



Terrace Leaves

November • December 2018

A Message From the Mayor

As the winter season approaches, rest assured that our Public Services Department will keep our City streets clean and handle any situation that arises due to inclement weather. Please remember to use caution while driving in our City and be aware of pedestrians walking on our streets.



I would like to thank everyone who attended the Children's Fall Festival party on October 13 and also thank our City staff for their hard work on this event.

I welcome all residents and children to attend the City's Annual Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at Swartz School and Fik Point on Friday, December 7, from 6 to 9 p.m.

As 2018 comes to an end, I would like to thank the residents, City employees, businesses — retail and corporate— who make this City successful and financially sound. We have completed and started numerous projects this year: resurfacing the streets in the subdivision, adding more curbs, and we began engineering work on the Streambank Stabilization Project to repair and secure the infrastructure of the creek that runs through our subdivision.

These projects were funded by our Capital Fund, which has a very healthy reserve. This work was performed without any increases in our City property taxes. Thanks to the addition of new retail businesses, restaurants, office and corporate businesses coming to Oakbrook Terrace, we have the luxury to complete these projects without bonds or loans and keep our City financially secure.

The Aldermen and I pledge to you that we will always do what is best for the residents, businesses and the community to make our City safe and financially sound, and to maintain Oakbrook Terrace as one of the best places to live and raise your family in the Chicagoland area.

As always I'm proud to serve as your Mayor, and from the entire City Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Mayor Tony Ragucci

Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 7

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 7, 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.

City Officials and Staff
wish you and yours
the most joyous of holiday seasons.



Wednesday, December 5Children's Christmas Party Registration Due
 Friday, December 7Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party
 Tuesday, December 11Deadline to Enter Home Decorating Contest

City of Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party

Friday, Dec. 7, 6 p.m.

Registration Form

Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 5

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

Children's Name(s)

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

_____ Age ____ Sex ____

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

Home Decorating Contest



Join in the fun of the City's Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Decorated homes and apartments really make the holiday special. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 12, so be sure to have decorations out by then. Fill out the form below and return it to City Hall by Tuesday, December 11, 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.

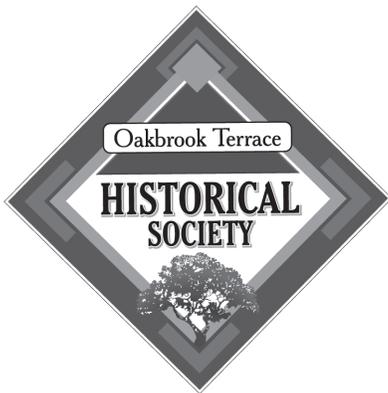
Name _____

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



17W245 16th Street
Oakbrook Terrace
www.obthistory.com

Own a Part of Oakbrook Terrace History!

By the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society

The Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society is offering commemorative pavers on the brick walkway at their facility, the historic Fik House, at 17W245 16th Street in Oakbrook Terrace. To help cover the cost of the walkway, the Historical Society is offering commemorative brick pavers for sale. Bricks with custom engraving are offered in two sizes: 4" x 8" for \$50 or 8" x 8" for \$125. These bricks make great gifts in honor of/or in memory of a loved one, a very special person, group or business. For more information, please contact Bob Shanahan at 630-834-8661. Brick paver order forms are available at the Oakbrook Terrace Historical Society or City Hall.



**Pave your way into
the future!**

Public Services

Public Services Highlights August and September 2018

- Kreml Park Perennial Garden Overhaul
- Three Rounds of Brush Pick-up
- Road Resurfacing Project
- Mowing, Trimming and Mulch Bed Maintenance
- Coliform and Bacteria Sampling
- Storm Sewer Repairs
- Buck Trail Maintenance
- Monthly IEPA Report Completed and Submitted



Pictured: the Kreml Park Perennial Garden overhaul above. At right and below, road resurfacing project.

Totals

JULIE Locates: August — 203 September — 131

Sign Repairs: Aug — 3 Sept — 1

Mailbox Repairs: Aug — 3 Aug — 2

Gallons of Water Pumped: August — 9,063,000 gallons
September — 8,183,000 gallons

Fleet Maintenance

Oil changes: August — 10 Sept — 7

Tire Repairs: August — 1 Sept — 2

PD Car Sheet Orders: August — 11 September — 10



Police



Tips to Prevent Drunk Driving During the Holidays

Studies show that in December, an average of 25 people a day will die in drunk driving incidents. In addition, traffic fatalities spike around Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's and July 4th.

- **Myth:** You can drive as long as you aren't slurring words or acting erratically. **Fact:** The skills and coordination needed for driving are compromised long before the obvious signs of intoxication are visible.
- **Myth:** Drink coffee because caffeine will sober you up. **Fact:** Caffeine may help with drowsiness, but it doesn't counteract the effects of alcohol on decision-making or coordination.

Party hosts have been held legally liable for drunk driving incidents that occur after intoxicated individuals leave their homes. You are particularly at legal risk if the drinkers at your party are underage, or if you recklessly or negligently continue to serve alcohol to individuals who are clearly intoxicated.

FOR PARTY HOSTS

- Don't make the booze the main attraction and use small cups
- Make sure there are plenty of nonalcoholic drinks available.
- Feed people. Food takes the edge off of intoxication.

- Have a "key collection point." Toward the end of the party, station yourself by the keys. This will force all your guests to check in with you before they leave.
- Take the punchbowl or other alcohol away 1-2 hours before the party ends and don't serve alcohol to people who are already visibly drunk.
- Plan to have people sleep overnight.
- Consider a "dry party."

FOR PARTYGOERS

- Agree ahead of time on who will be driving. Ideally that individual should abstain from drinking throughout the night.
- Call a taxi.
- Consider a ride-sharing service.

Police Station Official Warming Center

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

City Departments CORNER

Building & Zoning

Building & Zoning Highlights

- The owner of DAO Sushi located at 17W512 22nd in the JRC Plaza recently closed and the same owner is in the process of completing an interior renovation of the space to reopen as Cajun Boil & Bar featuring authentic Cajun style seafood.
- The City will soon be welcoming several new commercial office tenants throughout the business districts; build-outs of their spaces are now underway.
- Sara Lee Bakery Corporation will be relocating their offices to the Oakbrook Terrace Tower. They will be occupying the entire 5th and 6th floors, approximately 30,000 square feet.
- Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, one of the largest nonprofit child welfare agencies in Illinois, will be moving their Corporate Support Center to a new office space at One Oakbrook Terrace.
- Northwest Fertility Center, a state-of-the-art fertility practice, will be opening an office in the Two Trans Am Plaza building.
- Advocate Health Care will be occupying the 4th floor at 1901 S. Meyers for offices and a Central Call Center.

New Crime Free Rental Residential Housing Ordinance

The City Council recently adopted a Crime Free Housing/Chronic Nuisance Property ordinance requiring property owners, property managers and their agents to control all unlawful activity, including the failure to maintain their property to the minimum standards required by the City building and property maintenance codes effective January 1, 2019. Information on the program will be mailed later this year (Ordinance #18-32 passed September 11, 2018).

DuPage County Offering LIHEAP Assistance

With cold temperatures just around the corner, DuPage County Community Services will accept applications for the annual Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from Oct. 1 until May 31, 2019, or until funds are depleted.

Beginning October 1, the DuPage County Department of Community Services accepts winter heating applications by appointment only from seniors (60+) or people with disabilities. Beginning November 1, applications will also be taken for seniors, disabled, disconnected and households with children five and under. All other eligible households may begin applying on December 3. Benefits are paid directly to the utilities on behalf of eligible households.

If your household's combined gross income for the 30 days beginning with the date of the application is at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level, you may be eligible to receive assistance. A single-person household can qualify for the program with a monthly gross income of up to \$1,518; a two-person household up to \$2,058; and a family of four can earn up to \$3,138.

The State of Illinois will be offering the PIPP Program (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) for the current program year. PIPP will be offered October 1 through December 31, or until funds are exhausted.

Customers must bring the following required documentation when applying for assistance:

- Social Security Cards for all household members
- Proof of gross income from all household members for the 30 days prior to the date of application beginning with the date of application
- Current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days (if they pay for the energy directly)
- If you rent, a copy of your lease

For more information, DuPage County residents can call (630) 407-6500, (800) 942-9412 (toll-free) or visit www.dupageco.org. For a listing of LIHEAP's local administering agencies and more information, visit: <http://liheapillinois.com> or call the toll-free hotline: (877) 411-WARM.

Lions Christmas Tree Sale

Again this year, the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees. 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. For more information, call Lion Mike Fortuna at 630-941-0645.

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

Lions Club members will deliver and set up yard trees on Saturday, November 24.



DELIVER TO:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____



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.

Security Cameras Reminder

The City offers a Private Security Camera Rebate Program for Oakbrook Terrace residents of owner-occupied, detached, single-family homes and detached townhomes where the property is the owner's primary residence.

The rebate of up to \$150 per camera system per residential address is exclusively for the cost of the security camera(s) and their installation, including any applicable taxes. To be eligible, cameras must be installed on the exterior of the property and for the amount that was paid at the time of application. Applications are due by December 31, 2018. For more information, please visit www.oakbrookterrace.net.



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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, 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 |

November/December 2018

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