



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2019

A Message From the Mayor

The spring season is approaching and it's time to clean our properties of winter debris. We have a beautiful city, so please maintain your homes and yards and remember to bring your garbage cans in from the street no later than one day after pick-up. The city code enforcement officers will be out inspecting properties for cosmetic and landscaping violations; we really don't want to issue citations for these violations, so please maintain your property for your neighbors and the community.



The City is preparing the 2019-2020 budget and once again I'm proud to say we are anticipating another great year. The City is financially sound with a healthy fund balance and reserves; we are also paying off some of our bonds from the Oakbrook Terrace Square Mall business district, and at this pace, the bonds will be paid off early, saving the City money from interest on the bonds.

We hope to see you at the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13, 12 noon, at Swartz School. It will be a great time for the children and an opportunity to meet and talk to your neighbors and elected officials.

As your Mayor, I'm continuing discussions with the business community in order to continue bringing new or relocating businesses to our City. It's important to keep our commercial properties filled and maintain a thriving economic future for Oakbrook Terrace, and it looks like we will have numerous new restaurants and businesses opening in 2019.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 630-832-9558.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci



Phone Scams

It Can Happen to Anyone

The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department warns the community to be aware of phone scams — especially as they concern seniors. Phone scams are on the rise and scammers convince their victims with a number of ploys.

Below are excerpts from a recent Chicago Tribune article by reporter Joe Robinson, whose PhD father — someone he never thought it could happen to — was caught up in one of these schemes. To fool Robinson's father, the caller convinced him that his grandson was in trouble.

"The despairing and plaintive youth that the "attorney" supposedly calling from a Miami jail put on the phone sounded just like my son, my dad said.

'Grandfather, I'm in trouble.'

Furthermore, they hit him with the inside information on Miami. My dad knew that my 17-year-old son was exploring college options and had been planning to visit a school there.

The fake attorney on the phone said my son had been arrested with a friend riding in an Uber that was busted by police with drugs inside. My son was in jail, the fake attorney claimed. He could make bail and be released immediately if we wired him \$10,000 cash, but after that the judge would not be in court again until next week.

A week in jail. And this was my son's only phone call.

All the earmarks of a scam were there, but my dad's breath was taken away by the sound of what was to him his grandson's

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Saturday, April 13

Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly



Monday, April 1	First 2018 Brush Pick-Up
Wed., April 10	Registration deadline Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
Saturday, April 13	Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
Monday, April 22	Brush Pick-Up

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 13



The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, April 13, 12 noon, at Stella May 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 10, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Only residents can purchase non-resident tickets.

Registration Form

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, April 13



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10)
There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Childrens' Names _____ Age _____ Sex _____

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

2019 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 1 & 22

May 13

June 3 & 24

July 8 & 22

August 12 & 26

September 16

October 7 & 28

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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authentic voice. My dad knew my son had planned to be in Miami. It was real. He wanted to save him.

It didn't make sense, but my dad hesitantly accepted the fake attorney's recommendation that cash could be effectively transferred via the purchase of a series of \$1,000 Home Depot debit cards. Call back when you've got them, the attorney said.

Too many people get pulled into these schemes.

A year ago, the FBI announced a nationwide sweep in which it had busted more than 250 people who targeted senior citizens in scams, bilking them of more than \$600 million. And that was just a small piece of the villainous pie, since most victims are hit for losses that, while significant to them, are not individually high enough to warrant an FBI case.

Social media posts have fueled more effective schemes in recent years, said Bridget Patton, a spokeswoman for the Kansas City office of the FBI.

People like to post where they've been. They "check in" from restaurants and hotels, Patton said. Being careful with social media and monitoring privacy settings is important, she said, because con artists use the information they find.

But the detail in the scam on my dad suggests another warning: Be careful what you tell strangers.

The internet provides search engines once you've got a name and

address to track down phone numbers of possible relatives. Believe me, as a reporter, I know that.

Home Depot would not issue enough cards to cover the supposed bail amount. My dad called the fake attorney with the news. When the scammer said my dad should just get as many as he could, the clouds finally cleared. My dad balked.

"The next words I heard were, 'Listen, Mr. Robertson, if you really love your grandson you'll do this,'" my dad said. "The whole thing became revolting to my ears and I informed the scam artist, 'I hope to see you in jail!'"

That ended the call. Then he called me.

My dad admits failing some of the FBI's precautions against such scams. He allowed himself to be pressured to act quickly. He was honoring a plea to keep the situation secret. He was proceeding with a request to wire cash, though he thankfully aborted it.

The FBI advises he also could have asked a personal question or two of the youth claiming to be his grandson or of the adult with him. Ask about the names of my son's dogs, or his band instrument, or what position he plays in football.

Afterward, there was nothing authorities could do. The callers used an untraceable disposable phone."

If you think you have been a victim of a scam, please call the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department at 630-941-8320.

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Electronics Recycling – Free Drop-Off

**Monday-Friday • 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
York Township Highway Department**

Did you know that you can recycle electronics free-of-charge at the York Township Highway Department?

Items accepted include:

- Computers
- Printers
- TVs
- Video Game Consoles
- Monitors
- Fax and Copy Machines
- VCRs
- Phones

and much more

Location

York Township Highway Department

19W475 Roosevelt Road, Lombard, IL 60148

For more information, please call 630-627-2200 or email: yorkhwy@comcast.net.

