



SPRING 2026

OAKDALE UPDATE





Prairie Trails Park in the Willowbrooke neighborhood is now open to the public providing walking paths, seating areas and open spaces.

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NEW PARKS AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS SLATED

The City has planned new construction or improvements for five parks to begin in 2026.

Last August, the City Council approved a new Park System Plan to serve as a comprehensive road map for the City's park system over the next 20 years. Several priorities from the plan are now underway to begin in 2026, along with new parks.

The newest Oakdale park is now open for public use in the Willowbrooke neighborhood. Prairie Trails Park, located at 7468 40th Street N, is a natural resource park with open space, walking paths and seating areas.

Another Willowbrooke park is expected to open later this year. Located at 3700 Hayward Avenue N, Willowbrooke Fields will host a grass soccer field, four pickleball courts and an artificial turf volleyball court. Construction on the park began in 2025, and items remaining to be completed before opening include finishing touches on the pickleball courts, net installation on the volleyball court, and completion of the restroom building.

Construction is expected to begin on a new City park near Helmo Station this year. Planned park amenities include a playground, pickleball courts, basketball half-court, walking path, benches and picnic tables, shade structures, dog run, open space and a parking lot. Helmo Station Park is anticipated to open in 2027.

As part of the City's Capital Improvement Plan, three City parks are slated for improvements starting in 2026. Golfview, Tanners Lake and Tower Parks were identified with existing condition scores not meeting service levels and playground equipment more than 20 years old.

Improvements at Golfview Park (6144 56th Street N) include replacing and expanding the playground and adding a concrete plaza with seating. Tower Park (868 Hadley Lane N) improvements include new playground equipment and seating, an accessible paved trail to the playground, and turfgrass restoration on the hill. Sand playground surfacing at both parks will be replaced with mulch to meet required playground surface standards.

Tanners Lake Park (400 Glenbrook Avenue N) will receive a number of improvements in 2026 that were identified as short-term priorities including relocating and constructing a new playground with an accessible path, turfgrass restoration at the site of the old playground, pickleball and tennis court improvements, constructing a parking lot off Glenbrook Avenue N, and improving ballfield drainage.

To learn more and stay updated on park improvements, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/1058/Park-Projects.





upcoming events

Full calendar at:
www.oakdalemn.gov

**mystery egg hunt
april 4**

**park clean-up week
april 20 to 26**

**eco fair/clothing swap
april 25**

**arbor day tree giveaway
april 25**

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).

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Monday to Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM

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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



"Oakdale Santa" was recognized by the City Council at Hadley Avenue N and Stillwater Boulevard on December 8.



City Administrator Volkers (second from left) and Mayor Zabel (far right) presented Open Cupboard staff with a \$10,000 check on October 30 to help during a time of high demand for the local food shelf.

OAKDALE SANTA NAMED 2025 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. "Oakdale Santa" was selected as the 2025 Volunteer of the Year for his outstanding contributions to Oakdale.

For over 35 years, "Oakdale Santa" has stood near the corner of Hadley Avenue N and Stillwater Boulevard during the holiday season, spreading cheer to hundreds of children and their families that stop by each year. "Santa" passes out candy canes and listens to the wishes of all community members each year as part of his efforts to bring joy to Oakdale.

"Oakdale Santa" was surprised by the Oakdale City Council and recognized with the award on December 8.

CITY DONATION TO OPEN CUPBOARD

On October 30, Mayor Zabel and City Administrator Christina M. Volkers presented Open Cupboard with a \$10,000 check to assist during a time of high demand at the local food shelf due to the temporary pause of SNAP benefits during the federal government shutdown and the holiday season. At the October 28 meeting, the City Council approved the one-time disbursement from the Charitable Gambling Fund as permitted by Minnesota Statutes.

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY UPDATE

Work on the new Public Works facility (3200 Granada Avenue N) is nearing completion. Due to weather, the timeline was pushed back in late fall, but finishing touches are expected to conclude early this spring before Public Works operations relocate to the facility. A public grand opening is expected late Spring 2026 once the facility is complete. To learn more about the project and receive project updates, visit

www.oakdalemn.gov/975/New-Public-Works-Facility or scan the code.



POLICE EXPANSION AND CITY HALL REMODEL PROJECT

Construction for the Police Expansion and City Hall Remodel Project is anticipated to begin in June. City services including the Police Department, utility billing and permitting will be impacted by the project. Alternative locations for accessing services will be communicated when available. The latest information regarding the project and construction impacts can be found on the project webpage at www.oakdalemn.gov/1020, or scan the code.



UTILITY BILLING RATES

The City's fee schedule was approved on December 9, and new utility billing rates began on January 1, 2026. Important changes and items of note for 2026 include the following:

- The quarterly base rates for water and sewer are not applicable to existing senior citizen and disabled person program participants as of June 30, 2025. This provision sunsets on June 30, 2026.
- The residential sewer rate per 1,000 gallons is applicable to all accounts as of January 1, 2026.
- The annual state testing fee increased from \$9.72 to \$15.22 per water connection. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, this increase reduces the state's reliance on federal infrastructure funds to implement the Safe Drinking Water Act and ensures all public water systems get support needed to provide safe drinking water in Minnesota.

2026 UTILITY BILLING RATES

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

Residential - Billed Quarterly	
Water	Base Charge: \$15.84 per quarter \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 25,000 gallons \$2.89 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 25,001 to 50,000 gallons \$3.10 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 50,001 gallons or more
Sewer	Base Charge: \$26.17 per quarter Usage: \$4.72 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 12,000 gallons Usage based on winter quarter, remains same for one year.
Street Light	\$17.48 per single family unit per quarter \$9.40 per duplex unit per quarter \$8.23 per multiple dwelling per quarter
Storm	\$11.40 per single family unit per quarter \$10.26 per duplex unit per quarter \$9.65 per multiple dwelling per quarter
Apartments - Billed Monthly	
Water	Base Charge: \$5.27 per month per unit \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons \$2.84 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons \$3.08 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,001 gallons or more
Sewer	Base Charge: \$8.73 per month per unit Usage: \$4.72 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 4,000 gallons per month per unit Usage based on winter quarter, remains same for one year
Street Light	Based on total linear feet
Storm	Based on total runoff
Commercial - Billed Monthly	
Water	Base Charge: \$5.26 per month for every 10,000 gallons used* \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 0 to 12,000 gallons* \$2.84 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 12,001 to 17,000 gallons* \$3.08 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 17,000 to 22,000 gallons* \$3.51 per 1,000 gallons - Usage of 22,001 gallons or more*
Sewer	Base Charge: \$8.73 per month for every 10,000 gallons used Usage: \$4.72 per 1,000 gallons Minimum usage of 5,000 gallons per month
Street Light	Based on total linear feet
Storm	Based on total runoff

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 25

Fire Station One

(5000 Hadley Avenue N)

The annual Pete Graske Arbor Day Tree Giveaway allows residents 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.

ECO FAIR AND CLOTHING SWAP

Saturday, April 25 | 9 AM to 1 PM

Castle Elementary School

(6675 50th Street N)

Stop by the Eco Fair to learn about a variety of environmental topics and initiatives. There will be exhibitors from local and state organizations, as well as family-friendly activities throughout the day. You can also shop for free, gently used clothing items at the Clothing Swap. This event is free to attend. More information on the Eco Fair and how to donate to the Clothing Swap will be available at a later date at

www.oakdalemn.gov/1018/Eco-Fair.

JANE KLEIN MEMORIAL SPRING PLANTING EVENT

Saturday, May 16 | Location TBD

Join the Tree Board and the Master Gardeners 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 info will be available at a later date at

www.oakdalemn.gov/231/Forestry.



2026 PROPERTY TAX STATEMENTS AND VALUATION NOTICES

In November, Washington County mailed property owners a Proposed Property Tax statement outlining the preliminary taxes for 2026. The Oakdale City Council approved the 2026 tax levy on December 9, 2025. Other taxing districts' levies are also included. In late March, the County will mail final 2026 tax statements to residents.

Property owners will also receive their 2026 property valuation notice. This includes the assessed value for each property based on real estate transactions that occurred October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. 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.



