066 22nd Street. A ribbon cutting for the new business was held on December 14 with City officials and restaurant representatives on hand. The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome this new restaurant to our business community.

Pictured— At far left, Oakbrook Terrace Alderman Tom Thomas. Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci is tenth from left, followed by Alderman Frank Vlach, Alderman Ahmed Sayyed, Alderman Ingrid Durham and City Manager John Carpino.

Reminder: Water Rates Increased Jan. 1

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.

The City enacted a \$0.60 per 1,000 gallon water rate increase effective January 1, 2013. Each lot or premise within the City that is served by the municipal water system shall pay a minimum monthly water service charge of \$25.92 for up to and including the first 3,000 gallons of monthly water use, and shall pay \$8.64 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 \$38.88 for the first 3,000 gallons of monthly water usage and \$12.96 per 1,000 water usage above 3,000 gallons. If you have questions about your water bill, please call Water Billing at 630-941-8300 x 342.



Monday, February 18 City Hall Closed
Saturday, March 30..... Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly
Monday, April 1 Yard Waste Pick-Up Resumes
Tuesday, April 9.....Consolidated Election

Seeking Fourth of July Sponsorships

A Unique Opportunity for Oakbrook Terrace Businesses

To help defray the cost of the City's annual Independence Day Celebration, as well as to offer area businesses added visibility through City communications, Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to sponsor the Fourth of July activities once again this year.

Sponsorships will be offered in five categories:

- Platinum sponsor—\$10,000
- Gold sponsor—\$5,000
- Silver sponsor—\$2,500
- Bronze sponsor—\$1,000
- Certificate sponsor—\$500
- Red, White & Blue sponsor—less than \$500

Depending on level of sponsorship, participating businesses will receive numerous opportunities for exposure, including the *Terrace Leaves Newsletter*, the City's website, banners at the event, appreciation plaques and much more. Interested businesses must apply for the Fourth of July Sponsorship by May 1. Businesses will receive notice within 20 days if their application is approved. To apply, please contact Lori Dvorak at 630-941-8300 x338.



Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, March 30

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, March 30, 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 ages ten to twelve can participate in the kite fly.

Deadline for registration is Monday, March 25, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form at right 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.

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, March 30

Registration Form

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 25)

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



Consolidated Election, April 9

A consolidated election will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, for the election of Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials. In Oakbrook Terrace, elections will be held for Mayor, City Clerk and Aldermen for Wards 1, 2 and 3. You must have registered at least 28 days prior to any election to vote in that election. For more information, please visit www.dupageco.org/election.

City Council Meeting Highlights



Oakbrook Terrace City Council Meetings are open to the public and take place in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 17W275 Butterfield Road, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. The following actions were taken at recent City Council Meetings.

- Approved an amendment to the Capital Improvement Fund for the Fiscal Year 13 Budget for the preparation of architectural renderings for the new police station and city hall renovation.
- Approved and authorized the execution of an Illinois Elevator Safety Program agreement with the Office of The State Fire Marshal of Illinois.
- Approved an agreement with Assurance Agency for risk management and insurance brokerage services.
- Adopted an ordinance to amend water service charges for the City.
- Approved an ordinance to rezone the property located at 17W642 Butterfield Road to consider the demolition of the existing building and new redevelopment of the property.

When to Call 9-1-1



One of the most commonly asked questions at the Police Department is “When should I call 9-1-1?” It’s easy to understand the confusion, especially since the City of Chicago has both 3-1-1 and 9-1-1 numbers and most suburban police departments also have a non-emergency number. Understanding when to call 9-1-1 is very important. Please read on for 9-1-1 information that could save a life!

Do we even have 3-1-1?

No! 3-1-1 is a Chicago-wide-only number to call for city services. In Oakbrook Terrace you would call either the City Hall or the Police non-emergency number of (630) 941-8320.

It’s an emergency and I need the Police, Fire Department, or paramedics. Now do I call 9-1-1?

Yes! If you need the immediate assistance of the Police, Fire Department or paramedics, call 9-1-1. DO NOT call the non-emergency number. It will just slow down the response.

I was just involved in a car accident, but no one was hurt. Do I call 9-1-1?

Yes, you do. Even if everyone is ok, call 9-1-1.

So when am I supposed to call the 630-941-8320 non-emergency number?

Call the non-emergency number for general information. If you have a question about an ordinance or need overnight parking permission, call the non-emergency number. If a tree branch has fallen or the garbage has not been picked up, call City Hall. If City Hall is closed, call the Police non-emergency number. Need a copy of a report? Come in to the Police Station at City Hall.

What if there is a dog running loose in the area or a car is parked illegally? It’s not an emergency. Do I call 9-1-1?

Any time you need an officer to respond (parking complaints, dog-at-large, loud parties, speeding autos, etc.) you need to call 9-1-1. Calling 9-1-1 is the only way an officer will be dispatched to handle the call. The simplest way to remember when to use 9-1-1 is if you need an officer to respond to a problem or take a report. If you need services like parking permission, or general ordinance information, call the 630-941-8320 non-emergency number.

Having Fun at the Children's Holiday Party

Oakbrook Terrace held its Children’s Holiday Party on December 7. Guests were treated to refreshments, entertainment, the tree lighting by Mayor Ragucci, and of course, a visit from Santa. Thank you to Qdoba Mexican Grill and Ferrara Pan Candy for your generous donations.



See page 2 for more Children’s Holiday Party Fun ➔

2013 Brush Pick-Up Dates

APRIL 1

APRIL 15

MAY 6

JUNE 3

JUNE 24

JULY 15

AUGUST 5

AUGUST 26

SEPTEMBER 16

OCTOBER 7

OCTOBER 28



Having Fun at the Children's Holiday Party continued



Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci lights the newly planted tree at Fik Point for the 2012 holiday season.



Qdoba Mexican Grill generously supplied food for the event.



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.

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall Closed on Monday, February 18

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of President's Day.

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.

Keeping Children Safe on the Internet

The Internet is a valuable resource, but behind some computer monitors are unscrupulous adults who prey on children and teens. Teens are particularly at-risk because they are more likely to use the computer without adult supervision and to participate in online discussions of a personal nature. Risks include exposure to inappropriate material, harassment, and actual physical molestation if they agree to meet an online "friend" in person. A predator will always lie to a child, becoming whatever he/she needs to be to secure the child's trust and friendship.

Parental involvement is crucial to keeping youngsters safe on the Internet. The following tips will help parents keep their children safe on the Internet.

- Maintain an open line of communication with your children and make them aware of the potential dangers of the Internet. Talk to them about the chat rooms they use and what they talk about. Encourage your children to report any inappropriate material they come across without fear of being banned from Internet usage.
- Place computers in common areas of the home where it is easier to be aware of the child's online activity.
- Use filtering features built into popular Internet browsers that empower parents to limit their children's access to sites rated appropriate for children.
- Research commercially available programs that allow you to monitor online activity when you are not near the computer.

Some programs will send you a text message when certain keywords are typed.

- Consider sharing an email account with your child. Keep track of files your children download and consider joining them in private chat areas.

Children and teens should be made aware that computer use is a privilege and that the privilege requires adherence to certain rules of conduct. Discuss these basic rules with your children:

- NEVER provide identifying information in a public message, such as a chat room or bulletin board. This includes name, home address, telephone number, age, school name, or whether parents are at home.
- NEVER arrange a face-to-face meeting with an online "friend" without discussing it with your parents.
- NEVER send pictures of yourself to anyone online. Predators often ask to see a photo or a social networking page photo.
- ALWAYS tell your parents about any messages or conversations that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening or in any way makes you feel uncomfortable, especially if the online "friend" tells you not to tell your parents.
- ALWAYS REMEMBER that online "friends" may not be who they seem to be. A predator will always lie to you to gain your trust. That "12-year-old girl" you meet in a chat room may in reality be a 40-year-old man.



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Reminders

Safeguarding our Smallest Passengers

Statistics have long demonstrated that seat belts save lives. Adults who choose not to buckle up in spite of seat belt laws are making a conscious decision, but children rely on their parents to keep them safe. Many of the tragic accidents that claim the lives of children could be prevented by making sure children are always properly restrained in safety seats, boosters or seat belts. Infants should be secured in rear-facing infant seats. Older babies and toddlers should be restrained in front-facing seats, some of which convert to belt-positioning boosters for use until the child is big enough to use an adult seat belt.

Villa Park Library Card Fee

The cost for a Villa Park Library Card has increased to \$39 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$46 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2013. The library card provides full 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 four other ways to pay your Oakbrook Terrace water bill: have it debited automatically from your checking account, mail it in, pay at City Hall, 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
MAYOR630-941-8300, EXT. 308
CITY MANAGER630-941-8300, EXT. 307
ADMINISTRATION 630-941-8300, EXT. 301
CITY CLERK630-941-8300, EXT. 306
**BUILDING & ZONING/
CODE ENFORCEMENT**.....630-941-8300, EXT. 309
PUBLIC SERVICES 630-941-1651
WATER BILLING630-941-8300, EXT. 342
SPECIAL EVENTS.....630-941-8300, EXT. 338
OBT PARK DISTRICT630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT 630-629-0886

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City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Manager John M. Carpino

City Clerk Judy Leslie

Ward III: Ald. Michael Shadley
Ald. Ahmed A. Sayyed

Ward II: Ald. Michael Sarallo
Ald. Frank Vlach

Ward I: Ald. Ingrid Durham
Ald. Tom Thomas

Monthly Meetings:

City Council — 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.

Police Pension Board — Quarterly, TBA