



FALL-WINTER 2025

OAKDALE UPDATE

“Tree Details” by Kaylee Johnston - 2022 Oakdale Fall Photo Contest Winner



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PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY NEARS COMPLETION

Construction of the new Public Works facility is expected to be complete in December.

Construction on the new Public Works facility at 3200 Granada Avenue N ramped up over the spring and summer with project completion slated for December. Completed work includes installation of the exterior precast concrete block walls for fleet storage and operations areas, framing of the office area, placement of the building roof, and construction of the site utilities.

Currently, crews are preparing for pouring of concrete floors, constructing interior walls, and installing electrical and heating and cooling systems. Work is also underway for the salt storage facility and fuel island.

Later this fall, crews will install carpet, office furniture and fixtures, vehicle lifts for the mechanics, and a site security system that will enable staff to open the yard waste drop-off gate for residents. Landscaping and planting will take place in the spring of 2026.

Public Works operations will relocate to the facility in December, pending weather, and a public grand opening will be scheduled. Visit www.oakdalemn.gov/975/New-Public-Works-Facility or scan the code to receive project updates.



Completion of exterior walls took place this summer (top). Framing for interior walls of the office area began this spring (bottom).





upcoming events

Full calendar at:
www.oakdalemn.gov

**city-wide clean up
september 20**

**fire station trick-or-treat
october 31**

**tree lighting with santa
december 4**

**winter wonderland
december 20**

OAKDALE FARMERS MARKET

The Farmers Market runs through October 8 on Wednesdays from 2 to 6 PM in the City Hall parking lot (1584 Hadley Avenue N).

CONTACT US

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

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 651-730-2710

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



City Council recognized Rick Rubbelke (top) and 4Front Technology & Office Campus (bottom) with Acorn Awards.

2025 ACORN AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Each summer the City recognizes outstanding properties for excellence in landscaping with the Acorn Award. Nominations are submitted by Oakdale residents and businesses. The Acorn Award Committee then views and evaluates nominated properties to select winners in three categories. The City Council toured the 2025 winning properties, and the winners were recognized at the City Council meeting on August 12.

Congratulations to the 2025 Acorn Award winners for their commitment to making Oakdale a beautiful community:

- **Residential:** Rick Rubbelke, 7807 18th Street N
- **Business/Commercial:** 4Front Technology & Office Campus, 3510 Hopkins Place N

PARK SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE

At the August 12 meeting, the City Council approved a new Park System Plan that will serve as a comprehensive roadmap for the City's park system over the next 20 years. City growth, changing demographics, interest in different park amenities, and aging park infrastructure prompted an 18-month-long project to create a plan that identifies and prioritizes recommendations for improvements, schedules, costs and funding opportunities.

The project began in January 2024, and the project team completed the following tasks:

- Reviewed previous plans and studies;
- Analyzed demographic trends;
- Assessed all parks and their amenities;
- Developed preliminary concept plans;
- Engaged City Council, City advisory bodies, stakeholder groups, and the public;
- Refined and finalized concept plans based on engagement;
- Created detailed cost estimates for each park concept plan;
- Built a phasing and prioritization matrix that prioritizes improvements over the short-term, mid-term, and long-term; and
- Developed the Park System Plan document.

In addition to the overall recommendations, a long-range plan for Tanners Lake Park was also developed. The new Park System Plan will serve as a guiding document for annual decisions related to budgeting and capital improvements and does not commit the City to funding or improvement obligations. To learn more, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/1001/Park-System-Plan-Update.

HELP NAME OUR NEXT CITY PARKS!

Help us name two new City parks in the Willowbrooke neighborhood! Three finalist names have been selected for each park. To learn more and vote for your favorite park name by October 10, scan the code.



WILLOWBROKE NORTH CHOICES

- Acorn Nature Park
- Pathways Park at Willowbrooke
- Prairie Trails Park

WILLOWBROKE WEST CHOICES

- Oak Grove Sports Park
 - Pine Ridge Park
 - Willowbrooke Fields Park



MEET SANTA AT THE NEW TREE LIGHTING EVENT!

The City will host its first ever Tree Lighting with Santa on Thursday, December 4 from 6 to 8 PM at City Hall (1584 Hadley Avenue N). Santa will arrive at City Hall on a decorated fire truck to kick off the event before the tree lighting ceremony at 7 PM. This event is free to attend and will include photos with Santa, a bonfire and s'mores, refreshments and music. Come join City staff and officials to celebrate the start of the holiday season!



POLICE AND CITY HALL PROJECT BEGINS

Planning is now underway for the expansion and remodel of the Oakdale Police Department and City Hall. The Police Department and City Hall building were constructed 46 years ago with only minor remodeling since then.

The initial design process for the Police project took place from 2015 to 2018 but was paused. In November of 2022, Oakdale voters supported a local sales tax to help fund the Police project. A five-year extension of the tax was also approved in 2024.

Since the past design effort, the Police Department needs and operations to serve the community have changed along with a need for renovation of City Hall spaces for employees to serve current and future residents.

Earlier this year, stakeholder engagement and assessment of space needs took place. In July, the City Council reviewed goals of the project, employee survey results, future space needs, and early concept designs. The conceptual and schematic design phase of the project is expected to be complete by the end of September.

Design development will continue through 2025 with Police Department construction expected to begin mid-2026 and City Hall work to begin in 2027. To learn more and subscribe to updates, scan the code or visit www.oakdalemn.gov/1020.

Conceptual and schematic plans for the Police and City Hall project should be complete by the end of September.



FIBER OPTIC CABLE WORK

Earlier this year, installation of fiber optic cable in the public right-of-way began in Oakdale to provide more efficient, faster internet service. This work is being completed by Intrepid on behalf of T-Mobile, and not by the City of Oakdale. A permit has been obtained to utilize the public right-of-way to install the fiber optic cables. Work is expected to continue through 2026.

The City right-of-way includes the street and approximately 10 to 15 feet on either side of the street including sidewalks and public and private utilities. Private property lines are typically 10 to 15 feet behind the curb and gutter. Fiber installation could also take place on private property if there is a utility or sidewalk easement that exists adjacent to the right-of-way.

While notice is not required for this permitted work, the contractor intends to provide public notice to residences and businesses via a door hanger at least 48 hours before work begins. More information can be found at www.oakdalemn.gov/1042/Fiber-Optic-Cable-Installation.



SEASONAL REMINDERS



BUCKTHORN DISPOSAL

The City will offer free, curbside pickup of buckthorn. Advanced registration is required for pickup of buckthorn on the following dates:

- Tuesday, September 23
- Tuesday, October 7
- Tuesday, October 21

Buckthorn can also be dropped off for free on weekdays at Public Works (1900 Hadley Avenue N) from 7:30 AM to 3 PM through October 18.

Volunteers are also needed for the annual Scott Carver Buckthorn Removal Project on Saturday, October 11 at Walton Park from 9 AM to 12 PM.

For more information on buckthorn removal, the volunteer event or to register for curbside pickup, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/722/Buckthorn-Management.

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter parking restrictions run November 1 to April 1. During this time, no vehicles may park on City streets between the hours of 12 AM to 5 AM, or anytime snow accumulation equals or exceeds two inches until the street is cleared of snow.

MAILBOXES

To ensure mail delivery, clear snow away from mailbox fronts. Properly installed mailboxes accidentally toppled by the blade of a snow plow will be replaced by City crews as soon as time allows. A new mailbox can also be provided for property owners to install if preferred.

Residents should check and repair mailboxes prior to winter to ensure they are in good condition.



SNOW PLOWING OPERATIONS

During a snow emergency, the City of Oakdale follows established procedures to help ensure streets are cleared of snow as quickly and effectively as possible. The City is divided into seven individual areas, each of which are arterial or collector streets. These streets are most traveled and are plowed first. Residential streets and cul-de-sacs are plowed last.

During heavy snowfalls, plowing is accomplished in three separate operations: a first pass to provide an initial access path; a second pass for width-widening that occurs several hours after a first pass; and a final clean up usually a day after to allow for intersection cleanup, salting, and plowing where vehicles parked. Homeowners are responsible for clearing out their own driveways.

The exact start time of plowing operations depends on the predicted start of snowfall, intensity of snowfall, and when it is expected to end. In most cases, operations begin between 12 AM and 4 AM when two or more inches of snow have accumulated.

Not all roads in Oakdale are maintained by the City, so plowing operations may vary depending on the road. Contact information for issues related to plowing by each government entity is below.

- **City Streets - Public Works, 651-730-2740**
- **Washington County - 651-430-4300**
County Road 14 (34th Street N), County Road 6 (Stillwater Boulevard), 10th Street N, Olson Lake Trail, Inwood Avenue N, 50th Street N, Hadley Avenue N east of Highway 36
- **MN Department of Transportation - 651-592-1550**
Highway 36 and Highway 120/Geneva Avenue N/ Century Avenue N

WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DIVE TEAM

Since 2023, members of the Oakdale Fire Department have proudly served as part of the Washington County Fire Dive Team which consists of six municipal fire departments from the County and the Hudson, Wisconsin Fire Department. The team responds to water emergencies across the County and its bordering waterways. This program ensures rapid deployment of certified rescue scuba divers, diver tenders, EMS personnel and watercraft to incidents with the intent to quickly rescue victims who may still be on the water's surface or have become submerged and not resurfaced.

Oakdale Fire has five certified scuba divers and one certified diver tender who serve on the Washington County Fire Dive Team. The team drills monthly in bodies of water with varying conditions to stay proficient on skills that are used above and below the waterline. Skills practiced include incident command, communication between shore personnel and divers, accountability, search and rescue, and EMS patient care.

NIGHT TO UNITE RECAP

On Tuesday, August 5, members of the Oakdale Fire and Police Departments, as well as other City staff and elected officials, attended neighborhood gatherings and helped host a community cookout event at Walton Park as part of Night to Unite, which aims to build and strengthen relationships around a theme of public safety and crime prevention.

The Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce (OACC) provided hot dog meals to those who attended the gathering at Walton Park which included a kids DJ, games and camaraderie. More than 20 neighborhoods hosted gatherings that included educational and engaging visits from law enforcement. Thanks to the community for being part of this important night of relationship-building and fun!

PUBLIC SAFETY



Members of the Washington County Dive Team practice winter weather rescue drills (top).

Night to Unite featured neighborhood parties (center) and a community cookout at Walton Park (bottom).



TRICK-OR-TREAT AT FIRE STATION TWO ON HALLOWEEN!

Dress up the whole family in matching costumes and join the Fire and Police Departments for some trick-or-treating fun at Fire Station Two (6633 15th Street N) on Halloween, Friday, October 31 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be free hot dogs and tons of candy for the kids! There will also be an opportunity to explore Fire Department vehicles and engage with Fire and Police staff. We hope to see you there!



ENVIRONMENT

LEAVES AND YARD WASTE DISPOSAL

Free yard waste disposal is available at the Washington County North Yard Waste Site (6065 Headwaters Pkwy, Forest Lake). For more information, visit www.washingtoncountymn.gov/628/Yard-Waste. There are four locations in Ramsey County that Washington County residents may use for free with a photo ID. Scan the code for more info and locations.



COUNTY PUMPKIN RECYCLING PROGRAM

City Hall will serve as a disposal site for the Washington County free pumpkin recycling program for select dates in November. More information will be available later this fall at www.washingtoncountymn.gov.

RECYCLING RESOURCES

Recycling can be confusing, but it doesn't have to be. Washington County provides a number of programs and resources to support efforts to reduce waste.

GENERAL RECYCLING

Recycling is available to all households in Oakdale. Empty and rinse containers before placing them in your recycling cart. Put items directly in your cart or in a paper bag. Do not put items in plastic bags. Generally, recyclable items include glass, metal, plastic (labeled Number 1, 2 and 5), cartons, paper and cardboard. You can contact your waste hauler directly for more information on accepted items, or visit www.washcorecycles.com.

FOOD SCRAPS

Washington County offers food scraps collection to Oakdale residents. Waste collected is turned into compost. Residents can participate for free in the Food Scraps Pickup Program OR take food scraps to County collection sites through the drop-off program. Residents must sign up to enroll in the Food Scraps Pickup Program and receive a free supply of collection bags. Visit www.FoodScrapsPickup.com to learn more.

For more information on food scraps drop-off including locations, hours, bags, accepted items and tips, visit

www.washingtoncountymn.gov/3629/Food-Scraps-Drop-Off

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP

The City-Wide Clean Up Event is set for Saturday, September 20 from 9 AM to 1 PM at Oakdale Public Works (1900 Hadley Avenue N) for residents to conveniently dispose of furniture, electronics and hard-to-recycle items. Proof of residency is required. Hazardous household waste will not be accepted. For more event information including a list of accepted items, items not accepted and pricing, scan the code or visit www.oakdalemn.gov/1009/City-Wide-Clean-Up-Event.



Recycling at Home

Empty and rinse all containers



When in doubt, keep it out. Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables



No Plastic Bags or Wrap



No Tanglers
(No hoses, wires, or string lights)



No Shredded Paper

WashCoRecycles.com | 651-275-7475



ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Washington County operates two Environmental Centers in Forest Lake and Woodbury for disposal of recyclables, electronics, hazardous materials (including batteries), household sharps, plastic bags and other materials. Additionally, the Environmental Centers have food scraps drop-offs and free product rooms. For more on these services, visit www.washcorecycles.com/EnviroCenter.

DISPOSAL DIRECTORY

If you can't recycle something at home or the Environmental Centers, check out the Washington County disposal directory for additional disposal options at www.washcorecycles.com/disposal.



BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT

ZONING CODE UPDATE

At the July 8 meeting, the City Council adopted a number of changes to the City Code related to zoning. City staff spent 18 months working on the project that included engagement with the Council, City advisory bodies and the public. Ordinance changes recommended through the project aimed to:

- Modernize City standards in line with zoning best practices;
- Align zoning districts with the City's 2040 Comprehensive Plan land uses and future land use map;
- Ensure consistency with Minnesota Statutes, federal laws, and judicial rulings; and
- Improve the Code's structure and format to be more user-friendly.

The City's previous Zoning Code was first adopted in 1969 with a recodification last completed in 2008. As Oakdale navigates continued growth and development, the City identified a need for Code updates that addressed contemporary development forms and practices, as well as a Code that is easier to use for property owners, developers, staff and elected/appointed officials. To view the changes, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/329/Code-Book.

WILLOWBROOKE UPDATE

Growth in the Willowbrooke development continues at a steady pace with 70 percent of the development under construction or completed. Construction is now underway for the 11th Addition. On May 25, the City Council approved plans for the 12th Addition – the final undeveloped site in Willowbrooke – which will include 98 townhome units. Construction on single-family homes is expected to continue through 2027.

The Willowbrooke development will soon feature two more parks in addition to Willowbrooke Commons which opened in October 2024. Willowbrooke Park North will serve as a passive, open space with trails and seating areas and is anticipated to open in 2026. Willowbrooke Park West is also slated for a 2026 opening and will be an active park with a soccer field, pickleball courts and synthetic turf volleyball court.



Seventy percent of the Willowbrooke development (top) includes homes under construction or completed.



Concept plans for two additional parks in Willowbrooke were approved in March. Both the north park (center) and west park (bottom) are slated for 2026 openings.



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, 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 take place at the Discovery Center or Oakdale Nature Preserve unless otherwise noted in program information.

ACCESSIBLE BIRDING

Saturday, October 11 | 9:30 to 10:30 AM | FREE
All ages | Meet outside Discovery Center.



Birding is an activity that everyone can enjoy. Join naturalists from Dodge Nature Center as they help explore the ways that birding has become more accessible. We will look at tools and tricks that can help make birding more user friendly. All abilities are welcome. The program will be designed to be wheelchair accessible. Registration deadline is October 9.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

Drop off October 19 to 22 at Discovery Center

This carving contest is open to people of all ages with prizes in three categories: Best, Spookiest, and Bumpkin Pumpkin (ages 12 and under). Pumpkins will be displayed at the Flashlight Pumpkin Hunt, and attendees will vote for the winners.

FLASHLIGHT PUMPKIN HUNT

Thursday, October 23 | 6:30 to 8 PM
Up to age 12 | \$12 per child (includes glow necklace)
Join us for a night of spooky fun! Search for pumpkins under the stars, and enjoy entertainment, refreshments and games after the search. Wear a costume and bring a flashlight! Please register by October 16.

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.

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 required.

- October 29 - Not-So-Spooky Monsters
- November 26 - Feeling Thankful
- January 28 - Hibernation

INDOOR MARKET

Select Saturdays | 9 AM to 1 PM

Shop local with over 20 vendors offering a unique variety of items including baked goods, meats, canned goods, artisan foods, jewelry, seasonal items and more.

- November 15 and 29
- December 13
- January 10 and 24
- February 7 and 21
- March 7 and 21

Vendor requests: nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov

ART DISCOVERY FAIR

Saturday, November 22 | 10 AM to 3 PM

Discover the perfect holiday gifts and engage with local artists and crafters at this free-to-attend event featuring paintings, pottery, woodworking, jewelry and more.

SUNDAE BINGO

Sunday, December 14 or February 8 | 1 to 3 PM

All ages | \$10 per person

Join us for bingo and ice cream sundaes. Prizes are awarded for every game with an extra prize raffle to follow. Must be present to win. Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program.

WINTER BREAK SCRABBLE

Monday, December 29 to Friday, January 2

Closed Thursday, January 1 | All ages | FREE



Pick up a map and guided activity sheet from 8 AM to 3 PM during winter break for this treasure hunt-style word puzzle challenge in the Nature Preserve! Use the map to travel through the park and collect hidden letters. Once all letters are collected, unscramble them and head back to the Discovery Center to claim your prize.

WEDNESDAY

CARDS

Wednesdays

1 to 3 PM | FREE

Adults of all skill levels are invited to join an afternoon of coffee and card games. No sign up is required.



WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT

November through February

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

SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Rate is \$6 (tax included) for two hours, cash or check only on weekends, with child and adult sizes available. Call **651-747-3860** for group reservations. Rentals available first-come, first-served daily pending snow conditions. Hours: Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM; Saturday, 12 to 3:30 PM; Sunday, 1 to 3:30 PM.

POLES, BACKPACKS AND BINOCULARS

Walking poles turn a walk into a total-body workout. Binoculars and youth exploration backpacks are also available. Use these items for free with photo ID.

TANDEM BIKES

Two tandem bikes are available for use during regular hours through October, weather permitting. Rent a bike for free with photo ID.

ART GALLERY

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

- September - Lake Elmo Colorists, Coloring
- October - Ed Boytim, Paintings
- November and December - Sue Costello Sepulveda; Nature Paintings
- Artist spots available for 2026!

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



Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

SANTA'S MAILBOXES

November 26 to December 15 | FREE

Drop off a letter for Santa at the Discovery Center or City Hall! Include child's name, age and address with letters.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE CONTEST

Drop off submissions Thursday, December 18 (8 AM to 8 PM) or Friday, December 19 (8 AM to 4 PM).

Submissions will be voted on by Winter Wonderland attendees. Prizes will be awarded for top youth (ages 12 and under) and adult (ages 13 and older) entries.

SKATE AND PAINT THE RINK DAY

Sunday, January 11 | 12 to 2 PM | All ages | FREE

Walton Park Pleasure Rink (1584 Hadley Avenue N)

Add some color to the ice with our afternoon packed full of fun! Skate, paint the ice, sip hot cocoa and get crafty. There will also be door prizes. The warming house will remain open until 7 PM.



WINTER PUZZLE HUSTLE

Friday, January 23 | 8 AM Puzzle pickup begins

All ages | \$35 per household/puzzle

Race to finish a 1,000-piece puzzle in the comfort of your own home for a fun cold weather weekend "honor system" activity for the whole family. The first household to finish the puzzle wins a winter variety basket.

Additional rules will be sent to participants and can be found on the registration page. Participants get to keep the puzzle! Submit entries to

nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov by 12 PM on Monday, January 26. Registration deadline is January 15.



Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.



DISCOVER MAGIC AT WINTER WONDERLAND!

Saturday, December 20 | 9 AM to 1 PM | FREE

In partnership with the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce and other sponsoring organizations, Oakdale Recreation will host the annual Winter Wonderland with activities for people of all ages at the Oakdale Nature Preserve and Discovery Center.

This City event is free to attend. Parking at the Discovery Center is limited, so please plan ahead for parking on neighboring streets. Join us for a community-building celebration of winter!

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.

SNOW SCULPTURE OF OAKDALE 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**.

Activities and events include:

- Horse-drawn hayrides (10 AM to 1 PM)
- Petting zoo
- Dogs of winter
- Bonfire with s'mores
- Holiday crafts with Washington County Library
- Visit with Santa
- Games
- Holiday face painting
- Breakfast and lunch



SHINRIN-YOKU



The Art of Mindfulness and Meditation with Nature

Select Wednesdays | Age 16 and up | \$80 per person

This three-part series with certified forest therapy guide Mary Lillo introduces participants to the Japanese wellness practice of Shinrin-Yoku, or forest bathing and eco therapy. Learn grounding exercises, breath work, light yoga/stretching, mindful movement, and tea meditation. Participants will engage in two one-hour indoor educational sessions before having the opportunity to participate in a two-hour outdoor immersion practice in the Nature Preserve. Registration deadline is September 25.

- **October 1 and 8 | 6 to 7 PM | Skyview Middle School: 406 Fitness Room (1100 Heron Avenue N)**
- **October 15 | 5 to 7 PM | Discovery Center**

ASTRO AND SOUND SESSIONS



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

Wellness practitioner Kali Higgins leads several sound healing and vibrational sound therapy sessions to support people in shifting their consciousness to allow the mind to go to deeper states of meditation and relaxation. Each session will use various instruments and sounds in harmony with the Full Moon to expand participants' intentions of the practice. Session includes time to discuss and connect with the instructor about the theme, gentle breathwork and settling in, and 50 minutes of sound healing. Bring any items to support a comfortable practice such as a mat, blanket, pillows, zero-gravity chair, eye mask/covering, journal and water bottle. More info about programs on registration site. Registration deadline is one week prior to class.

Class dates:

- **Monday, October 6 | 6:30 to 7:45 PM**
Full Moon in Aries, Developing Courage
- **Wednesday, November 5 | 6:30 to 7:45 PM**
Full Moon in Taurus, Sensing Peace
- **Thursday, December 4 | 1 to 2:15 PM**
Full Moon in Gemini, Cultivating Wonder
- **Saturday, January 3 | 1 to 2:15 PM**
Full Moon in Cancer, Feeling Healing
- **Sunday, January 18 | 1 to 2:15 PM**
New Moon in Capricorn, Practicing Integrity

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

FAMILY FUN FLATABLES SPONSORS

Thanks to our sponsors for this year's Family Fun Flatables event held on September 13.

- **Gold:** Oakdale Athletic Association
- **Bronze:** Marcus Oakdale Cinema, East Metro Stars Youth Hockey Association, Parkview Chiropractic

CREATIVE MINDS!

Embrace creativity with arts and crafts for people of all ages! Classes take place at the Discovery Center.

CHEERFUL HEARTS PAINTING CLASSES

Select Fridays | 11 AM to 2 PM | Age 18 and up

\$35 per class

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

- **September 19 | Hidden Cottage**
5.5-by-18 wooden board collage
- **October 31 | Scaredy Kitten**
11-by-14 canvas
- **November 14 | Covered Bridge**
12-by-12 canvas
- **December 12 | Winter Lantern**
11-by-14 canvas



MANDALA ROCK PAINTING

Friday, September 26 | 1 to 3 PM

Age 18 and up | \$30 per person

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.

CELEBRATE DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS WITH SUGAR SKULLS



Saturday, November 1 | 11 AM to 1 PM

All ages | \$10 per person

This special all-ages bilingual workshop celebrates Día de los Muertos, a time when Latino generations honor their heritage and pay tribute to Mexican culture. Decorate your own traditional sugar skulls to remember and celebrate a beloved family member. All cultures and skill levels are welcome. Registration deadline is one week prior to class.

DO RAD THINGS SKATEBOARD ART



Saturday, November 15 | 4 to 6 PM

All ages | \$90 per person

Local artist Mark Rivard takes participants on a creative journey from concept to a complete piece of skateboard art. Leave with all the supplies you need to create a skateboard deck and develop an appreciation for public art. This is a great workshop to do as a group or to create a unique holiday gift! Registration deadline is one week prior to class.



INTRO TO NORDIC WALKING

Wednesday, October 8 | 10 to 11 AM

Age 18 and up | \$20 per person

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. Registration deadline is October 2.



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 | Age 18 and up

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.

- Six-week series, Session 1 (\$104)**
September 16 and 23; October 7, 14, 21 and 28
- Five-week series, Session 2 (\$89)**
November 25; December 2, 9, 16 and 23
- Six-week series, Session 3 (\$104)**
January 6, 13, 20 and 27; February 3 and 10

Twilight Yoga

Thursdays | 6 to 7 PM | Age 18 and up

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.

- Six-week series, Session 1 (\$104)**
October 30; November 6, 13 and 20;
December 4 and 11
- Six-week series, Session 2 (\$104)**
January 8, 15, 22 and 29; February 5 and 12

ZUMBA

Tuesdays | November 18 through December 16

6:30 to 7:30 PM | Age 16 and up

\$55 per session (5 weeks)

“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 styles 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. Registration deadline is one week prior to program.



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 (through November)

10 AM (beginning in December)

Meet in front of Discovery Center. No sign up needed.

PLAY MAHJONGG

Mondays (through January) | 1 to 3 PM

UPCYCLED HOLIDAY CARDS AND TAGS

Thursday, October 16 | 10 AM to 12 PM

Learn to create like-new cards and gift tags. Bring scissors and straight-edge paper cutter, if available. Register: www.oakdalefun.com or **651-747-3860**

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 17 and December 26 | 9 AM to 3 PM

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

CRAFT SOCIALS WITH NICKI FISCHER

Select Sundays | October 19, November 16 and December 21 | 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Come show off your crafts, see crafts from others, or learn a something new. Refreshments provided. Register: www.oakdalefun.com or **651-747-3860**

WHY ESTATE PLANNING MATTERS

Friday, October 24 | 1:30 to 4 PM

Learn the basics of estate planning from an attorney including wills, trusts, powers of attorney and probate. Register: www.oakdalefun.com or **651-747-3860**

NUTRITION FOR HEALTHY AGING

Saturday, November 8 | 1 to 2:30 PM

Learn nutrition requirements and patterns to boost wellness in an interactive session with a licensed dietitian. Refreshments and social time provided. 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

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

Register for programs at www.oakdalefun.com.

park information

PICNIC SHELTER RENTALS

Reservations for 2026 begin on January 2, 2026!

Rentals for picnic shelters can now be made online. Permits give exclusive use of the shelter for date and time reserved. Find more information about shelter rentals including locations, pricing 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

SKATING RINKS AND WARMING HOUSES

The City of Oakdale outdoor rinks offer both general skating and hockey facilities. Rinks and warming houses are scheduled to open in late December, weather permitting, and will remain open through late February.

LOCATIONS

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

HOURS

- Monday to Friday, 4 to 8 PM
- Saturday, 12 to 8 PM
- Sunday, 12 to 7 PM

Winter break schedule: www.oakdalefun.com

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 rentals available for \$40 an hour, plus tax: Monday to Friday, 8 to 10 PM; Weekends, 8 AM to 12 PM.

Contact: nathan.timmons@oakdalemn.gov.

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

NOW ACCEPTING INSTRUCTOR PROPOSALS!

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

WINTER WALKING

During the winter, the paved trails in the Nature Preserve are cleared after each snowfall for winter walking. Accumulating snow on the boardwalk will not be cleared.



OAKDALE BARK PARK

4957 Helena Road N

The Bark Park is open year-round for free without a license or permit required. It is fenced with a separate area for small dogs. It offers parking, benches, a pet waste dispenser and trash cans. Pick up after your pup! Park rules and 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.

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.aaonline.com
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www.oasa.us
- **OAKDALE PICKLEBALL CLUB**
oakdalepickleballclub@gmail.com
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WATER TOWER RECONDITIONING PROJECT

The City's reconditioning project of Water Tower 3 concluded this summer following routine maintenance work and exterior repainting. The tower, located at 2347 Hallmark Avenue N, had last been painted in 2003. Not only does the tower have a revitalized and modern appearance, the maintenance repairs help ensure the tower will serve the community efficiently for many years.

Work during the reconditioning project included:

- Structural improvements and rehabilitation;
- Interior sandblasting and painting;
- Exterior sandblasting and painting which included five layers of paint to provide protection from various weather conditions;
- Installation of a new circulation pump in the water tank;
- Removal of the old communication equipment; and
- Disinfection of the interior tank.

Thank you to residents near Water Tower 3 for their patience and cooperation with crews during this important and necessary infrastructure project.



SUBMIT PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES BY SEPTEMBER 30!

Do you love taking photos? We want to see your best snaps! Photographers of all skill levels can submit as many images as they would like for the Oakdale Annual Photo Contest by September 30. The contest is open to Oakdale residents only, and all photos must be taken in Oakdale. Finalists will be featured for voting on social media in November. For more information, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/905/Photo-Contest.
"Snow Dogs" by Rob Luttrell - 2024 Oakdale Winter Photo Contest Winner

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