



Terrace Leaves

January • February 2019

A Message From the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who attended the City's annual Children's Christmas Party and Tree lighting on December 7th. We had a great turnout this year and it's nice to see more children in our community. I also want to thank our City staff and volunteers for their hard work on this special event.



The winter season is here, so please be advised that the Police Department Council Chambers is a Warming Center and is available to all residents.

Also remember to lock and secure all doors and windows to your residence and vehicles to deter any person from criminal activity. Our Police will be patrolling the community, but please don't make it easy for the criminals to take advantage of your property.

We had a very successful financial year in 2018, and 2019 looks even better for the City. With that being said, look for more projects being started or completed this year with no additional tax levy to the residents of Oakbrook Terrace.

This spring I will host Coffee with the Mayor at the Council Chambers. I will inform you of the date in the next *Terrace Leaves* and on the City Hall Digital Sign, so please feel free to attend and let me know your concerns.

I'm proud of Oakbrook Terrace and proud to be your Mayor. Have a great and safe 2019.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci

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
- ✓ Small, sharp knife
- ✓ Pencil stub and paper
- ✓ Safety pin
- ✓ Snacks

✓ 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.)

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/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.



Tuesday, January 1 City Hall Closed for New Year's Day
Monday, February 18 City Hall Closed for President's Day

Thank You, Home Decorating Contest Participants!

This year's Home Decorating Contest participants helped to make the holidays beautiful and bright! Thank you to the following residents for participating.



1S451 Wainwright Rd.



17 W. 371 Eisenhower Rd.



1S422 Wainwright Rd.



17 W. 381 Eisenhower Rd.



1S653 Mac Arthur Dr.

Consolidated General Election, April 2

A consolidated general election will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. In Oakbrook Terrace, this election will include candidates for 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.

Police Station is Official Community Warming Center

With the potential for additional cold weather this winter season, residents are reminded that in the event of weather emergencies, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Station is an official community warming center. For more information, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-941-8320.

Public Services

Public Services Highlights October and November 2018

- Street resurfacing project completed
- BP Amoco water main project completed
- Kiddie Academy water service extension completed
- Public Services assisted at the City's annual Fall Festival
- Budget preparation
- Extensive right-of-way tree trimming
- Fik Point and Municipal Complex holiday decoration
- Public Services processed three snow events with one registering 9.4 inches of heavy wet snow that resulted in several downed branches and trees and several days of brush pick-up.
- Dealt with the aftermath of a hit-and-run vehicle incident that left the City with a broken utility pole and street signage.

Totals

JULIE Locates: October — 171 November — 98
Sign Repairs: Oct — 3 Nov — 1
Mailbox Repairs: Oct — 7 Nov — 1
Gallons of Water Pumped: Oct — 7,240,000 gallons
Nov — 6,311,000 gallons

Fleet Maintenance

Oil changes: Oct — 11 Nov — 2
Tire Repairs: Oct — 7 November — 1
PD Car Sheet Orders: Oct — 12 Nov — 8

Police

How You Can Spot an IRS Phone Scam

While con artists continue to think up new tactics to trick victims, there are sure-fire ways to spot a phony IRS call quickly. If a caller tries one of these five measures — contrary to how the real IRS operates — you'll know it's a scam:

1. Demanding immediate payment and calling you regarding owed taxes without first sending you an official bill via snail mail.
2. Demanding you pay taxes without allowing you to question or appeal the amount you owe.

3. Requiring you to pay owed taxes a certain way, such as by prepaid debit card or wire transfer.
4. Asking for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
5. Threatening to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

If you get a call from an alleged IRS employee utilizing any of the above measures to request payment, immediately hang up without sharing any personal information. If you're concerned you may legitimately owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 to confirm.



Building & Zoning

New Businesses Now Open

- Glow Bridal and Salon, located within the office building at 17W300 22nd Street, Suite 400, provides onsite makeup and hair for bridal parties, proms, formals and any special event. A wide variety of other salon services are also available.
- Cajun Boil & Bar, 17W512 22nd Street, offers a traditional style of authentic Cajun seafood made with their own creative seasoning — offering diners unique tastes and flavorful dishes.
- Brooks Kitchen and Tap, 1919 S. Meyers Road, features chef-inspired menu items with handmade crafted cocktails and an extensive wine list — a great destination for every occasion.
- Palm Beach Tan, a leading tanning salon chain, opened at 17W697 Roosevelt Road in Oakbrook Terrace Square.

Garbage Container Reminder

Garbage containers, landscape waste, recyclable materials and white goods may not be placed at the shoulder of the roadway before

6 p.m. on the day before scheduled pick-up, and the containers must be removed from the shoulder before 10 p.m. on the day of collection. Bulk items are collected for free. Contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400 to schedule a bulk item pick-up. The City appreciates your cooperation in promptly removing all emptied containers from the roadside after pick-up.

Electronics Recycling Collection

DuPage County will be hosting an Electronics Recycling event on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at the City of Elmhurst Public Works Facility, 985 S Riverside Drive, Elmhurst, from 9 am until 1 pm. The following items can be recycled at no charge: computers, laptops, DVD players, game consoles, mobile phones, VCRs, mice, scanners, fax machines, keyboards, satellite receivers, copiers, printers, digital converter boxes, cable receivers and servers. Fees for TVs & monitors: Up to 21 inches – \$25; 21 inches and above – \$35. A coupon and 501c3 tax receipt provided upon payment at the site. Payment can be made in advance at <http://recycle.eworksesi.org>.



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

Ebenezer Floppen Slopper's Wonderful Water Slide

Ebenezer Floppen Slopper's Wonderful Water Slide was a water park located on the large hill at Roosevelt Road and Route 83 in Oakbrook Terrace. It opened on July 5, 1980, with two 800-foot concrete water slides and a wading pool. The water park became a major summer attractions for residents from surrounding towns as people lined up for rides down the long winding slides.

When the first two slides began operation, people slid down in groups of up to eight people at a time on rubber mats. The five other slides added to the park included two flat racer slides on which people slid down head first on folded rubber mats.

Due to the design of the two main large concrete slides with banked turns, people could slide high up the walls, especially when hitting a turn at high speeds.

Around 1987, the large slides were resurfaced with flat bottoms with humps and bumps on which people went down solo on inner tubes. At that time, the park was renamed "Doc River's Roaring Rapids Water Park."

The park subsequently closed for good at the end of the 1989 season for unknown reasons.

Many more historical items and photos can be found at the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society. The Historical Society is open for tours on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm or by appointment by calling Bob at 630-834-8661.



On the original slides, people slid down in groups of up to eight people at a time. Below, a discount coupon for the slides.



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Don't forget to order your commemorative Brick Pavers!



2018-19 Driveway Snow Removal Program

The City provides a Private Driveway Snowplowing Program. On behalf of the Mayor and City Council, we welcome your participation in the program for this year if you meet the following requirements. Packets for the Private Driveway Snow Removal Program are available at City Hall for residents to pick up effective October 1, 2018.

- Only residents who cannot shovel snow due to a temporary or permanent disability, regardless of age, are eligible. You must provide a statement from a medical doctor verifying that your disability prevents you from shoveling snow. A copy of an example statement is included in the packet.
- If a resident has a permanent disability that will prevent them from shoveling snow for the foreseeable future, a yearly verification of disability is not required, but an application form does need to be completed on a yearly basis.
- If a residence also houses an able-bodied person, besides the disabled resident, the disabled resident will not be eligible for the program.

- If more than one person resides in the house, a doctor's note will be required for each individual stating that they are disabled and cannot shovel snow.
- A seasonal charge of \$50.00 is required prior to the start of the program. This charge will cover any and all plowing for the winter season, no matter how many snowstorms occur. There will be no refunds of this fee if there is little or no snow this year and plowing is not required.
- This program is for removal of snow on driveways only, not sidewalks.
- You must sign the waiver of liability that is provided in the packet and return it to the City.

Participants should be aware that driveway clearing will only be performed after a snowfall of two inches or more and driveways will only be cleared after all streets and public facilities are cleared.

City of Oakbrook Terrace Salting and Snow Removal Policy

Each year, residents are asked to follow the city's salting and snow removal policies to support efficient removal of snow and ice from local roads while assuring traffic safety:

1. The City only salts City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception to this policy is if the City agrees to provide service by contract and is compensated accordingly.
2. The City only plows City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs; the only exception to this policy is handicapped residents who have been approved to participate in the City's private driveway snow removal program. The requirements of the handicapped private driveway snow removal program are available at City Hall.
3. The City does not provide snow removal from sidewalks or driveway entrances. The only exception is identified in the driveway snow removal program.
4. Snow removal operations will follow established snowplow routes. These routes have been carefully determined to allow for optimum use of City equipment, manpower and supplies. Snow removal is conducted on City streets and City property only, with the only exception as identified in the driveway snow removal program.
5. The City prohibits parking on all City streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs after a 1" snowfall. This parking ban allows snow removal crews to make a clean pass of the streets by eliminating the potential collision between a parked car and a snowplow or salt truck.
6. City snowplows discharge snow from the streets toward the adjacent parkway. It is impossible to prevent the deposit of snow at the driveway entrances. Windrows of snow at entrances to driveways are an unavoidable by-product of our effort to clear streets of snow accumulation in the safest and most efficient manner.
7. Residents are prohibited from shoveling snow from their driveways into the street. Snow can become compact and harden into ice mounds, thereby causing a dangerous safety hazard for motorists and emergency vehicles.
8. Residents are asked to keep mailbox doors closed at all times to prevent damage to mailboxes.
9. Although the City snow crews try to minimize the mounding of snow around fire hydrants, plows are designed to discharge snow into the unpaved parkway, which makes keeping the hydrants clear very difficult. Any assistance that homeowners can provide to keep fire hydrants in front of their home visible is greatly appreciated by the City and the Fire Protection Districts serving City residents.



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Crime Stoppers

Did you know you can provide information about criminal activity anonymously? Crime Stoppers enables individuals to furnish crime-solving assistance through a program that offers anonymity. Callers are given a code number rather than being asked for their name. Crime Stoppers also offers rewards for information that leads to felony arrest and/or convictions. The Crime Stoppers number for anonymous tips is 800-222-TIPS (800-222-8477).

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2018, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is \$42 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$51 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2019. 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

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. 242, or pay online by visiting www.oakbrookterrace.net. 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. 242, 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. 208
CITY CLERK	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 206
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR & ADMINISTRATOR	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
ADMINISTRATION	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 201
BUILDING & ZONING	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 209
CODE ENFORCEMENT	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 265
PUBLIC SERVICES	.....	630-941-1651
WATER BILLING	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 242
SPECIAL EVENTS	630-941-8300, EXT. 201
OBT PARK DISTRICT	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	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
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