



OAKDALE UPDATE

FALL / WINTER 2015

**RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS & EVENTS
CITY NEWS & INFORMATION**

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS

CITY COUNCIL meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m., at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley; meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16. Agendas and minutes at city hall or on the city's web site. Questions? Please call 730-2704.



Watch live broadcasts on Channel 16 and rebroadcasts at the "Watch Council Meetings" link at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (no meetings held January, April, July, or October) at 5:15 p.m. at 1584 Hadley Avenue. Questions? Please call 651-730-2721.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION typically meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue; meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16. Questions? Please call 651-730-2723.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION typically meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month (no meetings held December or January) at 7 p.m., at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue; meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16. Questions? Please call 651-747-3867.

PLANNING COMMISSION typically meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue; meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16. Questions? Please call 651-730-2720.

OF INTEREST

DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION. Transit Link offers transportation is intended to serve areas where regular transit route service is not available. Transit Link is available from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday. To reserve a ride, please call 651-602-5465 up to five business days in advance.

FREE CABLE (channels 6, 14, 15, 16 (local government access), 20, 95, and 98). Call 651-747-3801 and ask for the free "Universal Coverage Channels".

MAPLEWOOD/OAKDALE LIONS CLUB. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue. www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/maplewoodoakdale/index.php

OAKDALE GARDEN CLUB. Join the Oakdale Garden Club - call Michelle at 651-702-9017.

OAKDALE UPDATE CABLE SHOW - CHANNEL 16. Host Frank Orsello offers a wide variety of interesting guests and topics about our community. The show runs at various times on Channel 16 and also available at the "Oakdale Update Show" link at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON. As a Yellow Ribbon City, Oakdale assists members of the military and their families with errands to home maintenance. To learn more, please call Marc Cove (651-332-5222).

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Assessor.....	702-5231
Attorney, Prosecuting.....	730-2826
Building Inspections.....	739-5150
Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley.....	747-3860
Development/Planning/Redevelopment.....	730-2720
Editor, Oakdale Update.....	730-2704
Engineering.....	730-2734
Environmental Center (Woodbury).....	430-6655
Fire Department, Headquarters, 5000 Hadley.....	731-8886
Forester/Tree Inspector.....	501-5302
Garden Club.....	702-9017
Housing.....	730-2721
Library, 1010 Heron.....	730-0504
Licensing (Liquor, tobacco, massage, etc.).....	730-2739
Oakdale Athletic Association.....	www.oaaonline.com
Oakdale Adult Softball Association.....	731-6850
Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce.....	578-7769
Oakdale/Lake Elmo Historical Society.....	739-7152
Post Office, 1175 Gershin.....	735-8030
Public Works, 1900 Hadley.....	730-2740
Recreation Department, 4444 Hadley.....	747-3860
Recycling and Environmental Inquiries.....	730-2723
School District #622.....	748-7560
Summerfest.....	730-2722
Tartan Ice Arena, west of Tartan High.....	714-9251
Utility Billing.....	730-2716
Washington County Government Center.....	430-6000
Web Page.....	www.ci.oakdale.mn.us
Webmaster.....	730-2704

<i>First Call for Help (United Way Referral Line).....</i>	<i>211</i>
<i>Travel and Traffic Information.....</i>	<i>511</i>
<i>Minnesota Relay.....</i>	<i>711</i>
<i>Call Before Digging (Gopher State One Call).....</i>	<i>811</i>
<i>Police, Fire (Non-emergency and emergency calls).....</i>	<i>911</i>

HOURS AND ADDRESSES

City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspection - Regular Hours:	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspections	
Extended Hours (May thru Sept.)	7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue	
Monday - Friday	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday	12 to 4 p.m.
Sunday	1 to 4 p.m.
Fire Station Headquarters, 5000 Hadley	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Recreation, 4444 Hadley	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Police Department, 1584 Hadley	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Public Works, 1900 Hadley Avenue	7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

**OAKDALE RECREATION
WEB PAGE:**
www.oakdalefun.com



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RESIDENT RESOURCE: Important Stuff to Know

BACKYARD FIRES. Please remember to burn only clean, dry wood. Fires producing smoke that cause discomfort or a negative impact to neighboring properties must be immediately extinguished if a complaint is lodged and verified by police or fire personnel. (Washington County residents are reminded to call 911 for any matters relating to police or fire). What not to burn: green or rotten wood, leaves/needles, paper, refuse, grass, treated lumber, plastic, or combustible material.

Additional backyard fire rules: flames not to exceed 3' wide or 2' high, must be contained in a fire ring made of noncombustible material, at least 25' away from any structure, and with a water source in close proximity; and fires must be attended until completely extinguished. Questions? Please call 651-731-8886.

BUDGET AND TAXES. Learn about the city's 2016 budget and how a share of your property taxes fund a wide variety of services and programs in Oakdale. Attend the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 8, 6 p.m., at Oakdale City Hall. Questions? Please call 651-730-2714.

COLLECTED AT CITY HALL YEAR ROUND: CELL PHONES, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS, FLAGS, EYEGLASSES, AND HEARING AIDS

DOGS. Dear Dog Owners, please remember to:

- Pick up all dog droppings.
- Keep dogs on a leash or other physical restraint when out and about.
- Keep dogs from entering private property that is not your own. Not everyone is a pet lover -- even some other pets!
- Have your dog's city-issued license attached to their collar.

MOVING? Please contact the Utility Department at least two weeks in advance to activate an account or to schedule a final meter reading. Please call 651-730-2716 or complete the online forms at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us.

NATURAL TREE DISPOSAL. From December 28 through January 31, Oakdale residents may recycle naturally-grown trees at the Public Works Building, 1900 Hadley Avenue for only \$3 per tree. Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

PARKING BY MAILBOXES. When looking for a place to park on the street, please remember to stay at least 10 feet away from either side of any mailbox. This is enforced Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to allow for no disruption in mail delivery.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. Time to put away boats, campers, trailers, and RVs and dust off the snowmobiles. Throughout the year, each property is allowed to keep one recreational vehicle outside; whether it's in the side or rear yard (at least 5' from property line) or on the driveway (snowmobiles from November 1 to April 30; other vehicles from May 1 to November 1). Having more recreational vehicles is fine provided only one is outside and the rest are hibernating inside the garage or at off-site storage. Questions? Please call 651-702-5225.

SUMP PUMPS - "ROUTE IT OUT". Sump pumps need to be routed to discharge into your yard, the street, or nearby body of water. Questions? Please call 651-730-2740.

TREE SERVICE. Don't go out on a limb by hiring a company that has not been licensed by the city. Please go to www.ci.oakdale.mn.us and search "Tree Services" for the list of tree service companies licensed by Oakdale. Questions? Please call 651-730-2739.

WETLAND/PONDING AREAS. Disposing of grass clippings, yard waste, or animal excrement in or adjacent to ponding areas, in streets, or in storm sewers can negatively impact the water quality of our wetlands and lakes. Additionally, the natural growth surrounding wetlands/ponds (generally 25 feet around the perimeter) filters out harmful sediments from entering wetlands and lakes and creating algae, which is detrimental to aquatic life. Want to learn more about wetlands? Please call 651-730-2723.

WILDLIFE AND WATER FOWL. Please remember that the feeding of wildlife and water fowl is not allowed. Please call 651-739-5086 to request a copy of "*The Top Ten Reasons Not to Feed Wildlife*".

WINTER PARKING. From November 1 through April 1, vehicles are not to park on city streets from 12 to 5 a.m. Please note that no on-street parking also applies when snow accumulation equals or exceeds 2", day or night, until streets are cleared curb to curb. A good rule of thumb is to keep vehicles off the road any time there is "measurable snowfall". Thank you!

WINTER REMINDERS:

- **FIRE HYDRANT - IF IT'S NEAR, PLEASE KEEP IT CLEAR!** Please consider adopting one of the 1,500 hydrants in the city by keeping it cleared of snow so it's easy to locate, and to maintain a path from the street to the hydrant so it's easy for fire personnel to access.
- **KEEPING STREETS CLEAR.** Please don't risk a fine by plowing, shoveling, pushing, or blowing snow into the street.
- **MAILBOX OR SOD DAMAGE.** Properly installed mailboxes (see city's web site or call 651-730-2740) accidentally toppled by the blade of a snowplow will be replaced by city crews as soon as time allows. The city reserves the right to determine whether a mailbox was damaged by a plow or was due to existing deterioration of the post. Please report damage via the form at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us or by calling 651-730-2740.
- **TRASH CONTAINERS.** On trash collection day, please remember to place rubbish and recycling containers on your driveway apron, behind the curb, and just prior to 7 a.m.
- **PROTECT PIPES.** Prolonged low temperatures and the increased depth of frost in the ground increase the likelihood of water pipes freezing. Frozen pipes are at risk of expanding and rupturing. By monitoring your water service, you may be able to determine if it is beginning to experience difficulties. One sign is seeing discolored water when you turn on the faucet. Another is a water temperature below 40 degrees. (To determine water temperature, hold an instant read or kitchen thermometer under running water or immediately insert the thermometer into a water filled glass). One way to lessen the chance of frozen pipes is to run a faucet at a slow trickle to keep water flowing through the pipes. If you have questions, or if you utilize the services of a pipe thawing company, please call the city at 651-730-2740 or 651-730-2710.

ACORN AWARD RECIPIENTS: 2015

Each year, Oakdale's Acorn Award program recognizes beautiful landscaping. Winning property owners receive a visit from the City Council, a certificate of recognition, and a gift card from an area nursery. So when properties in the city catch your eye because they have great curb appeal, please consider making an Acorn Award nomination. Nominations are accepted all year long at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us *Congratulations to this year's winners!*



CATEGORY: RESIDENTIAL - 7622 - 23RD STREET



CATEGORY: COMMERCIAL - 7667 - 10TH STREET

OLSON LAKE TRAIL SLATED FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Washington County, in cooperation with the cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale, is leading a project that includes the rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of County Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) from County Highway 14 (Old TH 5) to County Highway 35 (50th Street). The roadway currently has pavement deficiencies, erosion problems, and other safety concerns.

This project will provide an opportunity to:

- Improve sight lines and address roadway safety concerns
- Correct pavement deficiencies and shoulder widths
- Analyze the current and future needs at intersections and driveways
- Address erosion concerns and storm-water management
- Accommodate the extension of a joint-city sanitary sewer main
- Consider the lack of pedestrian/bike accommodations along the corridor

Construction activities are planned for either 2016 or 2017; however, prior to beginning designs for the roadway, the county and cities would like to hear from area residents. Therefore, a series of neighborhood meetings and open houses are being planned. The agencies involved will work with local residents, businesses, and roadway users to identify a well-balanced

alternative that will address roadway issues, with the goal of protecting sensitive areas along the roadway and minimizing impacts to private property.

For more information, visit the project website: [www.co.washington.mn.us/County 13](http://www.co.washington.mn.us/County%2013) or contact Washington County's Project Manager, Frank Ticknor, at frank.ticknor@co.washington.mn.us or 651-430-4319.





Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce and
The City of Oakdale present the first annual:

Oakdale Area Business **SHOWCASE**

**Food
Available
Business
Booths**

Halloween Fun

*Kids are welcome to
wear costumes!*

October 31, 2015
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Prom Center
484 Inwood Ave N
Oakdale MN

**Trick or
Treating at
every booth!**

**Face Painting
Balloon Artist**

**Free
Family
Community
Event**

For event information contact Jodi Christensen at 651.773.4738
or jchristensen@lakeelmobank.com.

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COUNCIL CORNER: Councilmember Bill Rasmussen

As a member of the Oakdale Veteran's Memorial Committee, I try to attend the city's weekly farmer's market to share information about the memorial. The most common question I hear is: "Where is the Oakdale Veterans Memorial located? I point across the parking lot to City Hall and explain that the memorial is nestled just to the east of the building. Its "tucked away" location is just what the Veteran's Committee envisioned when the idea for a memorial surfaced in 2009; what better place for remembrance and reflection?

I am very proud of our veteran's memorial, which was completed and dedicated in 2012, after the committee devoted countless hours to raising the funds needed to make it a reality. Of the 500 pavers at the memorial, 200 have already been sold. Engraved pavers are \$100 and

the revenue helps with maintenance and landscaping costs at the memorial.

In addition to the veteran's memorial, I have had a hand in many other wonderful projects over the years, from the Walton Park band shell to the historic schoolhouse located in the Oakdale Nature Preserve.

Since taking office in January, I am a member of the Oakdale City Council. I also have the opportunity of serving as a member of the Oakdale Tree Board, the Oakdale Historical Society, and the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce. I truly get to do what I love best, serve the community.

If you are interested in serving the community, please consider the Veteran's Memorial Committee. Any time you have questions about



Oakdale -- please contact me at (612) 710-5284 or bill.rasmussen@ci.oakdale.mn.us, or visit me at the Farmer's Market, the Veteran's Day ceremony at the memorial (November 8, 1:30), or at Winter Wonderland (December 19).

Councilmember Bill Rasmussen

FREE BUCKTHORN COLLECTION: You Pull It, We'll Pick It Up!

Curbside Buckthorn Collection Waiver

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone #: _____
Estimated Number of Piles: _____

Collection Date (circle one):

September 22 October 6 October 20

I have read the guidelines for the Oakdale Curbside Buckthorn Collection Program as required to receive free collection service from the city and to ensure that the buckthorn is accessible by a log loader truck. I understand that the city is not responsible for repairing damage to turf that may occur in the process of loading the piles.

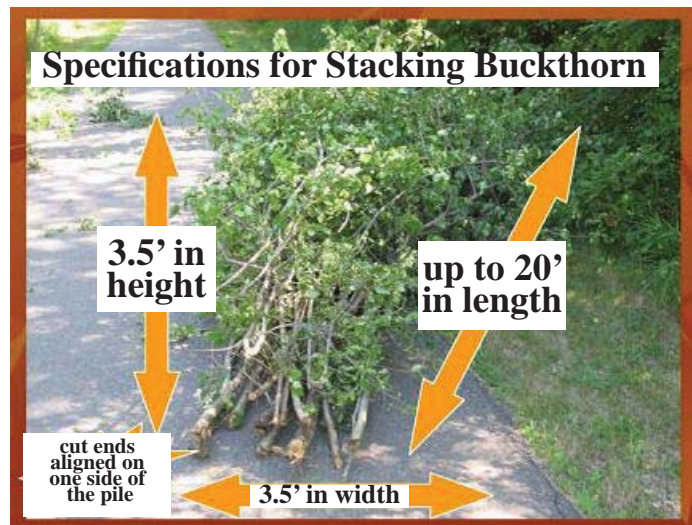
Signature: _____

Questions? Call (651) 730-2740

Curbside Buckthorn Pickup Guidelines:

- Submit completed waiver to 1900 Hadley Avenue by the Friday before your requested collection date.
- Stack piles with cut ends aligned and facing the curb.
- Piles must be accessible by a log loader truck and placed off of paved driveways.
- Please remember that only buckthorn will be picked up.
- The city forester has the right to inspect piles and reject those that do not comply with guidelines. Piles will be inspected on the Monday before your scheduled collection.

Submit waiver form to Oakdale Public Works
1900 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, MN 55128





**program guide
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Discover
**oakdale
recreation**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Recreation.....651-747-3860
Fax Number.....651-747-3861
Park Maintenance.....651-730-2740

ADDRESS 4444 Hadley Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128

RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOURS

Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DISCOVERY CENTER HOURS

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday:
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday: 12 to 4 p.m. and Sunday: 1 to 4 p.m.

RECREATION STAFF

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WEB

www.oakdalefun.com

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Search "Oakdale Recreation Facebook"

BOOK & DVD EXCHANGE

Bring gently used books and DVD movies to the Discovery Center and swap them for something "new". Books must be in good, readable condition, with the cover intact. Movies must be fully operable and in their original case. Even exchange: books for books and DVDs for DVDs. (No VHS tapes, please).

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FUN, FREE THINGS:

DISCOVER: Minnesota Geology

Display runs mid-September through November
Have you been curious about geology? Did you know that The Hull Rush Mahoning Mine in Hibbing, MN is the world's largest open pit iron ore mine? Stop by the Discovery Center for a variety of information, activities, pictures and much more! Everything you want to know about geology will be on display, including rocks, minerals, fossils, agates, and mining information.

NORDIC WALKING

Stop by the Discovery Center during regular business hours and check out a pair of Nordic Walking Poles **at no cost!** Simply present a photo I.D. and then start walking. Youth and adult sizes available.

GEOCACHING

Do you like exploring the outdoors? Have you tried the fun and exciting hobby of geocaching? Geocaching is a high tech treasure hunt using a GPS unit to locate hidden caches (*psst - there are 15 caches in Oakdale's park system*). The Discovery Center has a list of caches and coordinates as well as hand-held GPS units available for check-out. Geocaching is a great outdoor activity for all ages!

SCAVENGER HUNT

Head out into the Oakdale Nature Preserve on a scavenger hunt that will open your eyes to nature *and* help you discover new and exciting things! Stop at the Discovery Center before October 31 to request the Scavenger Hunt guide. Prizes will be given to those who find items on the list! (Prizes will be age 12 and under appropriate).

NOW HIRING:

ICE RINK ATTENDANTS.

\$9/hour. Apply by November 9. Applications at 4444 Hadley Avenue or www.ci.oakdale.mn.us, under "Employment".

INSTRUCTORS

YOU CHOOSE THE TOPIC!

Do you have hobby, expertise, or an interest you enjoy sharing? Consider being an instructor at the Discovery Center. Proposals are accepted throughout the year. Call Julie at 651-747-3867 for details.



The Discovery Center is nestled within the picturesque Oakdale Nature Preserve at 4444 Hadley Avenue. The award-winning facility provides visitors a quiet place of reflection and a unique education experience. Visit to take in the rotating art exhibits, aquarium, "hands-on" wildlife exhibit room, and to just sit by the fire. There's also the historic one-room schoolhouse and plenty of trails!

Looking for the "natural" setting for your wedding, reception, celebration, meeting, or function? Discover the Discovery Center. Picturesque setting, spacious rooms, kitchen and catering options, and wifi. Please call 651-747-3860 or go to: www.oakdalefun.com

DISCOVERY CENTER ART GALLERY

The art gallery at the Discovery Center has a long tradition of showcasing the creations of dozens of local artists and artisans, featuring a different artist each month.

The gallery is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays: 12 to 4 p.m.; and Sundays: 1 to 4 p.m.

UPCOMING FEATURED ARTISTS

OCTOBER: MN Exposure Photography
NOVEMBER: Shauna Holt Photography / Cross-stitch
DECEMBER: Jack Payette Photography
JANUARY: Hannah Lagoon Paintings / Drawings

If you would like to be a featured artist, please contact Laura Heimkes at 651-747-3860 or laura.heimkes@ci.oakdale.mn.us for information on submitting a request.

ROAD TRIP **"Christmas in the Airwaves"** **Lyric Arts Theater** **November 22**

Our day begins at Greenhaven Country Club in Anoka for Sunday brunch. Choose from Belgian waffles, biscuits and country gravy, freshly baked caramel rolls and muffins, breakfast potatoes, chef's choice entrée and salad, made to order eggs and omelets, carving station, homemade bread pudding with vanilla sauce, hardwood smoked bacon and sausage links, and fruit; non-alcoholic beverages.

Travel back in time to 1944, for a heartwarming and nostalgic slice of war-time American life at the matinee performance of "Christmas in the Airwaves". While the boys are off at war, families are curled up by their radios to catch an extra special Christmas radio broadcast with WABC's New York radio star, Max Tyrone. The cast and producers of the local weekly live radio show, including the lovely Welsh Sisters, are all abuzz as they prepare to present "Christmas in the Airwaves".

"Christmas in the Airwaves" is filled with charming vignettes including The Shade, The Flying Amazement, and Jack Kaster, Private Eye. It's a hometown tale of love, loss, and the things we hold most dear. Brimming with old time holiday memories and beloved Christmas standards, it's sure to rekindle feelings of hope and optimism during the holiday season with a look back at a bygone era.

Depart: 11:30 a.m. Walton Park
Band Shell Parking Lot
Return: 5 p.m. (approximately)
Cost: \$69 per person. Includes
transportation, brunch,
performance, tour guide
Activity Level: Easy

Please register by October 30

*Please note whom you would like to
be seated with at the theater on your
registration form*

ROAD TRIP **"Christmas My Way"** **A Sinatra Holiday Bash** **Plymouth Playhouse** **December 8**

Delight in sights and smells of Bachman's during this festive season. Bachman's has been in business since 1885, when founder Henry Bachman Sr. planted the plot of land in south Minneapolis that today contains the headquarters and acres of floral, gift, garden, and landscaping departments. From its humble beginning, enjoy the beauty while meandering throughout the complex. You may even find that perfect gift for yourself, or someone on your gift list. When you need a break, pick up a beverage or treat at Patrick's Cafe located on premise (passenger expense, not included in tour cost).

Celebrate this holiday season in swingin' style with Old Blue Eyes! Four singers perform some of Sinatra's' greatest hits. Reminisce to the sounds of "Fly Me to the Moon," "Love and Marriage," and "I Get a Kick out of You." Get into the spirit of the season with cool versions of Sinatra Christmas hits; "Winter Wonderland," "Silver Bells" and "I'll be Home for Christmas." Then, croon to the Rat Pack-like renditions of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

"Christmas My Way" invites you to get comfortable, enjoy, and have yourself a merry little Christmas! By the way . . . Happy 100th Birthday, Frank! In honor of Old Blue Eyes, a delicious Italian style lunch buffet will be served before the show at the Plymouth Playhouse.

Depart: 9 a.m. Walton Park Band Shell
Parking Lot
Return: 4 p.m. (approximately)
Cost: \$72 per person. Includes
transportation, lunch,
performance, tour guide
Activity Level: Some walking

Please register by November 18

ROAD TRIP **"Sister Act"** **Chanhassen Dinner Theatre** **January 20**

Hold on to your hat, the rafters are going to rock! Sister Act is the hilarious story about Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva, whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a crime and the cops hide her away in the last place anyone would expect . . . a convent! As Deloris helps her fellow sisters find their voices, she rediscovers her own in a sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship. This performance includes original music by eight-time Oscar-winner, Alan Menken. Sister Act is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash called: "ridiculously fun"! Choose your lunch entrée at the theater. Dessert is not included.

Depart: 10:30 a.m. Walton Park
Band Shell Parking Lot
Return: 4:30 p.m. (approximately)
Cost: \$93 per person. Includes
transportation, lunch,
performance, tour guide
Activity Level: Easy, ramp or
minimal steps to seats

Please register by December 30

*Please note whom you would like to
be seated with at the theater on your
registration form*

**All adult trips depart from
the Richard Walton Park
parking lot west of City Hall,
next to the band shell. Please
park in this lot upon arriving.**



ROAD TRIP "The Texas Tenors" Paramount Theater March 4

Arrive in St. Cloud at the Courtyard by Marriott for lunch. With their Emmy Award winning PBS special now airing across the country and Billboard chart topping albums, it's easy to see why The Texas Tenors are quickly becoming America's favorite new tenors. Since their whirlwind debut five years ago on NBC's America's Got Talent, The Texas Tenors have accumulated a long list of awards, accolades and excited fans. They have performed more than 800 concerts around the world, including a 24-city tour in the United Kingdom, Shanghai, China and collaborations with some of the most prestigious symphonies, performing arts centers and arenas in the United States. People are clearly enjoying their talent as they were recently named the #10 Classical Artist in the world for 2014 according to Billboard magazine.

Depart: 10 a.m. Walton Park Band Shell Parking Lot

Return: 5:30 p.m. (approximately)

Cost: \$81 per person. Includes transportation, lunch, performance, tour guide

Activity Level: Easy

Please register by February 11

Choose entrée when registering. Sautéed Chicken Breast with Smoked Gouda Sauce, roasted potato and vegetable; herb baked cod with Lemon Bruere Blanc Sauce, rice pilaf and vegetable; seared roast pork loin with Sauce Robert, mashed potatoes and vegetable.



DISCOVERY CENTER ART FAIR

Discover the perfect piece of original artwork to purchase for home, office, or gift-giving at the Oakdale Art Discovery Fair. Local artists and artisans will have a variety of artwork and a variety of media such as paintings, drawings, photography, pottery, sculpture, and more.

Bring the kids on Saturday for the free "Kid's Art Korner" where kids can try out their artistic talent. Don't miss this opportunity to see the works of multiple artists in one location!

Dates/Times: Saturday October 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 4, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: Free to browse!



A Peace of Cake food truck will be on-site at Saturday's art fair!

Wednesday Cards 1 to 3 pm

Seniors, spend a few hours at the Discovery Center (4444 Hadley Avenue) for an afternoon of cards and conversation! No need to sign up, just come and play! All levels of players welcomed.

KIDCREATE STUDIO

Kidcreate Studio launches children into the incredible world of art. Our energized classes offer an exciting format for art exploration. We focus on art creation and art education. Lesson plans, designed by an art education professional, are age appropriate and devised to inspire the individual child. Our teachers provide a positive, fun, self-esteem building atmosphere where children learn to express themselves through the visual arts. Parents can be assured their child is being educated in a supportive environment where giggles and grins are encouraged. For more information about Kidcreate Studio visit the web site at kidcreatestudio.com. *Registration deadline is one week prior to program.*

MEA BREAK CLASSES

LEGO Minecraft Art Class **Ages 5 to 12 years**

LEGO and Minecraft, what an amazing combination! In this class, create multiple projects inspired by Creepers, the popular Minecraft characters. We will use air-dry clay, paint and LEGO bricks to create these explosive masterpieces.

Date: Thursday, October 15
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 am
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$24 per child

Please register by October 8

Star Wars R2D2 Art **Ages 4 to 9 years**

Obi Wan Kenobi and Anakin would be proud of the Star Wars masterpiece your young Jedi will create in this class. Kids will construct their own mini R2D2 out of Model Magic clay. Leave the light sabers at home – our creativity will be our weapon of choice. May the force be with you! (*The new Star Wars movie is out in theaters mid-December!*)

Date: Friday, October 16
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$24 per child

Please register by October 9

Olaf Bobble Head Art Class **Ages 4 to 9 years**

We'll create Olaf bobble heads out of Model Magic clay. Sign up early for this one; it's going to fill fast.

Date: Friday, October 16
Time: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$24 per child

Please register by October 9

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS SERVING OAKDALE

These associations operate independently from Oakdale Recreation. Although they use city/school facilities, they oversee and organize all aspects of their own programs.

Minnesota Women's Soccer
www.mwsl.org

Oakdale Adult Softball Association (OASA)
Men's/women's,
co-rec softball leagues.
www.oasa.us

Oakdale Athletic Association (OAA) Youth Sports. Volleyball, soccer, football, t-ball, baseball, basketball and lacrosse. Meetings held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Sgt. Peppers, 930 Helena.
www.oaaonline.com

OMNI Otters Swim Team
Boy/girl swimmers. Ages 6-18+
www.omniotters.com

St. Paul–Ramsey County Horseshoe Club. Sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitches Association, adheres to its rules and procedures. Each player is assigned a regularly updated "handicap" For more information call 651-808-3812 or www.sprchorseshoeclub.weebly.com

Tartan Area Hockey Association (TAYHA)
Boys and girls K-12
www.tayha.org

Tartan Youth Wrestling
Boys from K-8. Season runs November - April. Practices held Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Tartan 612-965-6000
edelacy@comcast.net



On Fridays, the Recreation Department Center offers a wide variety of fun and educational nature programs for children ages 3 to 6.

Children participate in discussions, play games, watch DVDs, and create projects for each themed program. Critter Club kids like to go outside, so please dress for the weather!

When: Fridays, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
 Ages: 3 to 6 (child must be potty trained)
 Cost: \$6 per child/per session
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Registration deadline is one week prior to the start of each program

October 16: We're Going on a Leaf Hunt

Join us as we welcome fall! We'll look at leaves and find out why they turn colorful shades of yellow, red, gold and brown.

October 30: From Seed to Pumpkin

In the fall, pumpkins are everywhere: in the garden, in stores, and on doorsteps. But did you know that they grow from a tiny yellow seed to a big orange pumpkin? Join us and find out how!

November 6: Barnyard Animals

Cows, goats, pigs, and ducks all live in the barnyard. Have fun learning about farm animals and about life on a farm.

November 20: Dino Detectives

Dinosaurs lived long ago, when life on earth began. Some were tall, some were small, some liked water and some liked land. Become a Dino Detective and find out all of their secrets!

December 4: Annual Trim the Tree Day

Our traditional decorate the tree day. Join us as we make homemade ornaments to decorate our tree at the Discovery Center. You'll get to take home ornaments to display on your tree too!

December 11: Super Scoopers

Pelicans have big pouches on their beaks that they use like nets to catch fish! We'll take a closer look at these strange water birds.

January 8: Jack Frost

Though no one ever sees him, we know that he's been around from the sparkling frosty designs he leaves on our windows and other objects. We'll learn how, when and where frost forms and even watch Jack's secret to making frost!

January 22: Polar Bears & Penguins

We'll discover the life that exists in the harsh polar regions, including polar bears and penguins. Learn about each of these different Arctic and Antarctic animals and how they live in the coldest places on earth.

FAMILY FUN FLATABLES - FREE!

Join us for a full day of bouncing fun! There will be a large assortment of inflatables for your jumping enjoyment.

Date: Saturday, September 19

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: Walton Park – 15th Street and Hadley Ave

The Splatter Sisters will perform at the band shell from noon to 2 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase at the event.

MAKIN' APPLE CIDER

Join local resident, AJ Moses, to learn how to make apple cider and explore the types of apples that make the best cider. Please bring a clean ½ gallon jug with you so you can take home some freshly pressed cider! Select from two sessions.

Date: Saturday, October 10

Session 1: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Session 2: 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$8 per person

Please register by October 2

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Join us for a family fun night at PINZ! Bring your family/friends (up to 5 people) for a great night of bowling!

Date: Friday, October 16

Time: 6 to 7 p.m.

Place: PINZ Oakdale, 7520 32nd Street North

Cost: \$42 per lane (Includes 1 hour of bowling, shoe rental (for everybody), large 1-topping pizza, pitcher of soda)

Please register by October 9

SUNDAE BINGO

What could be better than ice cream sundaes and games of bingo? Join us for this exciting event! Sit and enjoy your sundae while shouting out BINGO! Prizes (based on age group; limit of two prizes per participant) are awarded for this all-ages event.

Date: Sunday, November 8

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$8 per person

All ages are welcome!

Please register by October 30



VISIT FROM SANTA

Santa is planning a special visit to Oakdale on Thursday, December 10. He'll travel through town on a decorated fire truck. To make Santa's special visit extra special, please make plans to welcome him at one of these stops:

6 to 6:15 p.m.	Hadley Avenue & 47th Street
6:20 to 6:35 p.m.	Hadley Avenue & 41st Street
6:40 to 6:55 p.m.	Hadley Avenue & Eberle Park
7:00 to 7:15 p.m.	Hadley Avenue & Stillwater Blvd
7:20 to 7:35 p.m.	Hadley Avenue & 15th Street (City Hall)

Bundle up and watch for the Oakdale Fire Truck covered in twinkling lights, with their special passenger on board!

FLASHLIGHT PUMPKIN HUNT

Help us search for pumpkins in the Oakdale Nature preserve! Then enjoy ghoulish games, eerie entertainment, chilling refreshments, bonfire, and a family DJ. Costumes are optional; don't forget your flashlight!

Date: Wednesday, October 21
Time: 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Ages: Up to 12
Cost: \$12 per person, parents attend for free

All participants receive a glow necklace at check-in!

please register by October 14



Calling all imaginative minds! Get outside this winter and build your best snow sculpture for the "Best Snow sculpture of Oakdale Contest". This year's theme is "A Day at the Zoo". Your sculpture will be judged on appearance based on the theme.

Please submit your entries (photo) to Tim@ci.oakdale.mn.us. The winner will be announced on the Recreation Department's website and Facebook page on April 4 and will receive a \$100 gift card to PINZ! All entries need to be submitted by March 31.

Outdoor skating rinks are located throughout the city and offer general skating and hockey facilities. Weather permitting, rinks are scheduled to open in late December and close for the season in late February (weather dependent).

The following guidelines will be used to determine outdoor rink closures: when temperatures soften the ice to create unsafe skating conditions (estimated temps of 37 degrees or higher may cause rink closure), when actual temperature reaches -10 degrees or wind chill temperature reaches -25 degrees, or if more than 3 inches of snow accumulates on the ice at times when maintenance crews are not available.

For rink updates, check the Recreation Department's Facebook page or go to www.oakdalefun.com

Maintained, Supervised Rinks: with Heated Warming Houses

Northdale Park - 50th Street and Granada Avenue
Walton Park Hockey Rink - 15th Street and Hadley
Walton Park Pleasure Rink - 15th Street and Hadley

Hours: Monday through Friday	4 to 8 p.m.
Saturdays	12 to 8 p.m.
Sundays	12 to 7 p.m.

Ice Scooters are available at the Walton Pleasure Rink, at no charge. Scooters are great tools for anyone learning the basics of skating.

**COMPLIMENTARY
HOT CHOCOLATE
AT THE WALTON PLEASURE RINK!**

Winter Break and Holiday Hours

December 23	4 to 8 p.m.
December 24	12 to 4 p.m.
December 25	Closed
December 26	12 to 8 p.m.
December 27	12 to 7 p.m.
December 28	1 to 8 p.m.
December 29	1 to 8 p.m.
December 30	1 to 8 p.m.
December 31	12 to 4 p.m.
January 1	Closed
January 2	12 to 8 p.m.
January 3	12 to 7 p.m.
January 18	1 to 8 p.m.
February 15	1 to 8 p.m.

Maintained, Unsupervised Rinks: No Warming House Available

Eastside Park - Helmo Avenue

Map of rink locations at www.oakdalefun.com

TARTAN ARENA INDOOR RINK OPEN SKATING 740 Greenway Avenue

Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m.: \$5 per person

Every First and Third Sunday:
Buy one, get one FREE admission!

(open skating may be canceled without notice)

For more information please call 651-714-9251





Letters to Santa

Watch for Santa's magical red mailboxes to appear at the Discovery Center and at City Hall.

Write Santa a letter and let him know whether you have been a little naughty or alot nice and include your wish list!

Deposit your letter into the mailbox by December 18 (include your full name, age, and address in your letter).

www.oakdalefun.com
www.oakdalefun.com
www.oakdalefun.com

FARMERS MARKET

City Hall Parking Lot - 15th & Hadley
WEDNESDAYS

2 to 6 p.m.

Last market for the season: October 7

Fresh produce, baked goods. honey, syrup, brats, and much, much more!

INDOOR MARKET

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley
SATURDAYS

9 a.m. to noon

December 5 & 12

January 16 & 30

February 13

March 12 & 26

Baked goods, jams, sweets, meats, gourmet food, salsas, jewelry, and much more!

The perfect place for holiday shopping!

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley
SATURDAY, MARCH 5

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Buy or sell new and formerly new items including clothing, books, toys, collectibles, and more.

Rent two tables for only \$20!

Space is limited, register early.

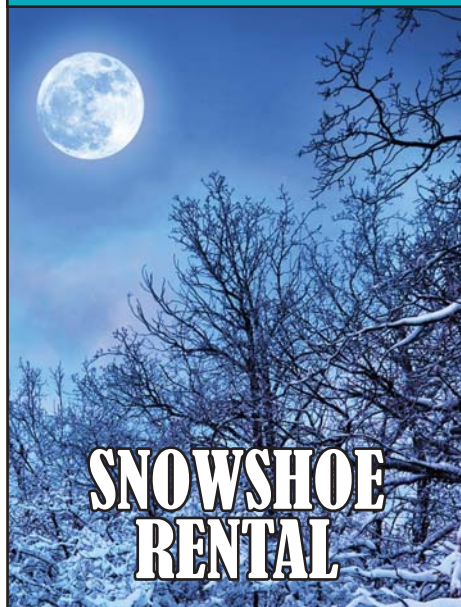
Register by February 26.

Sellers may select table location if registering in person. Set up times:

Friday, March 4 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 5 from 8 to 9 a.m.

Sellers may use no more than two tables, no additional tables or racks can be allowed.



New Hours!

Take your family and friends snowshoeing in the 250 acres of the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Watch for animal tracks, deer, fox, and birds, even snowshoe angels!

Rates are \$5/person for a two-hour rental. Sizes available for both children and adult.

First come, first served. Reservations recommended for groups of six or more. Please call 651-747-3860.

Rentals now available daily, beginning December 20 (pending on snow conditions): at these times:

Monday through Friday:
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays:
12 to 4 p.m.

Sundays:
1 to 4 p.m.

Wahoo! Adventures Presents:

FAMILY FULL MOON SNOWSHOE

Join us at the Oakdale Nature Preserve to enjoy the trails at night with the full moon and stars overhead. One trail will be lit with ice luminaries but you can also snowshoe through the entire park!

Then gather by the bonfire for hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows. Fee includes snowshoes, but you are welcome to bring your own. If snowshoes are needed please indicate on registration form so we can save you a pair.

Date: Saturday, January 23
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Oakdale Nature Preserve
Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$15/per person or
\$50 for family of 4

Please register by January 15

FULL MOON SNOWSHOE, SIP & SAMPLE

Enjoy snowshoeing through the Oakdale Nature Preserve, lit by ice luminaries, relaxing by the outdoor bonfire. Then head indoors for food, wine, and beer samples by the fireplace and our very popular vintage game room! Cost includes:

- Snowshoe rental
- Local Artisan Foods
- Locally Crafted Beer by Maple Island Brewery
- Wines selected by local experts at Bright Wines
- Vintage Game Room

Date: Friday, February 19
Time: 7 to 10 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$34 per person,
\$39 day of event

Please register by January 30

Wahoo! Adventures is founded by Kerri Kolstad, who coordinates a variety of outdoor experiences.



District 622 Community Education offers quality swimming activities for all ages. Our experienced and caring instructors have been trained by the American Red Cross. They will help you or your child/children develop water safety and swimming skills in a positive learning environment.

Lessons are held at:

Skyview Community School
1100 Heron Avenue N, Oakdale

John Glenn Middle School
1560 County Road B East, Maplewood



REGISTERING OPTIONS

ON-LINE:
PHONE:
FAX:
MAIL / IN PERSON:

<https://isd622.thatscommunity.com>
651-748-7434
651-748-7497
District 622 Ed Center - CE Swim
2520 E 12th Avenue, No. St. Paul, MN 55109

Checks Payable to: ISD 622 Community Education

SWIM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

(Complete descriptions can be found on website)

Preschool Lessons

Classes are 30 minutes long

Parent/Tot 1 *(swim diapers please)*

Infants 6 months - 2 years with parent/adult. Parent works with child to promote water readiness through games & play.

Parent/Tot 2 *(swim diapers if needed)*

Toddlers 2 - 4 years with parent/adult. Parent works with child to learn basic swim skills through group activities.

Parent/Tot 1&2 *(Swim diapers if not toilet trained)*

Infants 6 months - Toddlers 4 years with parent/adult. Parents work with child to become comfortable in the water and learn basic swim skills through games and play.

