



Terrace Leaves

February • March 2015

A Message From the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who turned out for our annual Children's Christmas party on December 5. The weather could not have been better for December and it was a great opportunity to connect with members of our community, while we partake in holiday cheer.



We still have several more weeks of winter and I want to direct your attention to the article on page 3 about putting together a winter survival kit. Bad weather can occur at anytime in the Chicago area in winter and I encourage everyone to be prepared.

In addition, I'd like to remind you that the City of Oakbrook Terrace is an official Community Warming Center. If you have questions about the Warming Center, please call the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department non-emergency phone number at 630-941-8320.

As your Mayor, I want to be attuned to the needs of our community and I encourage residents and area businesspeople who have concerns, ideas or suggestions to contact me at City Hall. My direct line phone number is 630-832-9558 and I encourage you to feel free to call me.

As a final note, Easter is just around the corner and I hope you and your family can join us for the annual Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly on Saturday, April 4. This is a great opportunity for children of all ages to search for eggs, fly a kite and spend some time with the Easter Bunny. We are fortunate to have these wonderful community traditions in Oakbrook Terrace and I look forward to welcoming you and your family again this year.

Mayor Tony Ragucci



Seeking Fourth of July Sponsorships: A Unique Opportunity for OBT Businesses

To help defray the cost of the City's annual Independence Day Celebration, as well as to offer area businesses added visibility through City communications, Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to sponsor the Fourth of July activities once again this year. What a great way to show your community spirit and gain exposure in the community.

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.



- Monday, February 16** City Hall Closed
- Wednesday, April 1** Registration Deadline for Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Saturday, April 4** Spring Egg Hunt & Kite Fly
- Monday, April 6** First 2015 Brush Pick-Up



Reminder: Water Rate Increase Effective January 1

Residents are reminded that effective January 1, 2015, the water rate increased. As you may be aware, the City of Chicago has increased water rates to their customers over a four-year period that began January 1, 2012. This is the last year of the four-year rate increase. The City does not anticipate any further rate increases for the near future. If you have questions about your water bill, please call Water Billing at 630-941-8300 x 307.



Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 4

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, April 4, 12 noon, at Stella Mae 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 1, 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.



Registration Form

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, April 4



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1)

There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Children's Names _____ Age _____ Sex _____

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

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall Closed on Monday, February 16

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of President's Day.

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall is Official Community Warming Center

In the event of weather emergencies, Oakbrook Terrace City Hall is an official community warming center. For information about availability, please call the Police Department non-emergency number at 630-941-8320.

A Message from Oakbrook Terrace Police Chief Wayne Holakovsky

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
 - Plastic flashlight and spare batteries
- Small, sharp knife
 - Pencil stub and paper
 - Safety pin
 - Snacks

(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
- Basic tools
- Sleeping bag or blankets
- Snowmobile suit/boots

- Sand, cat litter or other grit for extra traction
- Shovel – a hub cap may be used if you can remove it.

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.

Keeping Children Safe When Traveling

The proper use of child car safety seats saves the lives of hundreds of infants and children each year. CDC statistics show that child safety seats reduce the risk of death in car crashes by 71 percent for infants and 54 percent for children between the ages of one and four. For children between the ages of four and seven, booster seats reduce injury risk by 59 percent when compared to using seat belts alone. All children younger than 13 years of age should ride in the back seat to avoid potential injury caused by air bag deployment. Child passenger safety is a top priority for the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department and police officers actively enforce safety seat laws.

The ultimate responsibility for children's safety rests with the parent or operator of the vehicle. The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department conducts safety checks of children's vehicle restraint systems free of charge on Fridays between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. with an appointment. To make an appointment to have yours checked, please contact Officer Terrence Mastrino at 630-941-8320.

Yield to Emergency Vehicles

Scott's Law was passed in 2002 after Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at an accident scene on a Chicago expressway.

Scott's Law requires that when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using visual signals, motorists must yield, change to a lane away from the emergency vehicle, and proceed with caution. If a lane change is not possible because of heavy traffic, drivers must reduce their speed and proceed with caution. Violations of Scott's Law carry a mandatory fine of \$100. Higher fines, up to \$10,000, can be imposed if a motorist's actions cause an accident.

Driving under the influence would be considered an aggravating factor, calling for a higher fine. Driver's license suspension is also imposed: 90 days in cases involving property damage; 180 days if the motorist's actions cause an injury; and two years if the accident results in a death.

Motorists are also reminded that when they are approached by a moving emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals, they are required to immediately pull as far to the right as possible and wait for the emergency vehicle to pass. If stopped at an intersection with two-way traffic, motorists are required to remain stopped until the emergency vehicle has passed. These regulations are designed to protect emergency personnel who risk their lives to serve the public.

DuPage County Low-Income Home Energy Program

DuPage County Human Services is once again providing low-income households with help to pay energy bills through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

LIHEAP provides low-income households with financial assistance to help pay for winter heating. Emergency furnace repair is also available to eligible homeowners whose heating systems are not operational or have been determined unsafe to use by a utility company.

DuPage County households with disabled or elderly members, and

those who are disconnected from their utilities, may now apply for heating assistance by appointment at the DuPage County Human Services office located at the DuPage County Administration Building, 421 N. County Farm Road, third floor, Wheaton, or at any township office.

Before applying, please call 630-407-6500 or 800-942-9412 for information about what types of documentation must be brought in when you apply. For more information, please visit www.liheapillinois.com.



Oakbrook Terrace Park District

Call 630-627-6100 or visit www.obtpd.org for more information about any of these programs.

