



Terrace Leaves

May • June 2017

A Message From the Mayor

First I want to thank all the residents who exercised their Constitutional rights and voted in our municipal election on April 4. Thank you from myself, the City Clerk and Aldermen who you supported with your right to vote. We will continue to serve and protect our residents and the businesses of Oakbrook Terrace.



Let me address some rumors and opinions that have been circulating around our City: your City is in secure financial shape, we have a balanced budget with almost two years' of budget reserves, as well as the necessary amount of employees to maintain the services and protection that our residents and businesses deserve and expect.

In 2012, the City Council unanimously approved the ordinance for the Red Light Camera contract from the current vendor; this issue was addressed at numerous open Council Meetings and was vetted openly and professionally. This is a safety issue first, since the intersection of Route 83 and 22nd Street is one of the most dangerous in the Chicagoland area. Fact: yes, there is also revenue attached (parking tickets, speeding tickets, DUIs, etc.). Why should Red Light citations be different? The reason for the penalty is to change the drivers' behavior, pure and simple.

The City will receive sixty percent of the total revenue generated by the cameras, with the vendor getting forty percent; portions of the revenue created by the cameras will be redistributed to our community in the form of a reduction in the tax portion that homeowners pay the City and numerous projects that the City has planned.

As your mayor, I always have an open door policy for every resident and business in our City. I will never hide any issue or projects from our citizenry. If you have any concerns or questions regarding any issue, please feel free to call or stop by City Hall to see me or you can call your Alderman.

Finally, let me say, I'm proud and honored to be your Mayor. I take this position seriously and personally. I will always be available to residents at any time; please free to call me or stop by City Hall. I will never keep anything from you and I will tell you the truth good or bad.

Mayor Tony Ragucci



City of Oakbrook Terrace and Flood Brothers Concert & Fireworks Display

Tuesday, July 4th
Terrace View Park

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

Residents can pick up tickets until July 3 at 4:30 pm. Resident picnic tickets are free. The cost for non-resident tickets is \$10. Only residents can purchase non-resident tickets.

**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.*



City Hall & Public Services **Summer Hours**

Monday, June 5, to Friday, September 1

City Hall

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Street and Water Divisions

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Police
Department
open
24 hours/day**

April 4th Election Results

Following are the results of the recent election on April 4 for the City of Oakbrook Terrace. The City congratulates these individuals and thanks everyone who turned out to vote.

Mayor – Tony Ragucci

Ward 1 – Paul Esposito

Ward 2 – Frank Vlach

City Clerk - Michael Shadley



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.



Citywide Garage Sale, June 9th & 10th

Start your spring cleaning now and get ready for the upcoming annual Citywide Garage Sale, Friday and Saturday, June 9th and 10th, 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 7.

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

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.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

2017 Brush Pick-Up Dates

June 5 & 26

July 10 & 31

August 14 & 28

September 11

October 2 & 23

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

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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.

Consumer Confidence Report Now Available

The 2016 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.

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.

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.

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Police

Smart911

What is Smart911

Smart911 is a free public safety service that helps first responders help you more quickly when you dial 911. You create an electronic safety profile that provides essential household information about family members, home, pets and vehicles. This information will display automatically on the 911 call taker's screen when you make an emergency call. It's private and secure, and you control what information is in your profile. Smart911 is offered by the Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County and is supported by existing 911 fees.

How does Smart911 help?

Detailed profiles can save valuable time during an emergency. Some examples:

Mobile phones

Approximately 73 percent of 911 calls come from mobile phones, but a cellular phone's exact location can't always be determined by GPS from a cell tower. Smart911's enhanced service displays the listed address of the mobile phone in the profile and can track the call via GPS, even if the call is disconnected.

Missing children

It can take up to an hour to acquire a current photo of a child and disseminate it. Smart911 profiles will display the user-provided photo of the child, which can be immediately saved or forwarded to officers in the field or news channels.

Unresponsive callers

Callers may not be able to speak because they are unconscious, have a speech condition or are in a situation where it is dangerous to speak. A Smart911 profile can display medical information so that first responders know about existing medical conditions and how to treat them. A profile can also include life caregiver contact information.

House fire

The Smart911 profile will list family members, photos, room locations and even pets to assist firefighters in quickly locating all members and rescuing them safely.

What information can be included?

Anything a user thinks could be useful, including:

- Family members' ages, photos or physical descriptions
- Information about their home, including address, utility shutoff valves and keyholders
- Medical information, such as medications, medical conditions or disabilities
- Special considerations like language restrictions, restraining orders or rescue notes

Who can use 911?

Anyone who lives, works or visits DuPage County can create a profile. It's free and completely confidential—the information provided is available only to emergency responders during a 911 call. The service can be especially valuable to households with young children, seniors, or anyone with a physical or mental disability. DuPage First Responders encourage participants in the State of Illinois Premise Alert Program (PAP) to also complete profiles.

Smart911 is a national product. This means your profile will display to any 911 center in the United States that has Smart911.

How do you sign up?

Visit www.smart911.com to create a profile. The step-by-step online process lets users decide which information they want to include on their profile. The profile can be updated or changed at any time.



The Oakbrook Terrace Police Department, together with the Oakbrook

Terrace Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #264, will be participating in the statewide Cop on a Rooftop Event at the Dunkin Donuts (17W521 Roosevelt Road) from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2017, to support Illinois Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Customers who make a donation will receive a coupon for a free donut. Torch Run Stainless Coffee Mugs will be available for \$10 and Law Enforcement Torch Run t-shirts for \$15 (while supplies last). *100% of all donations received will go directly to the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois.*

For more details, please contact Officer Tomopoulos at 630-941-8320 or visit <https://www.soill.org/event/dunkin-donuts-cop-on-rooftop/>

Building & Zoning Contractor Registration

All general contractors and sub-contractors performing work in the City, 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.

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Building & Zoning

Tips on Selecting a Qualified Contractor

Selecting a contractor is an important task. Additions or alterations to a home that do not abide by city ordinances can affect title transfers should a property owner decide to sell their home.

Following are suggestions when choosing a contractor for a project:

- Obtain at least three bids on any project. The only exception should be for extremely minor, low-cost projects or emergency repairs made by trusted contractors.
- Never pay for a project in advance. If a contractor asks for total payment up front, you should consider looking for another contractor. Small retainer fees or payments for materials already on the job site may be appropriate.
- Beware of a contractor who suggests that you not obtain required permits or inspections. This contractor may intend to do work contrary to established safety or structural standards.
- Always use licensed contractors. Insist on seeing evidence of a current license. The following trades require a license:
 - ✓ Electricians
 - ✓ Plumbers
 - ✓ Air Conditioning Contractors
 - ✓ Irrigation Contractors
 - ✓ Roofing Contractors
 - ✓ Private Alarm and Security Contractors
- Ask for a list of previous jobs similar to your proposed project.
- Ask for references AND check them.
- Before work begins, obtain evidence that the contractor has obtained a permit. During the course of the project monitor the inspection records. This will protect you from being responsible for code violations that the contractor might commit on your property.
- When the project is complete, be sure that the project has passed all city inspections.

Don't Forget to Check if a Permit is Required

The City of Oakbrook Terrace requires building permits for new construction, as well as home additions and various remodeling projects. Permits are also required for other property improvements, such as the installation of decks, patios, paver brick work, fences and pools, just to name a few.

Cosmetic improvements, such as painting, wallpapering, carpeting, and trim work do NOT require permits. A homeowner may perform most ordinary repairs and limited types of construction on their dwelling without a permit. It's always best to check with the Building and Zoning Department before you begin a project.

NOW OPEN

Oxford Insurance

17W621 Roosevelt Road

Smokers Delight

17W416 22nd Street

Mathnasium

17W434 22nd Street

Dunkin Donuts

17W462 22nd Street

Party City

17W740 22nd Street

Public Services

- Our entire Municipal Complex (City Hall, Police Department, Public Services and Water) underwent a thorough building system/safety inspection by our Fire Department and was found to be in-compliance.
- Public Services Director Craig Ward attended a Leak Detection and Infrastructure Management Seminar
- Public Services Director Craig Ward presented the FY 17-18 Budget to the City Council
- We had two snow removal events of significance: One on 3-13-17 in the amount of 2.5 inches and one on 3-14-17 in the amount of 3 inches.
- 2017-2018 Salt was procured from CMS.
- All of our Folding Stop Signs at traffic signaled intersections were upgraded to MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices) standards. These signs are beneficial and necessary during a power outage.
- Three new water service connections were made at Oliviabrook. All 31 Oliviabrook Units are now connected to our water system.

Totals:

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Sign Repair Totals: February: 3; March: 21

Mailbox Repair Totals: February: 4; March: 2

Water System Compliance Monitoring for Coliform and Bacteria continues to be a success.

Fleet Maintenance:

■ Oil Changes- February: 0; March: 10

■ Tires - February: 1; March: 5

■ Police Department Car Sheet Repair orders: February: 2
March: 3



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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, 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:

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

May/June 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