2026 GENERAL FUND SUMMARY BUDGET STATEMENT

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2026 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. The City Council approved the budget December 9.

	2025 ADOPTED	2025 AMENDED	2026 ADOPTED
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES			
Revenues			
Property Taxes	\$15,162,290	\$15,162,290	\$16,727,247
All Other Taxes	\$623,000	\$623,000	\$629,900
Licenses and Permits	\$1,734,566	\$1,734,566	\$1,653,500
Intergovernmental Revenues			
Federal	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$33,500
State General Purpose	\$464,461	\$464,461	\$466,363
State Categorical Purpose Aid	\$968,792	\$1,011,725	\$1,264,878
Other	\$52,500	\$67,100	\$53,500
Charges for Service	\$1,709,334	\$1,709,334	\$1,779,723
Fines and Forfeits	\$111,500	\$111,500	\$120,000
Interest on Investments	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Other	\$411,600	\$411,600	\$397,500
Total Revenue	\$21,521,543	\$21,579,076	\$23,376,111
Other Sources			
Other Financing Sources	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$2,000
Transfers from Other Funds	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,257,500
Total Other Sources	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,277,500
Total Revenues and Other Sources	\$22,771,543	\$22,829,076	\$24,653,611
EXPENDITURES			
Current			
General Government	\$5,479,037	\$5,531,941	\$5,505,199
Public Safety	\$12,649,918	\$12,713,355	\$13,821,516
Streets and Highways	\$2,420,700	\$2,445,000	\$2,612,650
Culture and Recreation	\$1,700,518	\$1,722,518	\$1,757,039
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$494,775	\$494,775	\$503,450
Economic Development	\$616,595	\$644,755	\$703,757
Total Expenditures	\$23,361,543	\$23,552,317	\$24,903,611
Net Change in General Fund Balance	(\$590,000)	(\$723,241)	(\$250,000)
Levy Summary			
General Fund	\$15,142,790		\$16,707,747
Capital Improvement Plan	\$1,970,474		\$1,610,000
Debt Service	\$2,013,864		\$2,001,981
Total Levy	\$19,127,128		\$20,319,728

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/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 all illegal dumping or illicit discharge.

TALL GRASS

Grass must be kept at a maximum of six inches, cut at least every two weeks, and weeds kept under control. Enforcement begins June 1. 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.

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 FIRE SAFETY GUIDELINES

With warmer temps on the way, the Fire Department has some reminders on fire guidelines and safety tips! Backyard and recreational fires are allowed when:

- The base of the fire does not exceed three feet in diameter.
- Flames do not 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.

BRANCH/BRUSH DISPOSAL

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

EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive pest that kills ash trees and is now pervasive in Oakdale. Ash trees infected with EAB become weak and pose a danger to people and property. It can take several years for ash trees to show signs and/or symptoms of EAB infestation. A tree can appear healthy but may still be infested. It is important to identify ash trees, take steps to prevent the spread of EAB, and remove infested trees.

To learn more about identifying ash trees, signs and symptoms of EAB infestation, and treatment options or solutions, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/1040/Emerald-Ash-Borer or scan the code.



- Water source is in close proximity.
- Fire is attended until extinguished.
- Burning only clean and dry wood, not treated lumber, leaves, trash or furniture.
- Fire does not produce smoke that causes discomfort to or negatively impact neighboring properties.

Please call 911 for discomfort or negative impact due to a recreational or backyard fire.



PUBLIC SAFETY

OAKDALE FIRE PARTICIPATES IN LIVE BURN TRAINING



The Oakdale Fire Department conducted a live burn of a home on November 19. Training in real homes helps save lives by providing firefighters hands-on experience that mimics real-world conditions; provides search-and-rescue realism; creates building construction familiarization; facilitates forced entry and ventilation practice; and develops decision-making under stress.

Prior to the burn, the City secured necessary permits from the MN Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), completed asbestos inspection and abatement, and removed hazards from the home to ensure safe burn conditions.

ELECTRIC AND MOTORIZED VEHICLE SAFETY INFORMATION

With a recent rise in use of electric and motorized scooters, bicycles and vehicles, the Oakdale Police Department wants to provide helpful information regarding different types of devices, rules and regulations, and safety tips which include the following:

- Know the laws and ordinances and follow them.

- Wear a helmet.
- Ride at safe speeds. Be aware of your surroundings.
- Ride in same direction as traffic, on the right side.
- Warn pedestrians and pass cautiously on the left.
- Signal turns and yield at intersections.
- Use lights and extra caution after dusk.

Category	Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device**	Motorized Foot Scooter**	E-Bike** (Classes 1 to 3)	Motorized Bicycle**	Motorcycle**
Pedal-assist motor	NO	NO	YES	MAYBE	NO
Motor/Engine Size	N/A	100 to 750 watts	< 750 watts	< 1500 watts or < 49 cc	> 1500 watts or > 49 cc
Max Speed	15 mph	15 mph	20 to 28 mph	30 mph	> 30 mph
License Required	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Registration Required	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Minimum Age	age 12	age 12	age 15	age 15	age 15
Helmet Required	Under age 18	Under age 18	Under age 18	Under age 18	Under age 18
Where Can Ride	Sidewalks, Trails, Streets (limited), Private Property*	Trails, Streets, Private Property*	Sidewalks, Trails, Streets, Private Property*	Streets, Off-Highway, Private Property*	Streets, Off-Highway, Private Property*
Passenger	NO	NO	NO	If equipped with seat and footrests	If equipped with seat and footrests
Nighttime	Reflectors	Headlight and taillight	Headlight and rear reflector	Headlight and taillight	Headlight and taillight
MN Statute	169.212	169.225	169.222	169.223	169.974

* Riding on private property requires permission from the property owner.

** Reference MN Statute 169.011 for definitions.



ESTORIA OAK MARSH BREAKS GROUND

City officials joined other local officials and the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC) for a groundbreaking of Estoria Oak Marsh on October 8. Located at 8001 4th Street N, this member-owned cooperative building will feature 87 units of one-level, maintenance-free living for adults 62 and older. Premium community amenities that cater to an active lifestyle will include pickleball and bocce ball courts, pet park, fitness studio, golf simulator, garden room and more.

MANA BREWING OPENS IN NORHART BUILDING

City officials participated in an official ribbon cutting hosted by the OACC at Mana Brewing on October 30. Located in the Norhart building at 7600 2nd Street N near the Metro Gold Line Helmo Station, Mana Brewing is Oakdale's first brewpub and offers a wide selection of beer, cocktails, pizza and more.

12TH STREET N AND GENEVA AVENUE N REDEVELOPMENT STUDY

In 2025, the City of Oakdale conducted a study of the 12th Street N and Geneva Avenue N area. The study area is bounded by 10th Street N to the south, Geneva Avenue (Century Avenue/MN-120) to the west, 14th Street N to the north, and various property lines to the east. The study explores land use, transportation, and redevelopment opportunities for properties near the intersection of 12th Street N and Geneva Avenue N. As part of the project, City staff gathered public feedback through surveys and stakeholder interviews.

The final study report was accepted by the City Council on October 14. The study is intended as a general framework for redevelopment, and the recommendations outlined do not represent official City policy.

Illustrative concept sketches show potential redevelopment scenarios for the study area including new housing, commercial uses, public improvements, and new community open spaces.

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT



City officials participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for Estoria Oak Marsh on October 8.



City officials attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Oakdale's first brewpub, Mana Brewing, on October 30.



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 of the 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, less a \$5 cancellation 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.



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

SUNDAE BINGO

**Sunday, February 8 or May 3 | 1 to 3 PM | All ages
\$10 per person**

Join us for an afternoon of bingo, ice cream sundaes and lots of fun. Prizes are awarded for every game with an extra prize raffle. Registration deadline is one week prior to event.

SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST

Submissions accepted until March 31.

Head outside and create a snow masterpiece! This year's theme is “Favorite Animal or Pet.” The winner receives a special reward gift basket. Contest limited to Oakdale residents only. Email photo entries, name and address to nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

SUMMER REGISTRATION BEGINS APRIL 20

Summer program information will be available on www.oakdalefun.com in early April. Early summer registration will begin Monday, April 20.

WORK FOR OAKDALE RECREATION THIS SUMMER!

Apply to be a youth summer program instructor (age 16 and up) by March 27 at www.oakdalemn.gov.

discovery center

GROUP VISITS

Visiting the Discovery Center with a group? Please call **651-747-3860**. This helps staff prepare to provide a successful experience and avoid scheduling conflicts.

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 24
- February 7 and 21
- March 7 and 21

Vendor requests: nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov

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 25 - Arctic Animals
- March 25 - Colors of the Rainbow
- April 29 - Bath time
- May 27 - Rain and Puddles

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 11 | 9 AM to 1 PM | \$25 (2 tables)

Find your next treasure at this free-to-browse event with over 45 tables and a variety of items including toys, clothing, housewares, books and more. Set up times are Friday, April 10 (4 to 8 PM) or Saturday, April 11 (8 to 9 AM). Registration deadline is April 3, or when full.

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.

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.

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.

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. Hours are Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM; Saturday, 12 to 3:30 PM; and Sunday, 1 to 3:30 PM.



BEE HIVE

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

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.

SCAVENGER HUNT

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

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. Must be an Oakdale resident to participate. 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:

- January and February - Tammy Wolf; Photography
- March and April - Jan Nelson Johnson; Photography
- May - Painting Pals; Painting

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

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.





SAVE THE DATE: OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET

The 2026 Farmers Market season runs Wednesdays, June 3 through October 14 from 2 to 6 PM. It will be held in the Walton Park west parking lot (off of 15th Street N) due to construction.

VALENTINE'S DAY FAMILY SKATE AND PAINT

Saturday, February 14 | 12 to 2 PM | All ages | FREE

Walton Park Pleasure Rink (1584 Hadley Avenue N)

Join us for a free Valentine's event for the whole family! This afternoon of fun includes skating, painting the rink with themed colors, treats, hot cocoa and crafts. The warming house will remain open until 8 PM.

FAMILY MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE AND BONFIRE

Saturday, February 28 | All ages | \$25 per person

Spend time with friends and family on a fun winter workout with Wahoo! Adventures. Trek two luminary-lit trails, one short and one longer, through the Nature Preserve. Afterwards, enjoy a movie, s'mores, hot dogs and hot cocoa inside. Snowshoes provided or bring your own. Bring a headlamp if desired and 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 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- Registration deadline is one week prior to the event.

SQUARE FOOT GARDENING 101

Wednesday, March 25 | 6:30 to 8 PM | All Ages

FREE

Join the Washington County Master Gardeners and learn to plant a summer vegetable garden using the Square Foot Planting method which maximizes yield with minimal space. Call **651-747-3860** or visit

www.oakdalefun.com to register.

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.



FIND FUN AT THE MYSTERY EGG HUNT

Oakdale Recreation, in partnership with Eberhard Group Real Estate Solutions, hosts the Mystery Egg Hunt. The costume bunny will lead kids through the 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 March 24, or when full.

JUNIOR GARDENERS SEED STARTING

Sunday, April 19 | 10 to 11 AM | FREE

Ages 12 and under | Call 651-747-3860 or visit www.oakdalefun.com 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.

MOTHER'S DAY COOKIE DECORATING

Saturday, May 9 | 10 AM to 12 PM | \$20 per adult

(includes one child, \$10 per additional child)

Spend the morning decorating Mom-themed cookies and take them home to enjoy together. Staff will teach, guide and help each person decorate three themed cookies. Cookies, frosting and supplies provided. Registration deadline is one week prior to class start.

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

Saturday, June 27 | \$30 per person

7 AM Check-In | 8 AM Race Start

It's time to start training for this scenic 5k race through the Nature Preserve! 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. Please indicate t-shirt size on the registration form. Event in partnership with Eberhard Group Real Estate Solutions.

BECOME A FAMILY FUN FLATABLES SPONSOR!

Oakdale Recreation is seeking sponsors for 2026 Family Fun Flatables. With the help of local business sponsors, Walton Park turns into an outdoor playground of inflatables for the community to enjoy. For sponsorship info, contact Nathan Timmons at nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.



Saturday, April 4 | 9 to 11 AM

Ages 10 and under | \$13 per child

Activities include:

- Egg hunt and prizes
- Baby goats
- Face painting
- Games and refreshments

ZUMBA

Tuesdays | 6:30 to 7:30 PM | Ages 16 and up

\$65 per session (5 weeks)

“Zumba with Sadie” is a dynamic, full-body dance workout designed for people of all fitness levels move their bodies. Dance to a variety of global musical styles. Sadie is a licensed group fitness instructor. Registration deadline is one week prior to program.

- Session 1: January 20 and 27; February 3, 17 and 24
- Session 2: March 10, 17 and 24; April 7 and 14
- Session 3: April 28; May 5, 12, 19 and 26 (Outdoor classes but will be inside if inclement weather).

ASTRO AND SOUND SESSIONS

Select Dates | Ages 18 and up | \$36 per class

Wellness practitioner Kali Higgins leads sound healing and vibrational sound therapy to support shifting of consciousness and deeper states of meditation and relaxation. Each session will use various instruments and sounds in harmony with the Moon. Class includes discussion, breathwork and sound healing. Bring any items to support a comfortable practice. More program info is on the registration site. Registration deadline is one week prior to class. Class dates:

- **Sunday, February 1 | 3 to 4:15 PM**
Full Moon in Leo, Mustering Magnanimity
- **Wednesday, February 18 | 6:30 to 7:45 PM**
New Moon Solar Eclipse in Aquarius, Lunar New Year
- **Tuesday, March 3 | 4 to 5:15 PM**
Full Moon in Virgo Lunar Eclipse, Strive for Balance
- **Thursday, April 2 | 12 to 1:15 PM**
Full Moon in Libra, Heal Relationships
- **Friday, April 17 | 4 to 5:15 PM**
New Moon in Aries, Ignite Your Light

SPRING EQUINOX TEA AND SOUND BATH

Sunday, March 22 | 11 AM to 12:15 PM

Ages 18 and up | \$46 per person



This meditative practice uses tea to dive into a deeper presence, stillness and connection. Each bowl offers an invitation to listen to body, breath and heart. Tea practice is served seated on the floor. Bring your own meditative items to sit on such as blanket, cushion or pillow.

More program information is on the registration site. Registration deadline is one week prior to class.

NOW ACCEPTING INSTRUCTOR PROPOSALS!

Do you have hobbies, interests or knowledge to share? Instructor proposals are accepted throughout the year. Contact Julie Williams at **651-747-3867** or julie.williams@oakdalemn.gov.

ADULT YOGA

Join registered 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

Ages 18 and up | \$89 per session (5 weeks)

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

- Session 1: March 3, 10, 24 and 31; April 7
- Session 2: April 21 and 28; May 5, 12 and 19

Twilight Yoga | Thursdays | 6 to 7 PM

Ages 18 and up | \$89 per session (5 weeks)

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

- Session 1: March 5, 12 and 26; April 2 and 9
- Session 2: April 23 and 30; May 7, 14 and 21

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 1: May 6, 13, 20 and 27
- Session 2: June 3, 10, 17 and 24

ADULT DAY TRIP

“Nobody’s Perfect” - Comedy and Lunch at Daytrippers Theatre (Scottish Rite Building, Minneapolis)

Thursday, June 4 | 11 AM to 4:15 PM | \$89 per person

Enjoy “Nobody’s Perfect,” a comedy where Leonard wins a top prize in a writing competition, but it can only be awarded to a female in person. To claim it, he creates his alter ego, Lulabelle Latifa, and the chaos begins! Think “Some Like It Hot,” “Tootsie,” “Mrs. Doubtfire,” and a classic romantic comedy with belly laughs guaranteed. Trip includes buffet lunch, show ticket and school bus transportation. This trip meets at and departs from the Gladstone Community Education Center (1945 Manton Street, Maplewood). Times are approximate and subject to change. Registration deadline is May 21. No refunds given after this date.

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.



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 (9 AM start begins in April)

Meet in front of the Discovery Center. No registration.

PLAY MAHJONGG

Mondays in May | 1 PM

CRAFT SOCIALS WITH NICKI FISCHER

Select Sundays | February 15 and March 8

1:30 to 3:30 PM

Show off your crafts, see crafts from others, or learn something new. Refreshments provided. No registration.

AGING WITH GUSTO

Tuesday, February 10 and 17 | 12 to 3 PM

This two-part series from the Vital Aging Network includes interactive presentations to develop positive perceptions of aging, how to age with gusto, respond to ageism and live your best life. Refreshments provided.

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

CULTIVATING WELLNESS THROUGH VOLUNTEERISM

Tuesday, March 10 | 1 to 2 PM

Community Thread of Stillwater staff will discuss the benefits of volunteering, opportunities that fit your time and their Volunteer Driver Program. No volunteer commitment required. Refreshments provided.

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

CHEERFUL HEARTS PAINTING CLASSES

Select Dates | 11 AM to 2 PM | \$35 per class

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.

- Friday, January 23 | Winter Chickadees
- Friday, February 20 | Valentine Heart Wreath
- Friday, March 20 | Spring Birdhouse
- Thursday, April 16 | Bee Happy (12 x 6 - \$40)
- Friday, May 15 | Festive Llama

PLANNING FOR AGING

Saturday, April 18 | 10 to 11 AM

Beyond legal documents, this class will help you create a powerful decision-making road map to assist and inform loved ones of your personal desires. The session will be led by Tracy Keibler, Founder and Executive Director of non-profit START Senior Solutions.

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 23 and Friday, July 17 | 9 AM to 3 PM

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

LEARN THE BASICS OF MAHJONGG/PLAY MAHJONGG

Saturday, April 25 | 10 AM to 1 PM

Learn the basics of this popular, ancient game from Mary Boss, executive coach and experienced trainer.

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

FAMILY BIKE SAFETY WORKSHOP

Sunday, May 17 | 1 to 3 PM | Discovery Center Lot

Bring the family for this fun, educational event. Rotating stations include basic bike check, helmet fitting and bike safety, e-bike demonstration with questions and answers. Refreshments provided. Event indoors if rain. Register: **651-747-3860** or www.oakdalefun.com

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. Some fees may apply.

WELLNESS MOVIE AND BOOK CLUBS

Wellness Movie and Book Clubs are held at Oakdale Library. Contact oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com.

MANDALA ROCK PAINTING

Friday, March 27 | 1 to 3 PM | \$35 per person

Ages 18 and up

Come find peace and relaxation while creating an intricate and original Mandala Rock with Dot-a-Doodle Art. Choose your rock design. Registration deadline is one week prior to class.

INTRO TO NORDIC WALKING

Wednesday, June 17 | 10 to 11 AM | \$20 per person

Ages 18 and up

Nordic walking uses specially-designed poles to enhance walking, work the upper and lower body, burn more calories, and improve posture and gait. Poles are provided. Meet in Discovery Center parking lot. Registration deadline is one week prior to class start.



Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

park information

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Rentals for shelters can be made online, in-person at the Discovery Center, or call **651-747-3860**. Permits give exclusive use of the shelter for date and time reserved. Find more information including locations and rules at www.oakdalemn.gov/189/Reserve-Picnic-Shelters.

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 more 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 are scheduled to open at the end of April, weather permitting. Locations include:

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

SKATING RINKS

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



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.aoaonline.com
- **OAKDALE ADULT SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**
www.oasa.us
- **OAKDALE PICKLEBALL CLUB**
oakdalepickleballclub@gmail.com
- **OMNI OTTERS SWIM TEAM**
www.omniotters.com | omniotters@gmail.com
- **ST. PAUL-RAMSEY HORSESHOE CLUB**
651-808-3812



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

HELP CLEAN UP OUR PARKS APRIL 20 TO 26!

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. To claim a park to clean up, visit www.oakdalefun.com or call **651-747-3860**.





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PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the Oakdale Annual Photo Contest winners! Fans voted on Facebook for their favorites in November, and the top three photos with the most "likes" were named the winners.

Top Right: "Hummingbird" by Kaylee Johnston

Bottom Left: "Morning" by Peter Eli Beckman

Bottom Right: "In Awe of Nature" by Johanna Park



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