

OAKDALE UPDATE

FALL-WINTER 2021



CITY OFFICES

City Hall

651-739-5086
1584 Hadley Avenue
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Building Inspection

651-739-5150
1584 Hadley Avenue
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Code Enforcement

651-702-5225

Discovery Center

651-747-3860
4444 Hadley Avenue
Mo, Tu, We, Fr: 8 AM to 4:30 PM
Thursday: 8 AM to 8 PM
Saturday: 12 to 4 PM
Sunday: 1 to 4 PM

Fire

651-731-8886
5000 Hadley Avenue

Recreation

651-747-3860
4444 Hadley Avenue
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Police

651-738-1025
1584 Hadley Avenue
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Public Works

651-730-2740
1900 Hadley Avenue
7 AM to 3:30 PM

**DIAL 911 FOR ANY SITUATION
NEEDING POLICE, FIRE, OR
EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**

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**Watch City Council and
board/commission meetings live
on the City's YouTube channel!**

CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue. Questions? Please call 651-730-2704.

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ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January, April, July, and October) at 5:15 PM at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

COMMISSION meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except January and December) at 7 PM, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue.

PLANNING COMMISSION meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue.

TREE BOARD meets on the 3rd Tuesday in January, March, June and September at 5 PM at Oakdale City Hall.

**Watch meetings on the City's YouTube Channel.
Subscribe to meeting materials at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us,
Then: "How Do I," "Sign Up For," "Meeting Materials"
Apply to serve on a city advisory body at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us**



Environmental Center



FREE Product Room



Pick up reusable paint, automotive products, cleaners and other products for free. Residents must be 18 years old to participate.

Drive through and drop it off

Household hazardous items such as paint, motor oil, fluorescent light bulbs, and electronics.

Open to residents of Washington, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties. Proof of county residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

More info:
www.co.washington.mn.us
651-430-6655



4039 Cottage Grove Dr
Woodbury, MN 55129

Tues 11am - 7pm

Thurs/Fri 8am - 4:30pm

Sat 8am - 2pm

*Closed on Thanksgiving,
Christmas Eve, Christmas
Day, New Year's Day &
other major holidays.*

The Washington County Environmental Center now accepts all battery types so they don't end up in the waste stream, so be sure to add batteries to the list of all the other items you may bring to the Center!

WINTER REMINDERS

WINTER PARKING STARTS NOVEMBER 1

Oakdale's winter parking begins November 1 and ends April 1. During this time, vehicles may not park on city streets between the hours of 12 to 5 AM - or anytime snow accumulation equals or exceeds 2" until the street is cleared of snow.

Frozen Pipes

Prolonged low temperatures and the increased depth of frost in the ground increases the likelihood of water pipes freezing. By monitoring your water service, you may be able to determine if the water service to your home or business is beginning to experience difficulties. One sign is seeing discolored water when you turn on the faucet. Another is a water temperature below 40 degrees. (TIP: to determine the water temperature, hold an instant read or kitchen thermometer under running water or immediately insert the thermometer into a water filled glass).

Hydrants

Please consider adopting a fire hydrant to keep a path shoveled to the hydrant to be easily and quickly accessed by the fire department in the event of an emergency at your home or in your neighborhood.

Mailboxes

To ensure mail delivery, please keep snow cleared away from the front of mailboxes. Properly installed mailboxes accidentally toppled by the blade of a snow plow will be replaced by Public Works as soon as time allows. If preferred, a new mailbox can be provided to the property owner to install.

Plowing

The city is divided into defined plowing routes; within each route, priorities have been established that take into consideration topography, traffic volumes, and usage. For instance, more heavily traveled roads and roads adjacent to schools are given priority. Plows first clear the center of the roadway; subsequent passes by the plow move the snow onto the boulevard/easement. In cul-de-sacs, snow is piled either into the middle or at a predetermined spot

within the cul-de-sac. Snow stored in cul-de-sacs is removed as time allows. The city uses salt and other de-icers when there is hazardous ice or other slippery conditions; however, due to environmental concerns, use of these products is limited.

Safety

Children are attracted to mounds of snow but please keep them from the areas along streets or the middle of cul-de-sacs where vehicles frequent and visibility could be impaired.

Due to the size and force of the snowplow, it is important to keep items, such as vehicles, rubbish containers, etc., at least five feet back from the edge of the street.

Shoveling, blowing, pushing, sweeping, or plowing snow or ice into a city street - whether or not the street has already been plowed - can result in a fine for the home owner.

Sod Damage

If a snow plow causes sod damage, in the spring, you can decide whether to have the city provide you with sod that you place in the damaged area or the city will repair the area with topsoil and seed.

Trash & Recycling Containers

On trash collection day, set your rubbish and recycling containers out prior to 7 AM. Place the containers on the driveway apron, behind the curb, out of the path of traffic and snow plows.

LEARN ABOUT SOLAR GROUP BUY PROGRAM

Using solar power is a great way to reduce your energy bills, support the local economy, and help create a healthier environment.

Thinking about going solar? If you are a property owner in Oakdale, you can attend a free, virtual Solar Power Hour webinar on Zoom to learn more about Grow Solar Twin Cities, a group buy program that makes solar more accessible and affordable in our community through bulk purchasing discounts. Discover the basics of solar, its financial benefits, and how the program works on:

- Wednesday 09/29/21, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- Friday 10/08/21, 12 - 1 PM
- Wednesday 10/14/21, 3 - 4 PM

After the session, you can schedule a free, no-obligation site assessment and cost estimate. Come see if solar is right for you - register to attend a Solar Power Hour at www.TwinCities.GrowSolar.org!



Did you know you can receive police alerts, recreation news, job openings, council meeting materials, and more? Sign up for "Notifications" on the city's web page!

This just in!
The City's domain is going to change from ci.oakdale.mn.us to oakdalemn.gov!

BUCKTHORN: YOU PULL IT, CITY WILL PICK IT UP



PUBLIC WORKS
1900 Hadley Avenue N
Oakdale, MN 55128
Phone: 651-730-2740
www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

COLLECTION DATES FOR 2021
Sept. 21; Sept. 28; Oct. 5; Oct. 12
For more information call 651-730-2740

BUCKTHORN CURBSIDE COLLECTION

BUCKTHORN PILE SPECIFICATIONS



City-wide Buckthorn Curbside Pickup Guidelines

- The pickup will be restricted to buckthorn only.
- Piles should be no larger than 3.5' high, 3.5' wide, and up to 20' in length
- Please stack piles with the cut ends aligned and to the curb.
- Piles must be accessible by a log loader truck and must be off of paved driveways.
- City Forester has the right to inspect and reject piles that don't comply with the guidelines.
- Waivers must be filled out and received by the Friday before the scheduled collection date for pickup.

Cut out waiver form and mail or drop off to: City Forester, 1900 Hadley Avenue N., Oakdale, MN 55128

CURBSIDE BUCKTHORN COLLECTION WAIVER

I have read the guidelines for the Oakdale Curbside Buckthorn Collection Program which are a requirement to receive a free collection service from the City. I have followed the guidelines provided for the curbside collection to insure the buckthorn is accessible by a log loader truck and I understand that the city is not responsible for repairing damages done to turf in the process of loading the piles.

Name:

Phone:

Address:

Preferred collection date: (☐ Sept. 21) (☐ Sept. 28) (☐ Oct. 5) ☐ Oct. 12

Estimated number of piles:

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Waivers must be filled out and received by the Friday before the scheduled collection date for pickup. Waivers can be mailed to or dropped off at Oakdale Public Works, 1900 Hadley Avenue North. Piles will be inspected the Monday before the scheduled collection to ensure that piles meet the requirements. Any piles that do not meet requirements will be rejected.

CONSIDER ADOPTING A DRAIN!

Oakdale's bodies of water help keep our community healthy and vibrant by retaining moisture during droughts, recharging groundwater supplies, trapping floodwaters, and providing a habitat for fish and wildlife.

Protecting your local waterway from trash and organic pollutants is as simple as adopting a storm drain! Over 45 drains have already been adopted throughout Oakdale, including three in Walton Park by the city's own Environmental Management Commission.

To participate in the Adopt-a-Drain program:

1. Sign up. Visit www.adopt-a-drain.org to find, claim, and name your drain.
2. Keep your drain clear. Sweep leaves, trash, and other debris off your drain's surface twice a month.
3. Track your impact. Keep an estimated total of the debris you collect from your drain and enter it into your online account.
4. Lead by example. Let friends and neighbors know about how you are helping the environment and encourage them to Adopt a Drain in their area.

Please consider helping to keep the lakes and wetlands in the community clean by keeping pollutants from entering storm drains.



OAK TREES FACE ANOTHER ENEMY

TWO-LINED CHESTNUT BORER

The Two-lined Chestnut Borer (TLCB) is a native beetle that attacks weakened oaks in Minnesota. It lives in and feeds on the inner bark and the layer between the bark and the wood. Oaks become susceptible to attack when stressed and usually die after two to three years of infestation.

WAYS TO HELP YOUR OAK TREE

Keeping trees healthy and vigorous will allow them to fight off invading borers on their own. Do this through proper watering, if possible. During times of drought, water mature trees once a week preferably in the early morning or in the late evening to conserve water. Use a soaker hose to slowly drip water onto the ground under the entire canopy of the tree (from the trunk to the edge). Water long enough so water soaks six inches into the soil – this could take a few hours.

OTHER PREVENTION MEASURES

Prevent borer attacks by keeping your oaks as free from stress as possible. Avoid adding soil over roots, do not fertilize stressed oaks, and do not allow herbicides to contact oak leaves. Mulch trees properly. If an oak tree in your yard is infested (e.g., the top half of its crown died in one growing season), cut it down and dispose of it during the winter (but make sure you are not misdiagnosing oak wilt). Removing infested oaks may save your other oaks from being attacked. Finally, avoid bringing fresh oak firewood into your yard. Make sure the firewood has been seasoned for at least one year before bringing it to your property, or use MDA-certified firewood (www.mda.state.mn.us/plants-insects/firewood-producers).



Questions about your tree? Contact the City Forester at 651-730-2740.
Find licensed tree service at www.ci.oakdale.mn and search "Tree Services."



OAKDALE RECREATION

FALL/WINTER 2021 PROGRAM GUIDE

ADDRESS

4444 Hadley Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128

CONTACT

Recreation Inquiries 651-747-3860
Park Maintenance 651-730-2740

HOURS

Recreation

Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM

Discovery Center

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday:
8 AM to 4:30 PM
Thursday: 8 AM to 8 PM
Saturday: 12 to 4 PM
Sunday: 1 to 4 PM

FOLLOW US

Website: www.oakdalefun.com
Facebook: @oakdalefun

e-BROCHURES

Get Oakdale Recreation information
in your inbox with e-brochures. Email
laura.linzmeyer@ci.oakdale.mn.us.

HELP A NEIGHBOR

The Recreation Department
accepts donations for the local food
shelf all year long. Please bring
non-perishable food items to the
Discovery Center lobby. Thank you!

JOIN THE OAKDALE RECREATION TEAM!

Ice Rink Attendants

\$12/hour. Season runs December
through February (weather
permitting). Job descriptions and
applications at 4444 Hadley Avenue
or www.ci.oakdale.mn.us
Apply by November 8.

Class Instructors

Looking for enthusiastic, passionate
people with interests, knowledge,
or hobbies to share with others!
Proposals are accepted throughout
the year. Please contact Julie at 651-
747-3867 for complete details.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

These athletic associations operate
independently from the Oakdale
Recreation Department. Although they
use city and school facilities, they oversee
and organize their own registrations,
tryouts, fees, scheduling, etc.

Oakdale Athletic Association

Youth sports such as volleyball, soccer,
football, t-ball, baseball, basketball and
lacrosse. www.oaaonline.com

Oakdale Adult Softball Association

Men's, women's and co-rec softball
leagues. **651-731-6850**, www.oasa.us

OMNI Otters Swim Team

Boy/girl swimmers, ages 6 to 18+. OMNI
utilizes the pool at Skyview Community
School. www.omniotters.com

St. Paul – Ramsey County Horseshoe Club

Sanctioned by the National Horseshoe
Pitch Association. **651-808-3812**

Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association

Boys and girls grades K to 12.
www.tayha.org

Youth Wrestling PreK – 8

Boys and girls grades PreK to 8. Inquiries
at wrestling@oaaonline.com. www.oaaonline.com

SUBSCRIBE TO RECREATION UPDATES

www.oakdalefun.com

Click on the "Stay Connected" button at the bottom of the page, and
select Recreation Department Updates

PARK INFORMATION

OUTDOOR SKATE PARK

Location: Richard Walton Park
Hadley Ave & 15 St, north of the
tennis courts next to the hockey rink
Hours: Daily from 8 AM to dusk

Skateboarders and in-line skaters
of all ages may use this facility at no
cost.

Park includes a half pipe, roll-ins,
spine ramp, sub box, elevator,
volcano, driveways and canyon.

Skate Park Rules

- Bikes and scooters are not permitted in the skate park.
- Helmets, elbow and knee pads are strongly encouraged.
- Smoking, alcohol, profanity and loud music are prohibited.
- Respect others, share the space.
- Please help keep the park clean. Dispose of trash in the proper containers.

WINTER WALKING AT THE NATURE PRESERVE

During the winter season, the asphalt/paved trails throughout Oakdale Nature Preserve are cleared after each snowfall event to allow for winter walking. Please note, any snow that accumulates on the boardwalk will not be cleared.

OAKDALE BARK PARK

The City's off-leash dog park is a great place for your pup to run off some energy and meet some new friends. The park, located off 50th Street, between Helena Road and Heather Ridge Road, is open year round. It is fenced with a transition corridor and a separate area for small dogs. A pet waste dispenser and trash cans are available for your convenience. The park also offers paved parking, benches, and running water (summer only). The park opens one half hour before sunrise and closes one half hour after sundown.

No fee or permit needed to utilize the park.

PARK RULES

- Dogs must be properly leashed, vaccinated, not be in heat, and not designated as a dangerous dog.
- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and prior to leaving the off-leash area and in transition corridors.
- Dogs must stay within fenced area when off leash.
- Pet parents are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.
- Pet parents must be in verbal control of their dogs at all times and prevent aggressive behavior, biting, fighting, or excessive barking.
- Pet parents must be at least 16 years of age and not handling more than two dogs.
- Pet parents must clean up and dispose of pet waste.
- Pet parents must have a visible leash with them.

KEEP PUPS LEASHED

With the exception of the Oakdale Bark Park, dogs must be leashed when visiting city parks and anytime they are out and about in the city.

PICK UP AFTER PUPS

Please keep Oakdale free of dog droppings! When in a park, use a convenient Mutt Mitt's dispenser. When out walking, carry a few bags with you to keep our streets, trails, boulevards, and sidewalks free of droppings.

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Looking to rent a picnic shelter for an upcoming event? Please call 651-747-3860 or visit Oakdale Recreation during regular business hours. The permit issued by the city will give you exclusive use of the shelter for the date and time reserved. Picnic shelters and locations can be found at www.oakdalefun.com. Reservations for 2022 will begin on January 3, 2022.

	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee
Small Shelter Rental	\$50.00	\$65.00
Large Shelter Rental	\$100.00	\$150.00
Shelter & Kitchen	\$225.00	\$250.00
Security Deposit (kitchen)	\$300.00 (no tax)	\$300 (no tax)
Walton Park (Entire Shelter) <i>Includes: Band shell, two large shelters, kitchen facilities</i>	\$400.00	\$550.00
*** All rental fees are subject to applicable sales tax and COVID rules***		

PARK INFORMATION

SKATING RINKS & WARMING HOUSES

Outdoor skating rinks are located throughout the City of Oakdale and offer general skating and hockey facilities. Weather permitting, rinks are scheduled to close in late February. The following guidelines will be used to determine outdoor rink closures:

- Warmer temperatures soften the ice and can create unsafe skating conditions. Estimated temperatures of 37 degrees or higher may cause rink closures.
- When actual temperature reaches -10 degrees or wind chill temperature reaches -25 degrees.
- If more than 3 inches of snow accumulate on the ice when maintenance crews are not available.

For rink updates, check the Recreation Department's Facebook page or go to www.oakdalefun.com. Map of rink locations at www.oakdalefun.com

Locations

Maintained, supervised rinks with heated warming houses:

- Northdale Park, 5099 Granada Ave.
- Walton Park Pleasure Rink 1584 Hadley Ave.
- Walton Park Hockey Rink 1584 Hadley Ave.

Maintained, lighted, unsupervised rink with no warming house:

- Eastside Park - 1744 Helmo Ave.

Ice Scooters are available at the Walton Park Pleasure Rink, at no charge. Scooters are great tools for anyone learning the basics of skating.

Complimentary hot chocolate at the Walton Park Pleasure Rink Warming House!

Hours

Monday-Friday: 4 to 8 PM
Saturday: 12 to 8 PM
Sunday: 12 to 7 PM

Winter Break & Holiday Hours

December 23	1 to 8 PM
December 24	12 to 4 PM
December 25	CLOSED
December 26	12 to 7 PM
December 27	1 to 8 PM
December 28	1 to 8 PM
December 29	1 to 8 PM
December 30	1 to 8 PM
December 31	1 to 8 PM
January 1	CLOSED
January 17	1 to 8 PM
February 21	1 to 8 PM

THE ART OF KEEPING CHICKENS IN FRIGID CLIMATES

Presented by Les Larson

We'll discuss the pros and cons of keeping chickens, highly efficient coop design, costs, ordinance compliance, neighbors, and where to get chickens. Did you know almost no commercially available coops are adequate for Minnesota winters?

Learn dozens of tips, tricks, and techniques to make it easy, efficient, safe, sanitary, odor free, solve rooster noise problems, egg storage, low cost, and an efficient coop construction designed precisely for Minnesota winters that always stays above freezing (no heating of water, no frozen eggs) for \$5 to \$10 per year. Instructor Les Larson has raised chickens, pigeons, and doves for many years. Les will be available for a half-hour after class to take questions.

Date: Thursday, November 4

Time: 6:30 to 8 PM

Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Ave

Cost: Free!

Call 651-747-3860 to reserve your spot!

PIGEON KEEPING

Presented by Les Larson

Discover the joy of having a pet pigeon as a family member. Smart, funny, entertaining, loving, affectionate, beautiful, easy, and cheap to keep. You'll fall in love with your small feathered human that may be kept indoors or out. Many more people than you would imagine have pigeons living in their house. You will have the opportunity to hold and pet pigeons and doves. Les will be available for a half-hour after class to take questions.

Date: Saturday, January 15

Time: 12 to 1:30 PM

Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Ave

Cost: Free!

Call 651-747-3860 to reserve your spot!

OPEN COURT PICKLEBALL

Join the Oakdale Pickleball Club for a game of pickleball. All are welcome to join during the open court play. To learn more, please contact Chuck Scott at 651-439-5307. Check out the courts at Tanners Park (Tanners Park Rd, south of 7th Street) open through October at the following times:

Monday:	5 to 7 PM
Tuesday:	9 to 11 AM
Wednesday:	5 to 7 PM
Thursday:	9 to 11 AM
Saturday:	9 to 11 AM
Sunday:	3 to 5 PM

Pickleball Courts are also lined at Eastside Park

DISCOVERY CENTER

NORDIC WALKING POLES

Using Nordic Walking Poles can turn your ordinary walk into a total body exercise that delivers far more motivating results and makes walking more fun! Poles, resembling ski poles, are used to involve the upper extremities when you walk, toning and firming every major muscle at the same time. Poles offer rubber tips for use on pavement while reducing the impact of the hard surface.

Stop by the Discovery Center during regular hours of operation and check out a pair of Nordic Walking Poles at no cost. Photo ID required. Available in adult sizes only.

BINOCULARS

Binoculars are now available for check out at no cost during regular hours of operation. Simply present your driver's license and head out in search of birds.

COMMUNITY BOOK AND MOVIE SWAP

Bring gently used books and DVD movies to the Discovery Center and swap them for something new. Books must be in good, readable condition, with the cover intact. Movies must be fully operable and in their original case. An even exchange: books for books and DVDs for DVDs. **No VHS tapes accepted.**

DISCOVERY BACKPACKS

Stop at the Discovery Center and check out one of our Discovery Backpacks – at no cost. Inside the pack you will find everything needed for a fun exploration into the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Locate animal tracks and identify trees. Use binoculars to catch a glimpse of the deer, fox, raccoons and some of the 162 birds that call the Oakdale Nature Preserve home. You'll be surprised at all that this beautiful, 200 acre park has for you to discover.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Pick up the Scavenger Hunt Guide (available April 1) at the Discovery Center and then head out into the wild for a scavenger hunt! Prizes will be given to those who find items listed in the guide. (Prizes are age 12 and under appropriate).

TANDEM BIKES

(Available early April, weather permitting)
Two tandem bikes are available for use at the Discovery Center so bring a date, a significant other, family member, or friend during regular hours of operation and check one out. Simply present your driver's license and you'll be on your way!

DISCOVERY CENTER BEE HIVE

The resident bee hive will return in May. Check out the live bee hive through August to see how real bees get their work done. This real, live bee hive is courtesy of local beekeepers, Karen and Duane Voy. You can view the bee hive safely indoors during open hours of the Discovery Center.

SNOWSHOE RENTAL

Bring your family and friends to enjoy snowshoeing within the 200 acres of the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Watch for animal tracks, deer, fox, and birds. Rates are \$5 per person for a 2 hour rental. Sizes for both children and adults available. First come first served. Reservations recommended for groups of 6 or more. Please call 651-747-3860.

Rentals available daily, beginning December 19, pending snow conditions at these times:

Monday through Friday	9 AM to 4 PM
Saturdays	12 to 3:30 PM
Sundays	1 to 3:30 PM

DISCOVERY CENTER ART GALLERY

The art gallery at the Discovery Center has a long tradition of showcasing the creations of dozens of local artists, featuring a different artist each month.

Gallery hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 8 AM to 4:30 PM; Thursdays: 8 AM to 8 PM; Saturdays: 12 to 4 PM; and Sundays: 1 to 4 PM.

Interested in having your artwork featured? Contact Laura Linzmeyer at 651-747-3866 or laura.linzmeyer@ci.oakdale.mn.us

Featured Artists

September:	Tammy Wolfe Photography
October:	Jeanne Dziuk Photography
November	Jill Sadler Photography
December:	Jill Klapperich Guth Watercolor
January:	Space Available call 651-747-3866

YOUTH PROGRAMS

CURIOUS CRITTERS CLUB

3 to 6 (children must be potty trained)

The Discovery Center offers a wide variety of fun and educational nature programs for children ages 3 - 6 on Fridays throughout the year. Children may participate in discussions, play games, watch DVDs, and create projects for each themed program. Critter Club kids like to go outside during each class so please dress for the weather! This includes coats, hats, mittens, and face coverings if needed.

Meet Alicia Gatto Petersen, our new Nature Program Instructor. She loves exploring local parks like the Oakdale Nature Preserve and learning about the plants and animals that call it home. She is a curious critter! Her favorite question is, "What is that?" She is a Minnesota Master Naturalist and has taught for many years. Please help us welcome Alicia!

9:30 to 11 AM

\$8 per participant, per session

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Registration deadline is one week prior to the start of each program

October 8 - Fall Colors

What's happening to all the leaves? Why are they red, yellow, and orange? Together we will learn how and why leaves change colors in the fall.

