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OAKDALE UPDATE





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LOCAL SALES TAX EXTENSION APPROVED

Voters supported an extension of the one-half percent sales tax through 2053.

Both City questions on the November 5 ballot related to an extension of the current one-half percent local sales tax to raise additional funds for two facility projects were approved by Oakdale voters.

Question One requested an additional \$3 million to help fund the expansion and remodel of the current Police facility. It was approved with 68 percent (9,919 Yes votes) of the total votes.

Question Two requested an additional \$6 million to help fund the construction of a new Public Works facility. It was approved with 71 percent (10,319 Yes votes) of the total votes.

The City Council made the vote totals official with a canvass of votes on November 12. Approval of both questions will raise additional funds to help close a funding gap caused by inflation. The local sales tax will now remain in place until 2053 or until funds have been collected, whichever is sooner.

Construction of the Public Works facilities officially began in October 2024 with an expected facility opening in fall 2025.

Thank you to Oakdale voters who made their voice heard on this important community decision!

City officials and staff participated in an official ground breaking for the new Public Works facility on October 8, 2024.





upcoming events

Full calendar at:
www.oakdalemn.gov

**mystery egg hunt
april 19**

**park clean-up week
april 21 to 27**

**eco fair
april 26**

**arbor day tree giveaway
april 26**

OAKDALE INDOOR MARKETS

The Indoor Market runs from 9 AM to 1 PM on select Saturdays through March at the Discovery Center (4444 Hadley Avenue N).

CONTACT US

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1584 Hadley Avenue N
Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM

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Building Inspections 651-739-5150
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Community Development 651-730-2806
Engineering 651-730-2734
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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

WILLOWBROOKE COMMONS GRAND OPENING AND FUTURE PARKS

On October 12, 2024, City staff, officials and Oakdale community members celebrated the grand opening of Willowbrooke Commons, the first of three new City parks planned in the Willowbrooke neighborhood. This one-of-a-kind community park, located at 3800 Henna Avenue N, includes inclusive playground equipment, challenge course, adult fitness equipment, community gathering shelter, restroom building, hammock area and trails.

Planning is currently underway for the two other Willowbrooke parks. The second park, Willowbrooke Park West, will be located south of 40th Street N on Hayward Avenue N. Approved preliminary concept plans for the park include a soccer field, pickleball courts, shade structure, lawn picnic area and a shelter/restroom building. Construction is scheduled to occur in 2025.

Willowbrooke Park North will be the third park constructed and is envisioned as a passive park space with walking trails and seating areas. Located on 40th Street N, construction on the final park is also scheduled to begin in 2025.



City Council Members cut the ribbon for Willowbrooke Commons (top) and kids explore the new playground equipment at the grand opening on October 12 (bottom).

4TH STREET BRIDGE AND METRO GOLD LINE BRT UPDATE

After 10 months of construction work by Metro Transit, the new 4th Street bridge reopened to vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic in early November 2024. Improvements include new infrastructure, bus-only lanes for the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and a dedicated shared-use pathway.

A majority of construction activities for the Gold Line BRT wrapped up in late fall while minor finishing work will continue through early winter including site restoration and installations at the Greenway and Helmo Stations in Oakdale. The Gold Line BRT is expected to open for service on March 22. To learn more about the Gold Line BRT, visit www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project.



City, county and state officials gathered with the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce for a ribbon cutting in October.

OAKDALE Aa1 CREDIT RATING REAFFIRMED BY MOODY'S

For the third-straight year, Moody's assigned Oakdale an Aa1 rating – the second-highest rating which reflects the City's strong local economy, robust financial position and moderate longterm liabilities.



CITY ENGAGES NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The Oakdale City Council and staff recently completed a strategic planning process to develop priorities and action steps for the City of Oakdale to prioritize over the next few years. This strategic plan includes three strategic directions with 10 strategic elements that will be evaluated through two-year goals and put into action in one-year increments. The three strategic directions are:

- Engaging people to co-create our story
- Positioning Oakdale for continued success in a rapidly changing world
- Empowering our organization to meet evolving community expectations

The plan will guide decision-making by the City Council and City leadership to meet the needs of the Oakdale community. To view the plan, scan the code.



2025 UTILITY BILLING RATES

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

Residential - Billed Quarterly	Water	Base Charge: \$15.38 per quarter \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 25,000 gallons \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 25,001 to 50,000 gallons \$3.01 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 50,001 gallons or more
	Sewer	Base Charge: \$25.66 per quarter Usage: \$4.63 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
Apartments - Billed Monthly	Water	Base Charge: \$5.12 per month per unit \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons \$2.76 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons \$2.99 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,001 gallons or more
	Sewer	Base Charge: \$8.56 per month per unit Usage: \$4.63 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 (*plus tax)	Base Charge: \$5.11 per month for every 10,000 gallons used* \$2.52 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons* \$2.76 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons* \$2.99 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,000 to 22,000 gallons* \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 22,001 gallons or more*
	Sewer	Base Charge: \$8.56 per month for every 10,000 gallons used Usage: \$4.63 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 5,000 gallons per month
	Street Light	Based on total linear feet
	Storm	Based on total runoff

HOUSEHOLD MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Oakdale City Hall now offers free disposal of unused and expired household medications for Washington County residents. Two year-round drop boxes are available Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

Old and unused medicines in the home can pose a risk for accidental poisoning, theft and drug abuse. Medications disposed of in a sink, toilet or landfill can pollute water and harm wildlife. Any medication disposed of in the bins at City Hall will be secured by the Oakdale Police Department and transported to a waste-to-energy facility that is licensed to burn this type of waste.

Drop-off of items is anonymous (no ID required). Names on prescriptions do not need to be crossed off. Medications should be kept in the original container, if possible, or placed in a small bag.

Items accepted in the bins include household prescriptions, over-the-counter and pet medications:

- Pills and capsules
- Blister packets
- Creams and gels
- Unused Epipens
- Inhalers and patches
- IV bags and vials
- Liquids, powders and sprays

The following items are not accepted in the bins:

- Medications from businesses
- Needles, used Epipens, syringes, lancets or thermometers
- Liquid chemotherapy drugs
- Vaping devices or e-liquids

Unaccepted items may be disposed of at the Washington County Environmental Center (4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury). More information about the program can be found at www.washingtoncountymn.gov/meds.



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.

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.

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, a property owner has five days to cut the grass, or the City will cut it and assess the cost to 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.

CALL BEFORE DIGGING

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

BACKYARD AND RECREATIONAL FIRES

With spring and warmer temps coming, 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.



For more spring reminders, scan the code or visit www.oakdalemn.gov/604/Spring-Reminders.

HYDRANT FLUSHING HELPS KEEP CITY WATER CLEAN!

Ever wondered why all fire hydrants are flushed each spring? This process helps clear the City water supply of 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. It usually takes City staff about a week to complete flushing of all hydrants.



2025 GENERAL FUND SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2025 General Fund budget information concerning the City of Oakdale to interested citizens. The complete budget may be examined online at www.oakdalemn.gov or at City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue N. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 417.6965.

	2024 ADOPTED	2024 AMENDED	2025 ADOPTED
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES			
Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$14,372,493	\$14,372,493	\$15,162,290
All Other Taxes	\$620,195	\$620,195	\$623,000
Licenses and Permits	\$1,981,730	\$1,981,730	\$1,734,566
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Federal	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$33,500
State General Purpose	\$459,563	\$459,563	\$464,461
State Categorical Purpose Aid	\$1,228,792	\$1,228,792	\$968,792
Other	\$52,000	\$52,000	\$52,500
Charges for Service	\$1,615,109	\$1,615,109	\$1,709,334
Fines and Forfeits	\$101,500	\$101,500	\$111,500
Interest on Investments	\$135,000	\$135,000	\$250,000
Other	\$412,100	\$412,100	\$411,600
Total Revenue	\$21,011,982	\$21,011,982	\$21,521,543
Other Sources			
Other Financing Sources	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Transfers from Other Funds	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Total Other Sources	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,250,000
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$22,211,982	\$22,211,982	\$22,771,543
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government	\$5,303,429	\$5,379,399	\$5,479,037
Public Safety	\$11,866,118	\$12,008,781	\$12,649,918
Streets and Highways	\$2,345,230	\$2,407,230	\$2,420,700
Culture and Recreation	\$1,659,411	\$1,689,447	\$1,700,518
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$458,903	\$458,903	\$494,775
Economic Development	\$578,891	\$719,961	\$616,595
Total Expenditures	\$22,211,982	\$22,663,721	\$23,361,543
Net Change in General Fund Balance	\$0	(\$451,739)	(\$590,000)
Levy Summary			
General Fund	\$14,352,993		\$15,142,790
Capital Improvement Plan	\$1,690,000		\$1,970,474
Debt Service	\$2,022,665		\$2,013,864
Total Levy	\$18,065,658		\$19,127,128

PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS AND VALUATION NOTICES

In November, Washington County mailed property owners a Proposed Property Tax statement outlining the preliminary taxes for 2025. The Oakdale City Council approved the 2025 tax levy on December 10, 2024. 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 2025 property tax statements to residents.

Property owners will also receive their 2025 property valuation notice. This includes the assessed value for each property based on real estate transactions that occurred October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The assessed values, established by the Washington County Assessor, mirror the market value changes that took place during that time period. Assessed property values are 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**. 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.washingtoncountymn.gov/3434/Property-and-Home.



ENVIRONMENT

SPRING EVENTS

Oakdale has several upcoming spring events that encourage community members to be environmentally conscious and help spruce up the City! Mark your calendars and get ready to help make a difference.

ARBOR DAY TREE GIVEAWAY

Saturday, April 26

Fire Station One (5000 Hadley Avenue N)

The annual Pete Graske Arbor Day Tree Giveaway will take place in a new location for 2025 at Fire Station One. Residents will have an opportunity to claim a free tree to plant and contribute to tree growth in Oakdale. City Council and Tree Board members will hand out trees, and the Washington County Master Gardeners will be on-site to provide tips for successful growth. More information will be available at a later date at www.oakdalemn.gov/804/Arbor-Day-Tree-Giveaway.

OAKDALE ECO FAIR

Saturday, April 26 | 9 AM to 1 PM

Castle Elementary School (6675 50th Street N)

New in 2025, the City will host an Eco Fair to help provide education to the community on a variety of environmental topics and initiatives. There will be exhibitors from local and state agencies, as well as family friendly activities throughout the day. This event is free to attend. More information will be available at a later date at www.oakdalemn.gov/1018/Eco-Fair.

JANE KLEIN MEMORIAL SPRING PLANTING EVENT

Saturday, May 17 | Location TBD

Join the Oakdale Tree Board and the Washington County Master Gardeners for a morning of planting trees and plants to spruce up Oakdale. Water and lunch are provided. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. More information will be available at a later date at www.oakdalemn.gov/231/Forestry.



RECYCLING EXISTS!

Ever wondered what really happens to recyclables when they leave your home? Recycling is no myth and it works here.

Minnesota is home to many recycling facilities that collect, sort, process and manufacture items made from the bottles, boxes and other containers you put in your recycling cart every day. When you put the right items in your recycling cart, they become new products, locally and regionally.

Examples of local recycling efforts include:

- Sorting of glass in St. Paul and production of new materials in Shakopee;
- Using plastic to create durable building materials in Paynesville; and
- Making cereal and cracker boxes out of recycled paper and cardboard in St. Paul.

Local efforts to recycle and reduce waste save energy, protect resources and support about 78,000 jobs in the state. Annually, the Twin Cities metro area recycles an average of 900,000 tons of paper and cardboard, metal, glass and plastic.



Learn more about local recycling efforts at www.recyclingexists.com. Recycling Exists! is a collaborative campaign from six metro counties including Washington County.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROJECT

Follow the construction progress of the new Public Works facility on our project webpage. To learn more about the Public Works facility project, receive project updates and view construction time-lapse images, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/975/New-Public-Works-Facility or scan the code.



BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

ALDI OPENS AT 4FRONT TECHNOLOGY AND OFFICE CAMPUS RETAIL SPACE

City officials attended a grand opening on December 6 for Aldi, located in the retail space of the 4Front Technology and Office campus at 3504 Highpoint Drive N. Construction began in June on the grocery store that boasts lower prices for customers based on a unique grocery store format that includes a small layout, exclusive brands, “bring your own bags” and rental cart system.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS OPEN FOR RESIDENTS

The City of Oakdale expects significant population growth over the next three years due to increased commercial and residential development. Some of that growth has started to take shape over the last year as residents have moved in to new housing developments.

In the fall, several new residential properties opened their doors for new Oakdale community members including:

- **Espen Residences:** Nestled in the Willowbrooke neighborhood east of Interstate 694 and south of 40th Street N, 79 new townhomes welcomed occupants this summer. The Espen’s 190-unit apartment complex, located at 3998 Hayward Avenue N, opened for new community members in September. Amenities include an outdoor pool, clubhouse, rooftop lounge and underground heated parking.
- **Norhart Oakdale:** Located at 7600 2nd Street N near the Metro Gold Line Helmo Station, this 328-unit apartment complex began leasing in early fall as construction wrapped up. Amenities include an outdoor pool, dog park, game rooms, movie theater and onsite market. The building includes retail space which welcomed the Ember and Bean Roasting Co. in late-October.
- **Oakdale Commons:** In November, Oakdale welcomed new residents to this 168-unit senior affordable housing complex located at 1135 Hadley Avenue N. Amenities include a community room, fitness room, covered parking and on-site professional management.
- **Harlan Apartments:** This 156-unit apartment complex, located east of Interstate 694 and south of 34th Street N at 7570 32nd Street N, opened to residents in late-November. Amenities include picnic areas, work-from-home suites, bike storage and a golf simulator.

Curious about development projects in Oakdale? Scan the code to view a map of projects under review, projects approved, projects under construction and projects recently completed.



City officials attended a grand opening celebration for the new Aldi grocery store on December 6.



The Ember and Bean Roasting Co. opened in October in the retail space of the Norhart apartments complex (top). City officials attended a ribbon cutting for Oakdale Commons senior living on October 31 (middle). The Harlan apartments opened to residents in late November following a grand opening (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.
- 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.
- 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.

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 14 are at the Discovery Center or Nature Preserve unless otherwise noted.

SUNDAE BINGO

Sunday, February 23 or April 27 | 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 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 "Favorite Sport." Winner receives a special reward basket. This contest is open to Oakdale residents only. Email photo entries, name and address to Nathan Timmons at nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 24

Summer program information will be available on www.oakdalefun.com in early April. Early summer registration will begin Thursday, April 24.

WORK FOR OAKDALE RECREATION THIS SUMMER!

Apply to be a youth summer program instructor (age 16 and up) by March 28 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 and canned goods, meats, sweets, artisan foods, home and body goods, and more.

- January 25
- February 8 and 22
- March 8 and 22

Vendor requests: nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 5 | 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 4 (4 to 8 PM) or Saturday, April 5 (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

Pick up the guide to find items in the Oakdale Nature Preserve and return for a fun 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.

PLASTER PAWS

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

BEE HIVE

Beginning in May, come view a live bee hive, courtesy of local beekeepers Karen and Duane Voy, during regular business hours.

DISCOVERY ROOM

Stop by our updated Discovery Room to check out the new look and layout, as well as fun educational activities, toys, games and books for kids of all ages to learn about nature!

SNOWSHOE RENTAL

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.

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.

COMMUNITY WALK

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. To learn more, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/599/Community-Walk.

ART GALLERY

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

- February - Jordan Mae; Mixed Media
- March and April - Janice Nelson Johnson and Lou Cunico; Painting
- May and June - Painting Pals; Painting

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

DOT-A-DOODLE MANDALA ROCK PAINTING

Select Dates | Ages 18 and up | \$30 per person

Find peace and relaxation while creating an intricate and original Mandala Rock with Dot-A-Doodle Art. Choose your rock design. Registration deadline one week prior to class. Check website for design examples.

- **Tuesday, April 22 | 6 to 8 PM**
- **Tuesday, May 20 | 6 to 8 PM**





SAVE THE DATE: OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET

The 2025 Oakdale Farmers Market season begins June 4 and runs through October 8. 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 26 - Numbers
- March 26 - Friendship
- April 30 - Seasons
- May 28 - Nature

CHEERFUL HEARTS PAINTING CLASSES

Select Fridays | Price varies | Ages 18 and up

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

- **February 7 | 11 AM to 2 PM | \$35**
Cozy Cottages 11x14 canvas
- **March 7 | 11 AM to 2 PM | \$35**
Flower Tea Pot 12x12 canvas
- **April 25 | 11 AM to 2 PM | \$30**
River Reflections 12x12 canvas
- **May 16 | 11 AM to 2 PM | \$40**
Garden Birdhouse 10x20 canvas

JUNIOR GARDENERS SEED STARTING

Sunday, April 13 | 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.

SILVERFINN KAYAKING: LEARN TO KAYAK

Wednesday, May 28 | 5 to 6:30 PM OR 6:30 to 8 PM

Ages 12 and up | \$30 per person for single kayak or \$15 with own kayak | Silver Lake, North St. Paul

Learn basic skills. Kayaks and life jackets are provided.

Wear shoes that can get wet. Dress in layers.

Registration deadline is one week before start.



FUN AWAITS AT THE MYSTERY EGG HUNT

Oakdale Recreation, in partnership with Eberhard Group Real Estate Solutions, hosts the annual Mystery Egg Hunt. The costume 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. Registration deadline is April 11 or when full.

Saturday, April 19 | 9 to 11 AM

Ages 10 and under | \$13 per child

Activities include:

- Egg hunt and prizes
- Baby goats
- Face painting
- Games and refreshments
- Pictures with the costume bunny



SKYHAWKS SPORTS INDOOR TENNIS



Select Mondays | Time varies by age | \$55

February 24, March 3 and 17 (No class March 10)

John Glenn Middle School Gym 1A

Whether you're a beginning, intermediate or advanced player, this program will improve your game.

Registration is required by February 20.

- **Ages 5 to 7 | 6 to 6:45 PM**
- **Ages 8 to 10 | 6:55 to 7:40 PM**

YOUTH PICKLEBALL



Select Mondays | Time varies by age | \$69

March 24 and 31; April 7 and 14

John Glenn Middle School Gym 1A

This class is designed for first-time players but is challenging enough for more competitive play.

Registration is required by March 20.

- **Ages 5 to 7 | 6 to 6:45 PM**
- **Ages 8 to 10 | 6:55 to 7:40 PM**

RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S CERTIFICATION



Saturday, February 1 | 9 AM to 4PM

Ages 10 to 17 | \$85

John Glenn Middle School - Room 237 Art (east)

This one-day certification course teaches basic care of infants and children, basic first aid, emergency protocols, home safety and more. Bring a lunch and water bottle.

Registration is required by January 30.

BEGINNER YOUTH SELF DEFENSE AND SAFETY AWARENESS CLASS



Select Saturdays | 10 to 10:45 AM

February 8, 15 and 22; March 1, 8, 22 and 29; April 5 and 12 (No class March 15)

Ages 4 to 16 | \$100

John Glenn Middle School Cafeteria

This class will empower youth with non-aggressive skills and techniques to protect themselves from others and dangerous situations. Registration is required by Feb. 6.

LET'S MOVE!

The Oakdale Nature Preserve and Discovery Center provide unique opportunities to get active this year. Check out these heart-pumping activities taking place in a picture-perfect setting!

WINTER WALKING

The paved trails in the Oakdale 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.

WAHOO! ADVENTURES

Snowshoe, Sip and Sample

**Friday, February 14 | 6 to 9 PM | Ages 21 and up
\$50 per person**

Celebrate Valentine's Day with an evening of snowshoeing, beer, wine and food samples! Snowshoe along a luminary-lit trail before heading indoors for the vintage game room, music and prize drawings. Snowshoes provided or bring your own.

Family Moonlight Snowshoe and Bonfire

Saturday, February 15 | \$25 per person

Enjoy two luminary-lit trails through the Nature Preserve. After, 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.

- Select an arrival/check-in time upon 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.

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

**Saturday, June 28 | \$30 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. In partnership with Eberhard Group Real Estate Solutions.

ADULT YOGA

Join yoga teacher, trainer and Pilates instructor Jen Vail for all-levels yoga. Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program. Drop-in for single class is \$20 if space is available.

**Morning Yoga | Tuesdays |
9:30 to 10:30 AM
\$89 per session**

Experience a yoga practice designed to build strength, mindfulness, mobility, flexibility and balance. This all-levels class encourages participants to move at own pace.

- **Spring Session 1: Feb. 18 to March 18 (5 weeks)**
- **Spring Session 2: April 1 to 29 (5 weeks)**
- **Spring Session 3: May 6 to June 3 (5 weeks)**

**Twilight Yoga | Thursdays | 6 to 7 PM
\$89 per session**

This gentle flow aims to melt away stress in the glow of twinkling lights. Calm the nervous system with movements designed to improve balance, strength and flexibility in a sustainable way.

- **Spring Session 1: Feb. 13 to March 13 (5 weeks)**
- **Spring Session 2: April 3 to May 1 (5 weeks)**
- **Spring Session 3: May 8 to June 5 (5 weeks)**

**Full Body Foam Rolling: A Self-Healing Workshop
Select Sundays | 11 AM to 12:15 PM
\$30 per workshop**

Foam rolling alleviates tension, reduces pain, promotes recovery and improves mobility. All levels welcome. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please bring a yoga mat. Foam rollers will be provided to use.

- **Sundays: January 19, February 2, March 2 or April 6**

**Spring Equinox Yoga, Meditation and Journaling Retreat
Thursday, March 20 | 6:30 to 8 PM | \$35**

Celebrate the Spring Equinox with yoga, meditation/yoga nidra and journaling. Suitable for all levels. Registration includes: yoga, guided nidra/meditation and a journal for you to keep. Space is limited; pre-registration is required.



HELP CLEAN UP OAKDALE PARKS APRIL 21 TO 27

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.



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

WEDNESDAY WALKS AT OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

Wednesdays at 10 AM (through March)

9 AM (after April 1)

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

PLAY MAHJONGG

Select Mondays | 1 PM

Dates: January 27; April 28; May 5, 12 and 19

Join us to play Mahjongg. No sign up needed. If you are interested in learning Mahjongg, email us at oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com.

WELLNESS MOVIE CLUB

Select Tuesdays | 1 PM | Oakdale Library

- February 11 - *Wild*
- April 8 - *Belfast*
- June 10 - *Everything Everywhere All at Once*

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

- January 28 - *The Whole Body Reset*, Stephen Perrine
- March 25 - *Moving On Doesn't Mean Letting Go*, Gina Moffa
- May 27 - *OUTLIVE: The Science and Art of Longevity*, Dr. Peter Attia

Register: oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com

ESSENTRICS CLASSICAL STRETCH

Thursdays through March 27 | 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. Bring a mat to stand on. No registration.

SELF DEFENSE WITH GLEN

Saturday, March 1 | 12 to 3 PM

Glen Giacometto, a licensed martial arts instructor with 50 years of experience, will teach basic self-defense concepts, updated regulations and easy to remember practical techniques. Focus will be placed on awareness, proper balance, centeredness and movement. Please wear loose clothing and comfortable shoes.

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

WALK AND LEARN ABOUT SAFETY

Wednesday, April 2 | 9 to 11 AM

The Oakdale Police Department will join the Wellness Wednesday Walk for a community-focused crime prevention walk and discussion. Participants can interact with law enforcement, ask questions about crime prevention, and learn about safety strategies relevant to the City of Oakdale. Social time for treats after.

SAFETY AT HOME

REBUILDING TOGETHER MN PROGRAMS WORKSHOP

Friday, April 4 | 10 to 11 AM | Free

Sponsored by Oakdale 50+ and Age Friendly Task Team.

- **Safe at Home Project** (Qualified age 65 or older)
No cost modifications to assist with accessibility and home safety.
- **Home Maintenance Project Project** (Qualified age 62 or older)
Up to \$5,000 no cost maintenance items for their project including installation.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 24 | 9 AM to 3 PM

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

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

COMMUNITY-WIDE EVENTS

Come join us for events through the Wellness 50+ Twin Cities Meetup group at www.meetup.com/wellness50-twincities. Some programs may have a fee. Join the group to receive notifications. New events include a monthly Winter Game Night Social at the Oakdale Library January through March and bowling at Sun Ray Lanes.

ADULT TRIP: DAY TRIPPERS DINNER THEATER

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Thursday, April 24 | 10:45 AM to 4:30 PM | \$99 per person, includes transportation and lunch

After years of traveling abroad, Avery returns home to find things are far from how he left them. This trip meets at the Gladstone Community Education Center Lobby (1945 Manton Street, Maplewood). Check website for lunch details. Registration and cancellation deadline is April 9.



park information

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Rentals for picnic shelters can now be made online at www.oakdalemn.gov/189/Reserve-Picnic-Shelters. Permits give exclusive use of the shelter for date and time reserved.

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

OAKDALE BARK PARK

4957 Helena Road N

The Bark Park is open year-round for free. 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.

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.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

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

- Tanners Lake Park, 5th Street N to Tanners Park Road
- Eastside Park (lined courts), 1744 Helmo Road N
- Oakdale Nature Preserve (lined courts), 4609 Granada Avenue N

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

SKATING RINKS

Outdoor rinks include heated warming houses and are scheduled to remain open through late February.

LOCATIONS

- Walton Park (Hockey and Pleasure Rinks), 1584 Hadley Avenue N
- Eastside Park, 1744 Helmo Avenue N

Rinks will be closed when temperatures soften ice enough to create unsafe conditions, when actual temps reach -10 degrees or -25 degrees windchill, or more than three inches of snow accumulates on the ice when maintenance crews are unavailable.

Rink hours: Monday to Friday, 4 to 8 PM; Saturday, 12 to 8 PM; Sunday, 12 to 7 PM. Visit www.oakdalefun.com for more information. Rink rentals available for \$40 an hour plus tax. Email nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

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
- **OAKDALE PICKLEBALL CLUB**
651-439-5307
- **OMNI OTTERS SWIM TEAM**
www.omniotters.com | omniotters@gmail.com
- **ST. PAUL-RAMSEY HORSESHOE CLUB**
651-808-3812

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; indicate at registration if needed. Registration deadline is one week prior to class start.

- Session 1 - May 7, 14, 21 and 28
- Session 2 - June 4, 11, 18 and 25
- Session 3 - July 9, 16, 23 and 30





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Angie Propp was named the 2024 Volunteer of the Year at the Oakdale City Council meeting on December 10.

ANGIE PROPP NAMED 2024 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. Angie Propp was selected as the 2024 Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding contributions to Oakdale.

For over 25 years, Propp has been a dedicated member of the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC), chairing the Summerfest golf fundraiser and acting as a board member. An Oakdale resident, Propp is a founding member of the Oakdale Summerfest Community Organization (OSCO) and has been integral in helping boost the community's beloved celebration the last two years. Additionally, she serves as Vice President of the Carol Mathey's Center for Children Board of Directors.

Propp was honored by the Oakdale City Council at the December 10 meeting.

CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BODY MEETINGS

Oakdale has five advisory bodies to the City Council. Meetings are open to the public to attend at Oakdale City Hall (1584 Hadley Avenue N) or can be viewed live and on-demand on the City's YouTube page (CityOfOakdaleMN). For more information on advisory body meetings, schedules or to apply for a vacancy, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/298/Advisory-Bodies.

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