

SPRING 2024

# OAKDALE UPDATE





*“Spring Has Sprung” by Stan Blanda  
2023 Oakdale Spring Photo Contest Winner*

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## COMMUNITY SURVEY PLANNED THIS SPRING

### ***The City seeks input from residents on government services and quality of life.***

Later this spring, the City of Oakdale will conduct a resident survey to gather input on government services and measure the quality of life in the community. Survey results will help the City Council and staff develop priorities for where to focus efforts and resources. A random sample of residents will receive a mailed paper invitation and survey packet, though they may opt to fill out the survey online via a unique link.

An open participation survey will also be offered to all residents so each voice in the community can be heard.

This survey is hosted online only and asks the same questions as the sampled survey.

The survey will be conducted in partnership with the National Research Center. The survey captures opinions on the economy, mobility, community design, utilities, safety, natural environment, engagement and more. The results will show the City's strengths, areas of improvement, and what matters most to residents. The City will also be able to see how its performance compares to similar communities across the country.

## OAKDALE TURNS 50!

In 1974, Oakdale was officially designated as a city. Our growing community has a strong past and bright future ahead during a time of unprecedented growth and development. Throughout the year, the City will highlight the past, present and future of Oakdale through events and promotions. Be sure to look for more information on [www.oakdalemn.gov](http://www.oakdalemn.gov) this year.

To learn about Oakdale's past, check out information from the Washington County Historical Society at [www.wchsmn.org/oakdale](http://www.wchsmn.org/oakdale).



## CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BODIES

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 member vacancies. Community members are encouraged to attend meetings and provide feedback during open forum opportunities.

All advisory body meetings are held at **Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue N.** To learn more, view schedules or apply, visit [www.oakdalemn.gov/298/Advisory-Bodies](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/298/Advisory-Bodies).



Full calendar at:  
[www.oakdalemn.gov](http://www.oakdalemn.gov)

**mystery egg hunt  
march 30**

**indoor garage sale  
april 6**

**city park clean-up  
april 22 to 28**

**arbor day tree giveaway  
april 27**

#### **PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY**

Election Day for the Presidential Nomination Primary is Tuesday, March 5. Polls at all Oakdale precincts are open 7 AM to 8 PM.

## **CONTACT US**

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

**CITY OFFICES**  
Administration 651-730-2818  
Building Inspections 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 651-730-2739  
Police 651-738-1025  
Public Works 651-730-2740  
Recreation 651-747-3860  
Utility Billing 651-739-5086

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

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

## **CITY COUNCIL**

**CITY COUNCIL** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, at Oakdale City Hall. Questions? Call 651-730-2704.

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# CITY NEWS

## PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS AND VALUATION NOTICES

In November, Washington County mailed property owners a Proposed Property Tax statement outlining the preliminary taxes for 2024. The Oakdale City Council approved the 2024 tax levy on December 12. Other taxing districts, including Washington County and ISD 622, also passed levies for the upcoming year in December. In late March, Washington County will mail out final 2024 property tax statements to residents with the first of two equal payments due May 15.

In addition to the property tax statement, property owners will receive their 2024 property valuation notice. This includes the assessed value for each property based on real estate transactions that occurred October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. The assessed values, established by the Washington County Assessor, mirror the market value gains that took place during that time period. Assessed property values are just one of several factors that determine the portion of property taxes that each property owner pays.

Property owners should review valuation notices upon receipt. In order to contest assessed values or ask questions, property owners must contact the Washington County Assessor's Office directly at **651-430-6175** between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. There will also be regional open book meetings in April for property owners to attend to learn more about their property valuation statement.

For more information on property taxes and assessed values, visit

[www.co.washington.mn.us/3434/](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/3434/)

**Property-and-Home.**



## PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

The City will host an open house on Thursday, January 25 from 5 to 7 PM at

City Hall (1584 Hadley Avenue N) for members of the public to learn about construction of the new Public Works facility planned for 3200 Granada Avenue N. Staff will be available to discuss the project scope, schedule and final plans including architectural renderings. More information can be found on the project website at [www.oakdalemn.gov/8975/New-Public-Works-Facility](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/8975/New-Public-Works-Facility).

## SAVE THE DATE - 2024 OAKDALE SUMMERFEST

The 2024 Oakdale Summerfest dates have moved to a week later than the event has been held in the past. This year's event will take place June 24 to 29. The Oakdale Summerfest Community Organization (OSCO) is seeking volunteers and interested vendors to help enhance this beloved community celebration. Learn more and sign up to volunteer at [www.oakdalesummerfest.com](http://www.oakdalesummerfest.com).

## 2024 UTILITY BILLING RATES

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

	Residential - Billed Quarterly	Apartments - Billed Monthly	Commercial - Billed Monthly
Water	Base Charge: \$14.93 per quarter \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 25,000 gallons \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 25,001 to 50,000 gallons \$2.92 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 50,001 gallons or more		
Sewer	Base Charge: \$25.16 per quarter Usage: \$4.54 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 12,000 gallons Usage based on winter quarter, remains same for one year.		
Street Light	\$17.14 per single family unit per quarter \$9.22 per duplex unit per quarter \$8.07 per multiple dwelling per quarter		
Storm	\$11.18 per single family unit per quarter \$10.06 per duplex unit per quarter \$9.46 per multiple dwelling per quarter		
Water	Base Charge: \$4.97 per month per unit \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,001 gallons or more		
Sewer	Base Charge: \$8.39 per month per unit Usage: \$4.54 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		
Water (*plus tax)	Base Charge: \$4.96 per month for every 10,000 gallons used* \$2.45 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons* \$2.68 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons* \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,000 to 22,000 gallons* \$3.31 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 22,001 gallons or more		
Sewer	Base Charge: \$8.39 per month for every 10,000 gallons used Usage: \$4.54 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 5,000 gallons per month		
Street Light	Based on total linear feet		
Storm	Based on total runoff		

## SUMMER AND FALL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The first year of the Oakdale seasonal photo contest concluded with the announcement of the Summer Photo Contest winners in October. The second-annual Fall Photo Contest followed with winners announced in early January. For both summer and fall, finalists were selected from photos submitted by residents, and fans voted on Facebook for their favorites. The top three photos with the most “likes” for each season were named the winners. The winners are recognized on this page.

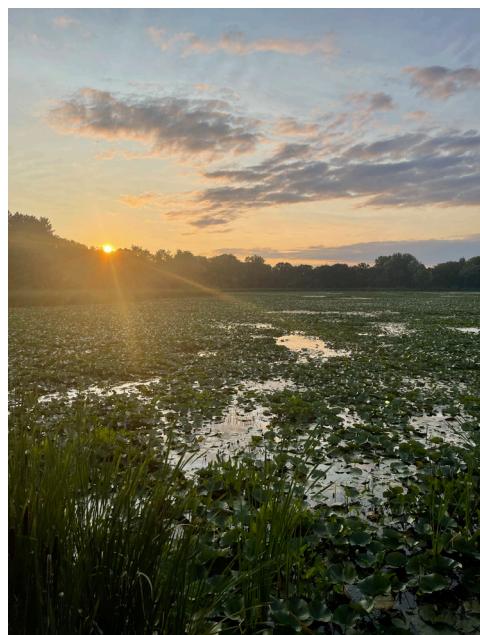
Winter photo nominations will be accepted February 1 to 29. The contest is open to Oakdale residents only, and all photos must be taken in Oakdale. For more information on contest details, entry rules, voting and judging, and how to submit photos, go to [www.oakdalemn.gov/905/Photo-Contest](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/905/Photo-Contest).

**Right: “Golden Hour in the Nature Preserve”**  
by Arianna Wirebaugh (Summer Winner)



**Above: “Coming In for a Landing”**  
by Valeta Cornwell (Fall Winner)

**Below: “Mr. & Mrs. Bluebird Having Breakfast”**  
by Tedd Ronning  
(Fall Winner)



**Above: “Just Hummin’ Around”** by Nicole Love  
(Summer Winner)



**Above: “Oakdale Bee With A Saddlebag”**  
by Shelby Anderson  
(Summer Winner)

**Below: “Walking Into Fall”**  
by Andrew Stakston  
(Fall Winner)



# 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 late April or early May to clear out mineral deposits such as calcium and iron. Flushing prevents buildup within the pipes, maintains water quality, and ensures efficient and reliable transportation of water through the distribution system. It may create a temporary interruption to water service or slight discoloration of water. For discolored water, run cold water for a few minutes until it clears.

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

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 all illegal dumping or illicit discharge.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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).



For more spring reminders, scan the code or visit [www.oakdalemn.gov/604/Spring-Reminders](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/604/Spring-Reminders).

## OBTAIN BUILDING PERMITS BEFORE BEGINNING SPRING PROJECTS

Spring is a great time to get started on property improvements! It is important to make sure to obtain building permits from the City for certain types of projects. Generally, minor improvements, repairs or projects do not require a building permit. Larger projects that include installation of major systems including plumbing or mechanical likely require a permit. If you're considering any improvement projects this spring, learn more about what requires a permit at [www.oakdalemn.gov/925/What-Requires-a-Permit](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/925/What-Requires-a-Permit) or call 651-739-5150 with questions.



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM RELAUNCH

The Oakdale Police Department is reviving its Neighborhood Watch program following the COVID-19 pandemic and staffing changes within the Department. With public safety concerns on the rise, a Neighborhood Watch program gives residents a feeling of responsibility for safety in their community and builds relationships among neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that stresses education and teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. It provides citizens with the opportunity to make their neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life.

This crime prevention program promotes an “all hands on deck” approach to safety connecting residents, police and other law enforcement agencies to reduce crime and develop a greater sense of safety in the community. Neighborhood Watch addresses many topics including calls for service, suspicious activity, public safety, fraud and scams, driving complaints, vacation checks and more.

If you’re interested in creating a Neighborhood Watch group or reviving an old one, here are some steps you should take:

- Have conversations with your neighbors to gauge interest.
- Reach out to the Police Department to receive more information on creating a group.
- Determine if you or someone else will take on the role of Neighborhood Captain.

## GRILLING SAFETY TIPS

During the spring and summer, Oakdale Fire sees a significant increase in grill fires. Roughly half of all injuries involving grills are thermal burns caused by excessive heat. It is important to employ safe grilling practices to avoid fires and emergencies.

Here are some grilling safety tips:

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors and should be placed away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves or branches.

## PUBLIC SAFETY



***Night to Unite block parties can help generate interest in Neighborhood Watch and assist in building relationships with local law enforcement.***

- Plan your first meeting! The Police Department hopes to help interested groups plan their first meetings and conduct trainings in early Spring 2024.

The Oakdale Police Department wants to empower community members to play a role in neighborhood safety and crime prevention. Once a Neighborhood Watch group is established, a liaison from Oakdale Police will attend meetings, help provide training and serve as a resource for the group.

To express interest in starting a neighborhood watch group and receive additional information, please contact Community Affairs Specialist Bill Fetsch at [william.fetsch@oakdalemn.gov](mailto:william.fetsch@oakdalemn.gov) or call **651-730-2763**.

- Keep the grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill and in trays.
- Never leave your grill unattended, and keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- If you smell gas while using a propane grill, immediately get away and call 911. Do not move it.
- If using a charcoal grill, only use charcoal starter fluid. Consider using an electric starter.

For more grilling safety tips, scan the code.



# ENVIRONMENT



## TREE GIVEAWAY AND PAPER SHREDDING

The annual Oakdale Peter Graske Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will take place Saturday, April 27 in the Richard Walton Park Bandshell parking lot (1584 Hadley Avenue N). City Council members, Oakdale Tree Board members, and Washington County Master Gardeners will hand out trees to those who pre-register for one of several tree options. More information will be available at a later date at [www.oakdalemn.gov/804/Arbor-Day-Tree-Giveaway](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/804/Arbor-Day-Tree-Giveaway).

The annual free paper shredding event, sponsored by the Eberhard Group with Keller Williams, will take place concurrently with the Tree Giveaway on April 27 from 9 AM to 12 PM in the City Hall parking lot.

## PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN UPDATE

The Oakdale City Council approved a new Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan on November 14 following a multi-year update process that included engagement with Oakdale residents, businesses, City officials and staff. The new plan expands upon the vision of the City's previous

plan from 1995 and aims to create a safer and more connected pedestrian and bicycle network.

The project to update the plan was relaunched in 2022 after a pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the process, City staff conducted open houses, workshops and surveys to gauge the needs of the community related to walking and biking in Oakdale. Feedback collected helped shape the plan's goals, strategies and recommendations.

Some of the key recommendations include:

- Maintaining Oakdale's existing pedestrian and bicycle network.
- Expanding the extent of the pedestrian and bicycle network in Oakdale.
- Encouraging active travel in the City.
- Informing the community about walking and biking options.

Scan the code to view the plan.



## BE A BATTERY HERO!

As you start thinking about spring cleaning, it's important to know where items can go for disposal. Unfortunately, batteries can't go in the trash or recycling because they can cause fires and contain toxic metals that pose a threat to health and the environment.

So, what can you do with used batteries? The Washington County Environmental Center (4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury) accepts ALL household batteries for FREE including rechargeable, button and alkaline. Non-hybrid vehicle batteries are also accepted. Be a battery hero, and put batteries in their place! Learn more at [www.co.washington.mn.us/3318/Batteries](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/3318/Batteries).



## METRO GOLD LINE BRT UPDATE

In late 2023, Oakdale celebrated the opening of a new bridge to pedestrian and vehicle traffic. This Interstate 94 overpass connects Helmo Avenue N in Oakdale with Bielenberg Drive in Woodbury improving traffic flow. It also boasts bus-only lanes that will host the Metro Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) which is expected to begin service in 2025.

Following a busy construction season, work in Oakdale has paused until later this spring. Planned 2024 construction for the Gold Line includes reconstruction of the 4th Street N bridge as well as work along the route near Hadley Avenue N, Hudson Boulevard N and Helmo Avenue N. Private development near the future Helmo and Greenway Stations will also continue.

## BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT



*Local government officials from the state, county and city levels gathered for the Bielenberg Bridge ribbon cutting hosted by Metro Transit and the Metropolitan Council on November 27.*

## WILLOWBROOKE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

The City is set to break ground this spring on a new park with an expected public opening in Fall 2024. The new park, located in the quickly-expanding 208-acre Willowbrooke neighborhood, will be a premier space for community gathering and neighborhood events.

Throughout 2023, the project team prepared detailed design plans for the park which will include accessible and inclusive features. In March, the City engaged the public via survey and open house to better understand what playground equipment and park amenities residents were interested in seeing in the new park. That feedback was used to finalize plans for the park.

Planned amenities for the new park include:

- Inclusive and accessible playground and play structures.
- Teen challenge course.
- Fitness equipment.
- Nature overlooks.
- Walking paths.
- Picnic shelter.
- Flexible performance and community gathering shelter.
- Restroom facilities.

## PARK NAMING CONTEST

Help us name the new City park! Submit your ideas by February 5 for consideration by the City Council.

Submissions should capture the character of the park and neighborhood or relate to Oakdale history. Scan the code to submit your park name!



*Renderings for the future City park in the Willowbrooke neighborhood show an aerial view of the playground (top), inclusive and accessible play features (middle), and teen challenge course (bottom).*



# 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](http://www.oakdalefun.com).
- Click “Online Registration” on the left side of the 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 one week 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](http://www.oakdalefun.com)  
Click “Stay Connected” to sign up for Oakdale Recreation updates.



**Programs on pages 10 to 14 are at the Discovery Center or Nature Preserve unless otherwise noted.**

### SUNDAE BINGO

**Sunday, March 17 | 1 to 3 PM | \$10 per person**

Join us for bingo and ice cream sundaes. All ages are welcome. Prizes are awarded for every game with a grand prize raffle to follow. Must be present to win. Registration deadline is one week prior to event.

### SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

**Submissions accepted until March 31.**

Head outside in Oakdale and create a snow masterpiece! This year's theme is “Snow Animals.” Winner receives a themed winter prize basket. This contest is open to Oakdale residents only. Email photo entries, name and address to Nathan Timmons at [nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov](mailto:nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov).

## SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 25

Summer program information will be available on [www.oakdalefun.com](http://www.oakdalefun.com) in early April. Early summer registration will begin Thursday, April 25.

### WORK FOR OAKDALE RECREATION THIS SUMMER!

Apply to be a youth summer program instructor (age 16 and up) by March 29 at [www.oakdalemn.gov](http://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 and canned goods, meats, sweets, artisan foods, home and body goods, and more.

- January 27
- February 10 and 24
- March 9 and 23

Vendor requests: [nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov](mailto:nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov)

## INDOOR GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, April 6 | 9 AM to 1 PM | \$23 (2 tables)**

**Registration deadline is March 29.**

This fun event for bargain hunters, collectors and families is free to attend and browse. Set up times are Friday, April 5 (4 to 8 PM) or Saturday, April 6 (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 HUNTS

The brand-new winter scavenger hunt is available through the end of February. The annual spring guide will be available beginning in April. Kids ages 12 and under can use the guides to find items in the Oakdale Nature Preserve and return them for a prize.

## 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.

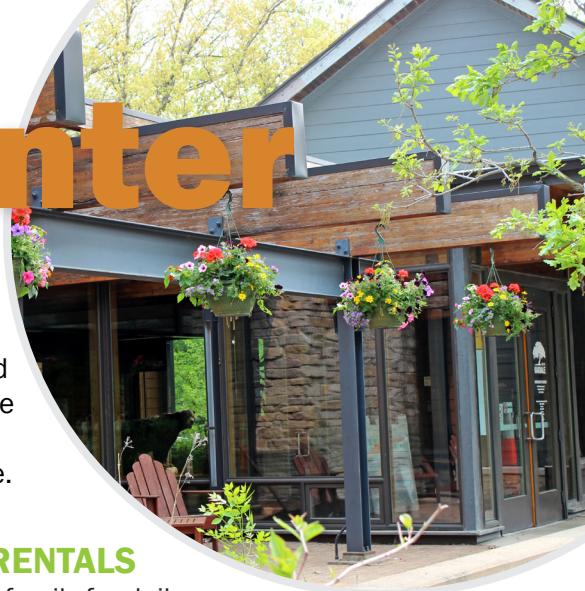
Binoculars and backpacks are also available. Rent these items for free with photo ID.

## BEE HIVE

Come view a live bee hive, courtesy of local beekeepers Karen and Duane Voy, during regular business hours.

## PLASTER PAWS

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



## SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Bring friends and family for daily snowshoeing in the Nature Preserve. Rate is \$6 (tax included) for two hours, cash or check only on weekends, with child and adult sizes available. Reservations are recommended for groups of six or more. Please call **651-747-3860**. Hours are Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM; Saturday, 12 to 3:30 PM; and Sunday, 1 to 3:30 PM.

## WINTER WALKING

The paved trails in the Oakdale Nature Preserve are also 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.

## COMMUNITY WALK

**Registration begins April 1 at the Discovery Center.**

Earn rewards for walking in the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Residents can walk the 200-acre preserve as much as possible to reach the ultimate goal of 150 miles. Proof of residency is required upon registration. Stop in at the Discovery Center or call **651-747-3860** to learn more.

Miles	End of Season Reward
25	Select Oakdale Branded Merchandise
100	100 Mile Club T-Shirt, Select Merchandise
150	150 Mile Club Sweatshirt, Select Merchandise

## ART GALLERY

The Discovery Center Art Gallery features local artists throughout the year with a new collection each month. Upcoming featured artists include:

- March - Beth Meyers; Watercolor
- April - Marilyn Stevens; Painting
- May - Painting Pals; Painting

To become a featured artist, contact Laura Linzmeyer at **651-747-3866** or email at [laura.linzmeyer@oakdalemn.gov](mailto:laura.linzmeyer@oakdalemn.gov).





## SAVE THE DATE: OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET

The 2024 Oakdale Farmers Market season begins June 5 and runs through October 9. It is held on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 PM in the City Hall parking lot (1584 Hadley Avenue N).

### 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. No sign up is required.

- February 28 - Colors
- March 27 - Bedtime
- April 24 - Growing Up
- May 29 - Family

### JUNIOR GARDENERS SEED STARTING

**Sunday, April 21 | 10 to 11 AM | FREE**

**Ages 12 and under | Call 651-747-3860 to register.**

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.

### CHEERFUL HEARTS PAINTING CLASSES

**\$30 per class | Ages 18 and up**

All supplies are provided with step-by-step instructions from Sandy Danus to create a finished 12-by-12 canvas painting. Registration deadline is one week prior to class.

- **Friday, February 23 | 1 to 3:30 PM**  
Starry Night
- **Friday, March 22 | 1 to 3:30 PM**  
Hearts Delight Painting and Collage (\$35)
- **Tuesday, April 30 | 1 to 3:30 PM**  
Lemon Tree (10-by-20, \$35)
- **Friday, May 24 | 1 to 3:30 PM**  
Welcome Lighthouse

### ROCKHOUNDING FOR BEGINNERS

**Tuesday, May 7 | 6:30 to 8:30 PM | \$15 per person**

**Children under 14 must be accompanied by adult.**

Rockhounding is an affordable, outdoor hobby that is fun for people of all ages. Learn to identify various types of rocks, tools to use, where to look, and how to polish and display rocks. Participants receive a small stone to take home. Registration deadline is April 30.

### SILVERFINN KAYAKING

**Learn to Kayak Classes | Ages 12 and up**

**\$30 per person per single kayak**

Learn basic skills such as paddling. Kayaks and life jackets are provided. Wear shoes that can get wet. Dress in layers. Registration deadline is one week prior to start.

- **Learn to Kayak (Level 1)**

Thursday, May 30 | 4:30 to 6 PM OR  
6:15 to 7:45 PM | Silver Lake, North St. Paul

- **Kayak Adventure (Level 2)**

Tuesday, June 11 | 6 to 8 PM  
Lake Demontreville, Lake Elmo

### Strawberry Full Moon Kayak: Square Lake, Stillwater

**Friday, June 21 | 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. Kayaks, equipment and life jackets are provided. Bring a flashlight, and dress for the weather and water. Wear shoes that can get wet. Park vehicle permit required (\$7 daily). Registration deadline is one week prior to start.

### FUN AWAITS AT THE MYSTERY EGG HUNT

Oakdale Recreation, in partnership with the Eberhard Group with Keller Williams, hosts 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, March 30**

**Time: 9 to 11 AM**

**Cost: \$13 per child**

**Ages: Up to 10**

Register by March 22.

Activities and events include:

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



# GET MOVING!

The Oakdale Nature Preserve and Discovery Center provide unique opportunities to get active. Check out these heart-pumping opportunities to move your body in a picture-perfect setting.

## SNOWSHOE, SIP AND SAMPLE

**Friday, February 2 | 6 to 9 PM | \$50 per person**

**Ages 21 and up**

Join us for snowshoeing, beer, wine and food samples. Snowshoe along a luminary-lit trail before heading indoors for the vintage game room, music and prize drawings every 30 minutes. Snowshoes provided or bring your own.

## FAMILY MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE AND BONFIRE

**Saturday, February 3 | \$25 per person**

Enjoy two luminary-lit trails, one short and one longer, through the Nature Preserve. Afterwards, enjoy hot dogs, chips, s'mores and hot chocolate while watching a movie. Snowshoes provided or bring your own. Dress in layers with sturdy boots. Bring a headlamp if desired.

- Select a check-in time at registration:  
6 PM, 6:20 PM, 6:40 PM or 7 PM
- Trail closes at 8:30 PM.
- Children under 18 must be accompanied by adult.
- Registration deadline is one week prior to the event.

## PUT SOME RUN IN YOUR LIFE

**Saturday, February 17 | 10:30 AM to 12 PM | \$23**

**Wednesday, March 6 | 7 to 8:30 PM | \$23**

Whether you are just getting started running or want to run a marathon, this new course offers guidance for runners and exercisers of all levels. Marathon runner and Ironman athlete Bob Follensbee will cover basic principles of exercise science, tools to measure base fitness, and steps to create a running program. The course will emphasize running but is applicable to other endurance sports. Mental training tips are included. Registration deadline is one week prior to event.

## OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

**Saturday, June 29 | \$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! The race starts and ends at the Discovery Center. 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 YOGA

Join registered yoga teacher, trainer and Pilates instructor Jen Vail for engaging and accessible yoga for all experience levels.

Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program. Drop-in for a single class is \$20 if space is available.



### **Morning Yoga | Tuesdays | 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

Rise and shine with intention. Experience a yoga practice designed to build strength and mindfulness to help increase mobility, flexibility and balance. This all-levels class encourages participants to move at their own pace to explore postures in a safe and sustainable way.

- **Five-week series, Session 1 (\$83)**  
February 20 and 27; March 5, 12 and 19
- **Six-week series, Session 2 (\$99)**  
April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; May 7
- **Five-week series, Session 3 (\$83)**  
May 14, 21 and 28; June 4 and 11

### **Twilight Yoga | Thursdays | 6 to 7 PM**

Wind down your day with a gentle flow to melt away stress in the glow of twinkling lights. This all-levels class will illuminate your intention and calm the nervous system with flowing movements designed to improve balance, strength and flexibility in a sustainable way.

- **Four-week series, Session 1 (\$67)**  
February 22 and 29; March 7 and 14
- **Six-week series, Session 2 (\$99)**  
April 4, 11, 18 and 25; May 2 and 9
- **Five-week series, Session 3 (\$83)**  
May 16, 23 and 30; June 6 and 13

### **Roll and Release: Foam Rolling and Yoga | Tuesdays**

**10:45 to 11:45 AM**

Melt away tightness and stress using self-myofascial techniques, yoga shapes and a foam roller. This all-levels class is the perfect addition to any fitness routine and can help alleviate muscle soreness, support healthy joints and speed up recovery with a focus on deep-tissue massage.

- **Four-week series, Session 1 (\$67)**  
April 16, 23 and 30; May 7
- **Pop Up Class (\$20) | 12:30 to 1:30 PM**  
Saturday, March 2



# 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 take place at the Oakdale Discovery Center unless noted. Join the email list: [oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com](mailto:oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com)

## WEDNESDAY WALKS AT OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

**Wednesdays at 10 AM (through March)**

**9 AM (beginning in April)**

No registration is necessary to join these weekly walks. Meet in front of the Discovery Center.

## WELLNESS MOVIE CLUB

**Select Tuesdays | 12:30 PM | Oakdale Library**

- February 27 - *Nomadland*
- April 23 - *Trip to Bountiful*

Call the Library at **651-730-0504** to register. DVDs can be checked out to view prior to the club meeting date.

## WELLNESS BOOK CLUB

**Select Tuesdays | 6:30 PM | Oakdale Library**

- March 26 - *This Chair Rocks*, Ashton Applewhite
- May 28 - *The Body Keeps the Score*, Bessel Van Der Kolk

Register: [oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com](mailto:oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com)

## DOWNSIZING AND ORGANIZING

**Monday, March 4 | 1 to 2:30 PM**

Learn to simplify your surroundings to feel happier and healthier. Professional organizer Valerie Cady will present ideas for downsizing and creating an action plan.

Register: **651-747-3860** or [www.oakdalefun.com](http://www.oakdalefun.com)

## AMERICAN MAHJONGG

**Saturday, March 16 | 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

Mary Boss, a professional trainer, will cover the basics of Mahjongg before participants will play a game with assistance from experienced players.

Register: **651-747-3860** or [www.oakdalefun.com](http://www.oakdalefun.com)

## ADULT BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS

**Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts**

**(Tanners Park Road, South of 7th Street N)**

**Select Wednesdays | 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.

Registration deadline is one week prior to class start.

- Session 1 - May 1, 8, 15 and 22
- Session 2 - June 5, 12, 19 and 26
- Session 3 - July 10, 17, 24 and 31

## ESSENTRICS CLASSICAL STRETCH

**Thursdays through March 28 | 10 to 11 AM**

This weekly drop-in class includes viewing two 22-minute DVDs by Miranda Esmonde-White. Program helps increase flexibility, loosen joints, strengthen and stretch with relaxing, gentle movement.

## EMBRACING LIFE TO YOUR LAST BREATH

**Saturday, April 13 | 11 AM to 1:30 PM**

End-of-life doulas Michelle Kolling and Janet Brown host an intimate conversation for families facing a health crisis to ease fear around death through compassionate listening and practical tools. Registration is limited.

Register: **651-747-3860** or [www.oakdalefun.com](http://www.oakdalefun.com)

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Thursday, April 25 | 9 AM to 3 PM**

Sponsored by Oakdale 50+, Maplewood-Oakdale Lions Club and Oakdale Recreation.

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or **1-800-733-2767**.

## COULD YOU REPEAT THAT, PLEASE?

**Thursday, May 2 | 2 to 3:30 PM**

Learn the importance of checking your hearing for health and happiness from audiologist Kristi Albers.

Register: **651-747-3860** or [www.oakdalefun.com](http://www.oakdalefun.com)

## COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

Community-wide events are posted on the Vital Aging Network calendar at [www.vital-aging-network.org/events](http://www.vital-aging-network.org/events). Register at [www.meetup.com/wellness50-twin-cities](http://www.meetup.com/wellness50-twin-cities). Some of these programs may have a fee. Join the Meetup group to receive event notifications.

## AGE-FRIENDLY OAKDALE

Following several community conversations, Age-Friendly Oakdale will present its report on future transportation options in Oakdale to the City Council on March 12. The meeting can be viewed live on Channel 16 or the City's YouTube channel. The report will also be available online at [www.oakdalemn.gov](http://www.oakdalemn.gov) at a later date.

## OPEN COURT PICKLEBALL

**Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts**

**(Tanners Park Road, South of 7th Street N)**

Join the Oakdale Pickleball Club for a game of pickleball. Adults of all levels are welcome. Play is casual, and pickleballs are provided (no paddles). Play is expected to begin in April once courts are open. Contact Chuck Scott with questions at **651-439-5307**.

- Monday, Wednesday and Sunday | 5 to 7 PM
- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday | 9 to 11 AM



# park information

## PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Rentals for 2024 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](http://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 strongly 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.

- **EAST METRO STARS YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION**  
[www.emshockey.org](http://www.emshockey.org)
- **OAKDALE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**  
[www.aaonline.com](http://www.aaonline.com)
- **OAKDALE ADULT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
[www.oasa.us](http://www.oasa.us)
- **OMNI OTTERS SWIM TEAM**  
[www.omniotters.com](http://www.omniotters.com) | [omniotters@gmail.com](mailto:omniotters@gmail.com)
- **ST. PAUL-RAMSEY HORSESHOE CLUB**  
651-808-3812

*“Deer” by Andrew Stakston, 2023 Oakdale Spring Photo Contest Winner*



## SKATING RINKS

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

Ice rink 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. All rinks are supervised and include heated warming houses. Visit [www.oakdalefun.com](http://www.oakdalefun.com) for more information including closures. Rink and warming house rentals are available for \$40 per hour plus tax. Hours are limited.

Contact: [nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov](mailto:nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov)

## 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 and additional information can be found at [www.oakdalemn.gov/701/Oakdale-Bark-Park](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/701/Oakdale-Bark-Park).

## PICKLEBALL COURTS

Courts open at the end of April, weather permitting. Locations include:

- Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts, Tanners Park Road, South of 7th Street N
- Eastside Park (lined courts), 1744 Helmo Road N



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

## HELP CLEAN UP OAKDALE PARKS APRIL 22 TO 28

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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**Monica Stiglich was named the 2023 Volunteer of the Year at the Oakdale City Council meeting on December 12.**

### MONICA STIGLICH NAMED 2023 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. Monica Stiglich was selected as the 2023 Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding contributions to Oakdale.

A long-time resident, Stiglich has volunteered and represented Oakdale on numerous PFAs settlement working groups in recent years. She has brought her love for Oakdale, her passion for environmental initiatives, and a career's-worth of professional experience to the table to advocate for clean drinking water in Oakdale. Stiglich has supported many initiatives in the City including preparing meals for volunteers during annual Tree Board projects.

Stiglich was honored by the Oakdale City Council at the December 12 meeting.

### CITY SET TO LAUNCH NEW ONLINE CITIZEN REPORTING APP

Later this spring, the City of Oakdale will implement a new online app-based tool that will allow community members to quickly and easily report issues, identify repair needs, share feedback and ask questions. In turn, City staff will be able to respond to citizen requests and address concerns in a timely manner while providing the community with transparent, timely updates. In addition to this, the City will also launch new Recreation program registration software and City meeting agenda software which will both provide additional benefits to the community. Look for more information on these updates later this year at [www.oakdalemn.gov](http://www.oakdalemn.gov).

# CONNECT [www.oakdalemn.gov](http://www.oakdalemn.gov)

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- Click on "How Do I"
- Navigate to "Sign Up For"
- Select "Meeting Materials"

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- **Recreation:** [oakdalefun](http://oakdalefun)

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- **YouTube:** [CityOfOakdaleMN](https://www.youtube.com/cityoakdalemn)

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