October 29 - It's Harvest Time

Summer plants are gone, but they have left behind a bountiful harvest. We will explore what summer plants produce and what animals enjoy the fruits of their labor.

November 5 - Nests

I see! You see! We all see, nests! Now that all the leaves are gone, it's the perfect time to look for bird and animal nests used in the summer.

November 19 - Wild Turkeys

It's almost Thanksgiving, but not for the Wild Turkeys at the Oakdale Nature Preserve! Come and "dig into" the wild life of turkeys.

December 3 - Winter Birds: Woodpeckers

There are four different kinds of woodpeckers that spend winter in Minnesota. How do these wacky birds do it?

December 10 - Evergreen Trees

"Hey, that tree is still green and has leaves on it!" During this class we will find out what kind of evergreen trees we have at the Oakdale Nature Preserve and why they are always green.

January 7 - Whose Tracks are Those?

Animals leave footprints just like we do. This week we will investigate who is making all those tracks in the snow.

January 21 - Life Under the Snow

Ready to go somewhere warm? It's warm under the snow! Together we will learn who lives and thrives under the snow during the winter.



YOUTH PROGRAMS



Kidcreate Studio's award-winning art classes allow kids to explore art in an environment full of giggles and grins. Kids create fridge-worthy masterpieces while learning art concepts and experimenting with different art materials. Curriculum is age appropriate and designed to inspire. Classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments. Making a mess is the best with Kidcreate Studio! For more information about Kidcreate Studio visit www.kidcreatestudio.com. Registration deadline is one week prior to program.

MEA WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO GLOW-IN-THE-DARK SNOW GLOBE & LUNCH Ages 5 to 12

These snow globes are out of this world! In this class, the children will each create a stunning night sky themed snow globe that *really glows in the dark*! You'll be over the moon for these outer space masterpieces

Please pack a drink and a nut-free snack for your child.

Lunch will be served after the program. Program sponsored by Heartwood Church.

Thursday, October 21
9 AM to 12:30 PM
\$20 per person
Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue



DANCE CLASSES

Legacy Dance Studio is family owned and has been operating in Oakdale since 1998. Their studio is located in Bergen Plaza.

Legacy offers a variety of classes, including ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop, for recreational students ages 2 to 18, ranging from beginner to advance.

Register through Legacy Dance Studio, 7157 10th Street N, Oakdale, 651-735-9216

Tots (18mon-2yr) Creative Movement/Tumbling \$32.00 monthly Monday 6:00-6:30pm Wednesday 5:00-5:30pm Saturday 10:00-10:30am	3-4 ½yr old Tap & Ballet \$54.00 monthly Monday 6:35-7:30pm Wednesday 5:35-6:30pm Saturday 11:35-12:30pm	4 ½-5yr old Tap & Ballet \$54.00 monthly Monday 5:00-5:55pm Wednesday 6:35-7:30pm Saturday 9:00-9:55am
5-6yr old Tap & Ballet \$54.00 monthly Saturday 10:35-11:30am	Beginning 6-8yr old Tap & Ballet \$54.00 monthly Tuesday 6:35-7:30pm	Intermediate 6-8yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet \$65.00 monthly Tuesday 5:00-6:30pm
Beginning 9-12yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet \$65.00 monthly Tuesday 5:00-6:30pm	Intermediate 8-10yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet \$65.00 monthly Tuesday 6:35-8:05pm	Beginning Hip Hop \$54.00 monthly Friday 4:45-5:30pm
Intermediate 11-13yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet \$65.00 monthly Thursday 6:00-7:30pm	Teens (14+ yr old) Tap, Jazz & Lyrical \$65.00 monthly Tuesday 7:05-8:30pm	Intermediate Hip Hop \$54.00 monthly Monday 5:00-5:45pm
Legacy Boys (7-9yr) \$40.00 monthly Friday 5:30-6:15pm	AllStar Boys (10yr+) \$40.00 monthly Friday 6:15-7:15pm	Adult Tap Class Thursday 7:35-8:35pm
Dancing Dads (January – June ONLY) \$20.00 monthly Friday 7:15-8:15pm		Strength and Conditioning Tuesday 7:05-8:05

FAMILY FUN



Get outside and play!

WAHOO! ADVENTURES FAMILY MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE & BONFIRE

Enjoy a leisurely snowshoe walk following a luminary lit trail through the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Join us back at the bonfire for hot dogs, chips, s'mores, and hot chocolate. The luminary lit trail will close at 9 PM. A great way to celebrate the end of the week!! Snowshoes included, but you can bring your own. Bring a headlamp if desired, dress in layers with sturdy boots.

Saturday, February 12 | When registering, please select from the following time slots: 6 PM, 6:20 PM, 6:40 PM, 7 PM, or 7:20 PM
Registration deadline is February 5.

Oakdale Nature Preserve/Discovery Center | \$25 per person

Please note, children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.



WAHOO! ADVENTURES SNOWSHOE, SIP & SAMPLE

Join us for snowshoeing, beer, wine, and food samples! Enjoy a night of snowshoeing a luminary lit trail, a vintage game room, prizes, music, food, beer, and wine samples! Enjoy this community event that is always a seasonal favorite. Includes snowshoes or bring your own. Drawings for prizes every 30 minutes!

Friday, February 11 | 6 to 9 PM | Discovery Center

\$45 per person through Feb 1, \$50 after February 1 and at door.

BEST SNOW SCULPTURE OF OAKDALE CONTEST

Calling all creative Oakdale residents! Do you have what it takes to create the best snow sculpture in city? If so, head outside any time after a snowfall and start constructing your masterpiece. Sculptures will be judged on appearance, relative to the season's theme.

**This year's theme is
"Snow Castles"**

The winning sculpture will receive a \$100 Target gift card!

Please submit photo entries to nathan@ci.oakdale.mn.us by Thursday, March 31. The winner will be contacted on Friday, April 1 by Oakdale Recreation staff.



SPECIAL EVENTS



OPEN SKATE DAY

Free Tartan Arena Open House – Presented by Tartan Area Youth Hockey Association and Tartan Arena.

Sunday, Sept. 19 | 4:15 to 5:45 PM
Tartan Arena, behind high school

Open to everyone, free skating, food, door prizes, and FUN!

Limited skates available – please bring your own or first come first serve for skate use.

Come find out more information about our programs. Sign up for hockey or skating lessons!

FLASHLIGHT PUMPKIN HUNT



Join us at the Oakdale Nature Preserve as we search for pumpkins under the stars. After the hunt, enjoy chilling refreshments, family DJ, spooky entertainment, and ghoulish games! Come in costume if you like and don't forget your flashlight!

Date: Thursday, October 28
Time: 7 to 8:30 PM
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley
Cost: \$12, all participants receive a glow necklace upon check-in!
Ages: Up to 12
Registration deadline is October 21.

SUNDAE BINGO

All ages welcome!

What could be better than ice cream sundaes and two hours of bingo? Join us for this fun filled, Sunday afternoon. Make your own sundae while shouting out BINGO! Prizes are awarded to winners of every game. All participants will be eligible for the grand prize raffle drawing at the end of the event (must be present to win the raffle).

Sundays, Nov. 14 & Feb. 6
1 to 3 PM | \$8 pp per date
Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Registration deadline is one week prior to bingo date.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Calling all pumpkin carvers! Our Pumpkin Carving Contest is open to families or individuals of all ages/skill levels. Prizes will be awarded to each of our 3 category winners; Best, Spookiest, and Bumpkin Pumpkin (12 and under). All entries must be family friendly. Participants, please drop off your creation at the Discovery Center during open hours, October 24 to 27. The pumpkins will be displayed at the Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt and attendees will vote for the winners.



SPECIAL EVENTS



FIRETRUCK VISIT FROM SANTA

Santa is planning a special visit to Oakdale on Thursday, December 9. He'll travel through town on a decorated fire truck. To make Santa's special visit extra special, please make plans to welcome him at one of these stops:

6 - 6:15 PM	North Fire Station
6:20 - 6:35 PM	Oakdale Discovery Center
6:40 - 6:55 PM	Hadley Ave & Eberle Park
7:00 - 7:15 PM	Hadley Ave & Stillwater Blvd
7:20 - 7:35 PM	Hadley Ave & 15th St (City Hall)

Bundle up and watch for the Oakdale Fire Truck covered in twinkling lights!

WINTER WONDERLAND

The Oakdale Recreation Department, Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce and First Resource Bank are partnering to provide a variety of winter activities for the whole family.

Date: Saturday, December 18
Time: 9 AM to 1 PM
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Ave N
Cost: Free

A donation of non-perishable food for the local food shelf will be accepted at this FREE family event.

Petting Zoo
Meet the dogs of winter
Bonfire with S'mores
Holiday Craft Station
Visit with Santa
Candy Cane Hunt
Holiday Santa Train
Holiday Face Painting
Breakfast & Lunch



SANTA'S MAILBOX

Santa will have his special mailboxes available at the Oakdale Discovery Center and Oakdale City Hall after Thanksgiving. Write to Santa and let him know whether you have been naughty or nice and don't forget to include your wish list!

Drop off letters by December 19 so Santa has time to respond. Please include your full name, age, and address in your letter.

MARKETS/SHOPPING

FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays, through October 13 | 2 to 6:30 PM | City Hall Parking Lot

An array of fresh produce, sweets, baked goods, meats, flowers, candles and more.

Visit www.oakdalefun.com for a list of vendors and products.

Want to receive electronic newsletters with weekly information on what's going on at the Oakdale Farmers Market? Email nathan@ci.oakdale.mn.us to get signed up.

ART DISCOVERY FAIR



Saturday, November 20 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Discovery Center | Free to browse!

Discover the perfect holiday gift while submerging yourself into local displays of talent and skill as artists and crafters come together for one amazing fair just in time for the holiday season! Engage with the creators themselves to connect with an unexpected gift. Discover what individuals from the Oakdale art and craft community have been busy creating. Find paintings, photography, woodworking, jewelry, pottery, and more. Bring home something special while discovering the creative and inspiring work of those in your community!

DISCOVERY CENTER INDOOR MARKET

Shop local! The perfect place for holiday shopping! Over 20 local vendors offer a unique variety of items including baked goods, meats, canned goods, artisan foods, sweets, salsas, strudels, jewelry, essential oils and much more! Expect a full vendor list by early November at www.oakdalefun.com. A great place to start your holiday shopping!

Interested in becoming a vendor? Contact Nathan Timmons at nathan@ci.oakdale.mn.us

Dates: Nov. 13, 27 | Dec. 11 | Jan. 8, 22 | Feb. 5, 19 | March 5, 19

Time: 9 AM to 1 PM

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Ave N



INDOOR GARAGE SALE

This community event is fun for collectors, families and bargain hunters alike. You'll find everything from children's clothing and toys; to housewares, collectibles, tools, books and much more! Free to browse.

Saturday, March 26 | 9 AM to 1 PM (No early birds!)

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Ave.

Rent two tables for \$22. Two table maximum per person.

Register by March 18 | Space is limited, register early!

Sellers may select table location when registering in person. Set up times: Friday, March 25 from 4 to 8 PM or Saturday, March 26 from 8 to 9 AM. Sellers must use no more than the two tables provided, no additional racks.

ADULT PROGRAMS

OAKDALE Wellness 50+

Oakdale Wellness 50+ has been working to improve health and wellness for adults over 50 in the Oakdale community.

BE SAFE! PERSONAL PROTECTION IN UNFAMILIAR PLACES

Thursday, October 7, 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Discovery Center. Free.

Glen Giacoletto, a licensed martial arts instructor, will discuss how to help keep yourself safe in potentially threatening situations, such as parking ramps and dark streets. Michelle Stark from the Oakdale Police Department will provide an update on crime within the city along with tips for personal and financial safety, including awareness of fraud and scams targeting seniors. Please register at oakdalefun.com or call 651-747-3860.

FIT TUESDAYS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY PARKS

Join in on the fun with Washington County Parks and Oakdale Wellness 50+ on the first Tuesday of every month. Entrance is free!

Do you like to hike? Meet us on Tuesday, October 5 for a hike through Big Marine Park Reserve, 10 AM to noon. 17495 Manning Trail N, Marine on St Croix.

Do you want to walk on illuminated trails? Meet us at Lake Elmo Park Reserve on Tuesday, November 2, 6 to 8 PM for an evening stroll. 1515 Keats Ave N, Lake Elmo.

Have you been curious about the Historic Courthouse in Stillwater? Meet us at 10 AM for a tour on December 7. 101 Pine St W, Stillwater.

You can register for any of these free events on the Eventbrite site: www.eventbrite.com/e/wellness-50-events-free-tuesday-washington-county-parks-tickets-149582335793

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Great news! The Wednesday 9 AM walks at the Discovery Center will continue for fall walks. Walk, talk, and enjoy the cooler temps and fall colors at the Oakdale Nature Preserve. We plan on continuing in the winter with snow shoeing on the trails. No registration necessary.

OAKDALE WELLNESS 50+ BOOK CLUB

The Oakdale Wellness Book Club meets every other month to discuss a wellness related book. Beginning in September, we'll meet in the Oakdale Library Community Room with a virtual option. If you are interested in joining please email oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

- September 28
Breath by James Nestor
- November 30
Being Mortal by Atul Gawande
- January 25
The Power of Habit by Charles Duhigg
- March 22
The Blue Zone by Dan Buettner

NEW MOVIE CLUB

Your Oakdale Wellness team is planning a movie club discussion group. The Oakdale Library will provide a selected movie for members to watch in their own home. Members will then be invited to come together via zoom or at the library to discuss their perceptions of the movie. A moderator will lead the discussion. To join just write "Sign Me Up" to oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com.

GET FIT FOR LIFE

Thursday, November 11, 6 to 7:30 PM. Discovery Center. Free.

And for the holidays! Join Susan Weum, experienced trainer, at the Discovery Center to explore the National Institute on Aging book Get Fit for Life. Susan will take us through exercises tailored to one of the chapters followed by a discussion and sharing of ideas to help us continue on a healthy path. Register at www.oakdalefun.com or call 651-747-3860.

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming blood drives, an October hike at Belwin Conservancy, and a meet-the-author event. Watch for posters, visit our Facebook page or join our email list for updates.

Oakdale Wellness 50+ is sponsored by Oakdale Recreation and the Vital Aging Network. VAN has a monthly e-bulletin full of helpful news. To subscribe, go to vital-aging-network.org/e-bulletin/ and click on "subscribe." Visit Oakdale Wellness 50+ at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/292/Oakdale-Wellness-50

JOIN OAKDALE WELLNESS 50+
Email oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com

ADULT PROGRAMS

CRANBERRY COUNTRY

Wednesday, October 13

Central Wisconsin, is the country's leading producer of one of the three fruits that are native to North America –cranberries! Your day consists of breakfast at the Norske Nook in Osseo, WI. The menu: Lefse Omelet Wrap (hash browns, eggs, cheese, and sausage links, wrapped inside Lefse), coffee and homemade pie. Next is the Berry Best Tour at the Wetherby Cranberry Marsh. Purchase (optional) fresh cranberries at the packing facility before boarding the bus for a short trip to the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center in Warrens, WI. Explore the museum and learn the history of cranberry production. Visit the old-fashioned Ice Cream Parlor for a sweet treat and purchase other cranberry products in the gift store. Leave Warrens around 3 PM following a brief stop at a fast food restaurant for late afternoon refreshments (on your own) before heading back to Maplewood.

Time: 8 AM to approximately 6:15 PM. Tour departs and returns to Gladstone (1945 Manton St. Maplewood, 55109).

Cost: \$99 includes coach transportation, inclusive breakfast at Norske Nook, The Berry Best Tour, Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center museum, and tour host. All other purchases and food/snacks are on your own. A \$3 to \$5 gratuity per person is recommended and may be paid directly to the driver following the tour.

Cancellation Policy: A \$5 processing fee will be deducted from your refund when cancelling on or before September 17. No refunds after this date.



CHRISTMAS WITH THE RAT PACK

Wednesday, December 8

Usher in the holiday spirit with this tribute to Sammy Davis, Jr., Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Enjoy classic tunes such as "Luck be a Lady," "Fly Me to the Moon," and "New York, New York" as well as the seasonal favorites "Winter Wonderland," "Baby it's Cold Outside" and more.

Travel to the Ives Auditorium at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center in Bloomington for a buffet style luncheon featuring roast turkey and all the fixings. Following lunch, it is off to the jewel-box auditorium for the Sidekick Theatre concert "Christmas with the Rat Pack." Seating is general admission.

Time: 10:15 AM to approximately 3 PM. Tour departs and returns to Gladstone (1945 Manton St. Maplewood, 55109).

Cost: \$79, includes coach transportation, inclusive luncheon, and concert. Please indicate if you need wheel chair accommodations or use a walker. A \$3 to \$5 gratuity per person is recommended and may be paid directly to the driver following the tour.

Cancellation Policy: A \$5 processing fee will be deducted from your refund when cancelling on or before November 19. There are no refunds after this date.

WEDNESDAY CARDS

Seniors, spend a few hours at the Discovery Center for an afternoon of cards and conversation! No need to sign up, just come and play! All levels of players welcome. We will supply the cards and coffee, you pick the game!

Wednesdays, 1 to 3 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS

CHEERFUL HEARTS ACRYLIC GROUP PAINTING CLASS

Join local artist Sandy Danus of Cheerful Hearts Studio as she leads you through a fun and inviting, acrylic paint class.

Learn a new skill and have a great time! All supplies are included and our cheerful, step by step instruction is easy to follow, even if you have never picked up a paint brush before. Come away with your own beautiful finished canvas creation that you can be proud of.



Date: Monday, October 25
Time: 1 to 3 PM
Place: Discovery Center
Canvas Design: White Pumpkin
Cost: \$30 per class

Date: Friday, December 3
Time: 1 to 3 PM
Place: Discovery Center
Canvas Design: Pine Bough
Cost: \$30 per class

Date: Friday, November 12
Time: 1 to 3 PM
Place: Discovery Center
Canvas Design: Snowman & Moon
Cost: \$30 per class

Date: Friday, January 14
Time: 10 AM to 12 PM
Place: Discovery Center
Canvas Design: Red Winter Cottage
Cost: \$30 per class

Registration is one week prior to class

FOREST WALKS

Forest Therapy, or “forest bathing,” is a research-based framework for supporting healing and wellness through immersion in forests and other natural environments. Studies have demonstrated a wide array of health benefits, especially in the cardiovascular and immune systems, and for stabilizing and improving mood and cognition. Forest therapy walks are slow-paced and are leisurely guided through nature by certified forest therapy guides.

Christine Shoemaker is a certified ANFT Forest Therapy guide from the Association of Nature and Forest Therapy (ANFT). She has been a resident of Oakdale for 3 years and grew up in the surrounding area. Christine is the founder of Sky Meets Water Forest Therapy LLC.

Walk Dates: September 18 | October 2, 16 | November 6, 20
10 AM to Noon | Meet at the fire pit outside the Discovery Center
\$20 per class (50% discount for frontline workers)

Attend in-person or virtually. Spots are limited, masks can be worn. Please arrive early for in-person.

Register by emailing or texting/calling Christine at chrissyshushu@gmail.com or 612-708-3449. Can't make it in-person? Join us on Facebook Live! Events will be located on the Sky Meets Water Forest Therapy LLC Facebook page.



CANCELLATIONS

Oakdale Recreation reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine programs, and/or change instructors. Classes may be canceled due to insufficient enrollment or COVID-19 restrictions, in which case payment will be refunded or credited to your account. Participants will be notified of program cancellations prior to the start of the program.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

You will be contacted only if a program is full, canceled, or if a program change is necessary.

REFUNDS

Registration fees for programs canceled by the Recreation Department will be fully refunded. Other than Adult Trips, participants may cancel a registration three business days before the start of the program and receive a refund, less a \$5 administration fee. Once a refund has been requested, a check will be mailed within 45 days. If the registration payment was charged, a credit to the credit card will be processed. No refunds can be issued once a program has started or if tickets were purchased for a trip or event.

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Registration deadlines are established for programs to ensure appropriate staffing, supplies, and facility needs. Please refer to program descriptions for each program's registration deadline.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships are available for persons who need financial assistance to participate in youth programs. Funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to request an application, please call 651-747-3860.

WAIT LISTS

If a class or event is full, you may request that your name be placed on a waiting list in the event that an opening occurs.



ACTIVITY

Registration Form

**SEND COMPLETED FORMS BY MAIL,
DEPOSIT IN DROP BOX, OR FAX**

Mail (or Drop Box): Oakdale Recreation
4444 Hadley Ave. N.
Oakdale, MN 55128

Fax: 651-747-3861

PERSON MAKING PAYMENT

Name:
Address:
Phone Number: () -
Second Number: () -
Email:

EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF APPLICABLE)

Name:
Phone Number: () -
Relationship:

PERMISSION AND WAIVER

In consideration of your accepting this registration, I hereby, for myself and my heirs, waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Oakdale and its representatives, for any and all injuries from whatever cause suffered by the participant(s) listed in the indicated activities. I understand that the information that I have provided will be distributed to individuals involved with each recreation program.

Oakdale Recreation often takes pictures and video of participants for program promotion. The completion of your registration signifies your acceptance of this consent.

COVID-19 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I acknowledge that COVID-19 has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. The City cannot guarantee that participants in the Activity will not become infected with COVID-19. I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in the Activity.

I agree to comply with all rules related to the Activity including policies related to social distancing and personal hygiene to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19. If I observe any unusual or significant hazard during my participation in the Activity, I will stop participating and immediately notify the nearest official.

REGISTER PARTICIPANTS

Participant Full Name	Gender	Birthdate	Activity Name	Start Date, Time	Location	Fee
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Receipt sent by email. Receipt also available by mail if requested. ☐ Please mail my receipt.

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Signature _____

Date _____

PAYMENT

☐ Check payable to "City of Oakdale" # _____

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☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ DISC ☐ AMX # _____ Exp ____/____ Code _____



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OAKDALE POLICE CAPTAIN NICHOLAS NEWTON NAMED AS NEXT POLICE CHIEF



After a comprehensive recruitment process, City Administrator Christina M. Volkers recommended Nicholas Newton to the position of Oakdale Police Chief.

Oakdale Police Chief William Sullivan retired on July 31, 2021 after over

33 years in Oakdale. City leadership engaged a recruiting firm to recruit the next police chief for Oakdale.

The recruitment process was very comprehensive and included submission of materials, video interviews, telephone and in-person interviews, feedback sessions with current police department staff, reference/academic checking, background investigation, and other various processes. Thirty applicants were evaluated resulting in the selection of four finalists. Final interviews were conducted by several panels and many stakeholders and Newton emerged as the preferred candidate.

Newton is currently a Captain in the Oakdale Police Department and served as interim Police Chief since August 1, 2021.

Newton has been a member of

the Oakdale Police Department for 20 years, rising in rank from patrol officer to sergeant in 2006 to captain in 2020. Newton is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA and the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command, in addition to holding both a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice Leadership and a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Congratulations, Nick!



DUE TO THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE TO THE CITY'S MEMORIAL BENCH PROGRAM, THE OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE IS AT CAPACITY AND NO MORE REQUESTS MAY BE ACCEPTED; ALSO, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO FACILITATE ADDITIONAL BENCH REQUESTS AT THIS TIME FOR ANY CITY PARK. WE APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING.