



Terrace Leaves

June • July 2016

A Message From the Mayor

It's spring and the City is preparing for our seasonal events. The Citywide garage sale takes place June 10-11, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Let's all enjoy the weekend by paying attention to our children and fellow residents and by driving slowly and cautiously.



Our Independence Day celebration will be held Monday, July 4, beginning at 3 p.m. with the resident picnic, followed by entertainment at 8 p.m., and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. at Terrace View Park. Hope to see you there.

This May the City will be starting the Rental Home Inspections and also single-family home cosmetic inspections. Every single family home will be inspected by our code enforcement officer for cosmetic issues, i.e. gutters, trim, grass, landscaping and front yard appearance and neatness. The inspections will only apply to the front and curb appeal of your house.

The City has been listening to residents' concerns and the most important issue is the look of our community and the appearance of our homes. Please don't take this as if the City is singling out anyone in particular. This is a new venture and we will try to assist you with your concerns and suggestions while these inspections take place.

As the Mayor and City Council, our commitment and pledge is to keep the City financially sound, safe and strong. The City has a strong financial fund balance; we also have at least 15 months of operating reserves, while most communities have 4-6 months of reserves, if any at all. Your Tax Bills arrived recently. Please look at your bill and see what is taxed by the City of Oakbrook Terrace. It is very small compared to the remaining taxing bodies, other than the Police pension, and we will keep it that way.

Finally, let me say, I'm proud to be your Mayor, and if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime. I am at City Hall every day or you may contact your Ward Aldermen. I will never keep anything from you and I will tell you the truth good or bad.

Sincerely, Mayor Tony Ragucci



City of Oakbrook Terrace Concert & Fireworks Display

Monday, July 4
Terrace View Park

Picnic, Raffle and Rides: 3-6 p.m.

Residents can pick up tickets until July 1 at 5 pm. Resident picnic tickets are free. The cost for non-resident tickets is \$10. Only residents may purchase non-resident tickets. *New this year:* Raffle featuring great prizes will replace Bingo.

Together Musical Group, 8-9 p.m.

Fireworks: 9:30 p.m., Terrace View Park

Not permitted: pets, alcohol and fireworks of any kind – including sparklers.

SUMMER HOURS

June 6, 2016 - September 2, 2016

City Hall

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Street and Water Divisions

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Police
Department
hours remain
the same.**



Mon., June 6 & 27, July 11 Free Brush Pick-Ups
Fri. & Sat., June 10 & 11 Citywide Garage Sale
Mon., July 4..... Independence Day Celebration



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.

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.

2016 Brush Pick-Up Dates

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.

Property Maintenance

The City of Oakbrook Terraces establishes minimum standards for all property within the City in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens. These standards are enforced by the City Property Maintenance Inspector through a process called property maintenance code enforcement. The Building and Zoning Department is available to help residents understand how to come into compliance with these standards. Some of the issues addressed in property maintenance include exterior maintenance of all buildings and property areas, garbage and refuse disposal, grass and weed control, as well as maintenance of garages, sheds, fences and driveways.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace will be conducting a yearly compliance program of all residential properties within the community. City staff will be inspecting properties from the right-of-way, and residents will receive a courtesy notice door hanger either thanking residents who are in compliance or advising a homeowner of any problems found by City staff. Homeowners will be asked to address the issues by a specific date. Failure to comply will result in further action by the City. The City of Oakbrook Terrace thanks residents for their continued cooperation in helping to keep our community looking its best.

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. 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 at www.oakbrookterrace.net.

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.

OBT Refuse Reminders



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO RESIDENTS:
Remember that when you place containers of garbage, landscape waste, recyclable materials or white goods 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.

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 at 630-261-0400 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 drywall, 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 fifty (50) pounds in weight, or that are in bundles exceeding four feet (4') in length and two feet (2') 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.

Do You Need a Permit?

Spring is here and home improvement projects begin. Residents are reminded that many types of building and renovation projects require a building permit. Permits applications are available at the City Hall Building and Zoning Department, or can be downloaded from the City website at www.oakbrookterrace.net. ork started prior to securing a building permit could result in fines and appearance in court. 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.

Many common projects that require a building permit include concrete or asphalt work, brick paving, masonry, electrical, plumbing, roofs, windows, siding, fences, A/C units, sheds, swimming pools, decks and porches. Before you will begin any project the City strongly suggests calling the Building and Zoning Department at 630-941-8300 ext. 209 to verify requirements.

Reminder: Certain Fireworks Prohibited in Illinois



Residents are reminded that fireworks that are not sold legally within Illinois are also not legal to possess within our community. This prohibition includes any device that produces a temporary audible or visible exhibition by means of explosion, combustion or detonation (i.e. firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, bombs). During the summer months, especially around July 4th, the police receive many reports

of fireworks being discharged in residential neighborhoods and reports of injuries associated with illegal fireworks. When the police respond to such reports, the fireworks are confiscated and the offender(s) may be arrested. Be aware, however, that even devices that seem harmless, such as sparklers, burn at temperatures in excess of 1,000 degrees and can cause severe burns, especially in the hands of young children.

Top Ten Poisonous Plants



Many of the flowering plants we enjoy throughout spring and summer may be toxic to humans and/or pets. While some are only mildly toxic if ingested, others can cause more serious symptoms. Following are 10 toxic plants in common use.

- Daffodils: *bulbs are toxic*
- Rhododendron: *leaves are toxic and so is honey made from the flower nectar*
- Ficus: *milky sap in leaves and stems toxic*
- Oleander: *all plant parts toxic*
- Chrysanthemum (mums): *flower heads somewhat toxic; touching them can cause mild allergic reactions*
- Flamingo Flowers or Pigtail Plants (Anthuriums): *all plant parts mildly toxic*
- Lily of the Valley: *all plant parts toxic*
- Hydrangea: *blossoms are toxic*
- Foxglove: *all plant parts toxic*
- Wisteria: *all plant parts toxic*

For any suspected poisoning, please call the Illinois Poison Center at 800-222-1222, as well as 911 if necessary.

Safety Checks for Children's Car Seats and other Restraint Systems



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 Community Service Officer Jacky Caruso at 630-941-8320.

Grilling Season Safety

Follow these suggestions to reduce the risk of burn injuries and fires while grilling.



General Safety Tips

- ✓ Never use a propane or charcoal grill indoors, in an enclosed area, under eaves or overhanging branches, or near anything that can burn.
- ✓ Never leave the grill unattended. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- ✓ Keep the grill and all trays clean by removing fat and grease.
- ✓ Always open the lid before lighting the grill.

Charcoal Grills

- ✓ Keep charcoal fluid away from heat sources and children.
- ✓ Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquid to a fire.
- ✓ Follow manufacturer's instructions when using electric charcoal starters, charcoal chimney starters, or charcoal fluids.

Propane Grills

Before using your grill this summer, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will cause bubbles to be released. If you smell propane or see bubbles, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, have the grill serviced by a professional before attempting to use it again. If the leak does not stop, or if you smell gas while cooking, leave the grill area and call the Fire Department at 911 immediately. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out while grilling, turn off the grill and gas and wait at least 15 minutes before lighting it again.



Oakbrook Terrace Park District

Please visit www.obtpd.org for information about all of the great programs and events going on at the Oakbrook Terrace Park District.

Fiscal Year 2016/17 Budget Approved

The City Council recently approved the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget (“FY 2017 Budget”), together with the City’s five-year Capital Improvement Plan document (“CIP”). The City maintains four funds: the General Fund, Motor Fuel Tax Fund, Capital Improvement Fund and the Water Fund.

General Fund

The General Fund is the City’s main operating or general purpose fund. Most of the services provided to residents, such as general administration, police protection, code enforcement, snow plowing, grounds maintenance, special events, storm water management, and street maintenance, are budgeted in the General Fund. The major revenue sources in the General Fund include the local share of state sales tax, and the local hotel/motel tax. A telecommunication tax, amusement tax, property tax, off-track betting host fees, licenses, permits and fines are other significant sources of revenue for the General Fund.

For this year, the City Council adopted a balanced General Fund budget with revenues of \$7.5 million and expenditures of \$7.5 million. The General Fund revenues for FY 2017, projected at \$7.5 million, reflect an increase of 2.8% or \$203,431 over the FY 2016 budget.

The local economy is thriving which is evident by the continued growth of the City’s 44 restaurants, seven hotels and strong retail sector.

The General Fund expenditures are 3.2% or \$232,455 more than the FY 2016 budget. The chart below compares the departmental budgets in the General Fund for FY 2016 and FY 2017.

General Fund Expenditures

	<u>FY 2015 Budget</u>	<u>FY 2016 Adopted Budget</u>
Executive Management	\$ 923,586	\$ 852,310
Police	\$ 4,511,741	\$ 4,724,387
Building and Zoning	\$ 452,980	\$ 467,115
Public Services-Streets	\$ 563,289	\$ 592,820
Tourism	\$ 165,457	\$ 169,116
Police Commission	\$19,135	\$ 14,135
Finance	\$ 468,138	\$ 510,464
Economic Development	<u>\$ 186,066</u>	<u>\$ 192,500</u>
Total	\$7,290,392	\$7,522,847

Water Fund

The Water Fund is comprised of two components – Operations and Maintenance (O&M), and Distribution. O&M pays for the costs to operate and maintain the water system, while Distribution pays for capital improvements to the water system and related expenditures.

For the FY 2017 Budget, Water Fund revenue is estimated at \$1.3 million. Included in this amount is \$280,000 from electric utility taxes, \$947,150 from the sale of water, plus \$45,810 in miscellaneous revenues.

The expenditures are budgeted at \$1.24 million. There are two major cost centers comprising the Water Fund expenditures. First is the \$452,700 for the purchase of water from the DuPage Water Commission and second is the \$68,128 for bond payments.

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Motor Fuel Tax collections for the FY 2017 Budget will be used to fund two programs: the City’s yearly allotment of road salt and snow plowing related charges.

Capital Improvement Fund

The FY 2017 Budget identifies one major revenue source for the Capital Improvement Fund: home rule sales tax (\$1.7 million). The major expenditures in FY 2017 are for the bond payments for the Public Services Maintenance Facility (\$354,188) and the partial City Hall remodel (\$300,000).

Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

The 2015 reporting year of the City’s Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available for viewing on the City’s website at www.oakbrookterrace.net.

If you would prefer to receive a hard copy of the CCR, please contact Public Services Director Craig Ward at 630-941-1651.



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Teen Curfew

As the summer months approach, the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department reminds residents that the curfew for children 17 years of age and under is 11 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 midnight on Saturday and Sunday.

Please Help by Watering Right-of-Ways

Please water your right-of-way to help ensure that the grass will grow.

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 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

June/July 2016

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