



# Terrace Leaves

June • July 2015

## *A Message From the Mayor*



It's spring and the City is preparing for our seasonal events. The Citywide garage sale takes place June 12-13, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Let's all enjoy the weekend by paying attention to our children and fellow residents and by driving slowly and cautiously.

Our Independence Day celebration will be held Saturday, July 4, beginning at 3 p.m. with the resident picnic, followed by entertainment at 8 p.m., and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. at Terrace View Park. Hope to see you there.

As your Mayor I would like to address some concerns and facts about some recent City issues. The first issue concerns the Oakbrook Terrace Park District at 1S325 Ardmore, which is requesting to annex that property into our City. This parcel of land is made up of almost six acres of open space that touches the City property line. The Park District is asking for this annexation so that they can leave unincorporated DuPage County and be located within our City limits.

The questions it raises include "Will it cost the residents and the City more money or raise taxes? The City would have to supply police patrol for the park, since we are the primary first responders to the park anytime there is a police presence needed. Your taxes from the City would not be effected by annexing the Park into the City; the Park District is a separate taxing and governing body on your tax bill which the City does not control. A resident who is a Park Commissioner spoke at a recent City Council meeting and said the Park District doesn't plan to increase taxes in the near future. If you have concerns or questions, please attend a Park District meeting or call the Park District.

Next I would like to address the construction of the new Police Department next door to our current City Hall and Police Department. This project has been much-needed for years, since our current building that houses the Police and Administration is no longer adequate for both. As a result, the City Council decided to construct a new Police Facility only and keep the current building for Administration, Building and Zoning and staff. The City Council also decided not to totally renovate the current building; as a result, we will save over two million dollars. This new Police Facility will not raise taxes and we did not take out any bonds for this project; it was entirely funded through the Capital Improvement Fund.

Going forward, we have no plans for big projects in the near future. As the Mayor and City Council, our commitment and pledge is to keep the City financially sound, safe and strong. The City has a strong financial fund balance; we also have at least 16 months of operating reserves, while most communities have 4-6 months of reserves, if any at all. Your Tax Bills arrived recently. Please look at your bill and see what is taxed by the City of Oakbrook Terrace. It is very small compared to the remaining taxing bodies, other than the Police pension, and we will keep it that way.

Finally, let me say, I'm proud to be your Mayor, and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime. I am at City Hall every day or you may contact your Ward Aldermen. I will never keep anything from you and I will tell you the truth good or bad.

*Sincerely, Mayor Tony Ragucci*



## City of Oakbrook Terrace Concert & Fireworks Display

**Saturday, July 4**  
*Terrace View Park*

**Picnic and Rides: 3-6 p.m.**

Residents can pick up tickets between now and 5 p.m., July 2, at City Hall. Resident picnic tickets are free. The cost for non-resident tickets is \$10.00. Only residents may purchase non-resident tickets.

**Bingo: 6-7 p.m.**

Residents only are invited to come and play Bingo. Must show ID to play.

**Together Musical Group, 8-9 p.m.**

**Fireworks: 9:30 p.m., Terrace View Park**

*Not permitted: pets, alcohol and fireworks of any kind – including sparklers.*



**Monday, June 1 ..... City Summer Hours Begin**

**Monday, June 1 & 22 ..... Brush Pickup**

**Friday, Saturday, June 12-13.... Citywide Garage Sale**

**Saturday, July 4 ..... July 4th Celebration**

**Monday, July 13 ..... Brush Pickup**

## Reminder: Certain Fireworks Prohibited in Illinois



Residents are reminded that fireworks that are not sold legally within Illinois are also not legal to possess within our community. This prohibition includes any device that produces a temporary audible or visible exhibition by means of explosion, combustion or detonation (i.e. firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs). During the summer months, especially around July 4th, the police receive many reports of fireworks being discharged in residential neighborhoods and reports of injuries associated with illegal fireworks. When the police respond to such reports, the fireworks are confiscated and the offender(s) may be arrested. Be aware, however, that even devices that seem harmless, such as sparklers, burn at temperatures in excess of 1,000 degrees and can cause severe burns, especially in the hands of young children.

*Have a safe and happy holiday!*

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### City Hall & Public Services Summer Hours Monday, June 1 - Friday, August 28

#### City Hall

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

#### Street and Water Divisions

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

*Police Department hours remain the same.*

## Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

The 2014 reporting year of the City's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available for viewing on the City's website at [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net). If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the CCR, please contact Public Services Director Craig Ward at 630-941-1651.



## Citywide Garage Sale, June 12-13

Clean out those basements and garages and get ready for the next Citywide Garage Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 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 x301 no later than Wednesday, June 10.

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



## Gain Exposure in the Community for your Business

### Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Consumers are more likely to patronize organizations that support their local community. Once again, the City of Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to gain exposure for their business by supporting the City's Fourth of July celebration.

Sponsorships will be offered in six 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, 2015. Businesses will receive notice within 20 days if their application is approved. To apply, please contact Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300 ext. 301.

# Fiscal Year 2015/16 Budget Approved

The City Council recently approved the Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget (“FY 16 Budget”), together with the City’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan document (“CIP”).

The City maintains four funds: the General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and the Water Fund.

## General Fund

The General Fund is the City’s main operating or general purpose fund. Most of the services provided to residents, such as general administration, police protection, code enforcement, snow plowing, grounds maintenance, special events, storm water management and street maintenance, are budgeted in the General Fund. The major revenue sources in the General Fund include the local share of State sales tax, and the local hotel/motel tax. A telecommunication tax, 100% of the off-track betting host fees, and fees for licenses, permits, and other fines, are other significant sources of revenue to the General Fund.

For this year, the City Council adopted a balanced General Fund budget with revenues of \$7.32 million over expenditures of \$7.29 million, resulting in a General Fund surplus of approximately \$29,000.

The General Fund revenues for FY 2016, projected at \$7.32 million, reflect an increase of 2.7% or \$189,785 over the FY 15 budget.

The City has realistic indications that the economy is in recovery, and that the retailers, hotels and the strong restaurant sector within the community will rebound as well.

The General Fund expenditures are 4.9% or \$343,316 more than the FY 15 budget. The chart below compares the departmental budgets in the General Fund for FY 2015 and FY 2016.

## General Fund Expenditures

|                         | <u>FY 2015 Budget</u> | <u>FY 2016 Adopted Budget</u> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Executive Management    | \$ 931,729            | \$ 923,586                    |
| Police                  | \$ 4,189,314          | \$ 4,511,741                  |
| Building and Zoning     | \$ 426,420            | \$ 452,980                    |
| Public Services-Streets | \$ 597,609            | \$ 563,289                    |
| Tourism                 | \$ 197,324            | \$ 165,457                    |
| Police Commission       | \$19,300              | \$ 19,135                     |
| Finance                 | \$ 426,380            | \$ 468,138                    |
| Economic Development    | \$ 159,000            | \$ 186,066                    |
| Total                   | \$6,947,076           | \$7,290,392                   |

## Water Fund

The Water Fund is comprised of two components – Operation and Maintenance (O&M), and Distribution. O&M pays for the costs to operate and maintain the water system. Distribution pays for capital improvements to the water system and related expenditures.

For the FY 2016 Budget, Water Fund revenue is estimated at \$1.47 million. Included in this amount is \$310,000 from Electric Utility Taxes, and \$897,300 from the sale of water, plus other miscellaneous revenues.

The expenditures are budgeted at \$1.47 million. There are three major cost centers that comprise the Water Fund expenditures. First is the \$427,550 for the purchase of water from the DuPage Water Commission, \$75,540 for bond payments, and \$270,000 for replacement of water tower pipe and internal painting of water tower.

## Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Revenue collections for the FY 2016 Budget and accumulated fund balance, will be used to fund two programs: the street resurfacing program, and the City’s yearly allotment of road salt.

## Capital Improvement Fund

The FY 2016 Budget identifies one major revenue source for the Capital Improvement Fund: home rule sales tax, (\$1.6 million). The major expenditures in FY 2016 are the bond payments for the Public Services Maintenance Facility (\$352,638) and the completion of the new Police Facility (\$4,800,000).

## Deterring Wildlife in our Community



Make your home less attractive to wildlife by taking a few simple measures:

- Cut away tree limbs and branches close to your home.
- Remove brush piles and low branches that can create hiding places or dens.
- Cap all chimneys and make sure vent screens, attic fans and other potential rooftop access to your attic is closed off.
- Repair rotten or loose soffits and fascias.
- Cover basement window wells.
- Seal entry into crawlspace, decks and sheds and under concrete porches and patios.

## Trugurt Yogurt Comes to Oakbrook Terrace

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome Trugurt Yogurt to its business community. Located at 17W 420 22nd Street, Trugurt features frozen yogurt, smoothies and tea. Patrons can also find dairy-free and fat-free options to suit every taste. Pictured at right, Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, third from left, with the members of the Trugurt Yogurt team: (l to r) Mark, Joe, Sue, Geoff and Vito.



## Grilling Season Safety

Follow these suggestions to reduce the risk of burn injuries and fires while grilling.

### General Safety Tips

- ✓ Never use a propane or charcoal grill indoors, in an enclosed area, under eaves or overhanging branches, or near anything that can burn.
- ✓ Never leave the grill unattended. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ✓ Keep the grill and all trays clean by removing fat and grease.
- ✓ Always open the lid before lighting the grill.



### Charcoal Grills

- ✓ Keep charcoal fluid away from heat sources and children.
- ✓ Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to a fire.

- ✓ Follow manufacturer's instructions when using electric charcoal starters, charcoal chimney starters, or charcoal fluids.

### Propane Grills

Before using your grill this summer, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will cause bubbles to be released. If you smell propane or see bubbles, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before attempting to use it again. If the leak does not stop, or if you smell gas while cooking, leave the grill area and call the Fire Department at 911 immediately. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out while grilling, turn off the grill and gas and wait at least 15 minutes before lighting it again.

## 2015 Brush Pick-Up Dates

June 1 & 22

July 13

August 3 & 24

September 14

October 5 & 26

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

***Keeping Kids Fit Day at Terrace View Park***  
**Saturday, June 13, 12-2p.m.**

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District is offering a day of fun and fitness designed just for kids. This special event is dedicated to show the importance of physical fitness among children and families. Includes races, an obstacle course, healthy snacks, fitness demonstrations, giveaways and much more. Free. Ages 3-12.

***Community Craft Days***

**Friday, June 5; Wednesday, July 1; Monday, August 3**  
Come to the Heritage Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and make a fun craft: Friday, June 5 - Flower Craft; Wednesday, July 1: 4th of July Craft; Monday, August 3: Spider Man Craft.

***Dave Rudolf***

**Friday, July 24, 1 p.m.**  
Join Dave Rudolf for a fun, interactive show. Children will sing and dance while having a great time. Heritage Park, 1 S 325 Ardmore Ave.

***Movie In The Park***

**Wednesday, June 24, 8:30 p.m.**  
**Tuesday, August 4, 8:30 p.m.**

Bring your family and friends for this free movie, *Into the Woods* (June 24), and *Big Hero 6* (August 4) on the big screen outside in Heritage Park! Concessions will be available. Be sure to bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. In case of inclement weather, the movie will be shown indoors in the Mario Parente Theater.

***Rent Fishing Poles***

**April 1 - October 31**  
Fishing poles can be borrowed for free from the Lakeview Nature Center during open hours. Bait is available for purchase. State fishing laws apply.

***Wild Wednesdays***

**Wednesdays, June 17-August 12, 10 am – 2 pm**  
Join the Nature Center on Wednesdays. We will share a story, take a hike, and learn about a new animal each week. You can borrow a fishing pole, enjoy the Nature Center exhibits or rent a paddle boat. Popcorn and lemonade will be for sale. This free event is held at the Lake View Nature Center and Terrace View Park. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. All ages welcome.

***Paddle Boats At Terrace View Park***

**June 10 - September 5**  
**Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am – 2 pm and**  
**Saturdays from 12 noon-4 pm**

Come out to Terrace View Park this summer and take a spin around the lake. Paddle boats are available on a first come, first

served basis. This is a great family activity and also a good workout. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Rental fee is \$3-6 per boat for a 30-minute rental. Life jackets provided. For group rental information, call (630) 941-8747.

***International Food Truck Festival***

**Saturday, September 19, 12 - 4 p.m.**

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District would like to invite you to this unique festival! Come out for music, fabulous food, entertainment and much more. We will offer children's entertainment and a band. You won't want to miss this exciting event. All ages.

*Location: Heritage Park, 1 S 325 Ardmore Ave.*

***Memorial Tree Program***

Through the Memorial Tree Program, the Oakbrook Terrace Park District will assist you in creating a memorial for a loved one or celebrating a special occasion while adding to the beauty of your community parks. Choose from a wide variety of evergreen, shade, and flowering trees, as well as custom bronze plaques that may be inscribed. By planting a tree, you plant a living memory, help the environment, and beautify our community. Tree donations may be made at any time of the year; however, planting will be reserved for spring and fall only. Contact the Oakbrook Terrace Park District at 630-627-6100 for more information.

***Touch a Truck***

**Tuesday, August 4, 6 p.m.**

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District and the DuPage County Sheriff's Office will partner for National Night Out – America's night out against crime. In an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anticrime efforts, a crime prevention event was started nationally to create a "crime watch community." Enjoy a night of fun, including Touch a Truck, music and entertainment! Touch a Truck will include fire trucks, police cars, garbage trucks and much more. The DuPage County Sheriff's Department will have personnel present to meet with the public. A movie in the park will begin at 8:30 p.m. This is a FREE event and we ask that everyone brings a non-perishable item to be donated to a local food pantry. Heritage Park, 1 S 325 Ardmore Ave.

***Health Camp for Girls at Robert Crown Center***

This summer the Robert Crown Center for Health Education, 21 Salt Creek Lane, Hinsdale, will be hosting a new health camp for girls, grades 6-7. The camp will take place from August 3-7 from 1-4 pm each day. The Happy to Be Me! Camp was developed in response to requests for more girl-centered, social-emotional learning opportunities. In February, RCC held its third annual Happy to Be Me! luncheon for adolescent girls. The guest speaker addressed the importance of self-acceptance, individuality and resiliency. The summer camp will expand on those messages and provide campers with self-actualization tools through fun, interactive games and exercises. Register at [www.robertcrown.org](http://www.robertcrown.org). For more information, call Laura Carstons at 630-325-1900 x214.



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## Teen Curfew

As the summer months approach, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department reminds residents that the curfew for children 17 years of age and under is 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

## Please Help by Watering Right-of-Ways

Please water your right-of-way to help ensure that the grass will grow.

## Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2015, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is now \$41 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$50 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2016. 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. 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 Emergency</b> .....          | 911                    |
| <b>Information</b> .....               | 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  
Clerk

City Administrator Amy Marrero

Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni  
Ald. David Swartz

Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach  
Ald. Dennis Greco

Ward I: Ald. Tom Thomas  
Ald. Paul Esposito

### Monthly Meetings:

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

Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd  
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.

Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter