



Terrace Leaves

April • May 2016

A Message From the Mayor

I'm looking forward to seeing the members of our community and their children on March 26 for our annual Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly. I truly appreciate the community's support of this wonderful event.



Now that the winter has ended and the city streets may have been impacted by weather, Please contact Public Services at 630-941-1651 if you see any potholes or needed repairs.

We are working once again on the proposed 2016-2017 budget and the City is projecting that the Operating Fund (General Fund) is to remain stable again on both the revenue and expenditures side. I would like to thank City Administrator Amy Marrero and her staff for their hard work in keeping our City financially secure.

The City will continue to work to attract new businesses and control the budget to ensure that your City will have the best quality of life.

This spring the City will be enforcing stricter home rental inspections and cosmetic appearance regulations for your homes and property. Please maintain your properties for the betterment of our community.

Mayor Tony Ragucci

Reminder: Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, March 26

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/ Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, March 26, 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, March 23, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form on page 2 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.



- Sat., March 26.....Annual Spring Egg Hunt/ Kite Fly
- Mon., April 4 & 25, May 16.....Free Brush Pick-Ups
- Sat., May 21 Annual Lions Pasta Dinner
- June 10 & 11Citywide Garage Sale



Registration Form

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, March 26



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wed., March 23)

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: Cheryl Downer,
17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181



Lions Pasta Dinner, May 21

The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is hosting its annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, May 21, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 1S415 Summit Avenue, Oakbrook Terrace. Proceeds from the event go to help individuals with vision, hearing and physical limitations. Come out and join your neighbors for a reasonably priced dinner – \$7 per adult and \$4 per child ages 5 to 12. Kids 5 and under are free! To pre-purchase tickets, please call Frank Orozen at 708-805-2095. Tickets also available at the door.



Citywide Garage Sale, June 10 & 11

Start your spring cleaning now and get ready for the upcoming annual Citywide Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event will be promoted with signs throughout the community, as well as ads in selected publications.

Condo and apartment residents can set up their wares in the back of City Hall. (Please bring your own table if you require one.) To have your address put on the map for shoppers, please call 630-941-8300 x201 no later than Wednesday, June 8.

Don't miss out on this event that's sure to be a big draw for bargain hunters!

Show Your Support and Gain Community Exposure: Be a Business Sponsor!

Seeking Fourth of July Sponsors

Consumers are more likely to patronize organizations that support their local community. Once again, the City of Oakbrook Terrace is giving local businesses the opportunity to gain exposure for their business by supporting the City's Fourth of July celebration.



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 and much more. For more information, please contact Cheryl Downer at 630-941-8300 ext. 201.

Seasonal Irrigation Cap Applications

The Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District provides for a seasonal irrigation cap against metered water usage for those residential customer users who require above average water use for purposes of irrigation or other usage that would not discharge directly into the sanitary sewer system. This cap restricts the sewer user charge, which is based on water usage, to a maximum limit during the seasonal period. To be eligible for the program, the residential user must complete a Seasonal Irrigation Cap Program Application and submit the application to the District. An application fee of \$20 is required for administrative set-up of the cap. Each following year, a \$10 charge will automatically be billed to your account. No need to reapply each year. Only one application for such cap and meter will be allowed per calendar year per residence. To obtain a copy of the application, please visit Flagg Creek's website at www.flaggcreekwrd.org/.

To be eligible for the program, the residential user must complete a Seasonal Irrigation Cap Program Application and submit the application to the District.

2016 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 4 & 25 May 16 June 6 & 27
July 11 August 1 & 22
September 12 October 3 & 24

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.

Illinois License Plate Renewal Reminders No Longer Mailed

Many Illinois drivers and business owners are learning the hard way that the State of Illinois is no longer notifying motorists when it is time to renew their license plate registration due to the current Illinois budget impasse. Illinois motorists are now on their own to remember when to renew their license plate stickers to avoid driving on expired plates. People can still get notices by email if they register online. Just visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com. You will need your Registration ID and PIN numbers which are located on your current registration card. If you do not have access to email or a computer, you will need to visit a drivers' license facility in order to renew your sticker.

Attention ComEd Customers Scam Alert



Don't Get Scammed

ComEd has seen an increase in reports of individuals calling ComEd customers and falsely claiming their electric service will be disconnected unless payment is made. These impersonators instruct customers to buy a prepaid credit card and call back to a different phone number with the personal identification number (PIN) or other personal information. They also use a tactic called "spoofing" to manipulate the Caller ID displayed phone number so that it appears as a ComEd number.

Remember

ComEd representatives will never call you to ask you for cash or request that you purchase a prepaid credit card to make payment on your bill. If you have concerns about the status of your account, call ComEd's Customer Service line at 800-334-7661 (1-800-EDISON1).

If you believe you have been the target of a phone scam, ComEd urges you to contact the Illinois Attorney General's office at 800-386-5438 (TTY 800-964-3013) or visit the Illinois Attorney General's website and click on the "Protecting Consumers" link.

IRS Scams on the Rise



The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department warns residents to be alert to IRS scams, which are on the rise. In some instances, callers posing as IRS agents will ask for personal information that can be used for identity theft purposes.

Please be aware that the Internal Revenue Service does not contact taxpayers on the phone or by email to obtain information and, if you should receive such a call or email, it is not legitimate. Do not provide the caller with any personal information.

For more information about IRS-related scams, visit www.irs.gov.



Oakbrook Terrace Park District

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

Saturday, April 23, 1- 3 p.m.

Earth Day Kite Fly

Grab your kite and your friends and head out to Heritage Park for a day of springtime fun. We will make and fly kites, play with bubbles, and celebrate Earth Day! This is a FREE event open to all ages.

Saturday, May 14, 12 - 4 p.m.

Celebrate Spring Festival

Spring is in the air. Come celebrate at the Lake View Nature Center. Enjoy FUN activities, live animals, self-guided hike, paddle boating, and more at this festival! All ages welcome. (Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.)

Birthday Parties

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. Parents provide refreshments, paper goods, and treat bags for a custom theme. For additional information, call 630-941-8747. Age: 4 years and up. Fee R/NR: \$75/\$95. Min/Max: up to 12 children (additional fees apply for extra children).

Open Gym at the Fitness Center

September 1-May 31

Open Gym takes place at the Fitness Center on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 12 to 3 p.m. The fee is \$5 per person. Note: Waivers must be completed. Children under the age of 18 must have waiver completed by adult/guardian. Waivers are valid for one calendar year.

Do You Need a Building Permit?



Residents are reminded that many types of building and renovation projects require a building permit. Permit applications and handouts are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department or can be downloaded

from the City website at: www.oakbrookterrace.net, go to City Documents and Forms. Work performed prior to securing a building permit could result in a ticket being issued. Decide early on whether you or your contractor will apply and obtain the necessary building permit(s). Once a building permit has been secured, you are required to clearly post the permit either in the front window or door of the building structure.

Common projects that require a building permit include site work, concrete work, masonry, electrical, metal structural steel beams, carpentry, roofs and finishes, such as new ceilings, walls or plaster, in addition to any new building, addition, structure alteration, structure repairs due to fire or deterioration, scaffolding, signs, tents/trailers. Additional examples of projects requiring a building permit are:

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| <i>A/C Units</i> | <i>Swimming Pools</i> | <i>Sheds</i> |
| <i>Finishing of Basements</i> | <i>Decks/Porches</i> | <i>Gazebos</i> |
| <i>Room Additions</i> | <i>Fences</i> | <i>Garages</i> |
| <i>Sprinkling Systems</i> | <i>Fireplaces</i> | <i>Siding</i> |
| <i>Driveways</i> | <i>Windows</i> | |

For questions, please contact the Oakbrook Terrace Building and Zoning Department at 630-941-8300 x209.

Residential Rental Licensing

The City of Oakbrook Terrace requires all residential rental properties to be licensed and inspected yearly. The purpose of the licensing and inspection of residential rental properties is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City. The City ordinance ensures that rental properties comply with the minimum housing standards, along with maintaining and improving the character and stability of residential areas. It will also correct and prevent housing conditions that adversely affect, or are likely to affect, the life, safety, health and general welfare of persons occupying the dwellings. The City of Oakbrook Terrace also seeks to eliminate overcrowding of dwellings by requiring compliance with established occupancy standards.

All owners of rental property within the City of Oakbrook Terrace must obtain a license. Applications are available online at www.oakbrookterrace.net and are due by May 1. The completed application with the required fee and proof of insurance must be submitted to the City before any rental inspection may proceed.

A copy of ordinance 16-9, passed on February 9, 2016, is available for viewing online.

Contractor Registration

All general contractors and sub-contractors performing work in the City of Oakbrook Terrace, for both residential and commercial projects, are required to register with the City prior to permit release. Registration forms are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department, or can be downloaded from the City website at www.oakbrookterrace.net.

Control Mosquitoes and Help Stop West Nile Virus

With warm weather comes mosquitoes and the possibility of West Nile Virus, a debilitating virus that can cause headache, high fever, neck stiffness, muscle weakness, coma and even death. The Culex mosquito, which carries West Nile Virus, thrives in warm temperatures and standing water — even if it's just a small amount.

Appropriate measures should always be taken to use insect repellent and remove any containers of water that could serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Every 7-10 days, new mosquitoes can be produced in stagnant water. To eliminate this problem:

- Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any container holding water
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) in yard
- Keep gutters, drains, ditches and culverts free of weeds and trash, so water drains properly
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Repair leaky pipes and outdoor faucets
- Empty plastic wading pools at least once a week and store indoors when not in use
- Make sure your backyard pool is cared for while on vacation
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Change the water in bird baths and plant pots or drip trays at least weekly

- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around the house, so adult mosquitoes can't hide there

The City of Oakbrook Terrace uses Clarke's EarthRight Program for mosquito abatement. EarthRight is a gentler, more earth-friendly product that can be used in and around organic gardens. EarthRight's application methods are just as effective as the previous method, but also designed to reduce carbon emissions in our community.

Oakbrook Terrace's mosquito control program is made up of four phases: surveillance/testing, larval control, adult control and community education. This program closely follows the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, and uses products registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Mosquito control applications using a truck generally take place at night in Oakbrook Terrace. By day, residents may also see Clarke employees on foot using backpacks or in small motorized vehicles making applications.

If you would like information about the application schedule, please contact the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at 800-942-2555. You may also contact the DuPage County Health Department at 630-682-7979 ext. 7046 for mosquito concerns.

Prepare for Tornado Season

Two-thirds of tornadoes in Illinois occur between March and May. During an average year, 800 tornadoes are reported nationwide, resulting in 80 deaths and 1,500 injuries.

It is essential to make preparations and instruct family members in advance of tornado season. Preparations should include holding frequent drills, and developing and implementing a plan for family members at home, work or school. Instruct family members to learn the sound of the tornado warning siren, which in Oakbrook Terrace sounds on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m. as a means of testing the system.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop, a severe thunderstorm or TORNADO WATCH is issued by the National Weather Service. If conditions indicate that severe weather and/or tornadoes are imminent, a TORNADO WARNING is issued. A TORNADO WATCH means that a tornado is possible in the area and people should remain alert to approaching storms. A TORNADO WARNING means either that a tornado has been spotted or is indicated by



weather radar. If the sky becomes threatening, move immediately to your pre-designated place of safety. Watch for a dark or greenish sky, a wall of clouds, hail or a loud roar that resembles the sound of a freight train. Significant property damage and injuries can be caused by flash flooding, lightning, large hail and damaging straight-line winds that often accompany violent tornadoes.

If a warning is issued, move to your predetermined shelter, such as a basement or an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor, and get under a heavy piece of furniture. If you are in your car, get out immediately. Never try to outrun a tornado. Those most at risk during a tornado are the very young, the elderly, those with physical or mental impairments, people in automobiles or mobile homes, and people who do not

understand the warning due to a language barrier.

For more information about how to prepare for severe weather, please visit www.nssl.noaa.gov/edu/safety/tornadoguide.html.



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Visit the Events Calendar on the City's Website

Looking for something fun for the family to do in our area? Or how about a night out on the town? Check out the Oakbrook Terrace Events Calendar on the City's website at www.oakbrookterrace.net.

Grass Height Reminder

With the growing season almost upon us, residents are reminded that the Oakbrook Terrace municipal code requires that lawns be maintained at a height of six inches or less. Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive during the summer months by regularly mowing their lawns.

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2016, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is now \$41 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, 2017. 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. 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.



Power Outages and More on OBTPD Facebook Page

Residents are reminded that they can check out the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department's Facebook page for details about power outages and other area emergencies.

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. 202
OBT PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-627-6100
YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT	.....	630-629-0886

April/May 2016

City of Oakbrook Terrace

Mayor Tony Ragucci
City Clerk Michael Shadley
City Administrator Amy Marrero

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	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