



Terrace Leaves

March • April 2017

A Message From the Mayor



As we enter the spring season, the City is moving forward with the 2017-2018 budget and anticipating another financially successful year. The City is financially sound with a healthy fund balance and reserve operating capital for approximately two years, which is very rare in most communities. Over the last eight years in office, I'm proud to say

that with the hard work of City staff and the Aldermen, we have always had a balanced budget and been in the black.

We are fortunate that numerous new retail and corporate commercial businesses have opened or relocated to our City, including Pete's Market and the Oakbrook Terrace Square mall, Ferrara Pan Candy, Red Box, Graycor, Sirva and Hassett Moving Company, to name a few. We also were successful in helping the Off Track Betting Facility to stay open by working with Hawthorne Race track, which took over two restaurants on that property. This effort enabled us to keep the revenue this business generates in our City, and together with numerous smaller businesses, it will continue to generate sales taxes to keep our City flourishing. The retail sales taxes generated by continued business growth will maintain or even reduce the City portion of your property taxes.

The City constructed a new Police Facility and remodeled City Hall over the last two years using capital project funds, while borrowing no money or taking out any bonds for either project. We installed new streetlights in the City's original subdivision behind City Hall and we will continue adding street curbs until the entire subdivision is complete. We also secured free trash pickup with Flood Brothers Disposal and currently staff is working on security cameras at the entrances and exits to our City for the safety of our residents.

The City will continue to instill that hometown feeling and provide a friendly community by offering holiday parties and outings for all our residents and their families. Specifically, the Christmas, Easter and Fourth of July celebration and the newly added Halloween festival, as well as Police National Night Out.

April 4, 2017, is Election Day in Oakbrook Terrace; you will be electing a Mayor, three Aldermen and a City Clerk; please exercise your Constitutional rights and go to the polls and vote!

Finally, let me say I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor and serve this great community that we call home! I've said it before, but I believe we have and live in one of the best Cities in DuPage County, as well as the Chicagoland area.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tony Ragucci



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Saturday, April 8

Annual Spring Egg Hunt/Kite Fly

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Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly, Saturday, April 8

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.

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, April 5, 4:30 p.m. Use the registration form below 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.

Registration Form

Spring Egg Hunt and Kite Fly Saturday, April 8



(Please return form by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5)

There is a \$5.00 charge for non-resident children

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Childrens' Names _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Return to Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, attn: Cheryl Downer,
17W 275 Butterfield Rd., Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Electronics Recycling Free Drop-Off

**Monday-Friday
7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
York Township Highway
Department**

Did you know that you can recycle electronics free-of-charge at the York Township Highway Department?

Items accepted include:

- Computers
- Printers
- TVs
- Video Game Consoles
- *and much more*
- Monitors
- Fax and Copy Machines
- VCRs
- Phones

Where?

**York Township
Highway Department**

19W475 Roosevelt Road

Lombard, IL 60148

For more information, please call 630-627-2200 or email:
yorkhwy@comcast.net

YORK TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY

Consolidated General Election, April 4



Be sure to exercise your right to vote in the consolidated general election, which 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.

Early Voting

Early voting is available beginning Monday, March 20, at the following area locations:

Through April 3

- Yorktown Center, 203 Yorktown Mall Drive, Lombard

Through April 1

- Addison Township Office, 401 N. Addison Road, Addison
- Downers Grove Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove
- Elmhurst City Hall, 209 N. York Street, Elmhurst

For more information and other Early Voting locations, please visit www.dupageco.org/election.

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.

Yield to Emergency Vehicles

Scott's Law was passed in 2002 after Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at an accident scene on a Chicago expressway.

Scott's Law requires that 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 of Scott's Law carry a mandatory fine of \$100. Higher fines, up to \$10,000, can be imposed if a motorist's actions cause an accident.

Driving under the influence would be considered an aggravating factor, calling for a higher fine. Driver's license suspension is also imposed: 90 days in cases involving property damage; 180 days if the motorist's actions cause an injury; and two years if the accident results in a death.

Motorists are also 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. These regulations are designed to protect emergency personnel who risk their lives to serve the public.

Are Your Alarms and Fire Extinguisher Still on the Job?

Smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers should be part of the safety equipment in every household, but they can only protect your family and home if they are operational when you need them. The average life span and replacement recommendations vary according to type, age and manufacturer, but the following information can be used as a general guideline.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes without smoke detectors or without working detectors. Approximately one-third of smoke alarms in the U.S. are past their recommended lifespan. The National Fire Protection Association recommends that residential fire alarms be replaced according to manufacturer's instructions or after ten years (the average lifespan of newer models).

After ten years, alarms accumulate significant levels of dust, dirt and air-borne impurities that can affect the sensors. Replacing smoke alarms every ten years also allows you to upgrade to current models with a variety of new options and improvements. Write the purchase or replacement date with a marker on the inside of the alarm. Batteries should be replaced every year.

Carbon Monoxide detectors should be replaced at least every five years, unless the manufacturer specifies a shorter or longer life span. Some have an average life span of only two years, while others last as long as 10.

It is important to be aware that the test button on a CO alarm only tests the battery and circuitry – not the sensor. Testing at least once a month is important, especially during heating season when doors and windows are normally closed. Batteries should be replaced and the unit should

be cleaned with a vacuum annually. The sensor component of the detector should be replaced every two years. Most units sound an alarm when the sensor needs to be replaced.

Fire extinguishers should be replaced according to manufacturer recommendations, generally between three and twelve years, depending on the manufacturer and model. An annual visual inspection should include the following steps:

- Check to ensure that the pull pin is firmly in place
- Check the pressure gauge to make sure the needle is firmly planted in the green
- Check the nozzle to make sure it is free of debris and insects
- Visually inspect the extinguisher for dents, leakage and corrosion
- Make sure the unit is within the manufacturer's recommended lifespan. The lifespan is usually printed somewhere on the label and the year of manufacture on the bottom of the cylinder.

If your extinguisher fails even one of these steps, it should be replaced.

Proper disposal of smoke alarms, CO detectors and fire extinguishers is important. Smoke alarm batteries and plastic covers can be recycled, and the unit can then be sent back to the manufacturer via surface mail or UPS Ground.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be disposed of with normal trash once the batteries have been removed. Dispose of batteries with other hazardous waste. For fire extinguishers, follow instructions on the unit, or contact the manufacturer for information on proper disposal.

If your extinguisher fails even one of these steps, it should be replaced.

2017 Brush Pick-Up Dates

April 3 & 24

May 15

June 5 & 26

July 10 & 31

August 14 & 28

September 11

October 2 & 23

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.

City Departments CORNER

Police

Detective Sergeant Clark is in the process of recruiting patrol officers to act as part-time investigators for the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department. These officers will be trained in the investigation of all crimes and will supplement the current Investigations Unit in the event additional investigative manpower is needed.

The increased burglary to motor vehicle activity in 2016 in DuPage County has prompted the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department to assess ways to combat this activity. The following are preventive safety tips:

- Always roll up windows and lock all doors.
- If storing the vehicle in a garage, be sure the garage door is closed.
- Do not keep valuables (wallets, purses, GPS units, cell phones, etc.) in plain view; either take them with you or secure them in the trunk.
- Never leave the vehicle running and unattended.
- Park vehicles in well-lit areas.
- Do not hide a spare key in or on the vehicle.
- If you see anyone suspicious near a vehicle, call 9-1-1.

In addition, the police department has continued patrol activity and has reached out to residents in person and/or left a Crime Prevention Notice when an observation is made.

Building & Zoning

The City of Oakbrook Terrace will be welcoming several new businesses to the community this spring:

- MetroPCS, 17W673 Roosevelt Road (within Oakbrook Terrace Square). MetroPCS is a cellular store offering no contracts, unlimited talk, text and data plans and a fast 4G LTE Network at an affordable price.
- Party City, 17W740 22nd Street (next to Home Depot). A discount party supply chain providing an array of party accessories for birthdays, weddings, holidays and all occasions.
- Wayback Burgers, 17W420-422 22nd Street (within JRC Plaza). A popular East Coast-based hamburger chain known for burgers made with 100 percent ground beef and hand-dipped milkshakes. Cooked-to-order burgers are available as a single, classic double and triple triple (nine) patty burger. In addition to burgers, the restaurant offers chicken sandwiches, veggie and turkey burgers, fresh salads and sides, including their homemade chips.
- Smoker's Delight, 17W416 22nd Street (within JRC Plaza). Tobacco store carries a wide selection of smoking products.

