



SUMMER 2025

OAKDALE UPDATE





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METRO GOLD LINE BRT SERVICE BEGINS

The new rapid bus line serving Oakdale and the east metro area opened March 22.

City staff and officials attended opening-weekend festivities for the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) which officially began service on March 22. The 10-mile rapid bus line connects St. Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale, and Woodbury along Interstate 94. It is the first BRT in Minnesota to operate primarily in bus-only lanes. The Gold Line provides frequent, all-day service in both directions through 16 stations with enhanced features, four park and rides, and connections to new and upgraded trails and sidewalks.

Two stations serve Oakdale:

- Greenway Station - Located at Greenway Avenue N and Hudson Boulevard N
- Helmo Station - Located at Helmo Avenue N and Henslow Avenue N

There is a surface Park and Ride lot at the Helmo Station located on the west side of Helmo Avenue N, just south of the station platform. The parking lot can be accessed by turning west onto 2nd Street and then following the road south to the lot.

Gold Line operates between 5 AM and 12 AM (midnight), seven days a week with service every 10 minutes on weekdays during peak and

midday times, and every 15 minutes on weekends during peak and midday times. For route and schedule information, visit www.metrotransit.org/goldline.

For more information on the Gold Line project including project facts, funding information and guideway safety, visit www.metrotransit.org/gold-line-project.



City officials attended the public opening day celebration for the Gold Line on March 22 at the Woodlane Park and Ride.





upcoming events

Full calendar at:
www.oakdalemn.gov

summerfest
june 23 to 28

ladders and squads
july 10

night to unite and
community cookout
august 5

touch a truck
august 21

family fun flatables
september 13

CONTACT US

CITY HALL 651-739-5086
1584 Hadley Avenue N
Summer hours: May 27 to August 29
Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 5 PM
Friday 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM

CITY OFFICES
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 2025

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

The Oakdale Summerfest Community Organization (OSCO) is seeking volunteers! Interested? Contact Paul Reinke at preinke@silveroakdev.com.

SEARCH FOR THE MEDALLION!

Monday, June 23 | 8 AM

\$500 Prize | Clues and rules can be found at www.oakdalesummerfest.com

Search for the Oakdale Medallion as part of this annual tradition and win a \$500 prize if you find it! Clues are revealed each day of Summerfest week at 8 AM on the Summerfest website and social media. Event is sponsored by the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC).

3RD LAIR SKATEBOARD CONTEST

Friday, June 27 | Rain date: Saturday, June 28

4 PM Registration | 5 PM Start | FREE

This fun family event has several divisions for various skateboarding styles, abilities and experience levels. 3rd Lair provides prizes for top performers. This event is sponsored by State Farm Agents Amy Brown and Bob Lawrence.

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE 5K

Saturday, June 28 | \$30 per person

7 AM Check-In | 8 AM Start

Register: www.oakdalefun.com

Race starts and ends at the Discovery Center. Fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 13), chip timing, post-race drinks and snack, and a chance for race prizes. Event in partnership with Eberhard Group Real Estate Solutions.

POP-UP SPLASH PAD

Saturday, June 28 | 1 to 2:30 PM | FREE

Walton Park, OAA Parking Lot off 15th St N

Beat the heat at this Pop-Up Splash Pad with Oakdale Fire and Oakdale Recreation. We'll provide the water, so get your suit and towel. Run through a fire hose spray, toss water balloons and play water games with Oakdale Recreation staff!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Monday, June 23

8 AM

11:30 AM

Medallion Hunt Begins

OACC Community Golf Tournament \$

Oak Marsh Golf (526 Inwood Ave N)

Thursday, June 26

4 to 8 PM

4 to 10:30 PM

4 to 10:30 PM

5 to 6 PM

6 PM

6:30 to 7:30 PM

8 to 10:30 PM

Marketplace Vendors \$

Food Trucks and Vendors \$

Lions Club Beer Sales \$

Concert: Joseph Weckwerth

Ted Bearth Grande Parade

Concert: Lydia Sophia

Concert: Sweet Mash

Friday, June 27

11 AM to 1 PM

11 AM to 4 PM

11 AM to 7 PM

11 AM to 8 PM

11 AM to 10:30 PM

11 AM to 10:30 PM

5 PM

6:30 to 10:30 PM

ITS Truck

Pony Rides

Inflatables \$

Marketplace Vendors \$

Food Trucks and Vendors \$

Lions Club Beer Sales \$

3rd Lair Skateboard Contest

Concert: Free & Easy

Saturday, June 28

8 AM

11 AM to 1 PM

11 AM to 4 PM

11 AM to 7 PM

11 AM to 8 PM

11 AM to 10:30 PM

11 AM to 10:30 PM

12 to 4 PM

1 to 2:30 PM

1 to 3:30 PM

3:30 to 4:30 PM

4 to 5 PM

6:30 to 10:30 PM

10 PM

Nature Preserve 5k \$

Discovery Center (4444 Hadley Ave N)

Balloon Artistry

Pony Rides

Inflatables \$

Marketplace Vendors \$

Food Trucks and Vendors \$

Lions Club Beer Sales \$

Little Blues Traveling Zoo

Pop-Up Splash Pad

Concert: Teddy Bear Band

Lions Club Coloring Contest

Minnesota Twins TC Bear

Concert: GB Leighton

Fireworks

All events held at Walton Park (1584 Hadley Ave N) unless otherwise noted.

\$ indicates a cost for event or items available.

NIGHT TO UNITE AND COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Night to Unite is an annual tradition that helps neighbors get to know each other and fosters partnerships between citizens and public safety organizations in an effort to make our neighborhoods safer. This year, Night to Unite will be hosted on Tuesday, August 5. Neighborhoods hosting a gathering should register their block parties at www.oakdalemn.gov/271.

For residents and neighborhoods not organizing a party this year, come to Walton Park (1584 Hadley Avenue N) for a Night to Unite gathering from 5 to 7 PM, hosted by the Oakdale Fire and Police Departments. Join City officials along with local businesses to play games and enjoy a free hot dog cookout provided by the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC).

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP EVENT

The City of Oakdale successfully hosted a City-Wide Clean Up event in the fall of 2024. Over 300 cars came through the Public Works facility to dispose of hard-to-recycle items. The amount of items collected included:

- 69 mattresses with 96 percent being recycled;
- 5,380 pounds of electronics;
- 104 appliances;
- 16.87 tons of general trash; and
- 3.69 tons of scrap metal.

The City will host the event again this fall on Saturday, September 20 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Public Works (1900 Hadley Avenue N). More information can be found at www.oakdalemn.gov/1009/City-Wide-Clean-Up-Event.

WATER TOWER RECONDITIONING PROJECT

As part of Oakdale's effort to maintain reliable and sustainable infrastructure, routine maintenance must be completed on the City's water towers. In December, the City Council approved reconditioning of Water Tower 3, located at 2347 Hallmark Avenue N, for this spring and summer.

Work on the tower is currently underway. Licensed contractors performed upgrades to the interior and are currently repainting the exterior to give it a revitalized appearance. There may be times the tower is completely obstructed from view, and there will be construction equipment and increased noise in the area. The project is expected to conclude in July. For more information, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/1025/Water-Tower-3-Reconditioning.



Night to Unite aims to build relationships between residents and public safety members to enhance community safety.

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The City of Oakdale contracted with Polco to conduct the National Community Survey (NCS) in 2024 which uses standard questions across communities nationwide to compile benchmark data. Oakdale's results were compared to those benchmarks and results from the City's 2020 survey. Notable highlights from the survey include overall confidence in Oakdale's government, its openness, and its transparency. Housing, street repair, street cleaning and snow removal services received high marks. For survey highlights and the full report, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/334/Community-Survey.

HOME ENERGY SQUAD DISCOUNTS

A select number of discounted Home Energy Squad visits are still available to Oakdale residents. The cost is \$35 or \$50, pending the age of your home. To learn more about the visits and to schedule, call **651-328-6220** or scan the code.



ACORN AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Acorn Awards recognize outstanding properties in the City for excellence in landscaping. Submit nominations for as many properties as desired by June 30. Winners 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.



SEASONAL REMINDERS



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 2023 report is currently online, and the 2024 report will be available later this summer. To learn more and to view the annual report, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/340/Drinking-Water.

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.

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.

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



YARD MAINTENANCE QUESTIONS ANSWERED

During the summer, the City receives many questions related to yard maintenance. Here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions.

What are the rules about grass height?

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.

How can I report a non-compliant property?

The fastest way to submit a property complaint is through the SeeClickFix app. Residents can also call **651-702-5225** to file a complaint. In order to file a complaint, you must live within 200 feet of the subject property or be able to see it from your property. All reports are anonymous.

When can I water my grass?

Odd-numbered addresses are allowed to water on odd-numbered days. Even-numbered addresses are allowed to water on even-numbered days. Refrain from watering during 10 AM and 5 PM when water loss is greatest.

What can I do about buckthorn on my property?

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

Does Public Works accept yard waste?

Public Works (1900 Hadley Avenue N) does not accept grass clippings or leaves, but residents can drop off 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.

Where can I take my yard waste for free?

Free yard waste disposal is available at the North Yard Waste Site at the new Washington County North Environmental Center (6065 Headwaters Parkway, Forest Lake). Find more information and hours at www.washingtoncountymn.gov/628/Yard-Waste.

There are also four disposal locations in Ramsey County that Washington County residents may use for free with a photo ID. Scan the code for locations.





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, 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

Select Saturdays | FREE

Beat the heat at our Pop-Up Splash Pads! Oakdale Fire will bring the water, so get your suit and towel. Run through a fire hose spray, toss water balloons and play water games with Recreation staff.

- **Saturday, June 28 | 1 to 2:30 PM (Summerfest)**
Walton Park, OAA Parking Lot off 15th Street N
- **Saturday, July 12 | 1 to 2:30 PM**
Eastside Park, 1744 Helmo Avenue N

POP-UP WATER SLIDE

Friday, August 8 | 1 to 2:30 PM | FREE

Tower Park, 868 Hadley Lane N

Grab a blanket, pack a lunch and cool off at our waterslide! Ice cream available for purchase.

DNR FISHING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: FAMILY FISHING CLINIC

Wednesday, August 20 | 5 to 7 PM | FREE

Tanners Lake Fishing Pier, Tanners Park Road

Join the Minnesota DNR's Fishing in the Neighborhood (FiN) program for fishing at Tanners Lake. Designed for ages five and up. Each kid must be accompanied by an adult. No experience or equipment is needed. Rain or shine, come dressed for the weather. Registration deadline is one week prior to class. Limited to 10 kids (with 10 adults).



FREE FAMILY FUN!

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Select Fridays | Movie Begins at Dusk | FREE Walton Park Bandshell, 1584 Hadley Avenue N
Grab lawn chairs and blankets for movies on the big screen and movie-themed activities. 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 Oakdale Recreation and Police Departments. Concessions provided by Maplewood Oakdale Lions Club.

- July 25 - Moana 2 (PG, 100 minutes)
- August 15 - Mufasa (PG, 119 minutes)

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.

- June 18 - Salsa Del Soul (Caribbean Dance)
- July 9 - The Mac and Cheese Band (Folk)
- July 30 - Rafe Carlson (Country)
- August 13 - Retro Soul and the Westside Horns featuring Big Mike Mothershed (Funk)
- August 20 (6 PM) - Imagine Music Bubble Party (Kids music and bubble show)

TOUCH A TRUCK

Thursday, August 21 | 5 to 7 PM | FREE City Hall Parking Lot, 1584 Hadley Avenue N
Sensory Friendly Hour: 5 to 6 PM (No loud noises, lights or sirens)

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. The Maplewood Oakdale Lions Club will provide free water and snacks. A sensory tent will provide a safe, non-stimulating space for children.

FAMILY FUN FLATABLES

Saturday, September 13 | 11 AM to 4 PM | FREE Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Jump, bounce, dive and explore a sea of inflatables including bounce castles, obstacle course and a giant slide. There will also be food for purchase and a kids DJ. Children must be accompanied by an adult. A sensory tent will provide a safe, non-stimulating space for children. For sponsorship opportunities, contact nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.



SKYHAWKS CAMPS

Select Dates | \$135 per camper | John Glenn Middle School Gym 1A, 1560 E County Road B, Maplewood
Skyhawks Camps will provide all equipment, or participants may bring their own. Parents are not required to stay but are welcome. Please pack extra water and a snack. Camps in partnership with Independent School District 622.

Mini-Hawks Multi-Sport Camp

June 23 to 26 | 9 AM to 12 PM | Ages 5 to 7

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Learn the essentials of baseball, basketball and soccer in a safe, structured environment with encouragement and a focus on fun. Games and activities explore balance, movement, hand-eye coordination, and skill development. Registration deadline is June 19.

Multi-Sport Camp

July 28 to 31 | 1 to 4 PM | Ages 6 to 12

This program was designed for young athletes to explore multiple sports and build lifelong skills. Athletes will learn the rules and essential skills of each sport along with vital life lessons such as sportsmanship, inclusion and teamwork. Registration deadline is July 24.

ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE CAMP

Select Dates | 9 AM to 4 PM | \$290 per child Eder Schoolhouse, 4442 Hadley Avenue N

Experience life in the 1888 Eder Schoolhouse! Learn about history, practice old-fashioned skills, and enjoy recess time and old-fashioned games. Running water and modern restrooms available in the Discovery Center. Bring your own lunch. Morning and afternoon snacks provided, so please note any food allergies. Camp in partnership with the Maplewood Area Historical Society.

- **June 23 to 26 | Grades 1 to 3**
- **August 18 to 21 | Grades 1 to 5**



HORSEBACK RIDING

Bunker Park Stables | Thursday, July 17 or August 14 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 and transportation. Participants must be at least 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 trip.

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

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

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

SUMMER SUNDAE BINGO

Sunday, August 3 | 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 July 28.

LIBRARY STORY TIME

Select Wednesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM | FREE

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 25 - Silly
- July 30 - Animals
- August 27 - Vehicles
- September 24 - Bedtime

OUTDOOR STORY TIME AND CRAFT

Select Tuesdays | 10:30 to 11:30 AM | FREE
June 17, July 15 and August 12

Join storyteller April from PaperPie for a story and craft while enjoying the outdoors at the Nature Preserve amphitheater. This free program is recommended for kids 10 and under with no registration required. Programs held inside in the event of inclement weather. Books will be available for purchase to encourage continued summer reading for kids.

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.

ADULT 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. Kids ages 12 and under can use the guides to find items in the Nature Preserve and return them for a prize.

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 and August - Carol Schultz; Canvas Art
- September - Lake Elmo Colorists; Coloring

To become a featured artist, contact Laura Linzmeyer at **651-747-3866** or 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 9 to 12 | Bubble Blast Camp!

Oakfield Park, 4722 Helmo Avenue N

Get ready for a week of bubbly fun! Experience giant bubble creations, art, science, games and sensory play.

Session 2: June 16 to 18* | Space Ranger Training Camp | Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N

"To infinity and beyond!" Journey through the cosmos and learn what it takes to be a Space Ranger at Buzz Lightyear's Training Camp. 3...2...1...blastoff!

Session 3: June 23 to 26 | Superhero Academy Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

Learn how to use superpowers for good at the Superhero Training Academy. Meet local heroes from Oakdale Police and Fire. Come dressed as your favorite superhero!

Session 4: July 7 to 10 | Ocean Wonders

Oakfield Park, 4722 Helmo Avenue N

Find sea creatures including octopuses, mermaids, sharks and more. Enjoy splashing fun and ocean crafts.

Session 5: July 14 to 17 | Water, Water, Everywhere!

Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Run through sprinklers, play water games, enjoy slip-and-slides and eat cool treats. Please bring a suit and towel.

Session 6: July 21 to 24 | Rainforest Explorers

Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N

Learn about fascinating rainforest creatures including parrots, monkeys, jaguars, snakes and wild plants.

Session 7: July 28 to 31 | Royal Adventures Prince and Princess Camp

Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4609 Granada Avenue N

Step into a world of enchantment inspired by characters from *Frozen*, *Cinderella*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Princess and the Frog*, and *Snow White*. Dress up!

Session 8: August 4 to 7 | 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.

ENGINEERING FOR KIDS: JUNIOR DIGGING FOR DINOS

June 30 to July 3 | 1 to 4 PM | Grades K to 3

\$160 per camper | Carver Elementary

2680 Upper Afton Road, Maplewood

Exciting news! A million-year old fossil site full of dinosaur bones, footprints, eggs and more has just been discovered. We need your help to uncover it! Join us as junior paleontologists and engineers to dig up fossils, study ancient clues, and prepare these incredible finds for museums around the world. Through hands-on lessons, campers will step into the fascinating worlds of dinosaurs, fossils and engineering, exploring how these prehistoric creatures lived. Get ready for a thrilling journey back in time! Camp in partnership with Independent School District 622. Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program.



MINECRAFT OLYMPICS

July 15 to 17 | 1 to 4 PM | Grades 3 to 8

\$190 per camper | Richardson Elementary

2400 17th Avenue E, North St. Paul

The "Minecraft Olympics" is a dynamic three-day summer camp designed to immerse participants in the thrilling world of Minecraft while fostering teamwork, creativity, and friendly competition. Campers will engage in daily Build Battles, showcasing their imaginative prowess in constructing awe-inspiring structures aligned with diverse themes. Through this immersive experience, participants not only deepen their understanding of Minecraft's gameplay but also cultivate camaraderie and problem-solving skills in a fun and supportive environment. The "Minecraft Olympics" promises a thrilling adventure for campers seeking to combine their love for Minecraft with a collaborative team experience that students won't soon forget. Camp in partnership with Independent School District 622. Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program.



Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.



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. Meet at the shelters of the camp locations:

- Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N
- Eberle Park, 3888 Hadley Avenue N

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 9 to 12	Color Wars	Cosmic Explorers
Session 2: June 16 to 18*	Cosmic Explorers	Oakdale Secret Agents
Session 3: June 23 to 26	Oakdale Secret Agents	Kids in the Kitchen
Session 4: July 7 to 10	Splash and Dash	Mad Scientists of Oakdale
Session 5: July 14 to 17	Time Travelers	Color Wars
Session 6: July 21 to 24	Kids in the Kitchen	Time Travelers
Session 7: July 28 to 31	Mad Scientists of Oakdale	Splash and Dash
Session 8: August 4 to 7	Final Fling	Final Fling

Color Wars

Prepare for vibrant chaos, friendly competition and colorful fun! Creativity, athleticism and team spirit will shine through epic challenges and messy masterpieces.

Cosmic Explorers

Launch into stellar discoveries, galactic games and cosmic creations as we discover the unknown, build rockets and discover alien worlds.

Final Fling

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

Kids in the Kitchen

Make tasty creations including candy bracelets, jello slime, rainbow noodles, edible finger paint and more!

Mad Scientists of Oakdale

Prepare for electrifying experiments, mind-blowing discoveries and mad fun. Create icky, sticky, silly stuff!

Oakdale Secret Agents

Hone your spy skills, crack codes, and unravel mysteries to become a top-notch secret agent. Camp ends with spy graduation and certification.

Splash and Dash

Get ready to get soaked and dash into cooling summer adventures. Don't miss this week of wild water fun! Please bring a suit and towel.

Time Travelers

Journey through history and uncover secrets of the past with four themed eras to explore:

- Medieval Mayhem
- Ancient Adventures
- Wild West Wonders
- Future Frontiers



KIDCREATE STUDIO TWO-DAY CAMPS

Select Thursdays and Fridays | 9 AM to 12 PM

\$97 per child, per camp

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 each day. Registration deadline is one week prior to program.

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

T. Swift Eras Art Camp | July 24 and 25 | Ages 5 to 12

Experience the magic of Taylor Swift and her iconic Eras Tour! Embark on an unforgettable artistic journey of drawing, painting and sculpting inspired by Taylor Swift's music and style. Unleash your inner artist!

End of Summer Bash | August 14 and 15 | Ages 4 to 9

Celebrate the end of summer with a bang by sculpting summery treats, creating tropical works of art, and making a candy beach scene. This is a fun party you don't want to miss!



ADULT YOGA AND PILATES

Dates Vary | Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

Join yoga teacher, trainer and Pilates instructor Jen Vail for all-levels yoga and pilates. Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program.

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

Experience a yoga practice designed to build strength, mindfulness, mobility, flexibility and balance. This all-levels class encourages participants to move at their own pace. Please bring a mat. Other props are provided. Drop-in for single class is \$20 if space is available.

- **Session 1: June 17 and 24; July 1, 8 and 15**
\$89 (5 weeks)
- **Session 2: July 22 and 29; August 5 and 12**
\$72 (4 weeks)

Pop-Up Twilight Yoga | Thursdays | 6 to 7 PM

June 26, July 17 or August 7 | \$20 per single class

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.

Pop-Up Foam Roller Release | Sunday, June 22; Saturday, July 12; or Saturday, August 9

11 AM to 12:15 PM | \$25 per single class

This all-levels comprehensive foam rolling experience uses self-myofascial techniques and a foam roller to alleviate tension and reduce muscle soreness. Space is limited to 12 participants. Pre-registration is required. Please bring a mat. Foam rollers will be provided to use during class. This class is not recommended for individuals with osteoporosis or who are pregnant.

Pop-Up Mat Pilates | Thursdays | 9:30 to 10:15 AM May 29, June 26 or July 31 | \$20 per single class

Strengthen and tone, decompress and improve posture with this low-impact Pilates mat practice. This all-levels class will focus on fundamentals with modifications and challenges offered. Space is limited to 12 participants. Pre-registration is required. Please bring a mat. Other props are provided. This class is not recommended for individuals with osteoporosis or who are pregnant.

NOW ACCEPTING INSTRUCTOR PROPOSALS!

Do you have hobbies, interests or knowledge to share with others? We are always looking to add new program offerings. Instructor proposals are accepted throughout the year. Contact Julie Williams at

651-747-3867 or

julie.williams@oakdalemn.gov



ZUMBA IN THE PARK



Tuesdays | 6:30 to 7:30 PM

**\$55 per 5-week session | Eder Schoolhouse Lawn
4442 Hadley Avenue N**

"Zumba with Sadie" is a dynamic, full-body dance workout designed for people of all fitness levels to get out and move their bodies. Dance to music from around the globe including Latin, Caribbean, SoCa, African, Salsa, Bollywood, Calypso, Hip Hop and Pop! Sadie is a licensed group fitness instructor and can sign off on participation for employer health incentive and wellness programs. Rainout sessions will be made up the next day on Wednesdays.

- **Session 1: June 17 and 24; July 1, 8 and 15**
- **Session 2: July 22 and 29; August 5, 12 and 19**
- **Session 3: September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30**

SILVERFINN KAYAKING

Learn to Kayak | Silver Lake, North St. Paul

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

\$30 per single kayak or \$15 with own kayak

Ages 12 and up

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

**Strawberry Full Moon Kayak: Square Lake, Stillwater
Wednesday, June 11 | 7:30 to 9 PM | \$35 per single
kayak or \$15 with own kayak | Ages 12 and up**

Moonlight paddle includes time on the water and fresh strawberries and lemonade on shore. Kayaks, equipment and life jackets 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.

**Buck Moon Kayak: Tanners Lake, Oakdale
Thursday, July 10 | 7:30 to 9 PM | \$35 per single
kayak or \$15 with own kayak | Ages 12 and up**

Moonlight paddle includes time on the water and blueberry muffins and lemonade on shore. Kayaks, equipment and life jackets provided. Bring a flashlight and bug spray, and dress for the weather and water. Wear shoes that can get wet. Registration deadline is one week prior to start.

**Kayak Adventure: Lake Demontreville, Lake Elmo
Tuesday, August 12 | 6 to 8 PM | \$35 per single kayak
or \$15 with own kayak | Ages 12 and up**

Join us for a relaxing and scenic paddle suitable for all skill levels. Kayaks, equipment and life jackets provided. Registration deadline is one week prior to start.

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

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
- Oakdale Nature Preserve, 4609 Granada Avenue N
- Tanners Lake Park, Tanners Park Road, South of 5th Street N
- Willowbrooke Commons, 3800 Henna Avenue N

Week 1: June 9 to 12

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	Willowbrooke	Nature Preserve
Thursday	Eberle Park	Eastside Park

Week 2: June 16 to 18 (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	Willowbrooke	Goose Pond Park
Wednesday	Eastside Park	Nature Preserve

Week 3: June 23 to 26

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

Week 4: July 7 to 10

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

Week 5: July 14 to 17

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	Willowbrooke	Nature Preserve
Thursday	Eberle Park	Eastside Park

Week 6: July 21 to 24

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

Week 7: July 28 to 31

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

Week 8: August 4 to 7

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



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 12 - The Raptor Center
- July 31 - Sustainable Safari
- August 7 - Snake Discovery
- August 21 - Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo Master



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 otherwise noted.

WEDNESDAY WALKS AT THE NATURE PRESERVE

Wednesdays at 9 AM

No registration needed for these free walks.

LEARN MAHJONGG

Saturday, May 24 | 12:30 to 3 PM

Learn to play this ancient Chinese game!

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

Email oakdalewellness50new@gmail.com for times and locations of places for regular game play.

TRANSITION TO NEW TRANSIT

Come learn how easy and economical it is to use new public transit options. Be ready to ask questions!

- **Thursday, June 12 | 1 to 3 PM | Discovery Center**

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

- **Tuesday, June 24 | 1 to 3 PM | Oakdale Library**

Register: www.washcolib.org or 651-730-0504

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, July 18 | 9 AM to 3 PM

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

MOVE WITH CONFIDENCE

Saturday, July 19 | 12:30 to 2:30 PM

Learn exercises and other safe movements to improve stride and balance from personal trainer Susan Weum. Bring a mat. Refreshments and walk to follow.

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

SAFETY, CRIME AND FIRE PREVENTION

Saturday, September 27 | 12 to 2 PM

Oakdale Fire and Police will present information and demonstrations on safety from intruders and emergency assistance including use of Narcan.

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. Some events have a cost.

WELLNESS MOVIE AND BOOK CLUBS

The Wellness Movie and Book Clubs are held at the Oakdale Library.

Visit www.oakdalefun.com for details.



PICTURE OAKDALE: COMMUNITY CAMERA BASICS



Sunday, July 6 | 12 to 2 PM | FREE

Ages 12 and up (under 16 with an adult)

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

Join Oakdale resident Keegan Anderson for a hands-on crash course on camera basics. After a quick primer, roam the Nature Preserve to practice new skills. Bring a DSLR, mirrorless or phone camera. Limited loaner cameras will rotate through small groups. Bring an SD card or phone storage to keep images if desired. Registration required at www.oakdalefun.com.

THE ART OF KEEPING CHICKENS IN FRIGID CLIMATES

Select Dates | All ages | FREE

Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue N

Learn about keeping chickens during cold, Minnesota winters. Bird expert Les Larson will discuss the pros and cons of keeping chickens, coop design, costs, ordinance compliance, working with neighbors and where to get chickens. Learn tips, tricks and techniques, and get your questions answered. Visit www.oakdalefun.com or call 651-747-3860 to reserve your spot.

- **Thursday, July 24 | 6:30 to 8 PM**

- **Saturday, September 13 | 11 AM to 12:30 PM**

ADULT TRIP: LUNCH IN LAKE CITY AND WINONA BOAT CRUISE

Thursday, August 14 | 8:45 AM to 5:30 PM

\$105 per person | Normandy Park Education Center, 2484 E County Road F, White Bear Lake

Join us for a scenic day trip along the Mississippi River! Enjoy a sirloin lunch special while taking in views of Lake Pepin at Kelly's Lake House Bar and Grill in Lake City. Explore the rich history and diverse wildlife of the River aboard an enclosed, climate-controlled Winona boat cruise. Fee includes coach bus transportation, lunch and boat cruise. Bring a snack. No refunds after July 14. Full trip schedule at www.oakdalefun.com.

COME EXPLORE EDER SCHOOLHOUSE!

Saturday, September 13 | 12 to 3 PM | FREE

Eder Schoolhouse, 4442 Hadley Avenue N

Join members of the Maplewood Area Historical Society for an open house at the Eder Schoolhouse. Come check out this Oakdale landmark and learn about the history of this unique one-room schoolhouse that was built in 1868.

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

park information

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Rentals for 2025 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

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 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

ADULT BEGINNER PICKLEBALL LESSONS

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

Ages 18 and up | Tanners Lake Park Pickleball Courts (Tanners Park Road, South of 5th Street N)

Learn the basics of pickleball. Equipment is provided; indicate at registration if needed. Registration deadline is one week prior to class start.

- Session 2 - June 4, 11, 18 and 25
- Session 3 - July 9, 16, 23 and 30

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

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

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





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CITY OF OAKDALE ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST ANNOUNCED

The City of Oakdale is excited to announce the return of the Oakdale Photo Contest! Now an annual contest, residents are encouraged to submit their best photos from around town for a chance to be recognized and featured in a future edition of the *Oakdale Update* and City promotions.

Photographers of all skill levels can submit as many photos as they would like. The contest is open to Oakdale residents only, and all photos must be taken in Oakdale. Photos will be accepted through September 30. Voting will take place on social media in November. For more information including complete contest rules, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/905/Photo-Contest.



PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROJECT UPDATE

Construction on the new Public Works facility continues with project completion expected this fall. The first wall went up on February 10, and work on the exterior of the building has progressed this spring. To learn more about the project, receive updates and view a time-lapse video, visit the project site at www.oakdalemn.gov/975/New-Public-Works-Facility or scan the code.



SHOP FRESH AND LOCAL AT THE OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET!

Wednesdays, June 4 to October 8 | 2 to 6 PM

Oakdale City Hall Parking Lot, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Shop an array of fresh produce, baked and canned goods, flowers and plants, meats, and more from local vendors. The Market also hosts a food truck each week. Join us for live music from 3 to 5 PM on the following dates: June 25, July 16, August 6 and 27, September 10 and October 8. To sign up for e-newsletters with weekly information on market happenings, email nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

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