



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2018

A Message From the Mayor



As we enter the 2018 spring season, the City is working on the 2018-2019 budget, and once again I'm proud to say that we are anticipating another successful year. The City is financially sound with a healthy fund balance and reserves, which I discussed in the last issue of the *Terrace Leaves*.

Water rates in Oakbrook Terrace haven't increased in over three years, and we do not foresee the City raising them anytime in the near future; any increase we incur from the water commission will not be passed on to our residents!

When I took office in 2009, we had one of the highest water rates in the area; now two of our bordering suburbs have higher rates than ours and the other one is just below us. In addition, our water system is newer with fewer repairs required and the system is growing in commercial customers.

The City is anticipating numerous new businesses and restaurants building and opening in 2018-2019, which will generate additional sales and property taxes to keep our City financially secure for many years.

The City will continue to instill that hometown feeling and provide a friendly community by hosting holiday parties and outings for all of our residents and their families. Specifically, the Christmas, Easter, Fourth of July celebration and Halloween festival, as well as the Police National Night Out event.

The City is continuing to put together a policy for each residential homeowner to purchase a security camera for their property to be reimbursed by the City — possibly up to \$150.

We are also looking into purchasing speed alert traffic signs to be installed in numerous locations in our subdivision. These radar-controlled signs are designed to merely indicate the speed of vehicles driving through our City streets and record the vehicle's speed. No citations or any other information will be issued or documented. These items, if obtained and implemented, will be purchased and paid for through the Red Light Camera Enforcement program.

Please be safe and enjoy the spring season.

Sincerely,
Mayor Tony Ragucci

Online Water Bill Payments

The anticipated effective date for Online Water Bill Payments is February 28. With this new addition, Oakbrook Terrace residents can make water bill payments online. Watch for details at www.oakbrookterrace.net.



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Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly



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Monday, April 23 Brush Pick-Up

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, March 24

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, March 24, 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, March 21, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form below 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 Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday March 24



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21)
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

Scam Artists Claiming to be ComEd Reps

ComEd is warning customers to be on high alert for scam artists claiming to be a ComEd representative seeking payment. Over the past couple of years, the company has seen a significant increase in reports from small businesses and residential customers who were victimized by these types of scam incidents.

Customers should be aware that scammers may call or come to their homes or businesses. Representatives from ComEd always carry proper identification and NEVER ask customers for cash or personal financial information.

Customers can avoid being scammed by taking a few precautions:

- Never provide social security or personal information to anyone initiating contact with you claiming to be a ComEd representative or requesting you to send money to another person or entity other than ComEd.
- Always ask to see a company photo ID before allowing any utility worker into your home or business.
- When in doubt, check it out. Be skeptical of individuals wearing clothing with old or defaced company logos. If you have any doubts, ask to see a company photo ID, and if you are still not sure, call ComEd customer service (1-800-EDISON1) to verify.
- Never make payment for services to anyone coming to the door or someone who is trying to pressure you on the phone.

Anyone who believes he or she has been a target of a phone scam is urged to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office toll free at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY 1-800-964-3013) or visit the Illinois Attorney General's web site at www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov and click on the link "Protecting Consumers." Customers can reach ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1 to inquire about details on their account or report a possible scam.

A Little Bit of History

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

A Story Begins...

In the late 1800s, Fritz Brinkmann and his family owned land and farmed the rich soils of what is now known as Oakbrook Terrace. From the first settlers until now, our city is rich in history.

Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is a non-profit educational institution whose mission is to promote an understanding of the history of Oakbrook Terrace. By collecting, preserving, exhibiting, and interpreting this history, we foster an appreciation of our historical significance. It houses photos, letters, maps and a wealth of genealogical information – with all of it accessible today, as well as for future generations. Our essence is to illuminate the past as a way to shed light on the future.

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is open for tours on Wednesdays 1 - 3 p.m. or by special appointment.

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is located at 17W245 16th Street (behind the police department). Please call (630) 834-8661 if you need to schedule a tour at an alternate time or day.



In the late 1800s, Fritz Brinkmann and his family owned land and farmed the rich soils of what is now known as Oakbrook Terrace. Photo circa 1904.

2018 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 2 & 23

May 14

June 4 & 25

July 9 & 30

August 13 & 27

September 10

October 1 & 22

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.

City Departments CORNER

Police



*Detective Sergeant
Clark*

Effective January 8, Detective Sergeant Clark was appointed to the position of Administrative Sergeant. Chief Calvello would like to thank Sergeant Milas for his assistance and dedication to the department, while serving his tenure as the Administrative Sergeant. Sergeant Milas will continue in the capacity of Shift Sergeant.

Effective February 5, Officer Wagner was appointed to the Investigative Aid trainee position since Officer Lekki has successfully completed his training; in fact, Officer Lekki was awarded an Honorable Mention for his outstanding performance in the investigation of a continuing financial crimes enterprise. His actions led to the apprehension of a habitual offender, which brought justice to numerous victims, including private citizens, businesses and financial institutions. Officer Lekki will resume in his Patrol Officer capacity.



Public Services

Public Services Highlights December 2017 and January 2018

- Performed extensive maintenance to Buck Trail.
- Came to terms on an agreement with Clarke Mosquito for the City's mosquito abatement initiative.
- Procured, set up, implemented and trained on a new Fuel Management system. (Former was struck by lightning and destroyed.)
- PS Staff assisted at the City's Children's Christmas Party.
- OBT Public Services took part in the State of Illinois' ceremony of raising the new State of Illinois Bi-Centennial flag.
- Public Services Director Craig Ward performed and successfully completed the City's annual Lake Michigan Water Audit accounting for 98% of all water. Amazing.
- All Public Services vehicles underwent a certified safety inspection.
- Installed a new insulating ceiling in the City's water tower control room.
- Snow Events: Public Services handled six snow events in December and eight snow events in January. This resulted in a significant amount of fleet prep and maintenance.
- All Catch Basins were checked and cleaned out for proper drainage of the City's storm sewer system.
- PS Staff attended a J.U.L.I.E. training meeting about protecting the underground infrastructure.

- Public Services Director Craig Ward updated the City's water main atlas.
- Public Services Director Craig Ward attended a meeting at the DuPage Water Commission assembled to keep water system management abreast of water system management issues.
- Public Services Director Craig Ward coordinated the replacement of two failing utility poles that were owned by AT&T. They were located at MacArthur/Route 56 and Summit and Morningside.
- A fire flow test was conducted at the Joint Commission.

Totals

JULIE Locates: December – 40 January – 52
Total JULIE Locates for 2017: 1,417

Sign Repairs: December – 1 January – 3
Total Sign repairs for 2017: 55

Mailbox Installs: December – 4 January – 3
Total mailbox installs for 2017: 52

Fleet Maintenance

Oil Changes: December – 11 January – 7
Total Oil Changes for 2017: 101

Tire Repairs: December – 4 January – 8
Total Tire Repairs for 2017: 49

Police Department Car Sheet Orders: December – 4 January – 8
Total Police Department Car Sheet Orders for 2017: 64

Building & Zoning

Building and Zoning Department highlights

The City of Oakbrook Terrace will be welcoming several new businesses to the community this spring:

- **Bella Bridesmaid, 17W527 Roosevelt Road**
Bella Bianca Bridal Couture will be expanding their retail location to include bridesmaids dresses under the name of Bella Bridesmaid.
- **Office Depot, 17W693 Roosevelt Road**
Office Depot will be opening a new store location within the Oakbrook Terrace Square.
- **Dogtopia, 17W707 Roosevelt Road**
Dogtopia, a dog grooming spa, training, daycare, boarding and overnight stay facility for your four-legged furry family member will be located at 17W707 Roosevelt Road.

Other news

- Beyond Shades, A Hunter Douglas Gallery located at 17W508 22nd Street, is now open. Beyond Shades is a full-service custom window coverings, shutter and drapery company with

experienced and talented design consultants and certified installers.

- 7-Eleven and Exxon Mobile have recently merged, and the 7-Eleven station, located at 17W619 Roosevelt Road, at the corner of Roosevelt and Summit Avenue, will be undergoing a renovation. New signage, pumps and architectural elements will enhance the site's appearance.
- Stan's Donuts, known for their decadent variety of donuts, will be opening a new location at the corner of Butterfield and Midwest Road within the Butterfield Point Complex. This location will offer the donut enthusiast the convenience of a drive-through for easy grab-and-go.
- Kiddie Academy, an early education and child development center providing child care services for children six weeks to five years of age, will be constructed on the west side of the Oakbrook Terrace Square. Construction is expected to begin this summer.
- The former Burger King building located at 1S722 Midwest Road will soon be demolished for the development of a gas station, car wash, convenience store and gaming café.

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



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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, 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

March/April 2018

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