



# Terrace Leaves

November • December 2017

## *A Message From the Mayor*

The Holiday season is approaching along with our winter weather. Please rest assured that our Public Services Department will keep our City streets clean and handle any situation that arises due to inclement weather. Please remember to use caution while driving in our City and be aware of pedestrians walking on our streets.



I welcome all residents and children to the City's Annual Christmas Party and Tree Lighting at our newly decorated Fik Point, located at Swartz School, on Friday, December 8, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The vote on the subdivision surveillance cameras was almost divided, which left the decision up to the City Council. After a lengthy discussion, the Council decided not to implement the program. The Council made a few alternative suggestions, however. One would be to allow every resident that owns and occupies single-family homes to purchase one video surveillance camera per resident and the City will compensate the cost up to a certain monetary amount. The City will work with camera vendors and local businesses to get the best price for the cameras and will attempt to have this done by spring.

I just want to remind everybody once again to lock and secure your vehicles and homes at all times to prevent any temptations that criminals are looking for. I don't want anyone to worry. We do live in a safe and well protected community thanks to our Police Force! This is just a reminder, not an alarm.

From your Mayor, the City Council and all the employees, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a safe and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely,

*Mayor Tony Ragucci*

## Children's Christmas Party Friday, December 8

6-9 p.m., Swartz School



All residents are welcome for the City of Oakbrook Terrace annual Tree Lighting and Children's Christmas Party. The party will take place on Friday, December 8, 6-9 p.m.

- **Tree Lighting**, Fik Point, *Mayor Ragucci will light the tree*
- **Children's Christmas Party**, Swartz School Gym, *Santa arrives with stockings for the children, 7-8 p.m.*
- Entertainment, refreshments, facepainting

To receive a stocking from Santa, all children up to 12 years of age must have been pre-registered. Residents who would like to bring non-resident children can bring them for a fee of \$5 per child to receive a stocking from Santa Claus. Use the registration form page 2.

City Officials and Staff wish you and yours  
the most joyous of holiday seasons.



Friday, November 10.... Veteran's Day Ceremony, Dorothy Drennon Park  
Friday, December 8..... Oakbrook Terrace Children's Christmas Party

**City of Oakbrook Terrace  
Children's Christmas Party  
Friday, Dec. 8, 6 p.m.**

**Registration Form**

*Return to City Hall by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6*

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 event:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Home Decorating Contest**

The City is bringing back its Annual Holiday Home Decorating Contest. Decorated homes and apartments really make the holiday special. Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 13, so be sure to have decorations out by then. Fill out the form below and return it to City Hall by Tuesday, December 12, to be included in the contest.

For more information, please contact Cheryl Downer at City Hall at 630-941-8300 x201 or [cdowner@oakbrookterrace.net](mailto:cdowner@oakbrookterrace.net).

**Holiday Home Decorating Contest Entry Form**

Yes, please enter me in the City of Oakbrook Terrace Holiday Home Decorating Contest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Drop off, mail or fax this form by December 12 to:

Oakbrook Terrace City Hall, 17W 275 Butterfield Rd.  
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 or Fax: 630-617-0036

**Veterans Day Ceremony, Nov. 10**

Please join us in honoring those who served at our Veterans Day Ceremony, Friday, November 10, 10 a.m. in the Veterans Garden located in Dorothy Drennon Park. In attendance will be Oakbrook Terrace Park District commissioners and staff, Mayor Ragucci and City of Oakbrook Terrace Officials.



# City Departments CORNER

## Police

Elmhurst Hospital's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has awarded its "Run of the Month" award to the Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District and Oakbrook Terrace Police Department.

Paramedics were recognized for their care of a 61-year-old woman who choked on a piece of food at a local restaurant on March 31. Upon their arrival paramedics found that the patient had no pulse. Their lifesaving maneuvers helped the patient to regain her pulse before she was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Elmhurst Hospital's Run of the Month Program recognizes ambulance runs by pre-hospital providers for:

- Excellent communication from the field that resulted in the timely delivery of pertinent, clinical information to the Elmhurst Hospital Emergency Department staff.
- Clear and thorough documentation
- Superior clinical assessment skills that resulted in accurate recognition of a clinical situation
- Behavior exceeding the call of duty in the field
- Superior partnership and teamwork with Elmhurst Hospital

The City congratulates these individuals on their caring and commitment toward the people they serve.



*From left to right: Honorees Adam Johnson, Elmhurst Hospital; Eric Focht, Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District; Jason Sluzewicz, Oakbrook Terrace Police Department; Clayton Plumtree, Oakbrook Terrace Police Department; Tom Tomopoulos, Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District; Gregory Sebesta, Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District, George Arvai, Oakbrook Terrace Fire Protection District; and Andrea White, Elmhurst Hospital.*

### Police Station Official Warming Center

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

## Public Services

- Resurfaced/repainted all of the City's fire hydrants.
- Successfully completed all monthly IEPA compliance monitoring requirements, such as Coliform and Bacteria Sampling and Haloacetic Acid and Total Trihalomethane sampling.
- Removed three dead trees from City right-of-way.
- Hosted a pre-construction meeting in preparation for our 2017 Curb Project now underway.
- Installed a safety gate at City Hall's rear stairwell.
- Aided the Park District in removing a large fallen tree.
- Sealcoated the City's portion of the drive aisle on Oliviabrook Lane.
- Prepped Spring Road decorative point for rehabilitation. Rehab complete.
- Improved aesthetics for all landscape bedded areas.
- Serviced all four of the City's back-up generators.

- Performed three rounds of brush pick-up.
- Clarke Mosquito performed its 7th citywide application of the season.
- Citywide right-of-way tree trimming continues.

### TOTALS

Julie Locates: August - 132	September - 264
Sign Repairs: August - 3	September - 3
Mailbox Repairs: August - 9	September - 9

### FLEET MAINTENANCE

Oil Changes: August - 3	September - 4
Tire Repairs: August - 1	September - 3
Police Department Car Sheet Orders:	
August - 6	September - 6

City Departments Corner continued ➡

# City Departments CORNER

## Building & Zoning

Construction is underway for a new business, the Baklava Faluda House, at 17W731 Roosevelt Road. Located in the strip mall at the corner of Roosevelt Road and Ardmore Avenue, this new coffee lounge will be serving hot and cold beverages and fresh homemade pastries.

The City continues to perform residential property maintenance inspections throughout the single-family detached zoning district. This is the second year of the program, which was developed to improve the aesthetic appearance of homes, accessory structures and landscaping throughout our community.

- On May 1 city inspectors began conducting their yearly residential rental inspections on the interior and exterior of all properties that qualify under the program.
- The City currently has 10 open permits for new home construction and home additions throughout the residential districts.
- During the summer months:
  - 126 building permits were issued
  - 90 contractor registrations were issued
  - 49 certificates of occupancy were issued for residential and commercial tenants

### BUTTERFIELD POINT



*Construction has been completed on the new commercial building at 17W615 Butterfield Road located on the southwest corner of Butterfield Road and Midwest Road, also known as Butterfield Point.*



### 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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



## 2017-18 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, 2017.

- 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.



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## 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). 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](http://www.liheapillinois.com).

## 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/](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.

## 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. 201
<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