



Terrace Leaves

April • May 2014

A Message From the Mayor

The spring season is here just in time for some weather relief following one of the worst winters that our City has experienced in years. The Public Services Department and staff did an excellent job keeping our streets plowed and salted and worked long hours due to the number of continuous storms that occurred. The weather has had a major impact on the City's subdivision streets this year and I ask that if you have seen any potholes in your subdivisions or if you have any questions on related matters, please call our Public Services Department at 630-941-1651.



I hope that you can join me for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 19, 12 noon, Stella Mae Swartz School. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

The City is pleased to welcome two new police officers who were recently hired, Officer William Copp and Officer Thomas Tomopoulos. Both of these officers come to us with prior law enforcement experience and the City would like to congratulate them and welcome them to our family.

We are working once again on the proposed 2014-2015 budget and the City is projecting that the Operating Fund (General Fund) is to remain stable again on both the revenue and expenditures side. I would like to thank newly appointed Interim City Administrator Amy Marrero and her staff for their hard work in keeping our City financially secure.

As Mayor, my commitment is to work hard for the residents and businesses, in order to assure that our community will have the best quality of life afforded to you. Together with the Aldermen, City staff and all employees of Oakbrook Terrace, you have our commitment.

*Sincerely,
Mayor Tony Ragucci*



Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Show your Commitment to our Community

The Independence Day celebration is a community-wide favorite, which offers an ideal opportunity for local businesses to sponsor the event and receive exposure through the *Terrace Leaves Newsletter*, the City's website, banners at the event and much more.

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

Sponsorship packets have been mailed to businesses. Businesses will receive notice within 20 days if their application is approved. To apply, please contact Lori Dvorak at 630-941-8300 x338.



- Monday, April 7 First 2014 Brush Pick-Up
- Wednesday, April 16 Registration Deadline for Easter Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Saturday, April 19 Easter Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Saturday, May 3 Lions Pasta Dinner
- Monday, May 5 Brush Pick-Up
- Saturday, May 17 DuPage River Sweep
- Friday-Saturday, June 13-14..... Citywide Garage Sale

Easter Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, April 19

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Easter 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.

Registration Form

Easter 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 ____

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

New Ordinance Amends Property Maintenance Code

The City has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code, 2009 Edition, with amendments for regulating the condition and maintenance of all residential properties, buildings and structures in the City to ensure that structures and premises are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation.

Beginning May 1, the City of Oakbrook Terrace will be conducting a yearly compliance program of all residential properties within the community. City staff will be inspecting properties from the right-of-way, and residents will receive a courtesy notice door hanger either thanking residents who are in compliance or advising a homeowner of any problems found by City staff. Sight inspections will include a review of the exterior appearance of the homes and accessory structures, including but not limited to street numbers, walkways, shrubs, grass and weeds. Problems will be noted on the door hanger and the homeowners will be asked to address the issues by a specific date. Failure to comply could result in further action by the City. The City of Oakbrook Terrace thanks residents for their cooperation in helping to keep our community looking its best.

If you have questions about these new changes, please contact Building & Zoning at 630-941-8300 ext. 309.

DuPage River Sweep: May 17

Enjoy the outdoors while you help to make a difference in the quality of water in your community. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon, to help remove trash and debris and to restore stream banks of the DuPage River.

Since 1991 approximately 8,300 volunteers have participated in this annual clean-up and have removed over 190 tons of trash – but each year there's always more to clean.

Please call The Conservation Foundation at (630) 428-4500 x 2 or visit www.theconservationfoundation.org and search "DuPage River Sweep" to register and for more information.

Benefits of participation in the River Sweep:

- Make our streams and communities more attractive, while improving water and stream bank quality.
- Help to improve water flow through the county, thus alleviating potential flood hazards.
- Remove potential hazards for fish and other wildlife.
- Have fun while getting some exercise.

Oakbrook Terrace Welcomes Two New Police Officers

New Oakbrook Terrace Police Officer William Copp is exceptionally pleased that he chose a career in law enforcement, something that happened almost "by accident."

While attending Prairie State College, Copp, who also attended Northern Illinois University, would study with a friend who worked as a dispatcher at the local police station. "I fell in love with the profession," Copp said, "and attended an in-house law enforcement academy there. I took the testing and did very well, so initially became a part-time police officer."

Later, Copp began testing to become a police officer full time and was accepted to the state

certification academy. He's never been sorry about the career path he chose.

"I'm a people person," he said, "I like interacting with the public and I like building rapport — I'm very sociable. We're in a public service profession, so we need to be able to interact with the community."

Copp grew up in the south suburbs of Chicago and during his 19 years in law enforcement has worked for

several law enforcement agencies.

Throughout his career, he has received 18 Honorable Mentions and Department Commendations for his law enforcement service.

"I'm very appreciative to be a part of the Oakbrook Terrace police family," he said, "and I'm going to strive to give 150 percent to the residents and the community. I'm very happy with this opportunity. I really like the small community atmosphere."



New OBT police officer William Copp

In his spare time, Copp, a devoted family man, enjoys spending time with his two sons. He also plays on a law enforcement softball team that travels the country, and for the first time this year, won the World Series of Law Enforcement Softball championship. Copp and

his softball team have played together since 1974. "The team raises money for the families of police officers who have been injured or killed in the line of duty. It's great to be out there representing law enforcement and raising money for good causes."

Officer Thomas Tomopoulos began his working life as a pharmacy technician after high school. Following a police

"ride-a-long," whereby certain communities offer citizens the chance to ride along with a police officer, he knew he wanted to be a police officer.



New OBT police officer Thomas Tomopoulos

Last summer, that dream became a reality for

Tomopoulos when he officially became a police officer, and he's pleased with the opportunity to work for the citizens of Oakbrook Terrace. "I like helping people," he said. "It's great, too, knowing that I can go out there and be a role model for someone — make a difference. That's what really appeals to me."

"I also like that the City has a big town/small town feel," he continued. "Since I grew up in the small town of Homer Glen, I like the feel of that. Everyone here has been so receptive and warm."

Tomopoulos holds an associate's degree in law enforcement/criminal justice from Joliet Junior College in Joliet. In his spare time, he enjoys cars, hunting, working out and spending time with friends and family.

Lions Pasta Dinner, May 3

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is hosting its 25th annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 3, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 1S415 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace. Proceeds from the event go to help individuals with vision, hearing and physical limitations.

Come out and join your neighbors for a reasonably priced dinner — \$6 per adult and \$4 per child ages 5 to 12. Kids 5 and under are free! To pre-purchase tickets, please call Frank Orozen at 708-805-2095. Tickets also available at the door.

Donate Your Eyeglasses to the Lions Club

One of the functions of the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is to provide eyeglasses to needy community members. If you have eyeglasses that you would like to donate, a donation box is available at the Oakbrook Terrace City Hall.



Citywide Garage Sale June 13-14

Clean out those basements and garages and get ready for the next Citywide Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 13 and 14. The event will be promoted with signs throughout the community, as well as ads in selected publications.

Condo and apartment residents can set up their wares in back of City Hall. (Please bring your own table if you require one.) To have your address put on the map for shoppers, please call 630-941-8300 x338 no later than Wednesday, June 11.

This event is sure to be a big draw for bargain hunters!

Prepare Your Family for Tornado Season



Two-thirds of tornadoes in Illinois occur between March and May. During an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported nationwide, resulting in 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries. Violent tornadoes are capable of causing tremendous destruction with winds in excess of 250 miles per hour.

It is essential to make preparations and instruct family members in advance of tornado season. Preparations should include holding frequent drills, and developing and implementing a plan for family members at home, work or school. Instruct family members to learn the sound of the tornado warning siren, which in Oakbrook Terrace sounds on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. as a means of testing the system.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a severe thunderstorm or TORNADO WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service. If conditions indicate that severe weather and/or tornadoes are imminent, a TORNADO WARNING is issued. A TORNADO

WATCH means that a tornado is possible in the area and people should remain alert to approaching storms. A TORNADO WARNING means either that a tornado has been spotted or is indicated by weather radar. If the sky becomes threatening, move immediately to your pre-designated place of safety. Watch for a dark or greenish sky, a wall of clouds, hail or a loud roar that resembles the sound of a freight train. Significant property damage and injuries can be caused by flash flooding, lightning, large hail and damaging straight-line winds that often accompany violent tornadoes.

If a warning is issued, move to your predetermined shelter, such as a basement or an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor, and get under a heavy piece of furniture. If you are in your car, get out immediately. Never try to outrun a tornado. Those most at risk during a tornado are the very young, the elderly, those with physical or mental impairments, people in automobiles or mobile homes, and people who do not understand the warning due to a language barrier.

For more information about tornadoes and how to prepare for severe weather, please visit www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/safety/tornadoguide.html.

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Do You Need a Building Permit?

Residents are reminded that many types of building and renovation projects require a building permit. Permit applications and handouts are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department or can be downloaded from the City website at: www.oakbrookterrace.net, go to City Documents and Forms. Work performed prior to securing a building permit could result in a ticket being issued. Decide early on whether you or your contractor will apply and obtain the necessary building permit(s). Once a building permit has been secured, you are required to clearly post the permit either in the front window or door of the building structure.

Common projects that require a building permit include site work, concrete work, masonry, electrical, metal structural steel beams, carpentry, roofs and finishes, such as new ceilings, walls or plaster, in addition to any new building, addition, structure alteration, structure repairs due to fire or deterioration, scaffolding, signs, tents/trailers. Additional examples of projects requiring a building permit are:

<i>A/C Units</i>	<i>Swimming Pools</i>
<i>Finishing of Basements</i>	<i>Decks/Porches</i>
<i>Room Additions</i>	<i>Fences</i>
<i>Sheds</i>	<i>Gazebos</i>
<i>Sprinkling Systems</i>	<i>Fireplaces</i>
<i>Garages</i>	<i>Driveways</i>
<i>Windows</i>	<i>Siding</i>

For questions, please contact the Oakbrook Terrace Building and Zoning Department at 630-941-8300 x309.

Seasonal Irrigation Cap Applications

The Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District provides for a seasonal irrigation cap against metered water usage for those residential customer users who require above average water use for purposes of irrigation or other usage that would not discharge directly into the sanitary sewer system. This cap restricts the sewer user charge, which is based on water usage, to a maximum limit during the seasonal period. To be eligible for the program, the residential user must complete a Seasonal Irrigation Cap Program Application and submit the application to the District. An application fee of \$20.00 is required for administrative set-up of the cap. Each following year, a \$10 charge will automatically be billed to your account. No need to reapply each year. Only one application for such cap and meter will be allowed per calendar year per residence. To obtain a copy of the application, please visit Flagg Creek's website at www.flaggcreekwrdr.org/.

2014 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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

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.

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



Fitness Center Memberships

Resolve to be fit in 2014. Join the Oakbrook Terrace Fitness Center

Membership Type	Rates
Individual	\$50 initiation fee and \$25/month
Couple	\$50 initiation fee and \$45/month
Senior & Student	\$50 initiation fee and \$18/month
Senior Couple	\$50 initiation fee and \$30/month
Family	\$50 initiation fee and \$64/month

Seniors can work out for free during the following times:

Monday-Friday 8:00 -10:00 am

Saturday/Sunday 7:00 -10:00 am

(Must bring your driver's license or state-issued ID as proof of residency each day you use the facility. This complimentary time does not apply to any other program. All resident seniors wanting to work out outside the hours listed above must purchase a regular senior membership.)

Fitness Center Hours of Operation

Monday-Thursday 6:00 am-9:30 pm

Friday..... 6:00 am-8:00 pm

Saturday/Sunday 7:00 am-3:00 pm

Saturday, April 12, 9 a.m. (sharp)

Doggie Easter Egg Hunt

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District will be hosting an Easter egg hunt just for dogs. Bring your canine friend to search for doggie treats, prizes and more. Dogs must be leashed and wearing a collar with tags at all times. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$5

Location: Terrace View Park

Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m. (sharp)

Park District Easter Egg Hunt

Get ready to have a hopping good time with lots of prizes and candy. The Easter Bunny is inviting children and their families to participate in the Oakbrook Terrace Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children will have the opportunity to stuff their Easter baskets with eggs containing fun prizes. The Easter Bunny will be making an appearance to take pictures with participants. Don't forget your Easter basket! Pre-registration is required. Ages 0-10.

Fee: \$5

Location: Terrace View Park

Saturday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.

Bunny Breakfast

Spend a little more time with the Easter bunny at the delicious Bunny Breakfast. Activities will be moved indoors at the completion of the Easter Egg Hunt. Take your picture with the bunny and enjoy some fun Easter-themed activities. Breakfast will be served.

Location: Fitness Center

Fee: \$15R/\$20NR

Age 2: \$10

Age 1 and under: Free



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Before starting to dig anywhere on your property, be sure to call JULIE at 800-892-0123, to be sure you don't hit buried utility lines. JULIE will provide you with a "dig number," which you should write down to serve as proof of your call. JULIE call center operators are available to receive calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Your cooperation with this important safety precaution is appreciated. For more information, call JULIE at the number above or visit them online at: www.illinois1call.com.

Grass Height Reminder

With the growing season almost upon us, residents are reminded that the Oakbrook Terrace municipal code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of six inches or less. Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive during the summer months by regularly mowing their lawns.

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, 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

Please Note: 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:

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

April/May 2014

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

City Clerk Dennis Greco

Interim City Administrator Amy Marrero

- 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.