



Terrace Leaves

November • December 2019

A Message From the Mayor



From the entire City Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and please have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Mayor Tony Ragucci

Police Station is Official Community Warming Center

With the potential for 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.



- Sunday, November 3..... Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Monday, November 11 Dispensa & Sons Presentation
- Wednesday, Dec. 4..... Children's Christmas Party Registration Due
- Friday, December 6... Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party
- Tuesday, Dec. 10Deadline to Enter Home Decorating Contest

Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 6

6-9 p.m., Swartz School



All residents are welcome for the City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party. The party will take place on Friday, December 6, 6-9 p.m.

■ **Tree Lighting**, Fik Point, *Mayor Ragucci will light the tree*

■ **Children's Christmas Party**, Swartz School Gym, *Santa arrives with stockings for the children, 7-8 p.m.*

■ Entertainment, refreshments, facepainting



To receive a stocking from Santa, all children up to 12 years of age must have been pre-registered. Residents who would like to bring non-resident children can bring them for a fee of \$5 per child to receive a stocking from Santa Claus. Use the registration form page 2.





Home Decorating Contest

Join in the fun for the City's Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Decorated homes and apartments really make the holiday special. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 11, so be sure to have decorations out by then. Fill out the form below and return it to City Hall by Tuesday, December 10, to be included in the contest. For more information, please contact Cheryl Downer at City Hall at 630-941-8300 x201 or cdowner@oakbrookterrace.net.

Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entry Form

Yes, please enter me in the City of Oakbrook Terrace Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Drop off, mail or fax this form by December 11 to:

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, 17W 275 Butterfield Rd.
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or Fax: 630-617-0036

City of Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m.

Registration Form

Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Children's Name(s)

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

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Non-resident Children's Name(s)

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

My check for \$_____ is enclosed for ____ (qty.) non-resident children. *Make checks payable to the City of Oakbrook Terrace.*

I would like to volunteer to assist with the event:

Name _____

Phone _____

Please mail or drop off at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, 17W275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Lions Christmas Tree Sale

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees again this year. The trees are 5-6 feet in height and are \$28 each. For \$38, you will receive a tree and a heavy metal stake for setting the tree up in the front yard. Lions Club members will deliver and set up trees on Saturday, November 30. For more information, call Lion Bob at 630-834-8661.

Yes! I want to order a Holiday Tree Holiday Tree (\$28) qty: _____ Holiday Tree w/Stake (\$38) qty: _____

My check for \$_____ payable to the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is enclosed.

Return to: Lion Mike Fortuna (630-816-5276), 1S576 Nimitz Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

DELIVER TO: Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____





2019-20 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, 2019.

- 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.

City Departments CORNER



Police

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to announce that Officer Dan Elsner and Officer Michael Bulava were recently hired. The City also wishes to congratulate Deputy Chief Dave Clark and Sergeant Jake Lekki who were recently promoted to their current rank. The City is a safe place to live and work thanks to the hard work of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department



Pictured from left to right: Police Chief Casey Calvello, together with newly promoted Officers Sergeant Jake Lekki and Deputy Chief Dave Clark.

Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci, left, with new Police Officer Dan Elsner



At left, Mayor Tony Ragucci with new Police Officer Michael Bulava and Police Chief Casey Calvello at right.

Building & Zoning

NEW BUSINESSES “NOW OPEN”

Eon Dental Clinic, an all-in-one dental implant center, is now open on the first floor of the One Parkview Plaza building at the corner of Route 83 and 22nd Street.

Precision Scalp Micropigmentation, LLC, a non-invasive, cosmetic tattooing for the scalp that is a treatment to camouflage scar or hair loss due to pattern baldness or cancer treatments has opened an office at 17W300 22nd Street.

The Body Connection Health and Wellness Center, a wellness-based chiropractic practice featuring functional medicine has opened an office within the commercial building at 1S450 Summit Avenue.

The Joint Chiropractic is now open within the Oakbrook Terrace Square at 17W699 Roosevelt Road. The staff are licensed professionals, and the location is open nights and weekends. No appointments are required, walk-ins welcome. Affordable personalized care plan options.

OTHER POINTS



As you rake your yard of falling leaves, it is also a good time to trim back any overgrown trees and landscaping.

The City continues to perform residential property maintenance inspections throughout the single family detached zoning district. Should a violation be found, a courtesy tag will be placed on your door noting the specific violation and a timeline to comply. The program was developed to improve the aesthetic appearance of homes, accessory structures and landscaping throughout our community, and the City appreciates your cooperation in maintaining the beauty of your community.

FALL BACK... NOVEMBER 3RD

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 3. It's also a good time to check the batteries in your smoke detectors and inspect your heating system to make sure everything is ready for the cold months ahead.



Public Services

Public Services Highlights August & September 2019

The Road Resurfacing project took up the most time for Public Services during August and September 2019. Some other things to note were the following:

- Performed a watermain pressure tap for the new hotel on the LaQuinta property
- Work continued on Gazebo in Kreml Park
- Performed touch-up painting on walls in the Police Department
- Installed new flags over the Municipal Complex
- Litter pick-up
- Cleaned out storm inlet outfalls
- Work continued on the 2021 Midwest Road watermain project
- Coliform and Bacteria Sampling was successfully performed.
- Three rounds of brush pick-up were performed
- Repaired a watermain break at JRC Plaza
- Constructed a new mulch bed with plantings at Kreml Park
- Performed maintenance on Buck Trail
- Performed right-of-way tree trimming
- Weekly mowing, trimming and bed maintenance of all municipal-owned grounds

Totals

JULIE Locates: August — 113 September — 93
Sign Repairs: August — 5 September — 4
Mailboxes: August — 7 September — 3
Gallons of Water Pumped: August 9,574,000 gallons
September 8,350,000 gallons

Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Services (Oil Change and Service): Aug. — 2 Sept. — 5
Tire repairs: Aug. — 3 Sept. — 8
PD Car Repair Orders: Aug. — 7 Sept. — 13

A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

NEW EXHIBIT — Dispensa's Kiddie Kingdom and Castle of Toys

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society will be hosting a two-week exhibit on Dispensa's Kiddie Kingdom and Castle of Toys. The event will be held at the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society's historic Sears Homart Home located at 17W245 16th Street, Oakbrook Terrace, from November 2 through November 16, 2019. The exhibit will be open Monday through Thursdays 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Saturdays 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

John Dispensa, III, great grandson of the founder, will hold a presentation at the Oakbrook Terrace City Council Chambers on November 11, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. Mr. Dispensa plans to talk about the carnival and family history. Dispensa and Sons started in 1919 when his great-grandfather purchased a Ferris wheel, which grew into a carnival. The Dispensas eventually added a toy store and a permanent amusement

park to the land they had owned in Oakbrook Terrace. The business completely shut down in 1985. This year they would have celebrated 100 years.

Parents and kids enjoyed the experience and there are many fond memories. John said his grandfather created the idea to provide an affordable family outing at an amusement park.

All are welcome to attend the exhibit and special presentation and will be treated to a glimpse of days long gone. The Elmhurst Historical Society has graciously lent the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society posters and a display case that were recently used in their Worlds of Wonder exhibit. There will be lots of memorabilia on display. Also on display will be two original toy soldiers that once sat in front of the Castle, courtesy of Rocky Hayes. At one time, Dispensa's Castle of Toys was the



largest independent, free-standing toy store in the world. The amusement park known as Kiddie Kingdom advertised rides for a quarter or six rides for a dollar.

There will be cake to celebrate 100 years at the presentation. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information email obthistory@comcast.net or call 630-834-8661.



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Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

Residents are reminded that water pipes can freeze and burst during very cold weather, but by taking precautions, this can usually be prevented. The following are some steps you can take on very cold days:

- ✓ Use insulation around exposed pipes and water meters
- ✓ If pipes are located against exterior walls, expose them to the warm air in the house
- ✓ If your kitchen or bathroom sink is located against an outside wall of the house, leave the cabinet door open to allow the warmer air to circulate around the pipes
- ✓ Run water in a trickle from pipes near outside walls

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 \$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

November/December 2019 City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci
 City Clerk Michael Shadley
 City Administrator Amy Marrero

Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni
 Ald. Robert Rada

Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach
 Ald. Dennis Greco

Ward I: Ald. Paul Esposito
 Ald. Charlie Barbari

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

CITY HALL HOURS: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm