



# Terrace Leaves

October • November 2015

## *A Message From the Mayor*

As the fall season begins, I would like to remind everyone that you are invited to join me on Wednesday, November 11, at 1 p.m., for the Veterans Day ceremony in Veterans Garden in Dorothy Drennon Park. The veterans who have served our country so admirably, as well as their families, have made countless sacrifices for our benefit and I extend my sincerest thanks for their service.



I would also like to remind residents that children will be out and about on Saturday, October 31, Halloween. Recommended Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. and page 5 of this newsletter offers tips for helping to keep children safe this Halloween.

We are pleased to report that our Police Department moved into its new facility next door to City Hall on Butterfield Road on October 14. The City's Executive Staff and Building and Zoning Department will remain in the existing City Hall. Please join us for a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the new Police Department on Monday, October 19, 6 p.m.

At the City Council Meeting on November 24, 7 p.m., we will be discussing the housing issue in our community. I encourage all residents to attend, so that we can have an open dialogue about this important issue.

As the holiday season approaches, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as we give thanks for friends and family, as well as the privilege we all share in being a part of this great community.

*Sincerely,  
Mayor Tony Ragucci*

## Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10

*"Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"*

According to National Fire Protection Association statistics, half of all U.S. home fire deaths occur at night between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when people are most likely to be sleeping. Having a working smoke alarm in the home cuts the risk of dying in a fire in half. These facts underscore the importance of having working smoke alarms in all bedrooms.

Remember, smoke alarms save lives:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside every sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement. Larger homes need more smoke alarms. Mount alarms on the ceiling or high on the wall.
- Test smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button. Replace batteries regularly.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. Consider interconnecting them so that when one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

### About Fire Prevention Week

According to the National Archives and Records Administration's Library Information Center, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. Visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) for more information.



- Monday, October 26** ..... Season's Last Brush Pick-up
- Wednesday, November 11** ..... Veterans Day Ceremony
- Monday, November 30** ..... Children's Christmas Party Registration Due
- Friday, December 4** ..... Children's Christmas Party



Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, 6 p.m.  
 City of Oakbrook Terrace  
 Children's Christmas Party

## Registration Form

All residents invited. Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30.

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 Children's Christmas Party:**

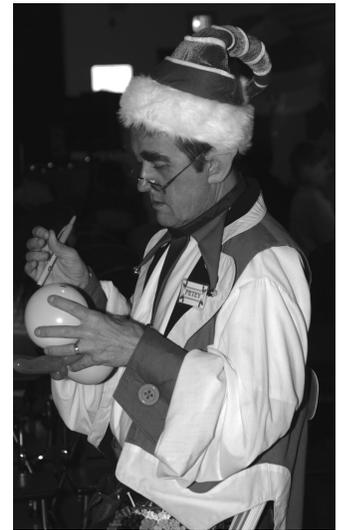
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or drop off at Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, 17W275 Butterfield Road, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

## Children's Christmas Party, Friday, December 4, 6-9 p.m.

The City of Oakbrook Terrace is holding its annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party on Friday, December 4, from 6-9 p.m. The Tree Lighting will take place at Fik Point and the Children's Christmas Party at Swartz School Gym. Lots of fun activities are planned. All residents are welcome and all children up to 12 years of age will receive a stocking filled with goodies from Santa with pre-registration using the form at left. Residents who have grandchildren, nieces, nephews, etc., who they would like to bring, but who are not residents, can bring them for a fee of \$5 per child (with registration form) to receive a stocking from Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served.



\* Entertainment from **Rick Kelley** and **Petey the Elf & Toy Soldier; face painting.**

\* Mayor Ragucci will **light the tree at Fik Point.**

\* Santa arrives with **stockings for the children: 7-8 p.m.**

Preregistered children must be present to receive their stocking. No stockings given away before or after the event. All children's registration forms must be returned to City Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 30. Any registration form turned in for a non-resident child without a \$5 fee will not receive a stocking at the event. **Note: Only residents and their guests may attend the Children's Christmas Party.**



## Veterans Day Ceremony

Please join us in honoring those who served at our Veterans Day Ceremony, Wednesday, November 11, 1 p.m. in the Veterans Garden located in Dorothy Drennon Park. The Veterans Garden was created in 2010 to recognize the men and women in our community for their commitment to serving and protecting our country. In attendance will be Oakbrook Terrace Park District commissioners and staff, Mayor Ragucci, City of Oakbrook Terrace Officials and the Elmhurst Legion THB Post 187. Light refreshments will be served.

## Oakbrook Terrace Welcomes Waxing the City to our Business Community



*Left to right: Robin Schoch, founder of Waxing The City; Kim Hamilton, owner; City of Oakbrook Terrace Mayor Tony Ragucci and manager Ali Bossingham.*

Waxing the City, located at 17W681 Roosevelt Road, is the newest business to open in Oakbrook Terrace. The company offers a full line of facial and body waxing services for both women and men. Waxers at Waxing the City are highly trained cerologist technicians.

Waxing the City was founded by Summer Hartshorn Vasilas who worked for several salons in Minneapolis and Denver throughout the late 1990s and into the next decade. As Summer refined her waxing skills and became more passionate about waxing, she had a dream of someday opening a studio exclusively dedicated to waxing. More information can be obtained by calling 331-215-4929 or by visiting [www.waxingthecity.com](http://www.waxingthecity.com).

# Welcome!

### 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](http://www.oakbrookterrace.net).

## How Do I Dispose of Old or Unwanted Medicine?

Prescription medicines are polluting our waterways, including those we use for drinking water. To protect water quality, take medicines to a local police station that has an RxBox for disposal.

### What Happens to the Medicine?

It is incinerated. This process completely destroys the active ingredients in the medicine. Although this is not an ideal situation (for air quality), it is better than flushing — where the medicine gets into the waterways, and better than the garbage, where the medicine may drain into the soil and the groundwater.

### Disposal Details

Medicine that is no longer needed can be disposed of at certain police stations (see list below) and the Naperville Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

Just empty all the pills into a ziplock bag. The bottles or container that it came in can be disposed of separately (look for the recycling triangle). The police stations have very limited space to collect the old medicine and do not want your personal information from the prescription bottle. The following police stations offer a medication drop box:

### Police Stations

Addison	Lemont
Bloomington	Lisle
Burr Ridge	Schaumburg
Carol Stream	West Chicago
Clarendon Hills	Wood Dale
Downers Grove ( <i>appointment needed online or by phone 630-434-5681</i> )	
DuPage County Sheriff	
Elk Grove Village	
Elmhurst	
Glen Ellyn	
Glendale Heights	
Itasca	

### Other Sites:

Barlett Village Hall (*last Saturday of each month 9 a.m. - 12 noon*)  
Naperville HHW site (*weekends only, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., excluding holidays*)

### Accepted:

- Prescription and over-the-counter medications
- Medicated ointments
- Liquids containing medications
- Prescription and over-the-counter inhalers
- Glass thermometers containing Mercury
- Only residentially generated medication items

### Not Accepted:

- Sharps/needles
- Bio-hazardous materials including wound dressings
- Radioactive medicines
- Other household wastes



## 2015-16 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 beginning November 1, 2015.

- 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.

## Oakbrook Terrace Park District Halloween Carnival, Saturday, October 24

The upcoming Halloween Carnival at the Oakbrook Terrace Fitness Center, co-sponsored by the City of Oakbrook Terrace, promises to be a "Spooktacular" event. From 3-6 p.m., this free event will feature:

- Ghoulish games
- Crafts
- Face painting and more



For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Oakbrook Terrace Park District at 630-627-6100.

## Lions Christmas Tree Sale



The Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is offering holiday trees again this year. 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. Lions Club members will deliver and set up yard trees during the first week of December. For more information, call Lion Mike Fortuna at 630-941-0645.

Yes! I want to order a Holiday Tree from the Lions Club

Holiday Tree (\$28) qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Holiday Tree w/Stake: (\$38) qty: \_\_\_\_\_

My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Oakbrook Terrace Lions Club is enclosed. Return to: Lion Mike Fortuna, 1S576 Nimitz Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Deliver to: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Halloween Safety & Hours

Residents are reminded that Trick-or-Treating hours are 2 - 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 31. By following a few simple guidelines, Trick-or-Treating can be a fun and safe time for all. Remind your children to:

- Stay in their neighborhood.
- Go with a parent or guardian.
- Don't enter a home to receive a treat.
- Go to homes with well-lit porches or front entryways; avoid homes that are under construction or look deserted.
- Cross streets at corners only.
- Accept only wrapped or sealed treats.
- Eat treats at home only after they have been inspected by a parent or guardian.
- Cut and wash all fruit before eating.
- Call police if suspicious treats are found.
- Make sure costumes afford visibility. Wear face make-up rather than masks; wear reflectorized clothing or attach reflectorized strips to costumes.

## 2015 Brush Pick-Up Dates

### 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.

Final Date: October 26

### 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.



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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, 2015, 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 \$50 per single-family household (including Spring Club, Berkshire and Arbor 40, as well as all other single-family households) through April 30, 2016. 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/](http://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:

<b>POLICE</b>	Emergency.....	911
	Information.....	630-941-8320
<b>FIRE EMERGENCY</b>	.....	911
<b>MAYOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 208
<b>CITY CLERK</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 206
<b>CITY ADMINISTRATOR</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 207
<b>ASSISTANT TO THE MAYOR &amp; ADMINISTRATOR</b>		
	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 213
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 201
<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 209
<b>CODE ENFORCEMENT</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 265
<b>PUBLIC SERVICES</b>	.....	630-941-1651
<b>WATER BILLING</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 242
<b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	.....	630-941-8300, EXT. 202
<b>OBT PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	630-627-6100
<b>YORK CENTER PARK DISTRICT</b>	.....	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