

OAKDALE UPDATE

SPRING 2021



CITY OFFICES

City Hall

651-739-5086
1584 Hadley Avenue
8 AM to 4:30 PM
www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

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

Recreation

651-747-3860
4444 Hadley Avenue
8 AM to 4:30 PM
www.oakdalefun.com

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!**

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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.
Meeting materials are available at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us
or subscribe at "How Do I," "Sign Up For," "Notifications."
Interested in serving on an Oakdale Advisory Board or Commission?
Applications at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us**

A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

Development continues in the new Willowbrooke neighborhood

The Willowbrooke neighborhood is the outcome of a Small Area Plan completed by the City Council in September 2017 that creates a new neighborhood on approximately 208 acres north of the 4Front Office and Technology Campus, between I-694 and Ideal Avenue N. along 40th Street N. The Small Area Plan is part of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The City Council approved development plans for the new residential neighborhood at their meeting on September 8, 2020. The neighborhood will have a mix of housing types and styles situated in an interconnected park and open space system.



Progress continues on the new Willowbrooke neighborhood, a 208 acre development located between I-694 and Ideal Avenue North along 40th Street N.

Work began last fall to prepare the site for the first phase of development. This work includes tree removal in areas where new homes, streets, and parks will be located. New trees will be planted on each home lot, along the boulevards of the streets, and in the parks and open spaces. The existing woodland on the western portion of the site will be largely preserved and eventually enhanced to remove invasive

species and provide walking paths. The first homes will be built in the area south of 40th Street North and just west of Ideal Avenue North. There are 63 townhomes and 50 one-level single family homes planned for this part of the neighborhood.

For more information about the Willowbrooke development, visit www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/willowbrooke

COMMUNITY SURVEY

In an effort to accurately gauge satisfaction levels of quality of life and city services, the City of Oakdale conducted a community survey last spring. Survey results were presented at a City Council Workshop in October.

The survey is the most accurate way for the City to hear from a large number of residents across the city and all demographics about what is important to them. The survey results help City Council and staff develop priorities for where to focus efforts and resources.

Of the 1,700 surveys that were sent

to households selected at random, 496 were completed, which is a higher than average response rate. The City also conducted a supplemental online survey that was open to all residents, which received an additional 74 responses.

The survey was conducted via mail in partnership with National Research Center (NRC), a Colorado survey research firm. NRC conducts community surveys all over the country.

Overall, residents gave high marks for satisfaction with the City of Oakdale.

- 91% gave satisfied ratings for Oakdale as a place to live
- 85% gave satisfied ratings for the overall quality of life in Oakdale
- 8 in 10 respondents plan to remain in Oakdale for the next five years
- 9 in 10 respondents would recommend living in Oakdale to someone who asked
- 8 in 10 residents positively rated the quality of city services

Complete survey results and more information can be found online at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/survey.

LEAVING A LEGACY

Oakdale Police Department's first female supervisor retires after 30 years of service

Captain Karin LaTour is hanging up the badge, retiring in February, after a 30 year career with the Oakdale Police Department. LaTour was hired as a Patrol Officer in January 1991. Seven years later she was promoted to Sergeant, making her the first female supervisor ever to have served on the department. In 2014 LaTour was promoted to Captain, the title she retained for the remainder of her career.

LaTour had her eyes set on a career in law enforcement from an early age. As an avid athlete involved in many sports growing up, she was particularly drawn to the team dynamics that belonging to a Police Department offered. When she was hired in Oakdale she was one of two females in the department.



Captain Karin LaTour, the first female supervisor for the Oakdale Police Department, is retiring in February

LaTour recalls her early experience entering a male-dominated field. "It wasn't as common to see women in law enforcement 30 years ago," said LaTour. "On my first ride along during an internship in a different city, my male ride along partner told me he wasn't a fan of women in these roles, and if I just 'sit there and shut up we will be fine.' He then ended our shift early."

While that initiation into police work wasn't exactly welcoming, LaTour clarified that the majority of her male colleagues early in her career were

supportive of women in the field, and that acceptance has grown over time. "Now there is a collective belief that everybody brings something different to the table," said LaTour. "Less emphasis is placed on whether you are male or female, but rather on what unique strengths and skills you have to offer the whole."

According to Oakdale Police Chief Bill Sullivan, the experience and skills that LaTour brought to the department were plentiful. "Captain LaTour is an influential leader with a remarkable ability to develop positive relationships with virtually everyone she comes in contact with," he said. "Karin has contributed so much to the department during her tenure in the areas of operational improvements, team morale, and employee wellness. She has been a tremendous asset to the department and will be greatly missed."

When asked what her plans are for retirement, LaTour responded that she is looking forward to spending more quality time with her family.



Captain LaTour, pictured outside the Oakdale Police Department in 1991.

TREKking THROUGH THE TREES

Learn about trees while trekking through the Oakdale Nature Preserve

The next time you're in the Oakdale Nature Preserve, watch for the brown posts with green stickers located along the trail. The posts are part of the City's new Tree Trek program, a self-guided tree identification walk. Oakdale's Tree Trek program was spearheaded by the city's Tree

Board, in an effort to educate the public about the different tree species that exist in Oakdale.

"We get a lot of questions from community members about trees and how to identify them," said Tree Board member Marge Sagstetter.

"The Tree Trek program is the perfect way for people to learn about trees in their native habitat. It's like having our own mini arboretum in Oakdale."

Oakdale's Tree Trek identifies more than 50 trees and shrubs, which are marked with a post that lists its common name and scientific name,

common traits, and other interesting facts. Each post also includes a QR code that participants can scan with a mobile device to access even more information about each species.

Tree Trek maps are available at the Discovery Center, or online at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/treetrek. Oakdale's Tree Trek program was developed in partnership with the University of Minnesota Urban Forestry program, Washington County Master Gardeners, and the MNDNR. It is sponsored by the Oakdale-Maplewood Lion's Club.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Every year the City recognizes a Volunteer of the Year - an individual or group that has gone above and beyond in their efforts to get involved in the community and help others. The 2020 Volunteer of the Year is Larry Eberhard.

Larry was selected for the many ways he serves the community including serving as a long-time member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Holiday Helping Hands program team, serving on the City's Economic Development Commission, sponsoring an annual free community shredding event, holding an annual school supply drive, and so much more!

Do you know someone deserving of the honor? Nominate them at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/volunteer



Oakdale resident Larry Eberhard was named 2020 Volunteer of the Year. Mayor Paul Reinke presented the honors with a plaque.

SPRING REMINDERS

Hydrant Flushing

Typically in early May, all the hydrants throughout the City are flushed to clear out impurities, particularly iron deposits, that build up over the winter months. The flushing process may create a temporary interruption to your water service and/or discolor the water coming out of your faucet. In the case of discolored water, run the cold water for a few minutes.

Load Limits

Weight restrictions are implemented each year in early spring in an effort to minimize the wear to the streets and to allow the base adequate time to stabilize. During this time, we ask that you avoid scheduling deliveries and remodeling projects. Please contact the Engineering Department at 651-730-2734 with questions.

Parking by Mailboxes

To allow for the unobstructed delivery of mail, vehicles must park at least 10 feet away from either side of all mailboxes between the hours of 8 AM and 6 PM, Monday through Saturday.

Storm Sewers

Only Rain in the Drain. If yard waste (leaves, grass clippings), automotive fluids, and pet waste are allowed to enter storm drains, they flow directly to our lakes, rivers, and ponds. Urban storm water runoff is a major source of pollution. Do your part, one drop at a time!

Sewer Back-ups

Anyone experiencing a problem with their sewer system should notify the Public Works Department immediately at 651-730-2740. Call the City before you contact a drain cleaning service. The main sewer line will be investigated and the necessary action taken.

YOUR WATER AND SEWER BILL

Oakdale provides your water and sewer service. Your utility bill includes charges for water usage, sanitary sewer, community-wide street lighting, and storm water management that cover the costs of providing the services, making improvements to the systems, and for general maintenance and repairs.

In 2020 the City engaged a consultant to perform a comprehensive rate study to ensure that the revenues generated by the City's utility rates were adequate to support the operation and maintenance of those systems, as well as study how Oakdale's rates compared to neighboring communities. City Council approved rate increases for 2021 in line with results of the study. Utility rates for 2021 are outlined below.

2021 UTILITY RATES

Residential - Billed Quarterly

Water	Base Charge \$12.30 per quarter \$2.02 per 1,000 gallons - first 25,000 gallons per quarter \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons - next 25,000 to 50,000 gallons per quarter \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons - greater than 50,000 gallons used per quarter
Sewer	Base Charge \$21.53 per quarter Usage \$3.88 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 12,000 gallons per quarter Sewer usage is based on water used during the winter quarter, remains the same for one year.
Street Light	\$15.38 per single family unit per quarter \$8.20 per duplex unit per quarter \$7.18 per multiple dwelling per quarter
Storm	\$9.10 per single family unit per quarter \$8.19 per duplex unit per quarter \$7.70 per multiple dwelling per quarter

Apartments - Billed Monthly

Water	Base Charge \$4.10 per month PER UNIT \$2.02 per 1,000 gallons - first 12,000 gallons per month \$2.21 per 1,000 gallons - next 12,000 to 17,000 gallons per month Usage \$2.39 per 1,000 gallons - remaining gallons used per month
Sewer	Base Charge \$7.18 per month PER UNIT Usage \$3.88 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 4,000 gallons per month PER UNIT Sewer usage is based on water used during the winter quarter, remains the same for one year.
Street Light	based on total lineal feet
Storm	based on total runoff

Commercial - Billed Monthly

Water	Base Charge \$4.10 per month FOR EVERY 10,000 GALLONS USED \$2.02 per 1,000 gallons - first 12,000 gallons per month \$2.21 per 1,000 gallons - next 12,000 to 17,000 gallons per month \$2.39 per 1,000 gallons - next 17,000 to 22,000 gallons per month \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons - remaining gallons used per month
Sewer	Base Charge of \$7.18 charged for every 10,000 gals used (PER UNIT) or minimum \$7.18 if they do not use 10,000gal Usage \$3.88 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 5,000 gallons per month
Street Light	based on total lineal feet
Storm	based on total runoff

DOO GOOD!

Pick up dog doo.

Protect streams.

Dog doo can pollute stormwater. Rain and melting snow flows across yards and trails, collecting in storm drains that lead directly to streams. Contaminated water can cause typhoid fever, viral and bacterial gastroenteritis and hepatitis A. Pet waste also contributes to algae growth, making our lakes and rivers green and unsightly.

In some urban areas, as much as 20% of water-borne bacteria can be traced to dog droppings. It has also been estimated that 100 dogs

could contribute enough waste to contaminate a small lake or pond within only two to three days.

Be a “Doo Gooder”

You can make a difference by being a responsible pet owner/guardian. Here are 5 tips every “Doo Gooder” should know:

- Be prepared: carry poop bags with you. Take extra bags so you don't run out.
- Make sure the bag ends up in a trash can.
- When you hike, never leave a bag on the trail – there's nobody designated to pick them up!
- Pick it up at home to keep your yard healthy and to protect streams.



**Washington
County**

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.*



SPRING 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

SUBSCRIBE TO RECREATION UPDATES

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

e-BROCHURES

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

SUMMER PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration for summer programs
opens Thursday, April 29, 8 AM to
4:30 PM at the Discovery Center.
Summer program information will be
viewable online at www.oakdalefun.com the beginning of April.

COVID-19 NOTICE

The Oakdale Recreation
Department is committed to
following current MDH and CDC
guidelines as they pertain to
programs and activities. This
includes group size, masks, and
sanitation. To provide a safe
and clean environment, we have
limited program registrations
and on-site participants. Detailed
program procedures may be
communicated prior to program
start date and we will continue
to update as more information
is released. Email will be the
primary form of communication
from Oakdale Recreation. We're
working toward a great, safe
experience for you this spring.
Stay safe.

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 K – 8

Boys grades K to 8. Inquiries at wrestling@oaaonline.com. www.oaaonline.com

PARK INFORMATION

ADOPT-A-PARK

Caring for a park is a great activity for individuals, families, organizations, churches, service clubs, youth groups, schools, and businesses. The process is easy! Go to: www.ci.oakdale.mn.us, select "How Do I," then "Sign Up For," and then "Adopt a Park." Or call the Parks Department at 651-730-2740.

LEASHES & MUTT MITTS

Dogs must be leashed when in city parks (exception: Oakdale Bark Park).

Please remember to look for the Mutt Mitts dog waste bag dispensers in city parks to easily pick up and properly dispose of dog waste. Left on the ground, dog waste is not only unsightly but can pollute water and pose health risks to your dog.

JOIN THE OAKDALE RECREATION TEAM!

Recreation Youth Program Instructors

Lead, plan and implement a variety of recreation activities. Must be 16 years old. Schedule: Monday to Friday, 30 to 40 hours per week, must be available to work a few weekend hours - \$13/hour. Visit www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/employment for details. Application deadline is March 31.

Class Instructors

Do you have a special skill, interest, knowledge or hobby you'd like to share? The Oakdale Recreation Department is looking for enthusiastic leaders and class ideas for all ages, stages, abilities and interests. Proposals are accepted throughout the year. Contact Julie at 651-747-3867 or email at julie.williams@ci.oakdale.mn.us

WINTER WALKING AT THE NATURE PRESERVE

During the winter, the asphalt/paved trails throughout Oakdale Nature Preserve are cleared after each snowfall to allow for winter walking. Snow on the Mud Lake boardwalk is not removed. Ungroomed trails are available for snowshoeing and cross country skiers.

VOLUNTEER!

Park Clean Up: April 26 - May 2
Tidy up a park by getting rid of the trash and debris that accumulated over winter. Great activity of individuals, families, organizations, schools, and businesses. Garbage bags are provided and each participant receives a thank you gift. Call the Recreation Department at 651-747-3860 to sign up.

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, subject to COVID rules and procedures. Picnic shelters and locations can be found at www.oakdalefun.com.



	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***		



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.

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 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, identify trees. Use binoculars to catch a glimpse of the deer, fox, raccoons and some of the 162 birds that call the Nature Preserve home. You'll be surprised at all that this beautiful, 200 acre park has for you to discover.

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.

The gallery is open 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

February:	Eyakem Kassa Watercolor
March:	Bethany Finnern Paintings
April:	Marilyn Stevens Paintings
May:	Painting Pals Paintings

YOUTH PROGRAMS

STORY STROLLS

Read a story, while taking a stroll through the Oakdale Nature Preserve with your kids! Story Strolls are free, self-guided, and brought to you in partnership with Washington County Libraries. It is a great way to enjoy the park, practice social distancing, and enjoy a great book!

February Stroll

My Heart is Like a Zoo

by Michael Hall

February 1 – February 16

March Stroll

10 Rules of Being a Superhero

by Deb Pilutti

March 1– March 16

April Stroll

Head to Toe by Eric Carle

April 1 – April 15

May Stroll

Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

May 3 – May 17

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS: SEED STARTING

Ages 12 and under

Learn new techniques for growing your own flowers and vegetables from seed. Decorate a flower pot, pick the seeds to plant, then bring your plant home and watch it grow!

Saturday, April 24 | 10 to 11 AM

Oakdale Discovery Center

4444 Hadley Avenue N.

FREE!

Call 651-747-3860 to reserve your spot! Space is limited.

CURIOUS CRITTERS CLUB

3 to 6 (children must be potty trained)

The Oakdale Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Ave, offers a wide variety of fun and educational nature programs for children ages 3 – 6 on Fridays throughout the year. Children participate in discussions, play games, watch DVDs, enjoy a snack, and create projects for each themed program. Curious Critters Club kids like to go outside, so please dress for the weather. This is a drop off program for children, parents do not stay.

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

February 12 - Snow Clues

We'll read *In the Snow, Who's Been Here?* After, we'll venture outside to uncover animal tracks and other clues to see who's been out in the snow.

February 26 - Hibernation Station

We'll read *Hibernation Station* and learn what kinds of critters hop on the train and head to its final destination, SLEEP!

March 12 - Eggs, Eggs, Everywhere!

Tis the season for eggs! We'll introduce you to an array of critters that come cracking out of eggs.

March 19 - Lions and Lambs

As the saying goes, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." We'll engage in a rip-roaring lions and lambs weather study.

April 9 - Hello Spring!

Say goodbye to winter and hello spring! As the snow melts and days get longer, trees bud out and flowers begin to grow. We'll walk through the Oakdale Nature preserve to uncover signs of the spring as animals and plants wake up from winter.

April 23 - April Showers

Join us as we read *Little Cloud* by Eric Carle, and become raindrops in the story of the water cycle.

May 7 - Be Kind to Animals

The first full week of May is Be Kind to Animals Week. We'll learn how to respect our furry and feathered friends with warm and fuzzy activities.

May 21 - Would You Hug a Porcupine?

We'll learn all about the prickly rodent that has been described as a walking pincushion!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

KIDCREATE® STUDIO

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. Deadline is one week prior to program.

MOMMY AND ME CLASS - MESS FEST

18 months to 6 years

Big mess means big fun! We'll make clay lions with magnificent manes, birds snuggled down in their nests, a silly green frog, and more! Your little one will love exploring and creating with clay, paint, and more at our best mess fest ever! Come and get messy right along with your child. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29

9:30 to 10:30 AM

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley

\$55 per child (4 weeks)

Register by April 1

AT HOME ART KITS

Elementary aged kids, but with adult supervision, kits can also be used for preschoolers.

At home art kits with online instructional videos are now available from Kidcreate Studio! These art kits are so much fun; it's like having your very own private art teacher! The kit contains an easy to follow lesson plan, a link to a correlating online instructional video taught by a Kidcreate Studio art teacher, art materials needed to create one fridge-worthy masterpiece and additional suggestions for online learning that relate to the art lesson. Simply register at www.oakdalefun.com. Kits will be available for pick up the following week beginning on Wednesday at the Oakdale Discovery Center.

\$15 per kit (prepay at www.oakdalefun.com) | Discovery Center Pickup
Art Kits to choose from:

Clay Mosaic

Let's create a mosaic out of air dry clay and beads! Clay by itself makes great art, but adding beads or sequins makes it even better! Air-dry clay will be used to create a fun and funky mosaic.

Slime Time

Let's create one of our favorite messy times - silly putty slime! Roll up your sleeves and let's get messy!!

Bunny Sunset

Let's create some adorable bunnies watching the sunset! You will learn to draw little bunnies, then paint a warm sun setting sky where they can gaze.

Clay Coil Bowl

Let's create a clay coil bowl! We will learn a special clay technique to build these unique creations.



FAMILY FUN



Get outside and play!

WAHOO! ADVENTURES FAMILY MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE & BONFIRE

Enjoy a leisurely snowshoe walk along a luminary lit trail through the wooded Oakdale Nature Preserve.

Join us back at the bonfire for hot dogs, burgers, chips, s'mores, and hot chocolate. The luminary lit trail will close at 8:30 PM. A great way to celebrate winter in Minnesota! Snowshoes included, but you can bring your own. Bring a headlamp if desired, dress in layers with sturdy boots. Note: When food is involved, there will be servers available to help - even with marshmallows for s'mores. Please wear masks, socially distance and hang with your own group. Get Outside and Play!

Friday, February 27 | 6 PM, 6:15 PM, 6:30 PM, 6:45 PM

Select a time slot at registration | Register by Friday, February 20
Oakdale Nature Preserve/Discovery Center | \$25 per person

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

VIRTUAL SUNDAE BINGO

All ages welcome!

Join the Oakdale Recreation Department for an afternoon of fun and prizes, as we call BINGO via ZOOM. Registration includes a BINGO card mailed to your address, the ZOOM meeting code link, and a chance to win prizes! We will play through 10 disposable BINGO sheets that will be sent to all participants. Winners will need to pick up prizes at the Discovery Center.

Sunday, April 11 | 1 to 3 PM | \$5 per person

Zoom - Virtual Meeting | Register by Friday, April 2

BEST SNOW SCULPTURE OF OAKDALE CONTEST

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

**This year's theme is
"Everyday Heroes"**

Winning sculpture will receive a \$100 Target gift card! Please submit photo entries to nathan@ci.oakdale.mn.us by Wednesday, March 31. The winner will be contacted on Thursday, April 1 by the Oakdale Recreation Department.



SPECIAL EVENTS

MYSTERY EGG HUNT

Up to age 10



Don't miss the annual Mystery Egg Hunt! The event this year has been modified so that the entire event will take place outdoors to minimize physical contact. Please register for a 30 minute time slot between the times of 9 through 12 PM. Eggs will be hidden along the trails of the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Once you find an egg it can be redeemed for a special prize! Participants will stop along stations after they find their egg. Don't miss this ever popular event! All registered participants will receive correspondence a week prior to the event with specific details.

Saturday, April 3

9 AM to 12 PM

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley

\$12 per child

Register by March 26

(register for a 30 minute time slot and indicate how many parents/guardians will be attending)

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

Time to start gearing up for the Oakdale Nature Preserve 5K, taking place during Oakdale Summerfest weekend! This race is for all; runners and walkers alike. The race will start and end at the Oakdale Discovery Center. Registration fee includes your t-shirt, chip timing, post-race drinks and snacks, and chance for race prizes. Please indicate your t-shirt size on the registration form.

Saturday, June 26

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley

7AM: Check in begins

8AM: 5K Begins

\$20 before June 1

\$25 after June 1

Registration Deadline: June 11

There will be no day of registrations this year to ensure a safe, socially distanced fun run.

Note: We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and will stagger start times if needed.

ART DISCOVERY FAIR



Saturday, March 27 | 10 AM - 3 PM

Discovery Center | Free to browse!



Oakdale's art fair returns with careful measures to ensure social distancing. Change is on the horizon, as displays of local talent and skill reappear at the Discovery Center! Engage with the creators themselves to connect with an unexpected gift. Find paintings, photography, woodworking, jewelry, pottery, and more. Seize the moment to shop from and support local artists and crafters.



WINTER FUN

SKATING RINKS

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:

- When temperatures soften the ice it 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.

Note: Please check the Recreation Department's Facebook page or go to www.oakdalefun.com for City facility updates and rink conditions.

Locations

Maintained, supervised rinks
(warming houses closed)

- Northdale Park
5099 Granada Avenue
- Walton Park Pleasure Rink
1584 Hadley Avenue

Maintained, unsupervised rinks
without warming houses

- Walton Park Hockey Rink
1584 Hadley Avenue
- Eastside Park
1744 Helmo Avenue

Hours

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

Holiday Hours

February 17: 1 to 8 PM

Warming houses are closed for the season in order to maintain COVID-19 guidelines regarding gathering size and social distancing.

SNOWSHOE RENTAL AT DISCOVERY CENTER

Try snowshoeing in the 200 acres of the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Rates are \$5/person for a two-hour rental. Sizes available for both kids and adults. First come, first served. Reservations recommended for groups of six or more. Please call 651-747-3860.

Monday - Friday: 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday: 12 to 3:30 PM
Sunday: 1 to 3:30 PM

SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

Things to remember when operating a snowmobile within the city limits:

- You may not operate a snowmobile in any public park, on any public sidewalk, bikeway/pedway, or on school grounds. Snowmobiles are not allowed on public boulevards.
- You may only operate a snowmobile during the hours of 9 AM to 10 PM Sunday through Thursday, and 9 AM to 1 AM Friday, Sunday, and any evening preceding a holiday.

Copies of the city's ordinance regulating snowmobiles are available at the Discovery Center, City Hall, online at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us, or by calling 651-747-3860.

Find state regulations and trail maps at dnr.state.mn.us/snowmobiling.

Map of rink locations at www.oakdalefun.com

MARKETS/SHOPPING

DISCOVERY CENTER INDOOR MARKET

**February 6, 20 & March 6, 20
9 AM to 1 PM**

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Ave N

A new, modified market experience for the 2021 season! Come out and shop local at the safe Oakdale Indoor Market. Social distancing, masks required, and hand sanitizing stations are just a few of the added precautions to make your market experience safe and easy! Local vendors offer a unique variety of items including baked goods, meats, canned goods, artisan foods, sweets, salsas, strudels and much more!

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

You'll find everything from children's clothing and toys; to housewares, collectibles, tools, books and much more! Free to browse.

Saturday, May 15 | 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 May 7 | Space is limited, register early!

Set up times: Friday, May 14 from 4 to 8 PM or Saturday, May 15 from 8 to 9 AM. Sellers must use no more than the two tables provided, no additional racks.

Note: Booth selection for sellers is not available for 2021. The organizer will place sellers in booths and determine a new event map using COVID-19 guidelines in May.

FARMERS MARKET

Wednesdays, June into October | 2 to 6:30 PM | City Hall Parking Lot

An array of fresh produce, sweets, baked goods, meats, coffee and more. EBT/Food stamps now accepted. Visit www.oakdalefun.com in early June for a list of vendors, products and exact market dates.



Photo by Howard Markus
Monarch and Bumble Bee on New England Aster

Free and Open To All Rain or Shine

Landscape Revival: Shoreview

Saturday
June 5, 2021
9 am - 1 pm

Shepherd of the Hills
North Parking Lot
3920 Victoria St N,
Shoreview

Landscape Revival: Oakdale

Saturday
June 12, 2021
9 am - 1 pm

Oakdale City Hall
Parking Lot
1584 Hadley Ave N,
Oakdale

for more info go online to
tiny.cc/SHOREVIEW & tiny.cc/OAKDALE

Join Us For Our 10th Annual More-Than-A-Plant Sale!

Expo: Learn how to select and grow native plants from local conservation and restoration groups to benefit pollinators, other wildlife, and water quality.

Market: Purchase Minnesota native plants from a variety of local growers. No cultivars or systemic insecticides.

Cash or Check Preferred



ADULT PROGRAMS

PICKLEBALL



ADULT PICKLEBALL BEGINNER LESSONS

Ages 18 and up

Pickleball is a great workout for all fitness levels. Learn the basics of the game. Equipment will be provided or bring your own. Please indicate on registration form if equipment is needed.

Tuesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25 | 6 to 7 PM

Tanners Park Pickleball Courts (Tanners Park Rd, south of 7th St)

\$25 | Register by April 27

OPEN COURT PICKLEBALL

Join the Oakdale Pickleball Club for a game of pickleball. All are welcome to join during the open court play. Play is casual, beginners are welcome! Pickleball balls will be provided. Courts will be ready for play the end of April pending weather conditions.

Monday: 6 to 8 PM
Tuesday: 9 to 11 AM
Wednesday: 6 to 8 PM
Thursday: 9 to 11 AM
Saturday: 9 to 11 AM
Sunday: 3 to 5 PM

The Oakdale Pickleball Club plays at the Tanners Park Pickleball Courts, Tanners Park Rd, south of 7th St.

To learn more about the Oakdale Pickleball Club contact Chuck Scott at 651-439-5307

***Pickleball Courts are now lined at Eastside Park*

PARK AND PLAY

Explore nature through a variety of classes and activities, including arts, recreation, and discussion/education! Enjoy one class or stay all day. Watch for this annual event to return late summer/fall!

COMMUNITY WALK

All Ages

Earn rewards for walking! Beginning Thursday, April 1, the Community Walk will kick off at the Discovery Center/Oakdale Nature Preserve (4444 Hadley Avenue). The Community Walk will run through October 31. Oakdale residents will have the opportunity to walk the 200 acre Oakdale Nature Preserve, as much as possible, with the ultimate goal of reaching 200 miles total, to earn a \$40 gift card from Target, Hy-Vee, or Kwik Trip.

On your first day of walking, stop in at the Discovery Center and sign up for the walking program. We'll record your name and address, as well as inform you of the points and rewards system. Participants will write down their daily miles, and turn in their mileage inside the Discovery Center at the front desk or after hours in the drop box.

This program is for Oakdale residents only; an ID will be required for proof of residency. The program is for all ages, any children living with parents in Oakdale are eligible for rewards. Pedometers are also available on request, at no charge. More information can be found at www.oakdalefun.com or inside the Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley.

Miles Walked	Reward
200	\$40 Gift Card
100	\$20 Gift Card
50	\$10 Gift Card & T-shirt
25	\$5 Gift Card

ADULT PROGRAMS

O A K D A L E

Wellness 50+

For over six years the Oakdale Wellness 50+ team has been working to improve health and wellness in the Oakdale community, particularly for adults over 50. During these unusually confining times, we encourage you to exercise, eat well, and get good sleep. To that end, we offer the following:

STAY FIT ONLINE - GET MOVING WITH SUSAN!

Join Susan Weum for an online exercise class to get your body moving again. Break out of isolation and inactivity to reclaim your vigor! Join your peers for a dynamic warmup followed by stretching and strength building. We'll finish each session with balance and relaxation to leave you energized and stress free. This class will restore your strength, balance, and mobility. The first class is FREE! If you enjoy it, more will follow.

First zoom class: February 6 | 9 to 9:45 AM

Register by email: oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com, link will be sent.

Susan Weum is a National Academy of Sports Medicine Personal Trainer and a member of the Oakdale 50+ Team. Her Personal Training practice, Forever Fit MN, specializes in helping adults to enjoy a vital, active life.

WELLNESS BOOK CLUB

Join anytime by email, oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com, with subject line "I want to join the book club." Meetings are currently on Zoom.

- March 30, 6:30 PM: *Lessons from Lucy* by Dave Barry
- May 25, 6:30 PM: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver

WELLNESS BINGO

Want to have some fun at home? Play Wellness Bingo with the Wellness 50+ team. Play starts in February and continues through March. FREE! And there may be prizes.

If interested, email oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com. Bingo cards and details will be sent after you sign up. All are welcome!

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



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.



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SWIMMING LESSONS



- American Red Cross trained instructors
- Located in Oakdale at Skyview Community School
- Ages 1 year and up
- COVID-19 safety procedures in place
- Private lessons available

Join us this
spring!

Registration begins February 20.
Lessons start week of March 29.

www.isd622.org/swim
651-748-7442

SAVE THE DATE ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY

Mark your calendars! This year's Pete Graske Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 in Walton Park.

200 trees will be available and each Oakdale household may select one while supplies last.

Details for the event are still being arranged and will be announced closer to the date of the event. Sign up for City updates to stay informed. Visit www.ci.oakdale.mn.us, click on the "Stay Connected" button at the bottom of the screen, and select "News & Updates" under "News Flash"

For more information, please contact Loren Cota, City Forester, at 651-501-5302 or loren@ci.oakdale.mn.us.



Every summer the City recognizes eye catching properties with the Oakdale Acorn Award. Nominate a property by June 1, 2021

www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/acornaward