



# Terrace Leaves

February • March 2014

## *A Message From the Mayor*

I want to commend and congratulate the members of our City staff, and especially the Public Services Department, for helping our community to be safe during the extreme weather conditions we experienced in early January. Staff members worked around the clock to clear snow and apply road salt. In addition, our first responders were called out for numerous weather-related emergencies. We are fortunate to have a committed City staff here in Oakbrook Terrace, ready to do what it takes to keep our community safe in an emergency.



Residents are reminded that Oakbrook Terrace City Hall is an official Warming Center. If you have questions about the Warming Center, please call the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department non-emergency phone number at 630-941-8320.

As your Mayor, I want to be attuned to the needs of our community and I encourage residents and area businesspeople who have concerns, ideas or suggestions to contact me at City Hall. My direct line phone number is 630-832-9558 and I encourage you to feel free to call me.

In December, we were saddened to learn that our longtime employee of 29 years, Irene Kallas, had passed away. Irene was Building and Zoning Secretary/ Planning and Zoning Commission Secretary. She always greeted customers with a friendly smile and she was a real team player with her fellow colleagues. She handled multiple tasks, including secretarial duties for the Building and Zoning Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

As a longtime resident, Irene was a good friend to all who knew her and noted for her enthusiasm for her daily walks where she met her neighbors along the way. Irene was not only a dedicated employee, but also a devoted wife to Jim Kallas, mother of Dave and Jamie, and a wonderful grandmother of five grandsons. She will be deeply missed by all of us at the City of Oakbrook Terrace.

*Mayor Tony Ragucci*

## Reminder: Water Rates Increased January 1

Residents are reminded that effective January 1, 2014, there will be a water rate increase for water. 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 \$0.66 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.

## Seeking Fourth of July Sponsorships: A Unique Opportunity for OBT 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. Sponsorship packets will be mailed to businesses soon. 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.



- Monday, February 17** ..... City Hall Closed
- Monday, April 7** ..... First 2014 Brush Pick-Up
- Wednesday, April 16** ..... Registration Deadline for Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Saturday, April 19** ..... Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly



## Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, April 19

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, April 19, 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 age ten to twelve can participate in the kite fly.

Deadline for registration is Wednesday, April 16, 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.

## Oakbrook Terrace City Hall Closed on Monday, February 17

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of President's Day.

## 2014 Brush Pick-Up Dates: *Mondays*

April 7	May 5	June 2
June 23	July 7	August 4
August 25	September 15	October 6
October 27		

## Registration Form

## Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, April 19



### Registration Form

(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16)

There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

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Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, attn: Lori Dvorak,  
17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

## City Officials Congratulate Local Business Body Connections for Philanthropic Efforts



Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci (at left) and Oakbrook Terrace City Clerk Dennis Greco (far right) recognized the staff of Body Connections for their charitable work throughout the community. Body Connections is located at 1S132 Summit Avenue in Oakbrook Terrace.

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## Terra Vista of Oakbrook Terrace, an Alzheimer's Assisted Living Community, Breaks Ground



*Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, fourth from left, together with Illinois State Senator Tom Cullerton, fifth from left, break ground with representatives of the new Terra Vista of Oakbrook Terrace, an Alzheimer's Assisted Living Community, under construction in Oakbrook Terrace.*

**T**erra Vista of Oakbrook Terrace, a joint project between Kensington Management Group and Lancaster Health Group, held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new 68,000 sq. ft. community located in Oakbrook Terrace at 1635 South Ardmore Avenue. In addition to providing much needed quality care for individuals with Alzheimer's and other dementia, the new community will bring considerable area development, employment and revenue to local businesses.

Illinois State Senator Tom Cullerton, who was on hand for the event, said, "This is not only a great benefit to the area here in Oakbrook Terrace, but to the senior community in general. Senior care is such a crucial piece for the State of Illinois and we appreciate the investment."

Construction has begun and Terra Vista is expected to be open in early 2015.

"We are confident that families and clients will recognize and appreciate Terra Vista's approach as a significant and welcome departure to care previously available to those living with



*Pictured: representatives of the new Terra Vista of Oakbrook Terrace with Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, at right, and Illinois State Senator Tom Cullerton, third from left.*

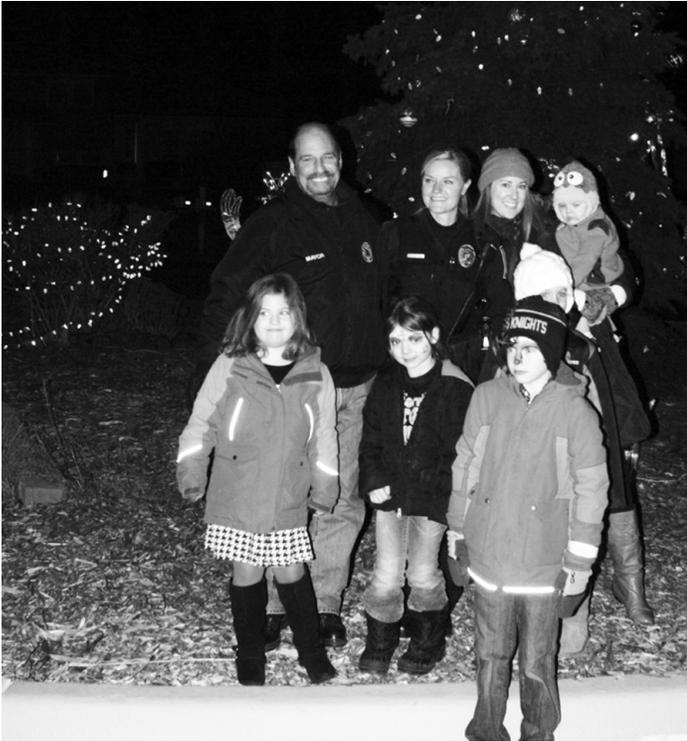
Alzheimer's. We want to keep the resident with Alzheimer's or other dementias connected to their families, even when that family is unrecognizable," said Nancy McCaffrey, Director of Senior Development at the Kensington Management Group. "This building's design and the way we have crafted services accomplishes just that."

For more information, visit [TerraVista.org](http://TerraVista.org) or call 630-584-0886.

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## Welcoming the Holiday with Santa

Many Oakbrook Terrace families came out to enjoy the holiday fun at the Children's Winter Party on December 6. Mayor Ragucci lit the tree at Fik Point and guests were treated to a variety of entertainment, and of course, a visit from Santa.



*Pictured at left: Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci was on hand to light the tree at Fik Point.*



# A Message from Oakbrook Terrace Police Chief Wayne Holakovsky

## Making a Winter Survival Kit

Putting together a winter survival kit is easy and may be one of the best ways to prepare for emergencies in winter weather. Start with an empty three-pound coffee can with a plastic cover and pack inside of it:

- Candle stubs and matches
- Red bandanna or cloth
- Large plastic garbage bag
- Plastic spoon
- Whistle
- Two quarters taped to the inside of the lid for telephone calls
- Plastic flashlight and spare batteries (Reverse batteries in the flashlight case to avoid accidentally switching on and subsequent burnout. Warm batteries between your legs before using.)
- Small, sharp knife
- Pencil stub and paper
- Safety pin
- Snacks

Snacks will help keep you comfortable, though food energy may not be as important as water and shelter. Choose small packages of food you can eat hot or cold.

You should also pack the following in your car:

- 30-foot cord that can be used as a homing line for anyone who must leave the vehicle.
- Battery booster
- Tow cable or chain
- Road flares and reflectors
- Sand, cat litter or other grit for extra traction
- Shovel – a hub cap may be used if you can remove it.
- Basic tools
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Snowmobile suit and boots

It is best to store what you can in the passenger area of the car when severe winter weather threatens, in case the trunk is jammed or frozen shut.

## 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](http://www.obtpd.org) for more information about any of these programs.

### Lake View Nature Center Offers a Variety of Fun Kids' Classes this Winter

The Lake View Nature Center is offering a variety of fun and interesting programs/classes for the nature lover in your family this winter. Upcoming programs and special events held this January/February include Winter Exhibit, Animal Adventures, After School Adventures, Nature Tots, Young Explorers, Nature Navigators: Dinosaur Detective, Nature Navigators: Rodents, Junior Naturalists, Curious Kids Nature Club and Frosty's Winter Play Date.

### Through March 2

The Lake View Nature Center's Winter **Dinosaur Exhibit** will take place January 7 through March 2. This special exhibit will feature the Apatosaurus, one of the largest land animals that ever lived. View an Apatosaurus skull and leg bones, see how you measure up to an Apatosaurus leg and footprint, touch a fossilized dinosaur bone and coprolite and more. Admission is free during regular Nature Center hours, Monday – Friday, 9 am to 4 pm; Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 4 pm. The Nature Center is closed the first Monday of each month.

### Saturday, March 15, 9:30 am-11 am

#### Home By Myself

*Heritage Center*

Age: 7-13

Do you want to make your child feel safe and lessen the dangers of being home alone? If yes, this is the class for you. Children will discuss having a plan for when they are home alone, how to use a telephone correctly, posting emergency numbers, checking in, what to do in case of a fire, what to do if a stranger is at the door and how to use and make a first aid kit. This program will be informative and fun at the same time. Please bring a pencil. Class will be held at the Heritage Center.

### Saturdays, March 1-22

#### Dance

Children who dance have increased self-esteem, coordination, balance and pose. Classes are taught by highly qualified instructors who wish to share their passion for dance with the next generation of dancers. Classes held at the Fitness Center.

10:15 am	Age: 2	Tiny Toes
10:45 am	Age: 3-4	Ballet
11:30 am	Age: 5-7	Ballet & Tap Combination
12:15 pm	Age: 7-10	Ballet & Jazz Combination





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## 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](http://www.liheapillinois.com).

## 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</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

February/March 2014

## 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 — April 14, 2014, 6:30 p.m.