



Terrace Leaves

January • February 2017



Consolidated General Election, April 4

A consolidated general election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017, for the election of Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials. In Oakbrook Terrace, elections will be held for Mayor, City Clerk and Aldermen for Wards 1, 2 and 3. You must have registered at least 28 days prior to any election to vote in that election. For more information, please visit www.dupageco.org/election.

Making a Winter Survival Kit



Forecasters are expecting a severe winter season this year. 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
- ✓ Small, sharp knife
- ✓ Red bandanna or cloth
- ✓ Pencil stub and paper
- ✓ Large plastic garbage bag
- ✓ Safety pin
- ✓ Plastic spoon
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Whistle

✓ Plastic flashlight and spare batteries
(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
- ✓ Basic tools
- ✓ Tow cable or chain
- ✓ Sleeping bag or blankets
- ✓ Road flares and reflectors
- ✓ 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.



Tuesday, January 24City Hall Meeting for Residents

Monday, February 20 City Hall Closed for President's Day

Saturday, April 8 Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly

New Employee Joins City's Finance Department



Oakbrook Terrace is pleased to welcome Jen Haug who joined the City staff recently. Jen works in the City's Finance Department where she is responsible for helping with accounts payable, payroll and the general ledger.

In her new position, Jen, who formerly worked in nearby Oak Brook, is pleased with the community-oriented atmosphere of Oakbrook Terrace.

"Oakbrook Terrace is a small community and you can really tell that people care about the residents here," she said.

Jen grew up in Orland Hills and now resides in Tinley Park with her dog, Ellie, a part doberman part german shepherd mix.

In her spare time, Jen likes spending time with her extended family, attending concerts and gardening.

Staff Members Celebrate Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following City of Oakbrook Terrace staff members who celebrated milestone employment anniversaries in 2016. The City is fortunate to have the skills and talents of these dedicated staff members who help to make our community the wonderful place it is.

- Building and Zoning Administrator Mihaela Dragan, 25 years
- Police Sergeant Martin Milas, 25 years
- City Administrator Amy Marrero, 15 years
- Administrative Assistant Janice Coglianese, 15 years
- Police Sergeant Adam Bastianoni, 15 years
- Police Sergeant David Clark, 10 years
- Administrative Officer Karl Mirkes, 10 years
- Police Officer Timothy Ledenbach, 10 years
- Assistant to the Building and Zoning Administrator Karen DeBok, 10 years

Having Fun at the Annual Children's Christmas Party and Tree Lighting

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the City's annual Children's Christmas Party and Tree lighting a great success. Kids received a stocking from Santa and enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, facepainting and more.



In Emergency, Police Station is Warming Center for Residents

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

Steps for 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

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.

OBT Refuse Reminders

Do you need to dispose of items not included in the regular weekly refuse pickup? Following are some reminders:

Bulk Items

Bulk items include refuse that cannot be reduced to fit into the 65-gallon or 35-gallon wheeled container, such as discarded furniture, fixtures, household appliances of all kinds, including white goods, and small amounts of construction debris. Bulk items will continue to be collected for free. Remember to call Flood Brothers for bulk item pick-up, since it may require two workers to remove the item.

Special Pick-Ups

A Special Pick-Up can be set up for dry-wall, plywood, paneling, carpeting, disassembled kitchen and bathroom fixtures,

sod, clay, sand, stone, concrete, rocks, or any other loose small items or construction materials that are not suitable for placement in containers and that exceed 50 pounds in weight, or that are in bundles exceeding four feet in length and two feet in diameter. Residents must call Flood Brothers to schedule a Special Pick-Up. The collection will take place within 48 hours and will cost an amount specified by the contract. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Flood Brothers at 630-261-0400.

Remember that when you place white goods and containers of garbage, landscape waste and recyclable materials at the shoulder of the roadway for pick-up, they cannot be put out before 6 p.m. on the day before scheduled collection, and the containers must be removed from the roadway shoulder before 10 p.m. on the day of collection.

Save the Date

Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly

The City of Oakbrook Terrace Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly will take place on Saturday, April 8, 12 noon, at Stella Mae Swartz School. Watch for more details and registration information in the next issue of the *Terrace Leaves*.





2016-17 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, 2016.

- 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

A Reminder from the Police Department

Motorists are 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. In addition, 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 carry a mandatory fine of \$100. Higher fines, up to \$10,000, can be imposed if a motorist's actions cause an accident. These regulations are designed to protect emergency personnel who risk their lives to serve the public.

Building & Zoning

Highlights from the 2016 Calendar Year

Over 300 building permits were issued from January 1 through November 16:

- Four permits for new residential home construction
- Three permits for residential home additions
- 23 permits for new commercial tenant build-outs
- 22 permits for existing commercial tenant alterations and expansions
- Oliviabrook subdivision is in the final phase of development. The last three permits for construction of the new townhomes were issued. This subdivision, located along the north side of Butterfield Road, is made up of 31 townhomes, and to-date, 22 of those have been sold.
- Citywide property maintenance inspections were conducted within the residential and commercial districts.
- Yearly rental housing inspections were performed.
- The Oakbrook Terrace Park District is located on the property commonly known as Heritage Park, located at 1S325 Ardmore Avenue. Formerly unincorporated DuPage County, this property was annexed into the City of Oakbrook Terrace.
- Terra Vista Assisted Living, an Alzheimer care facility located at 1635 S. Ardmore Avenue, celebrated its opening.
- The 30-story office building known as the Oakbrook Terrace Tower is undergoing major upgrades, including exterior parking lot and site improvements and renovations to the lobby and common areas. A Foodbarz Cafe replaced the former cafe, and a new coffee bar will be added to the lobby area.

Public Services

Public Services Activities

In November, the following activities took place in the City of Oakbrook Terrace Public Services Department:

- Public Services Director Craig Ward prepared the upcoming Street Division and Water Division Budgets for presentation to the City Council.
- Right of way tree trimming was performed to not only aid in safe travels, but to maintain the aesthetics and health of our beautiful community trees.
- Creek banks along Buck Trail were weed-whacked to improve aesthetics and maintain the integrity of the creek banks.
- All City-owned streets were professionally swept.
- Holiday decorating took place at the municipal complex and Fik Point for the City's annual Tree Lighting.
- The City's fleet was prepared for winter operations.
- All dead-end fire hydrants were flushed to maintain high water quality for our water customers.
- Several potholes were filled in an attempt to maintain safe travels and roadway integrity.

Statistical Data (through November 2016)

- JULIE locates were up to 1088.
- Sign repairs totaled 41.
- Mailbox replacement totals were at 57.
- Water system compliance monitoring for coliform and bacteria continues to be successfully sampled.
- Fleet Maintenance: 100 oil change/services.
- A total of 39 tires were either repaired or replaced.
- 69 Police Department car repair orders were completed.



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Dog Registration Program

In an effort to reunite lost dogs with their owners in the event they are lost, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department offers a dog registration program. If you would like to participate, please bring to the Police Department proof of residency, together with a current picture of your dog. You can register your dog at the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department 24 hours per day. For more information, please call the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department non-emergency telephone number at 630-941-8320.

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2016, the cost for a Villa Park Library Card is now \$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, 2017. The library card provides access to all of the library's resources. Applications for Villa Park library cards are available

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.

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

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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