



SUMMER 2024

OAKDALE UPDATE



"Just Hummin' Around" by Nicole Love - 2023 Oakdale Summer Photo Contest Winner



"Little Explorers" by Michelle Demko
2023 Oakdale Summer Photo Contest Finalist

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FOOD SCRAPS PICKUP PROGRAM LAUNCHES

Oakdale residents can now sign up for a free annual supply of bags to participate.

The Food Scraps Pickup Program is now available to all Oakdale residents. Ramsey and Washington Counties are working together to bring communities a new way to recycle food scraps from home. This program will allow participants to collect food scraps in free bags provided through the program and put them in trash carts or dumpsters for collection.

Food scraps such as fruit and vegetable peels, eggshells and coffee grounds make up 20 percent of trash.

Recycling food scraps helps turn them into soil rather than waste. The Food Scraps Pickup Program is an accessible way for Oakdale residents to participate in food recycling and help reduce waste.

To order your free annual supply of bags or to learn more about the program and how to get started collecting food scraps, scan the code, visit FoodScrapsPickup.com or call **651-661-9393**.



Food Scraps
PICKUP
Program™

How It Works



Order your free supply of food scrap bags.



Collect your food scraps in the bags. Once a week or when the bag is full, tie a knot at the top to close the bag.



Place your bag inside your trash cart or dumpster for collection.



Done! The food scraps will be composted.





upcoming events

Full calendar at:
www.oakdalemn.gov

summerfest
june 24 to 29

community picnic
june 28

ladders and squads
july 11

night to unite
august 6

touch a truck
september 10

family fun flatables
september 14

CONTACT US

CITY HALL 651-739-5086
1584 Hadley Avenue N
Summer hours: May 28 to August 30
Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 5 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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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summerfest 2024

www.oakdalesummerfest.com | www.facebook.com/oakdale.summerfest

The Oakdale Summerfest Community Organization (OSCO), an all-volunteer nonprofit group, is seeking volunteers for Summerfest 2024 and beyond! To learn more, contact info@oakdalesummerfest.com.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, June 24

- 8 AM Medallion Hunt Begins
11:30 AM OACC Community Golf Tournament
Oak Marsh Golf (526 Inwood Avenue N)



Thursday, June 27

- 4 to 9 PM Summerfest Marketplace
5 to 10:30 PM Food Trucks and Vendors
5 to 11 PM Lions Club Beer Garden
6 PM Ted Bearth Grande Parade
7 to 10:30 PM Free Concert: MoJo Monks



Friday, June 28

- 11 AM to 1 PM OACC Community Picnic and ITS Truck
Fire Station Two (6633 15th Street N)
2 to 7 PM Flatable Fun!
2 to 7 PM Sustainable Safari
2 to 9 PM Summerfest Marketplace
2 to 10:30 PM Food Trucks and Vendors
2 to 11 PM Lions Club Beer Garden
5 PM 3rd Lair Skateboard Contest
6:30 to 10:30 PM Free Concert: Buffalo Alice



Saturday, June 29

- 8 AM Nature Preserve 5k
Discovery Center (4444 Hadley Avenue N)
12 to 4 PM ITS Truck
12 to 4 PM Little Blues Traveling Zoo
12 to 9 PM Summerfest Marketplace
12 to 10:30 PM Food Trucks and Vendors
12 to 11 PM Lions Club Beer Garden
1 to 2:30 PM Pop-Up Splash Pad
1:30 to 3:30 PM Teddy Bear Band
2 to 7 PM Sustainable Safari
3:30 to 4:30 PM Lions Club Coloring Contest
2 to 7 PM Flatable Fun!
6:30 to 10:30 PM Free Concert: Free & Easy
10 PM Oakdale 50th Anniversary Fireworks



All events take place at Walton Park (1584 Hadley Avenue N) unless otherwise noted.

Bring the kids to Summerfest! The schedule has new activities for families including music, animals, inflatables, splash pad and more!

MEDALLION HUNT

Begins Monday, June 24 at 8 AM | \$500 Prize

Clues/rules at www.oakdalesummerfest.com

Search for the Oakdale Medallion, and win a \$500 prize if you find it. Clues are revealed each morning at 8 AM. Event is sponsored by the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC).

COMMUNITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 24 | 11:30 AM Shotgun Start

Register at www.oakmarshevents.com

Golf, network and win prizes. Play the event or be an event partner! Event is hosted by the OACC.

3RD LAIR SKATEBOARD CONTEST

Friday, June 28 | Rain date: Saturday, June 29

4 PM Registration | 5 PM Start | FREE

This family event has several divisions for various styles, abilities and experience levels. Prizes given for top performers. Event is sponsored by State Farm Amy Brown Agency and Bob Lawrence.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Friday, June 28 | 11 AM to 1 PM | FREE

Join your neighbors at Fire Station Two (South) for fun, community-building, the ITS Truck and a picnic lunch. Event is sponsored by the OACC.

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

Saturday, June 29 | 7 AM Check-In | 8 AM Start

\$25 per person | Register: www.oakdalefun.com

Race starts and ends at the Discovery Center. Fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 10), chip timing, post-race drinks and snack, and a chance for race prizes. Event is sponsored by Eberhard Group with Keller Williams.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Summer 2024 includes several major construction projects impacting Oakdale.

Plan ahead when traveling in construction areas.

- **Hadley Avenue N:** As part of the City's annual Street Improvement Program, Hadley Avenue N and surrounding streets will be reconstructed between 40th Street N and 50th Street N. Trails in-and-around the Nature Preserve will also be reconstructed.
- **Highway 120/Geneva Avenue N:** Lane closures on either side of Interstate 94 on Highway 120/Geneva Avenue N will continue for construction of the Metro Transit Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) bridge over the roadway. The ramp from Highway 120 to eastbound Interstate 94 is closed through October.
- **Hudson Boulevard N:** Hudson Boulevard N will have a two-phase closure to reconstruct the roadway for the Gold Line BRT. The current closure includes Highway 120 to Dellwood Lane and Greystone Avenue N to Hadley Avenue N. Business access is from 10th Street N to Greystone Avenue N. Additional closures of Hudson Boulevard and Hadley Avenue south of 4th Street N are expected later in the summer.
- **4th Street N:** The 4th Street N bridge over Interstate 694 has been removed and will be rebuilt to accommodate the Gold Line BRT. 4th Street N remains closed through the fall from Hadley Avenue N to Helmo Avenue N. Business and residential access will be maintained. Please follow posted detours.
- **Interstate 694:** There will be occasional lane and directional closures of Interstate 694 for work on the 4th Street N bridge. Additionally, the on-ramp to northbound Interstate 694 from 10th Street N is closed through October to accommodate detour traffic from Interstate 94.
- **Interstate 94:** The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) will work to complete its Interstate 94 project between Highway 120 and the St. Croix River. Eastbound Interstate 94 will be reduced to two lanes between Highway 120 and Woodbury Drive through mid-July. Additional closures of ramps and lanes will occur through late fall.

To receive updates on these projects, visit the following:

- **City of Oakdale Street Improvement Project**
www.oakdalemn.gov/list.aspx?ListID=273
- **Metro Transit Gold Line BRT**
www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-construction
- **MnDOT Interstate 94 Oakdale to St. Croix Project**
www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i94oakdale-stcroix/

CITY NEWS

ELECTION INFORMATION

Here's some important information voters need to know this election season.

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

- June 28 to August 12 - Vote early by mail or in-person for Primary Election
- August 13 - Primary Election Day
- September 20 to November 4 - Vote early by mail or in-person for General Election
- November 5 - General Election Day

FILING INFORMATION FOR CITY COUNCIL

Two City Council Member seats will be on the November 5 ballot. Persons interested in running for office must apply in person at Oakdale City Hall (1584 Hadley Avenue N) during regular hours from July 30 to August 13 at 5 PM. The filing fee is \$5.

EARLY VOTING AT CITY HALL

City Hall will serve as a Washington County early voting location for 18 days prior to the Primary Election and General Election Days. Residents must vote at their precinct polling location on Election Day.

Find more election information at
www.oakdalemn.gov/355/Elections-Voting.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

The City of Oakdale is excited to premiere a new logo for its 50th Anniversary! In 1974, Oakdale was officially designated as a city, and we are celebrating throughout the year on social media and at upcoming events including Oakdale Summerfest.



Do you love living in Oakdale? We want to hear from you. If you're interested in potentially being featured in an upcoming video, scan the code!



SEASONAL REMINDERS



"Oakdale Bee with a Saddlebag" by Shelby Anderson
2023 Oakdale Summer Photo Contest Winner

BRANCH/BRUSH DISPOSAL

Public Works accepts branches and brush under eight inches in diameter for a nominal fee. Drop off hours are Monday to Friday, 7:30 AM to 3 PM, through the third Friday in October. No grass clippings or bagged leaves are allowed for drop off at the Public Works building (1900 Hadley Avenue N).

OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS

Outdoor warning sirens are tested at 1 PM on the first Wednesday of each month, March through October.

REPORT A CONCERN

Later this month, the City will begin using SeeClickFix, an app-based reporting tool for resident concerns and issues. See a pothole that needs fixing or a street light out? Report it with SeeClickFix. More information will be shared on www.oakdalemn.gov once residents can access the app.

WATERING SCHEDULE

Oakdale operates under a year-round odd-even watering schedule. Odd-numbered addresses are allowed to water on odd-numbered days. Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water on even-numbered days. Residents and businesses are encouraged to refrain from watering during 10 AM and 5 PM when water loss is greatest.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

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. Do not dispose of grass clippings, animal excrement or other discharge into ponding areas, which can also affect water quality of wetlands and lakes.

TALL GRASS

Beginning June 1, 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.

BUCKTHORN MANAGEMENT

A weed wrench is available through the City to assist residents with buckthorn removal. Buckthorn can also be dropped off for free at Public Works. Please call **651-730-2740** for wrench availability and details.

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER REPORT

Each year the City makes available its annual report on drinking water which includes information about source water, levels of contaminants and compliance with drinking water rules. The 2022 report is currently online, and the 2023 report will be available later this summer. To learn more and to view the annual report, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/340/Drinking-Water.

ACORN AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each summer, the Oakdale Acorn Awards recognize outstanding properties in the City for excellence in landscaping. Residents may submit nominations for as many properties as desired by June 30. Winners will receive recognition from the City Council and an award. Nominations are accepted in the following categories: Business/Commercial; Public (churches, schools, government); and Residential. To nominate a property, please visit www.oakdalemn.gov/651/Acorn-Award.





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.
- Log in with account information OR click "create account" or "sign up" to create a new account.
- Select an activity from the catalog.
- Select account members to enroll in the activity and click "add to cart."
- Complete enrollment information by following the prompts.
- Click "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 administration fee.

CONTACT US

For questions about recreation programs, registration, rentals and policies, call **651-747-3860**. Find more details, including Discovery Center and picnic shelter rentals, at www.oakdalefun.com. Click "Stay Connected" to sign up for Oakdale Recreation updates.

POP-UP SPLASH PADS

Dates, Times and Locations Vary | FREE

Grab your suit and towel to beat the heat! Oakdale Fire will bring the water. Run through a fire hose spray, toss water balloons and play water games.

- Friday, June 21 | 1 to 2:30 PM
Walton Park, OAA Parking Lot off 15th Street N
- Saturday, June 29 | 1 to 2:30 PM
Walton Park, OAA Parking Lot off 15th Street N
- Saturday, July 13 | 12 to 1:30 PM
Eastside Park, 1744 Helmo Avenue N
- Friday, August 9 | 1 to 2:30 PM
Tanners Lake Park, Tanners Park Road, South of 5th Street N

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Select Fridays | Movies Begin at Dusk

Walton Park Bandshell, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Grab the family, lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy movies under the stars on the big screen. Decision to cancel due to inclement weather will be made by 4 PM on event day and posted on the City website and Facebook page. Events sponsored by the Oakdale Recreation and Police Departments. Concessions provided by Maplewood Oakdale Lions Club.

- July 19 - Barbie (PG-13, 116 minutes)
- August 16 - The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG, 92 minutes)





AMPED UP ENTERTAINMENT

Select Thursdays | 10 to 11 AM

Swing around to the Discovery Center's backyard amphitheater for free programs for all ages. Programs are held indoors in the event of inclement weather.

- June 20 - Story Time with PaperPie Books
- July 11 - Captain Cool Kid
- July 18 - Snake Discovery
- August 8 - The Raptor Center
- August 29 - The RAD Zoo



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Select Wednesdays | 7 PM | FREE

Walton Park Bandshell, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Bring your lawn chairs to the Walton Park Bandshell to enjoy a variety of live musical performances for music-lovers of all ages.

- July 10 - The Capri Big Band (Big Band Jazz)
- July 17 - Rare Form (Fun Rock Cover Band)
- July 24 - The Beatnik Brothers (50s, 60s and 70s)
- July 31 - Bazillions (Kids and Family Show)
- August 7 - The Backyard Band (Danceable Rock 'n Roll and Country)
- August 14 - Gypsy Mania Hot Club Quartet (Swing Jazz)

FAMILY JIGSAW PUZZLE CONTEST

Sunday, August 11 | 9 to 11 AM | \$30 per family

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

Join us for an exciting morning of competitive puzzling! Teams of up to four people will receive the same 500 piece puzzle and race to see which team can finish the puzzle first. All ages are welcome. Each team must have one member under age 18. Prizes awarded for first and second place teams. Registration required by August 1.



TOUCH A TRUCK

Tuesday, September 10

5 to 7 PM | FREE

City Hall Parking Lot

1584 Hadley Avenue N

Don't miss this unique opportunity to get up close with dozens of big vehicles including emergency and public safety vehicles, snow plows, garbage trucks, street cleaners, semi-trucks and more. Free ice cream treats will be provided. Concessions will be available for purchase. A sensory tent will provide a safe, non-stimulating space for children.

FAMILY FUN FLATABLES

Saturday, September 14

11 AM to 4 PM | FREE

Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Jump, bounce, dive and explore a sea of over a dozen inflatables including bounce castles, obstacle course and a giant slide. There will also be food available for purchase and a kids DJ. A sensory tent will provide a safe, non-stimulating space for children. Sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Nathan Timmons at nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Bunker Park Stables

Thursday, June 13 or Friday, August 2

10 AM to 2:30 PM | \$75 per trip | Ages 8 to 16

Travel to Bunker Park Stables for a day of riding horses. The trip departs from the Discovery Center and includes horseback ride, barn tour, horse grooming, chaperone and transportation. Participants must be at least eight years old and 52 inches tall, no exceptions. You must wear long pants and closed-toe shoes (no shorts or sandals). Bring a nut-free bagged lunch. Space is limited. Registration deadline is one week prior to each trip.

3RD LAIR SKATEBOARD CAMP

July 15 to 17 or August 5 to 7 | 10 to 11 AM

\$75 per camper | Ages 7 and up

Walton Outdoor Skate Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

The 3rd Lair skateboard camp program has been part of Minnesota skateboarding development for 26 years providing experienced, well-trained instructors with a proven reputation for success. Each day includes group instruction where riders will work on skill development based on the incoming experience of the individuals in the group and their overall comfort and pacing. Participants should wear closed-toed athletic footwear with no raised heels and bring a skateboard, helmet, knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards. 3rd Lair will provide safety equipment and rentals for kids without gear. Registration deadline is one week prior to camp.

discovery center

COMMUNITY WALK

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

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.

- June 26 - Llama, Llama
- July 31 - Numbers
- August 28 - Silly
- September 25 - Animals

SUNDAE BINGO

Sunday, July 21 | 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 July 15.

GOT BUCKTHORN?

Saturday, September 28 | 10 AM to 12 PM | FREE

Buckthorn is an invasive species harming native habitats. Learn how to identify common types of buckthorn and removal techniques including chemical and chemical-free methods. Washington County Master Gardeners will lead and provide a hands-on demo. Dress for the weather. Call **651-747-3860** to register.

INDOOR MARKET

Select Saturdays | 9 AM to 1 PM

The Indoor Market will resume in November. Vendor applications will be available in August. If you would like to apply to become a vendor, contact Nathan Timmons at **651-747-3872** or nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

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 is now available at the Discovery Center. Kids ages 12 and under can use the guides to find items in the Oakdale Nature Preserve and return them for a prize. Scavenger hunt guide available through October 31.

TANDEM BIKES

Two tandem bikes are available for use during regular hours. 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.

ART GALLERY

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

- June - Painting Pals; Painting
- July - Mary Sazenski; Watercolor and Pastel
- August - Available
- September - Lynn Kruger; Acrylic

To become a featured artist, contact Laura Linzmeyer at **651-747-3866** or email at laura.linzmeyer@oakdalemn.gov.





SMALL WORLD SUMMER CAMPS

Your preschooler will spend the morning at the park playing games, creating art projects, singing and socializing around the week's theme. Sign up early! You can sign up for one or multiple weeks. Space is limited.

Monday to Thursday, 10 to 11:30 AM

Cost: \$30 per week, per child | Session 2 is \$22.50 (3 days)* Registration deadline is one week prior to start of each camp.

Ages: 3 to 6 (must be potty trained)

**Please note any food allergies with registration as snacks may be served.

Session 1: June 10 to 13 | Pirates and Mermaids Oakfield Park, 4722 Helmo Avenue N

Ahoy ye pirates and mermaids! Set sail for the high seas with the captain to search for pirates and mermaids.

Session 2: June 17, 18 and 20* | Yee Haw! Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N

Howdy, partner! Kick off summer heading west for some fun! Encounter outlaws, wild animals and gold mines.

Session 3: June 24 to 27 | Nick Jr. Days Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4609 Granada Avenue N

Go on adventures with fun Nick Jr. friends including Paw Patrol, Peppa Pig, Bob the Builder and Thomas.

Session 4: July 8 to 11 | Creepy Crawlers with Eric Carle Books

Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4609 Granada Avenue N
Join us for activities, songs and crafts based on *The Very Quiet Cricket*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *The Grouchy Ladybug* and *The Very Busy Spider* (Eric Carle books).

Session 5: July 15 to 18 | Camp Superhero Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Unlock your superpowers! Experience Superhero training, develop an identity and test your skills. Dress as your favorite superhero, if desired. Prepare to save the world!

Session 6: July 22 to 25 | Splashtacular Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N

It's time to get soaked! Splish and splash in a fun-filled week of splashtacular activities! Session fills quickly.

Session 7: July 29 to August 1 | Gone Campin' Oakfield Park, 4722 Helmo Avenue N

We'll transform the park shelter into a campsite, learn about camping and even taste campfire treats.

Session 8: August 5 to 8 | Final Fling Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

That's a wrap! Spend the last week of camp revisiting all your favorite activities and games of the summer.

SKYHAWKS CAMPS



Skyhawks Camps will provide all equipment, or participants may bring their own. Parents are not required to stay but are welcome. Camps are held outdoors. Please pack extra water, snacks, a small lunch and sunscreen to reapply if needed.

Skyhawks Tennis Camp | June 17, 18, 20 and 21 9 AM to 12 PM | Ages 6 to 13 | \$139 per camper Eastside Park, 1744 Helmo Avenue N

Whether your child is a beginner or intermediate player, this program will improve their game and encourage enjoyment from tennis. The program focuses on skill refinement as well as practice and match play to develop consistent, well-rounded players. Staff will also instill positive life skills such as respect and sportsmanship. Participants will be grouped by age and ability.

Registration deadline is June 13.

Skyhawks Basketball Camp | July 22 to 25

**9 AM to 12 PM | Ages 6 to 13 | \$139 per camper
Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N**

This fun, skill-intensive camp is tailored for beginner to intermediate players. The progression-based curriculum goes beyond the game, emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. Participants will delve into fundamentals of passing, shooting, ball-handling, rebounding and defense through skill-based drills and games. Join us for a holistic basketball experience where fun meets skill development! Registration is July 18.

WORK FOR OAKDALE RECREATION!

Do you have hobbies, interests or knowledge to share with others? Instructor proposals are accepted throughout the year.

Contact Julie Williams at **651-747-3867**.





SHOP FRESH AND LOCAL AT THE OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET!

Wednesdays, June 5 to October 9 (No Market June 19) | 2 to 6 PM

Oakdale City Hall Parking Lot, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Shop an array of fresh produce, sweets, meats and more from local vendors on Wednesdays throughout the summer. Food trucks also attend regularly. Visit www.oakdalefun.com in late May for a vendor list.

SUMMER MINI CAMPS

Join us for eight weeks of summer fun as children participate in a variety of games, crafts and special events for each weekly theme. Sign up early! You can sign up for one or multiple weeks. Space is limited. Locations include:

- Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N
- Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N (new location)

Monday to Thursday, 1:30 to 4 PM

Cost: \$40 per week, per child
Session 2 is \$30 (3 days)* Registration deadline is one week prior to start of each camp.

Ages: 6 to 11

**Please note any food allergies with registration as snacks may be served.

Dates	Walton Park Programs	Eberle Park Programs
Session 1: June 10 to 13	Game Show Week	Time Travelers
Session 2: June 17, 18 and 20*	Wizard Academy	Tastes So Much Fun Week
Session 3: June 24 to 27	Nickelodeon Days	Video Game Extravaganza
Session 4: July 8 to 11	Water Woo!	Wizard Academy
Session 5: July 15 to 18	Time Travelers	Game Show Week
Session 6: July 22 to 25	Tastes So Much Fun Week	Nickelodeon Days
Session 7: July 29 to August 1	Video Game Extravaganza	Water Woo!
Session 8: August 5 to 8	Final Fling	Final Fling

Game Show Week

This camp is sure to be action-packed! Game shows come to life as we compete in a variety of challenging games, trivia and physical challenges.

Nickelodeon Days

Join us for a fun week based on your favorite Nickelodeon shows!

Final Fling

Let's go out with a bang! Spend the last week revisiting your favorite games and activities of the summer.

Tastes So Much Fun Week

Join us for a week of incredible edibles! We'll design chef hats and create edible sand, food finger paint, ice cream in a bag and rainbow grapes.

Time Travelers

Let's travel back in time! Each day we'll explore a different era in time including pirates, dinosaurs, the Wild West and Medieval times.

Video Game Extravaganza

We'll bring favorite video games to life including Mario Kart, Minecraft, Pokemon, Among Us and Angry Birds.

Water Woo!

Splish and splash through a week of wild water activities. Water balloons, slip-and-slides and wacky water games will help keep us cool.

Wizard Academy

Celebrate the enchanting wizard world! Calling all giants, wizards, fairies and elves. Make potions, play elf tag and dragon races, create wands and more!



KIDCREATE STUDIO CLASSES

Select Fridays | Dates and Times Vary
Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

Explore art in a fun environment that builds self-esteem from award-winning Kidcreate Studio. Curriculum is age-appropriate and designed to inspire. Please send kids with a drink and nut-free snack for morning classes. Registration deadline is one week prior to program.

Watermelon Slime | June 21 | 9 AM to 12 PM
Ages 4 to 9 | \$43 per child

What's messier than a slice of juicy watermelon? Watermelon slime! Artists will create their own slime that looks like goopy, gloopy, drippy watermelon with seeds and all. Dress for a mess.

Mario Mushroom | July 26 | 9 AM to 12 PM
Ages 4 to 9 | \$43 per child

Are you ready to put your Mario Kart knowledge to the test? Sculpt a gold mystery block with a mushroom top. Get ready for some serious fun!

Masters in the Morning - Jackson Pollock | August 2
9 AM to 12 PM | Ages 5 to 12 | \$43 per child

Battle summer slip with this educational art class. We will learn about and be inspired by Jackson Pollock and his super-messy and fun action painting technique.

Reveal Candle Making | August 2 | 1 to 2:30 PM
Ages 9 to 14 | \$45 per child

Explore the magical world of reveal candles! Craft unique candles infused with your favorite scents, colors and hidden surprises. With the addition of delightful charms into the wax, the reveal candle will transform into a masterpiece as the flame slowly burns down. Possibilities include sparkling jewels, glittery gems, adorable animals and more. Take home a one-of-a-kind candle.

State Fair Foods | August 16 | 9 AM to 12 PM
Ages 5 to 12 | \$45 per child

What's the best thing about the State Fair? The food, of course! Young artists will create the most delicious-looking art project around. It will be yumminess on a stick! Kids will create and NOT eat these art projects.

Succulent Garden Making | August 16 | 1 to 2:30 PM
Ages 9 to 14 | \$45 per child

Kids will explore their imagination in this one-of-a-kind garden class where they will design a living work of art with colorful succulents and a mushroom figure that adds a whimsical touch. Participants will bring home their masterpieces to show off or give as a gift.



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 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 bug spray, 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.

Sturgeon Moon Kayak: Square Lake, Stillwater
Monday, August 19 | 7:30 to 9 PM | \$30 per person single kayak or \$15 with own kayak | Ages 12 and up

This moonlight paddle includes time on the water and blueberry muffins and lemonade on shore. Kayaks, equipment and life jackets are provided. Bring a flashlight and bug spray, 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.

ADULT BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts
(Tanners Park Road, South of 5th 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 2 - June 5, 12, 19 and 26
- Session 3 - July 10, 17, 24 and 31

PAINTING CLASSES

Our popular Cheerful Hearts Painting Classes led by Sandy Danus are taking a break over the summer. Classes are expected to return this fall. Look for new class offerings in the fall edition of the *Oakdale Update* in September!

IN THE STREETS: ITS TRUCK!

The ITS Truck will be at a park near you Monday to Thursday with two stops per day. These drop-in programs are FREE. No registration is needed. Programs are geared toward preschool and elementary ages.

PARK LOCATIONS

- Eastside Park, 1744 Helmo Avenue N
- Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N
- Furlong Park, 6255 48th Street N
- Goose Pond Park, 6131 40th Street N
- Guthrie Park, 634 Guthrie Avenue N
- Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4609 Granada Avenue N
- Tanners Lake Park, Tanners Park Road, South of 5th Street N
- Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Week 1: June 10 to 13

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Eastside Park	Goose Pond Park
Tuesday	Tanners Lake Park	Furlong Park
Wednesday	Walton Park	Nature Preserve
Thursday	Eberle Park	Guthrie Park

Week 2: June 17 to 20 (No June 19, Holiday Observed)

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Furlong Park	Tanners Lake Park
Tuesday	Goose Pond Park	Walton Park
Thursday	Eberle Park	Eastside Park

Week 3: June 24 to 27

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Eberle Park	Tanners Lake Park
Tuesday	Guthrie Park	Goose Pond Park
Wednesday	Eastside park	Furlong Park
Thursday	Walton Park	Nature Preserve

Week 4: July 8 to 11

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Goose Pond Park	Guthrie Park
Tuesday	Eberle Park	Eastside Park
Wednesday	Nature Preserve	Tanners Lake Park
Thursday	Furlong Park	Walton Park

Week 5: July 15 to 18

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Eastside Park	Goose Pond Park
Tuesday	Tanners Lake Park	Furlong Park
Wednesday	Walton Park	Nature Preserve
Thursday	Eberle Park	Guthrie Park

Week 6: July 22 to 25

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Nature Preserve	Guthrie Park
Tuesday	Furlong Park	Tanners Lake Park
Wednesday	Goose Pond Park	Walton Park
Thursday	Eberle Park	Eastside Park

Week 7: July 29 to August 1

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Eberle Park	Tanners Lake Park
Tuesday	Guthrie Park	Goose Pond Park
Wednesday	Eastside Park	Furlong Park
Thursday	Walton Park	Nature Preserve

Week 8: August 5 to 8

Day	9:30 to 11:30 AM	1:30 to 3:30 PM
Monday	Goose Pond Park	Guthrie Park
Tuesday	Eberle Park	Eastside Park
Wednesday	Nature Preserve	Tanners Lake Park
Thursday	Furlong Park	Walton Park



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

WEDNESDAY WALKS AT OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE Wednesdays at 9 AM

No registration is necessary to join these weekly walks.

WELLNESS BOOK CLUB

Select Tuesdays | 6:30 PM | Oakdale Library

- May 28 - *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind and Body in the Healing of Trauma*, Bessel van der Kolk
- July 23 - *Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty*, Patrick Radden Keefe
- September 24 - *Maybe You Should Talk To Someone*, Lori Gottlieb

MAKER PARTY!

Thursday, June 6 | 10 to 11:30 AM

Join Marge Sagstetter as she teaches how to upcycle a notebook with calendar art and create a matching bookmark. All supplies are provided to make a journal, reading diary, bird book or other unique notebook item. Bring a good pair of crafting scissors if you have them. Register: www.oakdalefun.com or 651-747-3860

MEET OUR NATURE PRESERVE TREES

Wednesday, July 10 | 9 to 11 AM

Learn about your favorite trees on a guided hike along the Tree Trek with Tree Board members Mike Bender and Marge Sagstetter. No registration necessary. Meet in front of the Discovery Center.

ADULT YOGA

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

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.

Morning Yoga | Tuesdays | 9 to 10 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. Drop-in for a single class is \$20 if space is available.



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, July 19 and Friday, October 18 | 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: www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-733-2767

SAFETY FIRST! WITH OAKDALE FIRE AND POLICE

Saturday, September 21 | 10 AM to 12 PM

Get the latest news, ideas and life-saving safety tips from local safety leaders. No registration necessary.

ESTATE PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Thursday, September 26 | 2:30 to 4 PM

Learn the basics of planning your finances and future care. Topics include the difference between wills and trusts, attorneys, probate and more. Get your questions answered by local lawyer Laurann J. Kirschner. Register: www.oakdalefun.com or 651-747-3860

COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

Community-wide events are posted on the Vital Aging Network calendar at www.vital-aging-network.org/events. Registration is through the Wellness 50+ Twin Cities Meetup group at www.meetup.com/wellness50-twincities. Some of these programs may have a fee. Join the Meetup group to receive event notifications.

AGE-FRIENDLY OAKDALE PROJECT UPDATE

Age-Friendly Oakdale recently completed its project on improving transportation options in Oakdale. The final report, *City of Oakdale Community Conversations on Senior Transportation and Recommendations*, can be viewed at bit.ly/AFTransportationReport or scan the QR code. Physical copies can be viewed at the Oakdale Library.



- **Three-week series, Session 1 (\$53)**
June 18 and 25; July 9
- **Three-week series, Session 2 (\$53)**
July 23 and 30; August 6

Summer Solstice Yoga and Foam Rolling Retreat Thursday, June 20 | 6:30 to 7:45 PM | \$30

As the sun reaches its highest point in the sky, gather to honor the Summer Solstice, a time of abundance, vitality and growth. Explore yoga, meditation/yoga nidra and foam rolling techniques to cultivate a deeper sense of balance, harmony and well-being. This retreat is for participants of all levels. Registration includes all-levels hatha yoga, foam rolling and guided nidra/meditation. Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

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.

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.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Courts now open, weather permitting. Locations include:

- Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts, Tanners Park Road, South of 5th Street N
- Eastside Park (lined courts), 1744 Helmo Avenue N

OPEN COURT PICKLEBALL

Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts

(Tanners Park Road, South of 5th 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). Contact Chuck Scott with questions at **651-439-5307**.

- Monday and Sunday | 5 to 7 PM
- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday | 9 to 11 AM
- Wednesday | 4 to 6 PM

**“Golden Hour
in the Nature
Preserve”**

by Arianna

Wirebaugh

2023 Oakdale

Summer Photo

Contest Winner

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.

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
- **OAKDALE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION**
www.oaaonline.com
- **OAKDALE ADULT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**
www.oasa.us
- **OMNI OTTERS SWIM TEAM**
www.omniotters.com
- **ST. PAUL-RAMSEY HORSESHOE CLUB**
651-808-3812

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





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WINTER PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the Oakdale Winter Photo Contest winners recognized on this page! Fans voted on Facebook for their favorites in March, and the top three photos with the most “likes” were named the winners.

**Below: “Winter Sunset in the Park”
by Tim Kemper**



**Right:
“Bird on a Branch”
by Valeta Cornwell**



**Below:
“Snow Dogs”
by Rob Luttrell**



CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BODIES

The City of Oakdale has five advisory bodies to the City Council. Several currently have vacancies for new members. For advisory body meeting schedules, more information, and to apply to serve, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/298.

CONNECT www.oakdalemn.gov

Subscribe to meeting materials online:

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

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