York Township Residents Only

City Departments CORNER

Police



Congratulations to Detective Sergeant Clark and Detective DeMario



Detective DeMario

Oakbrook Terrace Police Department Detective Sergeant Clark and Detective DeMario serve as members of the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) — in addition to their detective duties here at the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department. MCTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force made up of detectives from various law enforcement agencies who come together to assist member agencies with homicide investigations.



Detective Sergeant Clark

Over the past few months, Detective Sergeant Clark and/or Detective DeMario assisted with the investigation of two homicides and one officer-involved shooting in the communities of West Chicago, Roselle and Glendale Heights. All three investigations culminated with the arrests of the offenders.

We would like to congratulate Detective Sergeant Clark and Detective DeMario on helping to make our communities safer!

Building & Zoning

2018 Calendar Year Highlights

- Approximately 300 building permits were issued from January 1 through December 31 for residential and commercial work throughout the City.
- Citywide property maintenance inspections were conducted within the residential and commercial districts.
- Yearly rental housing inspections were performed.

NOW OPEN

Looking for the hottest new device or an awesome accessory? Visit the newly opened AT&T store located at 17W639 Roosevelt Road. You will find the latest in cell phones, smartphones and other devices.

MJM Home Health Care, a Medicare-certified home healthcare agency, opened an office at 1S311 Summit Avenue. MJM aids in the arrangement and delivery of consistent patient-centered care in the home.

COMING SOON

Interior renovations are currently in process for So Gong Dong Tofu & BBQ which will be moving to 18W066 22nd Street. A small national chain restaurant best known for Korean stew, So Gong Dong Tofu & BBQ will be offering flavorful and healthy Korean cuisine.

May's Lounge has signed a lease to occupy space within the JRC Plaza on 22nd Street. May's features video gaming in a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere and will be offering an eclectic tasting of gourmet tapas style dishes, accompanied by a seasonal selection of craft beer or wine.

And finally...

You'll soon have another way to get your sugary fix. Construction has begun on the long-anticipated opening of Stan's Donuts at the corner of Butterfield and Midwest Roads. The store opening is scheduled for late March. YUM YUM.



Public Services

Public Services Highlights December 2018 and January 2019

- Christmas Party Assistance / Fik Point Tree Lighting Ceremony
- Put Up and Took Down Holiday Decor
- 14 Snow Events Dominated January in Public Services
- Took Ownership of a New Peterbilt Plow Truck
- Completed Annual Lake Michigan Water Audit
- Director of Public Services Craig Ward Attended National Hazard Mitigation Class for OBT
- New BP Amoco Connected to City's Water System
- Installed Two New Blinking Led Stop Signs
- Dealt With and Survived the Polar Vortex!!

Totals

JULIE Locates: Dec — 57 Jan — 41
Sign Repairs: Dec — 4 Jan — 3
Mailboxes: Dec — 2 Jan — 1
Gallons of Water Pumped: Dec — 6,301,000 Jan — 6,343,000

Fleet Maintenance

Vehicle Services: Dec — 6 Jan — 1
Tire repairs: Dec — 6 Jan — 1
PD Car Sheet Repair Orders: Dec — 2 Jan — 4



A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society



Louis Hippach commissioned the chapel for his family, which was touched by tragedy on multiple occasions

Hippach Memorial Chapel Oldest Structure in Oakbrook Terrace

The oldest building in Oakbrook Terrace is located in Chapel Hill Gardens West Cemetery, 17W201 Roosevelt Road. Previously named Green Ridge Cemetery, until it was renamed in the 1940s, the cemetery is most noted for the Hippach Chapel, a breathtakingly beautiful square-towered Gothic design by sculptor Richard W Bock, which was constructed in 1926. Bock is famous for his many works commissioned by architects Louis Sullivan and Frank Lloyd Wright.

The chapel includes stained glass windows and carved corbels constructed from solid Massachusetts granite and white Colorado Yule marble, and is adorned with statues. In front of the sandstone



Interior of Hippach Chapel

Chapel is a 5'6" tall bronze urn depicting the life of man "from cradle to grave," world events of the 1920s and portraits of religious leaders. So intricate is the urn that, according to Bock, he spent more than a year just on that one piece. The urn's lid is hermetically sealed and the bolt filed off with its contents left for posterity to read the record after studying the exterior.

The chapel was commissioned by Louis Hippach and dedicated to his parents, Franz Joseph Hippach (1830 -1908) and Magdalena Everling Hippach (1833 – 1922). A wealthy manufacturer of plate glass and window glass, Luis Albert Hippach (1864-1935) erected the grand memorial for his family, which was touched by tragedy on multiple occasions. It cost more than one million dollars in 1920s currency.

Two of Hippach's three sons, Robert and Archie, died at the age of 12 and 14 in the Chicago Iriquois Theatre fire of 1903. His remaining son, Howard, died in a car crash in 1914. Louis's wife Ida, and daughter Jean, however, were more fortunate. In the early morning hours of April 15, 1912, they were rescued from a lifeboat in the North Atlantic, having survived the sinking of the Titanic. What a jewel we have here in Oakbrook Terrace!

Some research provided by Ursula Bielski, Graveyards of Chicago.

There's still time to order your commemorative Brick Pavers!

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.



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Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planting a tree, installing a fence or deck, or doing any other home improvement project that involves digging, remember to call JULIE (811 from a cell phone or 1-800-892-0123) before you begin. JULIE will notify member utility companies to send locators to mark their underground facilities with paint and/or flags. Once you know the approximate location of utility lines, you can dig safely without running the risk of service disruptions, potential injuries, fines and repair costs.

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2019, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is \$42 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$52 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

March/April 2019

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