Residential Rental Licensing

The City of Oakbrook Terrace requires all residential rental properties to be licensed and inspected yearly. The purpose for 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, while 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 due by May 1. To obtain an application, please visit 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 at www.oakbrookterrace.net.

Public Services

Public Services handled eight snow storm events in December and four in January. The following were significant snowfalls: six inches on December 4, 2016; eight inches on December 10, 2016; and five inches on December 18, 2016.

Public Services Director Craig Ward, working in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, completed the annual Lake Michigan Water Audit. Ninety-six percent of all of the water that is pumped by the City was accounted for. We are fortunate to have only four percent of flow unaccounted for, which is exceptional.

Other Public Service activities included:

- Completed Sexual Harassment Training
- Filled several potholes in an attempt to maintain safe travels and roadway integrity
- The Water Department attended a Metering Seminar
- Public Services was trained and certified in Lift/ Bucket Truck operation.
- New water service was installed at one residential property at 635 Halsey, and one commercial property, Dunkin Donuts, at 462 22nd Street.
- JULIE Locates: 109 in December for a total of 1197 for 2016. In January 2017, 70 were performed.
- Sign repair totals: Two in December for a total of 43 in 2016. In January, two signs were repaired.
- Mailbox totals: Two mailboxes and posts were replaced in December. 59 complete mailboxes were replaced in 2016. In January 2017, two mailboxes were replaced.
- Water System Compliance Monitoring: 100 percent successful sampling for the year without a single violation.
- Fleet maintenance: 102 oil changes completed for 2016. In January 2017, 13 oil changes were completed.
- A total of 39 tires have been repaired or replaced in 2016. In January 2017, seven have been repaired or replaced.
- 69 Police Department car repair orders were completed for 2016. In January 2017, 15 car repair orders were completed.

CRIME PREVENTION NOTICE
OAKBROOK TERRACE POLICE DEPARTMENT
17W275 BUTTERFIELD ROAD
OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL 60181
ADMINISTRATIVE PHONE (630) 941-8320
WWW.OSTPOLICE.COM

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

THE PREMISES AT _____
NAME OF BUSINESS OR OCCUPANT _____
ADDRESS _____

OFFICER: _____ WAS CHECKED BY: _____ ID NO. _____

THE OFFICER OBSERVED THE FOLLOWING:

EVERYTHING WAS FOUND TO BE IN ORDER AT THAT TIME

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN DOOR AT A BUSINESS | <input type="checkbox"/> NEWSPAPERS/MAIL ACCUMULATED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN SECURITY GATE | <input type="checkbox"/> TRASHYARD WASTE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POORLY MAINTAINED LIGHTING | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNK VIOLATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN GARAGE DOOR | <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE HAZARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN DOOR AT A RESIDENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> BICYCLE LEFT OUT/UNLOCKED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DEFECTIVE/BROKEN LOCKS | <input type="checkbox"/> ROAD HAZARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BROKEN OR OPEN WINDOW | <input type="checkbox"/> SNOW REMOVAL HEALTH HAZARD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OPEN CAR DOOR | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOME LIGHT ON IN CAR | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VALUABLES LEFT IN YARD/VEH. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ALARM ACTIVATED | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO VISIBLE ADDRESS NUMBERS | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER AT POLICE DEPT. | |

COMMENTS: _____

This Courtesy Notice is issued to promote safety in our community. We hope you will join in our crime prevention efforts by correcting the problems checked above.

Thank you for your cooperation!

COURTESY NOTICE



CITY OF OAKBROOK TERRACE

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Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181
www.oakbrookterrace.net

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Permit No. 330

ECRWSS
Resident
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

Call JULIE Before Digging

If you are planting a tree, installing a fence or deck, or doing any other home improvement project that involves digging, remember to call JULIE (811 from a cell phone or 1-800-892-0123) before you begin. JULIE will notify member utility companies to send locators to mark their underground facilities with paint and/or flags. Once you know the approximate location of utility lines, you can dig safely without running the risk of service disruptions, potential injuries, fines and repair costs.

Villa Park Library Card

Effective May 1, 2017, 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, 2018. 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.

Phone Numbers

For City Services:

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|---|------------------|------------------------|
| 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 |

March/April 2017

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