Friday, March 20, 8 p.m.

TEEN FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Grab a basket and a flashlight and join the Oakbrook Terrace Park District for a Flashlight Egg Hunt! Teens will search the park for hundreds of eggs filled with candy! Look extra close for extra special eggs that can be redeemed for awesome prizes! Pre-registration is required. Grades 6-8.

Saturday, March 28, 9 a.m. sharp

DOGGIE EGG HUNT

All dogs wanted! The Oakbrook Terrace Park District will be hosting a spring egg hunt just for dogs. Bring your canine friend to Terrace View Park so that they can search for doggie treats. There will be prizes, treats and so much more! Dogs must be leashed and wearing a collar with tags at all times! All ages.

Monday-Friday 6-10 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday 7-10 a.m.

FREE SENIOR WORKOUT TIME

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 to fill out a membership form and be issued a pass for the facility. This complimentary time does not apply to any other program.

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

Feb 23-Mar 30, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Apr. 13-May 18, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

PIYO

PiYo is a fusion of Pilates and Yoga. The poses are choreographed in a Vinyasa (flowing) sequence, designed to move with grace. This mind/body mat class improves strength, flexibility, balance and core strength. It also helps reduce stress. Please wear comfortable clothing. Ages 16 and older.

Tues., Feb 24-Mar 31, 4-5 p.m.

Tues., Apr 14-May 19, 4-5 p.m.

KIDS YOGA

What is it about an amazing athlete when they shoot the winning basket, hit a homerun or win the race? How about the energy of a rock star as they dance and sing across the stage? Can't you just feel it? Can't you feel their strength, flexibility and coordination? Can't you see their self-confidence? If you would like to feel all of this about yourself, come join our yoga class. We will explore yoga poses, breathing, balancing poses, and much more. All leading you to feeling great about yourself. Ages: 10-12

Location: Fitness Center Group Fitness Studio

Looking for an entertaining and educational birthday celebration?

The Nature Center provides a fun and safe environment for kids to explore, create and have fun! Our staff will help you plan a two-hour party which will delight your child. Parents provide refreshments, paper goods, and treat bags for a custom theme. Ages: 4 years and up. Fees: \$75R/ \$95NR. Min/Max: up to 12 children (additional fees apply for extra children). For additional information, call 630-941-8747.

Using Portable Generators Safely

Portable generators are internal combustion engines used to generate electricity during power outages or when remote power is needed. To remain safe, be aware of the inherent hazards associated with the use of portable generators, including shocks and electrocution; carbon monoxide poisoning; fires; and noise and vibration.

Shock or Electrocution

- Never attach a generator directly to a structure's electrical system unless a qualified electrician has properly installed the generator with a transfer switch.
- Always plug electrical appliances directly into the generator using the cords supplied by the manufacturer or other grounded (i.e. three-pronged), heavy-duty cords. Never use frayed or damaged extension cords.
- Keep the generator dry by protecting it with a canopy in rainy or wet conditions. Never manipulate a generator's electrical components if you are wet or standing in water.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Make sure your generator is properly ventilated. Never use it indoors or in an enclosed space, such as a garage, basement, or crawl space. Make sure the generator has three to four feet of clear space on all sides and above to ensure proper ventilation.
- Never place a generator near a door, window, or vent that could allow carbon monoxide to enter and build up in occupied spaces.

- If you or others exhibit symptoms of CO poisoning, such as headache, dizziness, nausea, or tiredness, get to fresh air immediately and seek medical help. Do not re-enter the area until trained personnel have determined that it is safe.

Fire Hazards

Generators get hot while in use and remain hot for long periods after use. Fuels can ignite when spilled on hot engine parts. Before refueling, shut down the generator and allow it to cool.

- Store and transport gasoline or other fuels in approved containers that are vented and labeled with their contents.
- Keep fuel containers away from flame-producing and heat-generating devices, such as the generator itself, water heaters, cigarettes, lighters, and matches. Never smoke near fuel containers. Vapors can travel long distances to ignition sources.
- Never store fuel in your home.

Noise and Vibration Hazards

The excessive noise and vibration produced by a generator can cause hearing loss and fatigue. Keep portable generators as far away as possible from work and gathering areas. Wear hearing protection if this is not possible.

When using a portable generator during a power outage, it is important to remember that they can be dangerous if used incorrectly.

2015 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 6 & 20

May 4

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.



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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

The cost for a Villa Park Library Card is \$40 per multi-family household (living in apartments such as Versailles and Regency Place) and \$49 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2015. 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. 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:

POLICE Emergency	911
Information	630-941-8320
FIRE EMERGENCY	911
MAYOR	630-941-8300, EXT. 308
CITY ADMINISTRATOR	630-941-8300, EXT. 307
ADMINISTRATION	630-941-8300, EXT. 301
CITY CLERK	630-941-8300, EXT. 306
BUILDING & ZONING/	
CODE ENFORCEMENT	630-941-8300, EXT. 309
PUBLIC SERVICES	630-941-1651
WATER BILLING	630-941-8300, EXT. 342
SPECIAL EVENTS	630-941-8300, EXT. 338
OBT PARK DISTRICT	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	630-629-0886

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City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci

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City Administrator Amy Marrero

Ward III: Ald. Robert Przychodni
Ald. David Swartz

Ward II: Ald. Frank Vlach

Ward I: Ald. Tom Thomas
Ald. Paul Esposito

Monthly Meetings:

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

Planning & Zoning Commission — 1st & 3rd
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Police Commission — 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m.

Police Pension Board — 2nd Monday of the quarter