



# Terrace Leaves

August • September 2015

## *A Message From the Mayor*

I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the residents who attended our City's Fourth of July celebration. Events such as this really show our community bond. I want to thank the sponsors and City staff who donated and worked hard to help the City to continue to put on a spectacular celebration. Unfortunately, the bingo game hasn't been drawing the attendance that's necessary for it to continue next year, so for next year we will draw tickets for gift cards and valuable gifts during the picnic.



Construction of our new Police Department is progressing well. This new facility will help to enhance safety and security in our community by providing state-of-the-art technologies, equipment and systems for law enforcement. The cost of this new facility was entirely funded through the Capital Improvement Fund and did not require any taxes for funding.

As your Mayor, I would like to address some recent concerns. The first is the number of home rentals in our City and the City's involvement in maintaining the integrity of the property. The City requires an annual inspection of the property and we charge the owner of the property a fee. We want to do what is best for the City, without infringing on the rights of residents. The City also has a maintenance and appearance code, which applies to each single family home. This code helps us to enforce the property's exterior maintenance. The City takes many factors into account with these inspections: whether the owner is a senior, on a fixed income, or any circumstance that prevents them from maintaining the property. If you need help in this matter, call us and we will work with you.

As for the number of homes for sale and homes being purchased for rental properties, you as a community should talk to your neighbors and be more involved. The City Council will assist in any way possible to maintain the safety and integrity of our community. That is a pledge from me as long as I am in office.

We are also looking into incentives and other cost savings to attract home builders to our City, so that when older single family homes come on the market, a developer will build or remodel and we'll have affordable homes that fit our community landscape. Please feel free to contact me or your Alderman if you have any ideas or concerns. I can be reached at City Hall at my direct number, which is 630-832-9558.

*Sincerely,  
Mayor Tony Ragucci*



## Thank You to our Fourth of July Sponsors!

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Fourth of July celebration is a great event in part because of the area businesses that helped us put on this annual celebration. We thank these businesses for their commitment to our community:

- *Platinum sponsor: (\$10,000)*  
— Flood Brothers
- *Bronze sponsors: (\$1,000)*  
—Blackhawk Restaurant Group  
—BMO Harris Bank  
—Butterfields Pancake House & Restaurant  
—Christopher B. Burke Engineering  
—Robinette Demolition, Inc.  
—Storino, Ramello & Durkin
- *Certificate sponsors: (\$500)*  
— AlphaGraphics Oakbrook Terrace  
—BKD (formerly Wolf & Co.)  
— JRC Investments, LLC  
—Martinique Drury Lane  
—The Gardner School
- *Red, White & Blue sponsors: (Under \$500)*  
—S & H Rehab  
—Volare



Monday, August 24 .....Brush Pickup

Friday, September 4.....City Summer Hours End

Monday, September 14.....Brush Pickup



## New Ellie's Coffee Bar: Fresh-Baked Desserts and Video Gaming

Ellie's Coffee Bar, at 17W 620 14th Street (in the office building next to 7-11), is a bakery coffee bar and video gaming establishment. Open for a little over one month, Ellie's is a great place to stop in for a great cup of coffee and fresh-baked desserts made on-site, while enjoying the lounge environment and video gaming.

For more information, please visit their Facebook page — Ellie's Coffee Bar Oakbrook Terrace — or call 630-317-7719. Ellie's is open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m. - 12 midnight; Saturday, 6 a.m. - 1 a.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 1 a.m.

## City Hall & Public Services Summer Hours

Through Friday, September 4

### 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.*

## Meet Donna Sheldon, New City Water Billing Clerk/Accounting Assistant



Donna Sheldon recently joined the City of Oakbrook Terrace as a Water Billing Clerk/Accounting Assistant. Donna, who grew up in Franklin Park, loves the small town atmosphere of Oakbrook Terrace.

“People here know each other, help each other and feel a strong sense of community,” she said.

Donna, who lives in Lombard, has been married to her husband David for 20 years. Their daughter Melodie lives in Mesa, Arizona.

Donna is a master gardener, jewelry designer and self-proclaimed “scrapbook fanatic.” She also enjoys movies, antiques, walking and reading.

## Meet Jacky Caruso, New Community Service Officer

Jacky Caruso recently joined the City of Oakbrook Terrace Police Department as a Community Service Officer. Prior to coming to Oakbrook Terrace, Caruso worked as a Community Service Officer for the Oak Brook Police Department, and most recently, as the Administrative Secretary to the Burr Ridge Police Department Police Chief.



In her work, Caruso assists patrol officers by handling non-criminal service calls, such as vehicle lock-outs, traffic control, stray dogs and the like. She also assists with some administrative functions.

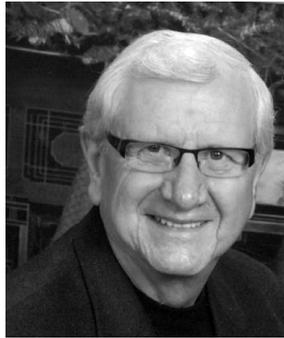
Jacky Caruso and her husband Michael were born and raised in neighboring Lombard. They have three children and are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary in November.

Caruso, who recently lost 60 pounds, enjoys healthy cooking and working out, as well as attending her daughter's softball and basketball games.

## New Alderman David Swartz

“Giving back to the community that has given so much to me is important,” said Dave Swartz, newly elected alderman for Ward 3 in Oakbrook Terrace. “I want to learn more about the city I live in and hopefully make a contribution,” he continued.

Swartz worked in retail store management for 35 years and for over 30 years as a Carson’s store manager. His customer service experience, Swartz said, is beneficial to his work with the city.



“Retail is clearly a people business and city government is the same,” he said. “In both cases, providing excellent service is important, regardless if it’s your customers or the people that live in Oakbrook Terrace.”

In addition to his work with the city, Dave Swartz and his wife Margaret both volunteer two days a week at Peoples Resource Center.

## Back to School Safety Tips

As children and their parents make last-minute preparations for the beginning of a new school year, the safety of our youngsters should be a top priority.

Motorists are urged to drive carefully as youngsters walk and bike to and from school, or wait at bus stops throughout the community. Illinois law requires motorists to stop when a school bus displays flashing red lights and an extended stop arm to warn that the bus is loading or unloading passengers.

Parents are reminded to teach their children to wear seatbelts in the car and helmets when biking, and to follow pedestrian safety rules.

Young children should always be supervised as they walk to and from school or wait at bus stops. Let’s give our kids every chance to have a safe and happy school year.



## Power Outages and More on OBTPD Facebook Page

Residents are reminded that they can check out the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department’s Facebook page for details about power outages and other area emergencies.

## New Alderman Dennis Greco

Newly elected City Council member Dennis Greco brings a wealth of experience in city government to the position of Alderman for Ward 2.

Greco formerly served as the City Clerk for two years and he also served on the City of Oakbrook Terrace’s Planning and Zoning Commission for 10 years. In addition, Greco is a founding member of the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society.



Greco grew up in nearby Hillside, but when he first visited Oakbrook Terrace, he knew it was the place he wanted to live.

Today, Dennis runs his own remodeling business, 180 Property Services. He and his wife have one son.

## Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planning a home improvement project, installing a fence or deck, or just planting a tree, don’t forget to call 811 (from a cell phone) or 1-800-892-0123 before you begin any project that involves digging. JULIE will notify its member utility companies who will send a locator to mark their underground facilities using paint and/or flags. Once marked, you will know the approximate location of your utility lines so that you can dig safely. The call to JULIE and the utility locating service are free. Digging without making that call may result in service disruption to an entire neighborhood, injuries to yourself or others, and/or potential fines and repair costs.

## Visit the Events Calendar on the City’s Website

Looking for something fun for the family to do in our area? Or how about a night out on the town? Check out the Oakbrook Terrace Events Calendar on the City’s website at [www.oakbrookterrace.net](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net).

## Burglaries Increase in Warm Weather

People spend more time outdoors during the summer months, often leaving doors, windows and garages open and/or unlocked. As a result, the police always see an increase in thefts and burglaries to homes and automobiles during warm weather.

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department reminds residents that unlocked doors, garages and vehicles are an open invitation to the criminal element to help themselves to your valuables.

Almost half of burglaries to homes and vehicles involve unlocked doors and/or valuables left in plain sight. Residents are encouraged to lock their homes, garages and vehicles day and night, whether at home or away.

## Backyard Pool Safety

Pools, spas and water in general are attractive to children and proper precautions need to be in place to help keep the little ones safe around a backyard pool. Following is a list of requirements and common sense suggestions to implement if you have a pool.

Most importantly, never leave a child alone and out of eye contact in or near a pool or spa – even for a second. There should be a “spotter” nearby anytime a swimmer of any age is in the pool. Other critical precautions include:

- Surround an in-ground pool completely by a fence, the top of which must be at least 48 inches above ground level.
- Keep chairs, tables or other objects away from the fence.
- Make sure there is a clear view of the pool or spa from the house by removing vegetation or other obstacles.
- Install an approved power safety cover on the pool.
- Always completely remove the cover before using your pool or spa to avoid the possibility of someone, especially a small child, becoming trapped under the cover.
- Drain standing water from the surface of your pool or spa cover. A small child can drown in a very small amount of water.
- Install pedestrian access gates that are self-closing with a self-latching device. Access gates must also be equipped to accommodate a locking device, such as a padlock.
- Equip all doors with direct access to the pool from the house with an alarm that produces an audible warning when the door is opened.

## Tips for Cyclists



Remember – the same laws that apply to motorists apply to cyclists. Cyclists are reminded to obey all traffic control devices and use hand signals to indicate stops and turns. Ride predictably.

- Ride as close to the right as practical and in the same direction as traffic. Signal before moving into another lane to make a turn.
- Check for traffic before entering a street or intersection. Bike defensively.
- Always wear a properly fitting helmet, even on short trips. Make yourself as visible as possible by wearing brightly colored or reflective clothing.
- In low light conditions use a white front light and a red rear light, in flashing mode if possible.

## Shop Local: Keep Sales Tax Dollars in our Community

Residents are reminded to shop local whenever possible to keep sales tax dollars in our community.

Oakbrook Terrace is home to numerous attractive and convenient businesses. These businesses provide employment to some of our neighbors and friends.

Your shopping dollars not only help the community as a whole, they also help support local business owners and employees.



## 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.

### *Free Senior Workout Time*

**Monday-Friday 6-10 a.m.**

**Saturday-Sunday 7-10 a.m.**

The Park District has established times for resident seniors 65 years and older to work out at the Fitness Center for FREE! Please bring your driver's license or state-issued ID as proof of residency in order to fill out a membership form and be issued a pass for the facility. This complimentary time does not apply to any other program.

### *Arlington Race Track*

**Thursday, August 27**

**10:30 a.m. departure/4:30 p.m. return**

Enjoy an afternoon watching the races. Fee includes park entrance, seat and booklet. Please register by August 17. Age 18 & older. \$17 R/\$21 NR

### *Paddle Boats At Terrace View Park*

**Through September 5**

**Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 noon - 4 p.m.**

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.

### *Adult Floor Hockey*

**Thursday, September 17, 6 - 9 p.m.**

The Oakbrook Terrace Park District will be offering an adult floor hockey league this fall. Games will be one hour in length and each team will play eight games. Officials and scorekeepers will be present. House rules and official hockey rules will be provided. Participants who have goalie gear are welcome to bring it, but it is not mandatory. Gym shoes are mandatory. Floor hockey pucks and goals will be provided. You must provide your own stick and the hockey stick must have a plastic blade. First and second place winners of this league will receive trophies for their placement. Age 18 & older; \$300 per team.

### *International Food Truck Festival And Family Fun*

**Saturday, September 19, from 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 welcome.

### *Oakbrook Terrace 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**

## 2015 Brush Pick-Up Dates

August 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.



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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. You can also now pay your water bill over the phone with a credit card by calling 630-941-8300, ext. 342. 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 CLERK</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 306
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 307
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR &amp; ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 313
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 301
<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 309
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 365
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	.....	630-941-1651
<b>WATER BILLING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 342
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 302
<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  
City Clerk Michael Shadley  
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 Tues., 6 p.m.
- Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
- Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter