



SPRING 2023

OAKDALE UPDATE





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LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX APPROVED

The one-half of one percent sales tax increase in Oakdale goes into effect April 1.



Renderings of the future Oakdale Police facility



Renderings of the future Oakdale Public Works facility

Both City questions on the November 8 ballot related to a local option sales tax increase for two facility projects were approved by Oakdale voters.

Question One requested \$22 million to fund the construction of a new Public Works facility. It was approved with 52 percent (5,766 Yes votes) of the total votes.

Question Two requested \$15 million to fund the expansion and remodel of the current Police facility. It was approved with 55 percent (6,213 Yes votes) of the total votes.

The City Council made the vote totals official at the canvass of votes on November 16. The one-half of one percent (0.5%) sales tax increase will take effect on April 1 and will expire after funds for the projects are collected, or 25 years, whichever occurs first.

Construction on the Police and Public Works facilities is expected to begin in late 2023.

Thank you to all Oakdale residents who voted and made their voice heard on this important community decision!



upcoming events

Full calendar at:
www.oakdalemn.gov

indoor garage sale
march 25

mystery egg hunt
april 8

city park clean-up
april 24 to 30

arbor day tree giveaway
april 29

CONTACT US

CITY HALL 651-739-5086
1584 Hadley Avenue N
Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM

CITY OFFICES
Administration 651-730-2818
Building Inspection 651-739-5150
Code Enforcement 651-702-5225
Community Development 651-730-2806
Engineering 651-730-2734
Fire 651-731-8886
Human Resources 651-730-2714
Licensing 651-730-2704
Police 651-738-1025
Public Works 651-730-2740
Recreation 651-747-3860

DISCOVERY CENTER 651-747-3860
4444 Hadley Avenue N
Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8 AM to 4:30 PM
Thursday 8 AM to 8 PM
Saturday 12 to 4 PM
Sunday 1 to 4 PM

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

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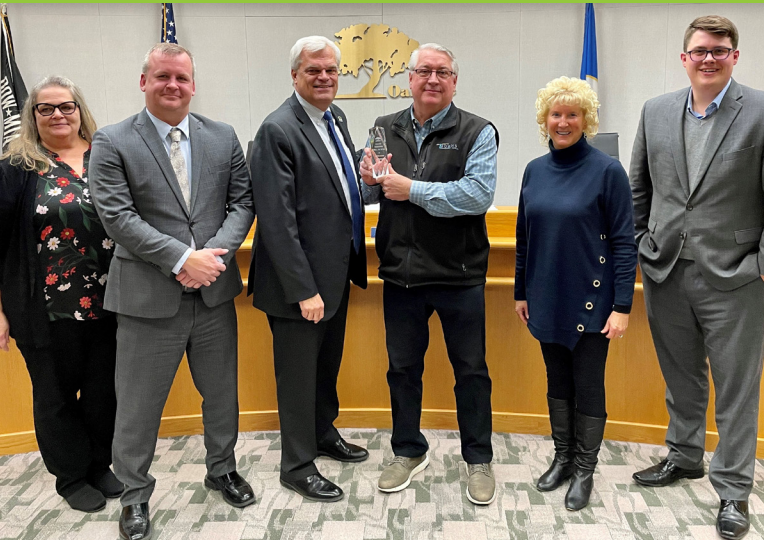
CITY NEWS

BILL BURNS NAMED 2022 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Each year the City recognizes an individual who has gone above-and-beyond in their efforts to get involved in the community and help others. Bill Burns was selected as the 2022 Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding contributions to Oakdale.

Described by his nominators as a selfless and enthusiastic leader who is often first to step up to give his time and talents, Burns chairs the Oakdale Economic Development Commission and serves the City through volunteer efforts. He is a board member for the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce, Open Cupboard and the Carol Mathey's Center for Children. Additionally, Burns spends time volunteering regularly at Tartan High School.

Burns was honored by the Oakdale City Council at the December 13 meeting.



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FRANK ORSELLO RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Oakdale resident and business owner Frank Orsello began serving as the host of the *Oakdale Update* cable show in 1998 and continued in this role until filming his final episode in December. Over his 24 years as host, Orsello became a trusted local source for sharing news, events and stories of Oakdale and its residents. With a calm demeanor and recognizable voice, Orsello is known city-wide for his consistent, engaging interviews with special guests that included elected officials at the city, county and state levels, as well as City staff, local residents and business leaders. He also serves on the Oakdale Economic Development Commission and as a board member for the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce.

Orsello was honored by the Oakdale City Council at the December 13 meeting.



Frank Orsello filmed his final episode of the Oakdale Update cable show on December 19.

CITY LAUNCHES OPENGOV FINANCIAL TOOL, ONLINE PERMITS AND LICENSES

The City of Oakdale recently launched its OpenGov budgeting tool. This transparent platform provides information on the City's expenses, the approved 2023 budget and the Capital Improvement Plan.

City staff has also utilized OpenGov to transition to an online permitting and licensing system which will create a more efficient way to issue permits and licenses that keeps applicants informed throughout the process. Several building

permits are currently accessible through Oakdale's new online services platform. The remainder of the City's building permits, planning applications and business licenses will gradually move to the Online Services platform later this spring. Updates will be provided on the City's website and social media.

To access the City's OpenGov financial information, scan the code.



STAY CONNECTED WITH CITY OF OAKDALE UPDATES

The City recently changed its website URL to **www.oakdalemn.gov** to help make it easier than ever to use and to keep up with everything going on in the City of Oakdale. Citizens can sign up to receive the latest news and important updates on items such as construction, plowing, police incidents and other City news.

To receive notifications from the City via text message or email, it's as easy as heading to the City's website and clicking the "Receive Notifications" icon as pictured below. Then, follow these steps:

- Type in an email address in the box and select "Sign In."
- To receive text messages, enter a phone number and select "Save."
- To subscribe, click the email and/or phone icon next to each desired category list.



Receive Notifications

2023 UTILITY BILLING RATES

Contact Utility Billing with questions at 651-730-2710.

Residential - Billed Quarterly	Water	Base Charge: \$13.57 per quarter \$2.23 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 25,000 gallons \$2.48 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 25,001 to 50,000 gallons \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 50,001 gallons or more
	Sewer	Base Charge: \$23.62 per quarter Usage: \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 12,000 gallons Usage based on winter quarter, remains same for one year.
	Street Light	\$16.56 per single family unit per quarter \$8.91 per duplex unit per quarter \$7.80 per multiple dwelling per quarter
	Storm	\$11.01 per single family unit per quarter \$9.91 per duplex unit per quarter \$9.32 per multiple dwelling per quarter
Apartments - Billed Monthly	Water	Base Charge: \$4.52 per month per unit \$2.23 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons \$2.44 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,001 gallons or more
	Sewer	Base Charge: \$7.88 per month per unit Usage: \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 4,000 gallons per month per unit Usage based on winter quarter, remains same for one year
	Street Light	Based on total linear feet
	Storm	Based on total runoff
Commercial - Billed Monthly	Water	Base Charge: \$4.51 per month for every 10,000 gallons used \$2.23 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons \$2.44 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons \$2.64 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,000 to 22,000 gallons \$3.01 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 22,001 gallons or more
	Sewer	Base Charge: \$7.88 per month for every 10,000 gallons used Usage: \$4.26 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 5,000 gallons per month
	Street Light	Based on total linear feet
	Storm	Based on total runoff

CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

The City of Oakdale has five advisory bodies to City Council that are comprised of City residents and advise the Council on various projects and make recommendations for its consideration. Several bodies currently have commissioner vacancies. Residents and businesses are also welcome to attend meetings and provide feedback during open forum opportunities.

All City Council advisory body meetings are held at **Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue N.**

For more information about advisory bodies or to apply, visit: **www.oakdalemn.gov/298/Advisory-Bodies**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Meets the first Wednesday of the month (except January, April, July and October) at 5:15 PM

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Meets the third Monday of each month at 7 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meets the third Tuesday of each month (except January and December) at 7 PM

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM

TREE BOARD

Meets the third Tuesday in January, March, June and September at 5 PM



SEASONAL REMINDERS

WINTER PARKING ENDS APRIL 1

Winter parking restrictions end April 1. Until then, no vehicles may park on City streets between the hours of 12 to 5 AM, or anytime snow accumulation equals or exceeds two inches until the street is cleared of snow.



HYDRANT FLUSHING

All hydrants in the City are flushed in early May 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 or discolor the water coming out of faucets. In the case of discolored water, run cold water for a few minutes.

SUMP PUMPS

Please route out! The flow that enters the sanitary sewer system (through toilets, wash tubs, and floor drains) is sent to the treatment plant in St. Paul. The flow is metered, and Oakdale and its utility customers are charged for additional flow. It is illegal to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer system. Route discharge outside to your yard, the street, the storm sewer, or waterway.



CALL BEFORE DIGGING

Residents planning to dig for posts, landscaping or gardening should call Gopher State (8-1-1) 48 hours before digging.

TALL GRASS

Beginning May 15, grass must be kept at a maximum of six inches, cut at least every two weeks, and weeds kept under control. When the City receives a complaint, the property owner has five days to cut the grass, or the City will cut the grass and charge the property owner.

Contact Public Works with questions at 651-730-2740.

MAILBOX OR SOD DAMAGE

Properly installed mailboxes accidentally toppled by direct contact from a snow plow blade will be replaced by Public Works as time permits. If preferred, a new mailbox can be provided to the property owner to install. If a snow plow causes sod damage, residents can choose whether to have the City provide you with sod to place in the damaged area or the City will repair the area with top soil and seed. Spring and summer is the ideal time to assess the condition of and make repairs to your mailbox and mailbox post.

BRANCH/BRUSH DISPOSAL

Public Works accepts branches and brush under eight inches in diameter for a nominal fee. Drop off hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 3 PM, beginning the second Monday in April and running through the third Friday in October. No grass clippings or bagged leaves are allowed for drop off at Public Works.

EMERALD ASH BORER TREATMENT

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is now pervasive in Oakdale. Chemical treatment can help prolong the life of ash trees and is most effective when applied in the spring.

STORM SEWERS

Only rain, melted snow and sump pump discharge should enter storm drains. Yard waste, automotive fluids, pet waste or other illicit discharge that enters a storm sewer can flow into lakes, rivers and ponds causing pollution. Report illegal dumping or illicit discharge if you see it.

GARAGE SALES

Each City property may have a total of three garage sales per year with each sale running no more than four days in length.

FEEDING WILDLIFE

Feeding wildlife is prohibited by City ordinance for animals (such as deer, raccoons, turkey, coyotes, cats, fox and skunks) and waterfowl (such as geese, ducks, heron, egrets and swans). Birds are an exception provided feeders are a minimum of five feet above the ground or structure (such as a deck).



FIRE TRANSITIONS TO CAREER-BASED STAFFING MODEL

Beginning January 1, 2023, the Oakdale Fire department became fully staffed with paid, full-time staff as the City transitioned away from its long-time volunteer-based model in order to support Oakdale's growing population and increased call volume.

Three years ago, the City Council determined Oakdale would benefit from a career-based staffing model. Nationally, volunteer interest in the field has decreased, and the City is expected to grow 20 percent in the next five years. The transition to full-time Fire staff will provide more consistent and efficient service, faster response time to calls and the ability to meet the expected increase in call volume due to population growth.

"The City of Oakdale is grateful for the support of City Council, past volunteers and the community as we make this much-needed change in our approach to staffing," said Oakdale Fire Chief Kevin Wold. "This will allow us to provide a high level of service to our community."

Full-time firefighters have gradually been hired over the course of the last three years with the largest addition of staff coming at the end of 2022. For 2023, the City's budget will see an increase to account for these additional paid staff.

In addition to staffing needs, Fire Station One (North) needed several renovations to accommodate for firefighters who work 24-hour shifts. Improvements included the addition of sleeping quarters and upgrades to the kitchen area, all within the existing building.

Oakdale Fire began with a group of volunteers who built the original fire station and began serving residents in

PUBLIC SAFETY



1964. As the City of Oakdale grew, the department's fire and emergency services evolved. In the early 2000s, Oakdale Fire began adding full-time staff and paid on-call firefighters in addition to the volunteer staff. Many long-time volunteer and paid on-call firefighters have now been hired on as full-time staff as part of the transition.

"It is an exciting time to be a member of the Oakdale Fire department as the City grows and the career-based transition occurs," said Wold. "The volunteers of this organization have been an integral part of the department's success. We will forever be grateful for their support and dedication to this City and Oakdale Fire."

POLICE BODY WORN CAMERA UPDATE

In 2022, the City of Oakdale Police department tested body worn camera (BWC) technology and sought public feedback and support for implementation of a system and a draft of a supporting policy. In November, the City Council approved purchase of a BWC system and the policy to guide department use. Oakdale Police will begin training officers to use the technology and will implement the system in the field later this spring.

RECREATIONAL FIRE SAFETY

With spring and warmer temps on the way, it is important to make sure any backyard and recreational fires follow these guidelines:

- The base of the fire should not exceed three feet in diameter.
- Flames cannot exceed two feet in height.
- Fire is contained in a fire ring of non-combustible material.
- Fire ring is located at least 25 feet from structures.

- Water source is in close proximity.
- Fire is attended until extinguished.
- Burn only clean and dry wood, not treated lumber, leaves, trash or furniture.
- Fire should not produce smoke that causes discomfort to or negatively impacts neighboring properties. Please call 911 for discomfort or negative impact due to a recreational fire.



ENVIRONMENT

OAKDALE WORKS TOWARD BECOMING EV-READY COMMUNITY

As part of the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan, Oakdale acknowledges the benefits of electric vehicles (EVs) in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and is working toward becoming an EV-ready community.

In 2021, City staff produced an EV-ready community study which prioritized several EV-ready actions based on local and regional best practices. Items completed to date include: adopting ordinance changes and policies that support charging infrastructure in the City, approved in the fall of 2022; sharing best practices for businesses and residents looking to purchase EVs or add charging stations; and conducting an EV suitability assessment to determine whether certain City fleet vehicles may be good candidates for transitioning to an electric alternative.

The City of Oakdale is committed to providing education around EVs to the public. Resources, including information about charging programs, can be found at: www.oakdalemn.gov/948/Electric-Vehicles



Four general EV-charging stations and eight Tesla Supercharger plugs are currently available to the public for use at Hy-Vee (7180 10th Street N).

SPRING CLEANING

Spring is the perfect time to tidy up around the house, garage and yard! During cleaning, recyclable items often unknowingly get put into the trash. The Washington County Environmental Center provides options to dispose hazardous materials, electronics, batteries, household sharps and other items. It also boasts a free product room and the County's food scraps program. For more information on accepted items and services,

visit the County website at: www.co.washington.mn.us/604/Environmental-Center



SPRING EVENTS

Oakdale has several upcoming spring events that encourage community members to be environmentally conscious and help spruce up the City! Additional details, including sign-up information, will be available later this spring: www.oakdalemn.gov/231/Forestry-Environmental-Services-Division

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, April 22

City Hall Parking Lot (1584 Hadley Avenue N)

Sponsored by the Eberhard Group with Keller Williams, this event provides safe disposal of confidential documents. Limit is 10 bags or two boxes per person. Please note the date change.

ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY

Saturday, April 29

Walton Park Bandshell (1584 Hadley Avenue N)

Residents will have an opportunity to receive a free tree to plant in honor of Arbor Day and Peter Graske who established the event and gave back to the Oakdale community. City Council members will be on site to hand out trees, and Washington County Master Gardeners will provide advice for planting and growing the trees successfully.

VOLUNTEER SPRING PLANTING EVENT

May (Exact Date TBD)

Discovery Center (4444 Hadley Avenue N)

Join the Oakdale Tree Board and the Master Gardeners for a morning of planting to help add touches of beauty to the City. Water and lunch are provided. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Drop It Off

At the Environmental Center

Washington County

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS | ELECTRONICS | RECYCLABLES | FOOD SCRAPS



4039 Cottage Grove Dr. | Woodbury

Tuesdays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Thursdays 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Fridays 8 a.m. – 4:30 pm

Saturdays 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Closed on all major holidays.

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

**Stop by the
FREE Product
Room**

Look for items such as latex and oil paints, household cleaners, automotive supplies, and much more. Products are available for eligible residents only.

WashCoRecycles.com/EnviroCenter | 651-275-7475

PLANNING STUDY EXAMINES GLENBROOK AREA

The City of Oakdale has commissioned the Glenbrook Small Area Plan study to respond to development interests and address issues between industrial and residential properties in a unique area of Oakdale, located east of State Highway 120, north of State Highway 36, and south of Interstate 694. The study is funded by a matching grant from the Washington County Community Development Agency.

The overall purpose of the study is to understand and recommend future development options for the area. There is currently a mix of commercial, industrial and residential uses in the neighborhood, and major roadway changes in the future may impact the long-term needs of the area.

In November, the project team began seeking feedback from stakeholders, including current area residents,

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT



and business and property owners. The multi-phase project will use collected data to engage the Planning Commission and the City Council to develop future plans and recommendations. The project is expected to be completed in late 2023.

CITY ENGAGES LOCAL BUSINESSES WITH NEW PROGRAM

In the fall of 2022, the City of Oakdale launched the Business Retention, Expansion and Attraction (BRE&A) Program in partnership with the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce and the St. Paul Area Chamber. As part of the program, City officials and staff visit local businesses which allows the City to maintain business relationships, share resources, understand future business needs

and evaluate how City policy is affecting businesses' operations. Since the program began, there have been nine visits to Oakdale businesses, and the visits are expected to continue through early 2023.



BIZRECYCLING PROGRAM

BizRecycling is a public program of Ramsey/Washington Recycling & Energy (R&E) that helps businesses and apartment buildings in Ramsey and Washington counties reduce waste and improve their recycling and organics collections.

HOW IT WORKS

Interested parties can submit a form to request a free consultation with recycling experts who will recommend recycling and waste reduction opportunities. Grants are available to assist with implementing any suggested programs. BizRecycling then helps businesses launch their programs and provides ongoing support.

Learn more about the BizRecycling program and grants available at www.bizrecycling.com.

METRO GOLD LINE BRT CONSTRUCTION

Construction for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is underway. Various portions of Oakdale will be impacted by this work. To receive up-to-date construction updates, scan the code or visit: www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-construction



RECREATION



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Please register at least one week prior to programs. To register online for Oakdale Recreation programs, follow these steps:

- Visit www.oakdalefun.com.
- Click "Online Registration" on the left side the of page.
- Select "Enroll Now" for desired program or activity to begin registration process.
- Sign in with account information OR click "Join" to create a new account.
- Complete enrollment information by following the prompts.
- Accept program waivers.
- Select "Check Out" to complete registration.



Registration fees for programs canceled by Oakdale Recreation will be fully refunded. Other than adult trips, participants may cancel three business days before the start of the program and receive a refund, less a \$5 admin fee.

CONTACT US

For questions about recreation programs, registration and policies, and Discovery Center facility and picnic shelter reservations, call **651-747-3860**.

Find more details: www.oakdalefun.com
Click "Stay Connected" to sign up for Oakdale Recreation updates.



Programs on pages 10 to 13 are at the Discovery Center or Nature Preserve unless otherwise noted.

SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

Submissions accepted until March 31.

Head outside and create a snow masterpiece! This year's theme is Upside Down Snowman. The winner receives a \$100 gift card. Oakdale residents only. Email photos: nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov

HONEY EXTRACTION DAY

Saturday, January 28 | 1 to 2 PM | All ages | FREE

Come taste honey, and learn from beekeepers and gardeners about pollinators, low-maintenance lawns, and making and selling honey. There will be space in the parking lot to sell, swap or shop for supplies or equipment. Please contact Karen Voy at vkaren6895@gmail.com if interested in the swap.

save the date

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 27

Summer program information will be available on www.oakdalefun.com in early April. Early summer registration will begin Thursday, April 27.

Apply to be a youth program instructor (age 16 and up, \$14 an hour) by March 31 at www.oakdalemn.gov.

discovery center

INDOOR MARKET

Select Saturdays | 9 AM to 1 PM

Shop local with over 20 vendors offering a unique variety of items including baked goods, meats, canned goods, artisan foods, jewelry, essential oils and more.

- January 21
- February 4 and 18
- March 4 and 18

Vendor requests: nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 25 | 9 AM to 1 PM | \$23 (2 tables)

This fun event for bargain hunters, collectors and families is free to attend and browse. Registration for sellers is open until March 17. Set up times are Friday, March 24 (4 to 8 PM) or Saturday, March 25 (8 to 9 AM).

WEDNESDAY CARDS

Wednesdays | 1 to 3 PM

Adults of all skill levels are invited to join an afternoon of coffee and card games. No sign up is required.

SCAVENGER HUNT

The annual Scavenger Hunt Guide will be available for pickup beginning April 1. Use the guide to find items in the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Prizes will be given for children ages 12 and under who find the items in the guide through October 31.

COMMUNITY BOOK AND MOVIE SWAP

Bring gently used books and movies to swap for an even exchange of something "new." Books must be in good, readable condition with the cover intact. Movies must be fully operable in the original case. No VHS tapes will be accepted.

TANDEM BIKES

Two tandem bikes are available for use during regular hours beginning in April, weather permitting. Rent a bike for free with photo ID.

POLES, BACKPACKS AND BINOCULARS

Walking poles resemble ski poles to turn a walk into a total-body workout. Binoculars and backpacks are also available. Rent these items for free with photo ID.

BEE HIVE

The resident bee hive returns in May near the art gallery for viewing during regular business hours. This bee hive is courtesy of local beekeepers, Karen and Duane Voy.

PLASTER PAWS

Pick out an animal track mold and use it to make your own plaster paw to take home.

ART GALLERY

The Discovery Center art gallery features local artists throughout the year with a new collection each month.

Upcoming featured artists include:

- February - Lynn Kruger, Acrylic
- March - Sue Costello Sepulveda, Painting
- April - Marilyn Stevens, Painting
- May - Painting Pals, Watercolor

Artist requests: laura.linzmeyer@oakdalemn.gov

adult yoga

Oakdale partners with registered yoga teacher and certified yoga therapist Jennifer Brandt of Body and Mind Yoga Therapy to offer all-levels yoga classes. Classes include movement and guided breathing with modifications for all bodies. Drop in for a single class is \$18.

Tuesdays | 9 to 10 AM

6-week series, Session 1 (\$95)

February 21 and 28; March 7 and 14; April 4 and 11

6-week series, Session 2 (\$95)

April 18; May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Thursdays | 9 to 10 AM

6-week series, Session 1 (\$95)

February 23; March 2, 9, 16 and 30; April 6

6-week series, Session 2 (\$95)

April 13 and 20; May 4, 11, 18 and 25





SAVE THE DATE: OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET

The 2023 Oakdale Farmers Market season begins June 7 and runs through October 11. It is held on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 PM in the City Hall parking lot (1584 Hadley Avenue N).

JUNIOR GARDENERS SEED STARTING

Sunday, April 23 | 10 to 11 AM | FREE

Ages 12 and under

Learn new techniques for growing your own flowers and vegetables from seed. Participants will decorate a flower pot and plant seeds to bring home to watch grow.

Call 651-747-3860 to reserve a spot.

LIBRARY STORY TIME

Select Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Join us for a story, craft and activities with a librarian from Washington County. This free program is recommended for ages 0 to 5. Call 651-747-3860 to reserve a spot.

- February 22 - Friendship
- March 29 - Seasons
- April 12 - Vehicles
- May 31 - Animals

CHEERFUL HEARTS PAINTING CLASSES

Select Fridays | 11 AM to 2 PM | \$30 per class

All supplies are provided with step-by-step instructions from Sandy Danus to create a finished canvas painting.

- February 10 - Windswept Tree and Cardinals (Note time change: 12 to 3 PM)
- March 10 - Raccoon with Flowers
- April 21 - Fairy Garden
- May 26 - Bike with Flower Basket (\$35 for larger canvas)

SUNDAE BINGO

Sunday, March 5 | 1 to 3 PM | \$10 per person

Join us for bingo and ice cream sundaes. Prizes are awarded for every game, and there is a grand prize raffle. All ages are welcome to participate.

SILVER FINN KAYAKING

Learn to Kayak: Silver Lake, North St. Paul

Tuesday, May 23 | 4:30 to 6 PM or 6 to 7:30 PM

\$30 per person per single kayak | Ages 12 and up

Learn basic kayak skills such as paddling. Kayaks and life jackets provided. Wear shoes that can get wet. Dress in layers. Register by May 16. No refunds after this date.

Strawberry Moon Kayak: Square Lake, Marine on St.

Croix | Saturday, June 3 | 7:30 to 9 PM

\$30 per person per single kayak or \$15 with own kayak | Ages 12 and up

This moonlight paddle includes time on the water and fresh strawberries and lemonade on shore afterward.

Kayaks, equipment and life jackets are provided. Bring a flashlight, and dress for the weather and the water. Park vehicle permit is required (\$7 for daily permit). Register by May 25. No refunds after this date.

HELP A NEIGHBOR! DONATE FOOD!

Oakdale Recreation accepts donations for the local food shelf all year long. Please bring non-perishable food items to the Discovery Center lobby.



FIND FUN AT THE MYSTERY EGG HUNT

Oakdale Recreation and the Eberhard Group with Keller Williams team up to sponsor the annual Mystery Egg Hunt. The Easter Bunny will lead participants through the Oakdale Nature Preserve to find an egg to redeem for a prize. Two "golden eggs" will also be hidden for an extra special surprise. Join us for this festive family event!

Date: Saturday, April 8

Time: 9 to 11:30 AM

Cost: \$13 per child

Ages: Up to 10

Register by March 31.

Activities and events include:

- Egg hunt and prizes
- Petting zoo
- Games
- Face painting
- Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- Easter refreshments



LET'S MOVE!

The Oakdale Nature Preserve provides a scenic location to get active. Check out these heart-pumping opportunities to move your body in a picture-perfect setting.

SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Snowshoe rentals are available daily at the Discovery Center on a first-come, first-served basis. The rate is \$5 for two hours with child and adult sizes available. Call 651-747-3860 for group reservations. Rental hours are Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM; Saturday, 12 to 3:30 PM; Sunday, 1 to 3:30 PM.

WINTER WALKING

The paved trails in the Nature Preserve are cleared after each snowfall to accommodate winter walking. Snow on the boardwalk over Mud Lake is not removed. Ungroomed trails are open for snowshoeing and cross country skiing.

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE AND BONFIRE

Saturday, January 28 | \$25 per person

Enjoy a leisurely snowshoe walk along a luminary-lit trail through the Oakdale Nature Preserve followed by a bonfire and campfire food. Snowshoes are included. Bring a headlamp if desired and dress in layers with sturdy boots. Registration deadline is Friday, January 20.

- Select a check-in time at registration:
6 PM, 6:20 PM, 6:40 PM, 7 PM
- Trail closes at 8:30 PM.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

COMMUNITY WALK

Registration begins April 3 at the Discovery Center.

Earn rewards for walking in the Nature Preserve! Residents can walk the 200-acre preserve as much as possible to reach the ultimate goal of 150 miles walked. Proof of residency is required upon registration.

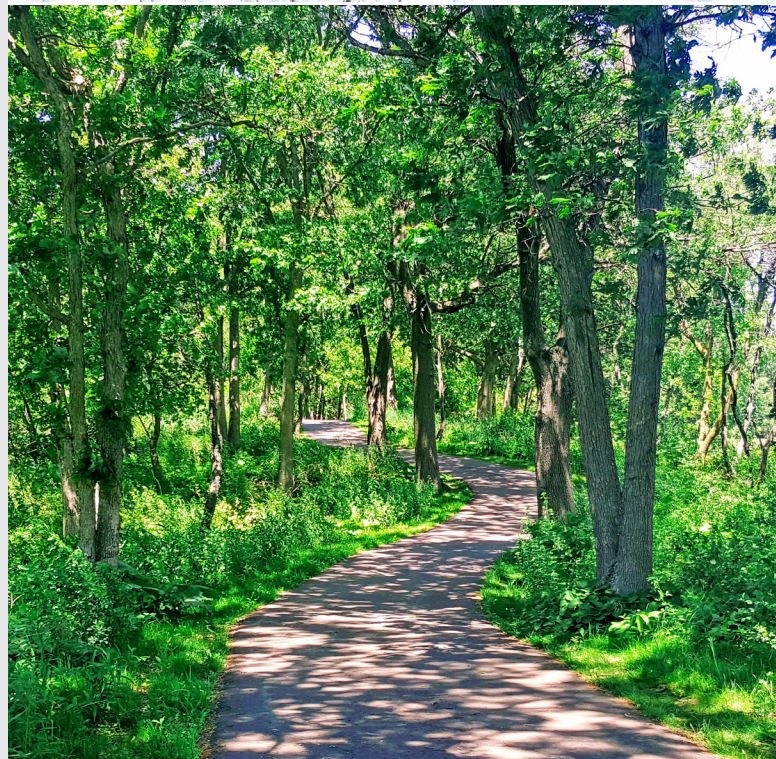
Miles walked	End of season reward
150 miles	\$25 gift card
100 miles	\$10 gift card & 100-mile club t-shirt
25 miles	\$5 gift card

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

Saturday, June 24 | \$25 per person

8 AM Race Start | 7 AM Check-In

It's time to start training for this annual 5k race taking place during Summerfest weekend! The race starts and ends at the Discovery Center. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 13), chip timing, post-race drinks and snack, and a chance for race prizes.



ADULT PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Tanners Park Pickleball Courts

(Tanners Park Road, South of 7th Street)

Select Tuesdays | 6 to 7 PM | \$30 per session

Ages 18 and up

Learn the basics of pickleball. Equipment is provided, but indicate at registration if you need equipment. Register one week prior to start.

- Session 1 - May 2, 9, 16 and 23
- Session 2 - June 6, 13, 20 and 27

OPEN COURT PICKLEBALL

Tanners Park Pickleball Courts

(Tanners Park Road, South of 7th Street)

Join the Oakdale Pickleball Club for open court play for players of all levels. Pickleballs are provided. Play is expected to begin at the end of April, weather permitting. Contact Chuck Scott with questions at 651-439-5307.

- Mondays, Wednesdays, Sundays - 5 to 7 PM
- Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays - 9 to 11 AM

ADULT TRIPS

These trips meet at Gladstone Center in Maplewood. No refunds given after the deadline.

Indigenous Experience

Thursday, March 23 | 11 AM to 4 PM

\$59 per person

Journey to Hočokata Ti in Shakopee for an immersive experience into the Ojibwe and Dakota cultures. Fee includes lunch, school bus transportation and guided tour. Registration deadline is March 9.

Sidekick Theater: "Incident at Our Lady of Perpetual Hope" play

Wednesday, April 26 | 10:15 AM to 4 PM

\$80 per person

Travel back to 1973 with the O'Shea family during this boisterous comedy that explores first love and the power of family. Fee includes lunch, motorcoach transportation to Bloomington and admission. Registration deadline is April 10.

Beyond Lefse and Lutefisk

Wednesday, May 24 | 9 AM to 2 PM

\$75 per person

Explore the Swedish, Swedish-American and Nordic cultures through a variety of exhibits and guided tours at the American Swedish Institute.

Fee includes lunch, motorcoach transportation and admission.
Registration deadline is May 9.



OAKDALE WELLNESS 50+

Wellness 50+ is a volunteer organization with FREE activities for people ages 50 and up in Oakdale and Washington County. All activities are at the Oakdale Discovery Center unless noted. Join the email list: oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com

REDUCING HOUSEHOLD WASTE STREAM SERIES

Learn about waste reduction in Washington County.

- **Thursday, February 16 | 6 to 7:30 PM**
Curbside Recycling and Food Scraps Programs
Oakdale Discovery Center
- **Tuesday, February 28 | 5 to 6 PM**
Tour of Washington County Environmental Center
4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
- **Thursday, March 2 | 1 to 2:30 PM**
Tour of Recycling and Energy Center
100 Red Rock Road, Newport

Register: www.oakdalefun.com or 651-747-3860

WELLNESS MOVIE CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 1 PM | Oakdale Library

- February 28 - *Lion*
- April 25 - *Hidden Figures*

Register: oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com

ESSETRICS CLASSICAL STRETCH

Select Tuesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM

Bring a mat for this stretch and strength class (via DVD).

Dates: March 7, 14 and 21; April 4, 11 and 18

WELLNESS BOOK CLUB

Select Tuesdays at 6:30 PM | Oakdale Library

- March 28 - *52 Ways to Walk*, Annabel Streets
- May 23 - *Exposure*, Robert Bilott

Register: oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, March 28 | 9 AM to 3 PM

Sponsored by Oakdale 50+, Maplewood-Oakdale Lions Club and the City of Oakdale at the Discovery Center.

Sign up at: redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767

WEDNESDAY WALKS AT NATURE PRESERVE

Wednesdays at 10 AM (through March)

Wednesdays at 9 AM (beginning in April)

No registration is necessary to join these weekly walks.

COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

Events in Washington County Parks via "Wellness 50+ Twin Cities" Meetup Group | Select Tuesdays

- February 7 - Snowshoeing, Lake Elmo Regional Park
- March 7 - Zumba, Oakdale Discovery Center
- April 4 - Herb Gardening, Oakdale Discovery Center

park information

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Rentals for 2023 picnic shelters can be made in person at the Discovery Center, or call 651-747-3860. Permits give exclusive use of the shelter for date and time reserved. Locations available at www.oakdalefun.com.

Shelter Type	Resident	Non-Resident
Small Shelter	\$65	\$80
Large Shelter	\$120	\$170
Shelter/Kitchen	\$250/\$300 deposit	\$275/\$300 deposit
Walton Package	\$450	\$600

OUTDOOR SKATE PARK

Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Open daily, 8 AM to Dusk

Skateboarders and in-line skaters may use this facility at no cost. Park includes a half pipe, roll-ins, spine ramp, sub-box, elevator, volcano, driveways and canyon.

PARK RULES

- Bikes, scooters, smoking, alcohol, profanity and loud music are prohibited.
- Use of protective equipment is encouraged.
- Respect others. Share the space.
- Keep the park clean. Dispose of trash in containers.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

Associations operate independently from the City and oversee their registrations, tryouts, fees and scheduling.

- **OAKDALE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
www.oaaonline.com | wrestling@oaaonline.com
- **OAKDALE ADULT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**
651-731-6850 | www.oasa.us
- **OMNI OTTERS SWIM TEAM**
www.omniotters.com | omniotters@gmail.com
- **ST. PAUL-RAMSEY HORSESHOE CLUB**
651-808-3812
- **TARTAN AREA YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**
www.tayha.org

SKATING RINKS

Outdoor skating rinks remain open through late February, weather permitting. Locations:

- Northdale Park, 5099 Granada Avenue N
- Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N (hockey and pleasure rinks available)
- Eastside Park, 1744 Helmo Avenue N

Rink hours are Monday through Friday, 4 to 8 PM; Saturday, 12 to 8 PM; Sunday, 12 to 7 PM.

Visit www.oakdalefun.com for more information on rink closures, rentals and location accommodations.

OAKDALE BARK PARK

4957 Helena Road N

The Bark Park is open year-round for free without a license or permit required. It is fenced with a separate area for small dogs. It offers parking, benches, a pet waste dispenser and trash cans. Pick up after your pup!

PARK RULES

- Dogs must be properly leashed, vaccinated, not 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 to prevent aggressive behavior, biting, fighting and excessive barking.
- Pet parents must be 16 years or older and not handling more than two dogs.
- Pet parents must clean up and dispose of waste.

**Dogs must be leashed in all parks except the Bark Park.
Please clean up after your pet!**

HELP CLEAN UP OAKDALE PARKS APRIL 24 TO 30

Tidy up an Oakdale park by getting rid of trash and debris that accumulated over the winter. This is a great activity for individuals, families, organizations, schools and businesses. Garbage bags are provided and each participant gets a thank you gift. Call 651-747-3860 to sign up.





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FALL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Oakdale launched its first-ever seasonal photo contest this fall. Finalists were selected from all photos submitted, and fans voted on Facebook for their favorites. The top three photos with the most “likes” were named the winners. The winners are recognized on this page.

Winter photo nominations will be accepted February 1 to 28. Spring photo nominations are open May 1 to 31. For more information on contest details, entry rules, voting and judging, and how to submit photos, go to:
www.oakdalemn.gov/905/Photo-Contest



“Reflections” by Tim Kemper



“Tree Details” by Kaylee Johnston



“Sunset” by Kelly Marie Lis

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