Parent/Preschooler

3 - 5 years with parent/adult. A graduate of Parent/Tot 2 or equivalent who will put face under water. Parent will help their child learn basic swimming techniques through drills and play.

Turtles (Preschool 1)

4 - 5 year olds (without parent/adult) who will not readily put their faces in the water. This class introduces them to basic swim skills and increases their comfort level.

Bobbers (Preschool 2)

4 - 5 year olds (without parent/adult) who will put their faces in the water and are comfortable in the water.

Super Kids (Preschool 3)

4 - 5 year olds (without parent/adult) who can swim 10 feet with their face in the water; have fundamental swim skills but are not ready for the larger class and longer class time of Level 1.

American Red Cross Youth Lessons

(Age 6 years and older)

Classes are 55 minutes long

Level 1 & 2 - Fundamental Skills

This is an entry level class for children ages 6 and older.

Level 3 - Stroke Development

Passed Level 2 or be able to jump in deep water, swim on front and back for 30 feet.

Level 4 - Stroke Improvement

Passed Level 3. Learn elementary backstroke, side stroke and butterfly kick.

Level 5 - Stroke Refinement

Passed Level 4. Increase endurance of all strokes. Learn breast stroke, butterfly and side stroke.

Level 6 - Core skills for both Personal Water Safety and Fitness Swimmer are the same. No need to pass one before taking the other.

6PWS - Personal Water Safety

6FS - Fitness Swimmer

Private & Semi Private Swim Lessons Instructor will customize each 30 minute lesson.

You can now register on-line for Private lessons or call 651-748-7434 for additional times or to register for semi-private lessons.

Private Fee: \$22/lesson
Semi-Private Fee: \$15/lesson (must register 2)

FALL SWIMMING: John Glenn Middle School

Class	Monday Oct 5 to Nov 23 8 Lessons Fee: \$68		Wednesday Oct 7 to Nov 25 8 Lessons Fee: \$68		Thursday Oct 29 to Dec 17 (no class 11/26) 7 Lessons Fee: \$60		Saturday Oct 10 to Dec 12 (no class 10/17, 11/28) 7 Lessons Fee: \$60	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 1	6:00 pm	SPT1A	6:00 pm	SPT1B			9:00 am	SPT1C
Parent/Tot 2	6:30 pm	SPT2A	6:30 pm	SPT2B	6:00 pm	SPT2C	9:30 am	SPT2D
Parent/Preschooler	7:00 pm	SP1			6:30 pm	SP2	10:00 am	SP3
Turtles	6:00 pm	STU1	6:30 pm	STU2	6:00 pm	STU3	9:00 am	STU5
Turtles					6:30 pm	STU4		
Bobbers	6:30 pm	SB1	6:00 pm	SB3			9:30 am	SB5
Bobbers	7:00 pm	SB2			7:00 pm	SB4	10:00 am	SB6
Super Kids			7:00 pm	SSK1	7:00 pm	SSK2	10:00 am	SSK3
Level 1 & 2	6:00 pm	S1A	6:00 pm	S1C	6:00 pm	S1E	9:00 am	S1G
Level 1 & 2	7:00 pm	S1B	7:00 pm	S1D	7:00 pm	S1F	10:30 am	S1H
Level 3	7:30 pm	S3A	7:00 pm	S3B	7:30 pm	S3C	10:30 am	S3D
Level 4	7:30 pm	S4A			7:30 pm	S4B	10:30 am	S4C
Private Lessons \$22/30 minute lesson (Semi-Private Lessons available. Please call)	8:00 pm \$176	SprivA 8 weeks	7:30 pm \$176	SprivB 8 weeks	8:00 pm \$154	SprivC 7 weeks	11:30 am 11:30 am 11:30 am \$154	SprivD SprivE SprivF 7 weeks

Open Swim & Lap Swim at Skyview School Saturdays 2 to 3:30 pm

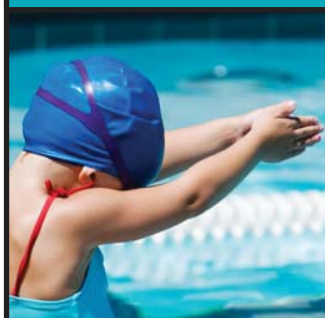
Oct 10 to Dec 12
(Closed 10/17, 11/28)

Walk-in Rates:

Adults \$4

Student/Child \$3

Immediate
Family \$10



FALL SWIMMING: Skyview School

Class	Monday Oct 12 to Nov 30 8 Lessons Fee: \$68		Tuesday Oct 6 to Dec 8 (no class 10/13, 11/3) 8 Lessons Fee: \$68		Saturday Oct 10 to Dec 12 (no class 10/17, 11/28) 7 Lessons Fee: \$60	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 1 & 2			6:00 pm	SPT12A		
Bobbers			6:30 pm	SB7	1:00 pm	SB8
Super Kids					1:30 pm	SSK4
Level 1 & 2	6:00 pm	S1I	6:00 pm	S1K	9:30 am	S1M
Level 1 & 2	7:00 pm	S1J	7:00 pm	S1L	10:30 am	S1N
Level 1 & 2					1:00 pm	S1O
Level 3	6:00 pm	S3E	6:00 pm	S3G	9:30 am	S3I
Level 3	7:00 pm	S3F	7:00 pm	S3H		
Level 4	6:00 pm	S4D	7:00 pm	S4E	10:30 am	S4F
Level 5	7:00 pm	S5A	6:00 pm	S5B	11:30 am	S5C
Level 6 (both)	7:00 pm	S6A	7:00 pm	S6B	11:30 am	S6C
Private Lessons \$22/30 minute lesson (Semi-Private Lessons available. Please call)	6:30 pm \$176	SprivG 8 weeks			9:00 am 9:00 am 9:00 am \$154	SprivH SprivI SprivJ 7 weeks

ADULT WATER FITNESS CLASSES

Water Workout	John Glenn	Tuesdays Oct 16 to Dec 1 (no class 11/3, 11/24)	8 to 9 pm	\$56 (7 classes)	SW1
Cardio Water Workout	Skyview	Wednesdays Oct 7 to Dec 8 (no class 10/21)	7 to 8 pm	\$72 (9 classes)	SC1

WINTER SWIMMING: John Glenn Middle School

CLASS	Monday Jan 18 to Mar 14 (no 2/15) 8 Lessons Fee \$68		Wednesday Jan 20 to Mar 9 8 Lessons Fee \$68		Thursday Jan 21 to Mar 17 7 Lessons Fee \$60		Saturday Jan 23 to Mar 12 8 Lessons Fee \$68	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
	Parent/Tot 1	5:30 PM SWM1			6:00 PM SWM2		9:00 AM SWM3	
Parent/Tot 2	6:00 PM	SWT1	6:00 PM	SWT2	5:30 PM	SWT3	9:30 AM	SWT4
Parent/Preschooler	6:30 PM	SWP1	5:30 PM	SWP2			10:00 AM	SWP4
Turtles	6:00 PM	SWTU1	6:00 PM	SWTU2	5:30 PM	SWTU3	9:00 AM	SWTU4
Turtles					6:00 PM	SWTU5		
Bobbers	5:30 PM	SWB1	5:30 PM	SWB3	5:30 PM	SWB5	10:00 AM	SWB7
Bobbers	6:30 PM	SWB2	6:30 PM	SWB4	6:30 PM	SWB6	11:00 AM	SWB8
Super Kids	6:30 PM	SWSK1	7:00 PM	SWSK2	6:30 PM	SWSK3	10:30 AM	SWSK4
Level 1 and 2	5:30 PM	SW1A	5:30 PM	SW1C	6:00 PM	SW1E	9:30 AM	SW1G
Level 1 and 2	7:00 PM	SW1B	6:30 PM	SW1D	7:00 PM	SW1F	10:30 AM	SW1H
Level 3	7:00 PM	SW3A	6:30 PM	SW3B	7:00 PM	SW3D	10:30 AM	SW3E
Level 4	7:00 PM	SW4A			7:00 PM	SW4B	9:00 AM	SW4C
Private Lessons \$22/30 minute lesson (Semi-Private Lessons available. Please call) 8 Lessons \$176							11:30 AM	SPWS1
							11:30 AM	SPWS2
							11:30 AM	SPWS3

WINTER SWIMMING: Skyview School

Class	Monday Jan 18 to Mar 14 (no 2/15) 8 Lessons Fee \$68		Tuesday Jan 19 to Mar 15 (no 3/1) 8 Lessons Fee \$68		Saturday Jan 16 to Mar 12 (no 1/30) 8 Lessons Fee \$68	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 2			6:00 PM	SWT5		
Bobbers			6:30 PM	SWB9	1:00 PM	SWB10
Super Kids					1:30 PM	SWSK5
Level 1 and 2	6:00 PM	SW1J	6:00 PM	SW1L	9:30 AM	SW1N
Level 1 and 2	7:00 PM	SW1K	7:00 PM	SW1M	10:30 AM	SW1P
Level 1 and 2					1:00 PM	SW1Q
Level 3	6:00 PM	SW3F	6:00 PM	SW3G	9:30 AM	SW3J
Level 3			7:00 PM	SW3H		
Level 4	6:00 PM	SW4D	7:00 PM	SW4E	10:30 AM	SW4F
Level 5	7:00 PM	SW5A	6:00 PM	SW5B	11:30 AM	SW5C
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					9:00 AM	SPWS3

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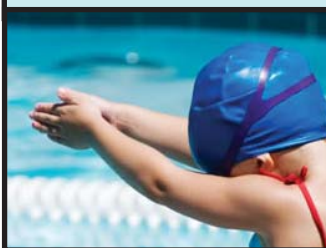
Jan 23 to Mar 12
(closed 1/30)

Walk-in Rates:

Adults \$4

Student/Child \$3

**Immediate
Family \$10**



ADULT WATER FITNESS CLASSES

Water Workout	John Glenn	Tuesdays Jan 19 to Mar 15 (no class 3/1)	7 to- 8 pm	\$56 (7 classes)	SW2
Cardio Water Workout	Skyview	Wednesdays Jan 20 to Mar 16	7 to 8 pm	\$72 (9 classes)	SC2

OAKDALE WELLNESS 50+

The Oakdale Wellness 50+ team is seeking volunteers *and* participants to be part of a community-wide effort to improve the health and wellness of citizens over 50. A team of six Oakdale volunteers, with input from local businesses, organizations and community members, are working to empower and engage older adults in Oakdale to live healthy, vital lives. They have created a series of wellness events called, “Discover Your Fitness,” that will take place at the Oakdale Discovery Center. Each 90 minute event will provide the opportunity for residents 50 and older to take the Rikli-Jones Senior Fit test, try out wellness classes and demos, take part in educational workshops and lectures, as well as peruse healthy living exhibits.

Discover Your Fitness Events

Please join us at an upcoming “Discover Your Fitness” event and begin your journey to understanding and improving your fitness. Take part in a fitness assessment and, based on your results, let us provide you with resources to improve fitness. Then, come back to another event and be re-assessed! We’ll provide your results immediately. Seeing a positive change in your fitness level, at any age, is a great motivator!

When: October 7 3 to 4:30 p.m.
 November 14 Noon to 1:30 p.m.
 December TBD
 NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED!
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: FREE!

Volunteer Information

Work with active 50+ adults as a Senior Fitness Test administrator – no experience needed. Learn a simple fitness test and administer it at periodic wellness events. They will teach you all you need to know. Time commitment: One, six-hour training and then approximately two hours a month.

1. Help us organize “Discover Your Fitness” events: Aid in developing wellness resources such as handouts, teachers and speakers, and working with local businesses to create wellness displays. If you have a particular skill or expertise to share, such as healthy cooking, yoga, meditation or massage, please contact the group. Time commitment: Variable – as much or as little as you desire.
2. Join the Oakdale Wellness 50+ Pilot Team: This is an exciting opportunity to join our team as a part of the cadre of neighbors that are trained in the grassroots development process and become part of the steering group that plans, suggests, directs, and conducts the expansion and growth of the project. Time commitment: Six to 10 hours per month. Some email contact between meetings.

If you would like to become a volunteer with the Oakdale Wellness 50+ group, please contact Dale Thompson at 651-714-5232 or Jackie Chlebeck at 651-845-3127.



HATHA FLOW YOGA

Hatha Flow is a blend of various styles of yoga. Flow from posture to posture, rhythmically linking our breath with each posture, pausing at times to re-connect and center. Balance and stretch while standing, kneeling sitting and lying. Beginners are welcome as are those who have practiced yoga before. All students are encouraged to move at their own comfortable pace. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat. Instructor: Joanne Romain is a registered teacher with the Yoga Alliance has been practicing yoga for over 19 years.

Tuesday Morning

Session 1: October 13 to November 24 (6 weeks)
(No class November 3)

Session 2: December 1 to January 26 (7 weeks)
(No classes December 22 and 29)

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$53 Session 1
\$61 Session 2

Thursday Evening

Session 1: October 15 to November 19 (6 weeks)

Session 2: December 3 to January 28 (7 weeks)
(No classes December 24 and 31)

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$53 Session 1
\$61 Session 2

Registration deadline is one week prior to class



AUTHENTIC YANG TAI CHI

Dates: Tuesdays, October 6 to December 29
(No class November 3)

Time: 1 to 2 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$95

Please register by September 29

Tai Chi is a low-impact, weight – bearing, and aerobic, yet relaxing, exercise. It involves slow, gentle movements, deep breathing, and meditation. Benefits of Tai Chi include improved strength, better balance, enhanced sleep, reduced pain and stiffness, and a general sense of well being. Learn the forms of Tai Chi and the self defense that goes along with the movements.





WINTER WONDERLAND

Saturday, December 19
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley

***Free!
Free!
Free!***

Visit with Santa
NEW: Kids Wacky Winter Fun Run
NEW: Carolers
Horse-drawn Hayrides
Meet & Greet the Dogs of Winter
Petting Zoo
Snowshoeing
Candy Cane Hunt
Bonfire with S'mores
Holiday Face Painting
Holiday Craft Station
Breakfast & Lunch

Thank you to our sponsors:
Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce,
Maplewood/Oakdale Lions Club,
Platinum Bank, and Oakdale Recreation

*Please bring
nonperishable
food and/or
toiletry items
to Winter
Wonderland
for the local
food shelf.*

Washington County Master Gardener Jane Klein will present information about gardening, provide gardening tips, and answer your gardening questions. Attend either or both classes at no charge! To reserve your spot, please call 651-747-3860.

Native Shrubs for Winter Interest and Wildlife

Date: Saturday, November 21
Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue



Curb Appeal: Front Yard Planting

Date: Saturday, January 23
Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue



SUMMERFEST: 2015

Two major changes to Oakdale's annual summer community celebration this year proved to be well-received by attendees and vendors alike. Normally held over four days, the fun of Oakdale Summerfest this year was instead packed into three: June 25, 26, and 27 as attendance on Sundays has typically been low.

In addition, the city has had two major events within close proximity: Summerfest and the Fourth of July celebration. This year, the two events were within a week of each other, "So we combined the two," Summerfest Chairperson Jason Foutz said. "We included all the Fourth of July activities in Summerfest -- The Rockin' Hollywoods band and the fireworks -- bringing more punch to Summerfest."

These changes turned out to be well-received, Foutz said. "Vendors said this year's event was an 'excellent experience,' and carnival owners said it was 'one of the best years' they have had in a long time." Furthermore, events that had previously been held on Sundays and were moved to Saturday, such as boxing and the car show, reported unprecedented attendance.

Foutz said the Summerfest Committee always welcomes feedback from residents, who can express their opinions about Summerfest by posting on the city's Facebook page or by sending an e-mail to Jason@ci.oakdale.mn.us.

Anyone interested in helping to plan Summerfest is invited to attend committee meetings held the third Wednesdays of each month, at 3 p.m., at City Hall.



WOODWORKING WITH AJ

This winter why not try your hand at woodworking? Local resident and woodworker, AJ Moses will provide all of the tools you'll need to build your very own treasure box, with inlaid detail on the cover. What a great gift! Children participating in the class who are under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. ***Instructor is resident and woodworker, AJ Moses. His work has been featured at the Discovery Center and the farmer's market.***

Dates: Monday, November 30
Assembly and first stages of finalizing the treasure box

Tuesday, December 1
Final stages of finalizing the treasure box

Time: 6 to 8 p.m., both dates
Place: Discovery Center,
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$22 per person

Please register
by November 23



DANCE CLASSES

Legacy Dance Studio is family owned and has been operating in Oakdale since 1998. Their studio is located in Bergen Plaza. Legacy Dance Studio's curriculum stresses ballet technique as the base for all dancers. The type of dance offered in addition to ballet are tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop. Legacy offers a variety of classes for recreational students ages 2 to 18, ranging from beginner to advanced. Each age class has a maximum number of students to allow an appropriate amount of one-on-one attention.

Beginning Tap and Ballet
Ages 3 to 4 ½
\$52 monthly
Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m.
Saturdays 11:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Beginning Tap and Ballet
Ages 6 to 8
\$52 monthly
Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m.
Saturdays 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Advanced Future Stars
Tap/Jazz/Ballet
Ages 8 to 10
\$84 monthly
Fridays 5 to 7 p.m.

Teen Class - Tap/Jazz/Ballet
\$63 monthly
Mondays 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Beginning Leaps & Turn
(LL & RS)
Tuesdays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Tap and Ballet
Ages 4 ½ to 5
\$52 monthly
Mondays 5 to 6 p.m.
Tuesdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 6 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays 10 to 11 a.m.

Intermediate Tap and Ballet
Ages 6 to 8
\$52 monthly
Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Intermediate Tap/Jazz/Ballet
Ages 11 to 13
\$63 monthly
Thursdays 7:45 to 9:15

Beginning Tap/Jazz/Ballet
Ages 9 to 12
\$63 monthly
Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Boy's Team
Ages 6 to 13
\$36 monthly
Fridays 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Dad's Class
Free - Legacy Dancers Only
January to June
Fridays 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Tap & Ballet
Ages 2nd/3rd 5 to 6
\$52 monthly
Tuesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Fridays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Intermediate Tap/Jazz/Ballet
Ages 8 to 10
\$63 monthly
Mondays 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Tots
Ages 18 months to 3
\$32 monthly
Mondays 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Intermediate Leaps & Turns
(DS, 1st yr SL & SPOT)
\$52 monthly
Fridays 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Advanced Leaps & Turns
(2nd yr SL & SM)
\$52 monthly
Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please register at:
Legacy Dance Studio
7157 10th Street N, Oakdale
651-735-9216
www.legacydancestudio.com

TENNIS LESSONS

Learn some basic fundamentals of tennis in this exciting class! Skills taught include grip, stance, swing and more in a fun and safe learning environment. We use USTA approved tennis equipment designed for youth tennis. If you have your own racquet, please bring it along each week. The Recreation Department has a few to loan each night. *Instructor: Dan Stumpf, North High School girl's tennis coach.*

Dates: Wednesdays, October 28;
November 4, 18, 25;
December 2, 9, 16
Times: 6 to 6:45 p.m. (Ages 4 – 7)
7:15 to 8 p.m. (Ages 8 – 12)
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$30 per child

Please register by October 21



Register online with no extra fees!

REGISTRATION

There are five convenient ways to pay for programs and activities. For more information, please call 651-747-3860.

Online
www.oakdalefun.com



Mail
4444 Hadley Avenue N
Oakdale, MN 55128



Fax
651-747-3861



In-Person
4444 Hadley Avenue or
City Hall - 1584 Hadley Avenue



Drop Boxes
Located in front of Discovery
Center or City Hall parking lot.



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Registration deadlines are established for programs to ensure appropriate staffing, supplies, and facility needs. Please refer to program descriptions for each program's registration deadline.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

You will be contacted only if a program is full, cancelled, or if a program change is necessary.

WAIT LISTS

If a class or event is full, you may request that your name be placed on a waiting list in the event that an opening occurs.

CANCELLATION

Oakdale Recreation reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine programs, and/or change instructors. Classes with insufficient enrollment will be cancelled and payment refunded or credited to your account. Participants will be notified of program cancellations prior to the start of the program.

REFUNDS

Registration fees for programs cancelled by the Recreation Department will be fully refunded. Other than Adult Trips, participants may cancel a registration three business days before the start of the program and receive a refund, less a \$5 administration fee. Once a refund has been requested, a check will be mailed within 45 days. If the registration payment was charged, a credit to the credit card will be processed. No refunds can be issued once a program has started or if tickets were purchased for a trip or event.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Scholarships are available for persons who need financial assistance to participate in youth programs. Funds are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to request an application, please call 651-747-3860.

E-BROCHURES

Receive your brochure by E-mail. You can have all your Oakdale Recreation information instantly and immediately when you sign-up for E-brochures. It's quick and easy to register. Submit your request via e-mail to laura.heimkes@ci.oakdale.mn.us you will begin receiving your brochures with the next issue.

**Questions? Please call 651-747-3860
or visit www.oakdalefun.com**

*There's no residency
requirement to participate in
Oakdale's programs and events!*

REGISTRATION FORM
Oakdale Recreation Department ~ Discovery Center
Phone: 651-747-3860 / Fax: 651-747-3861 www.oakdalefun.com

Name of Parent/Guardian or Adult Participant making payment Address City Zip

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Work/Other Phone

Email (please circle one):

Parent Guardian Adult Participant

Emergency Contact Information for Participant (not parent or guardian):

Name

Telephone Number

Relationship

PERMISSION AND WAIVER: I hereby agree to allow my child to participate in the Oakdale Recreation Department activity named below. In consideration of your accepting this registration, I hereby, for myself and my heirs, waive any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against the City of Oakdale and its representatives, for any and all injuries from whatever cause suffered by the participant (s) listed in the indicated activity below. I understand that the information that I have provided will be distributed to individuals involved with each recreation program.

The Oakdale Recreation Department often takes pictures, slides, and videotape of participants for program promotion and brochures. The completion of your registration signifies your acceptance of this consent.

Participant Name(s) First and Last	M/F	Age	Birthdate	Activity Name	Activity Date	Time	Location	Fee
Registration confirmation provided upon request								TOTAL \$

Parent/Guardian/Adult Participant Signature _____ Today's Date _____

OFFICE USE ONLY: Date received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Rec'd by: _____

MAIL: Mail completed form and payment (checks made to "City of Oakdale" to:
Oakdale Recreation, 4444 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, MN 55128

PAYMENT TYPE:

() Cash () Check # _____ () Credit Card: Signature: _____

Circle: VISA MC AM EXP DISCOVER Card Expiration Date: _____

Card # _____ Three Digit Security Code # _____

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

OAKDALE NAMED FIRST WINNER OF SUSTAINABLE CITY AWARD

Since 2011, the City of Oakdale has been diligently participating in the GreenStep Cities program, working to reduce the community's impact on the environment.

This year, cities involved in the GreenStep program were eligible for a new recognition – the 2015 League of MN Cities Sustainable City Award. Oakdale was chosen as the inaugural winner of this award because it demonstrated excellence in achieving its sustainability goals. The city was recognized for having a sustainability plan that incorporates environmental best practices, achieving significant cost savings from completed energy improvements, and for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from city operations.

The City Council and the Environmental Management Commission have made environmental issues a priority over the last several years. Some of the projects and programs completed that helped Oakdale rise to the top for the sustainability award include:

- Partnering with the Saint Paul Port Authority to offer low-interest financing for commercial businesses' energy improvements
- Installing solar PV at city hall
- Converting street and signal lights to LED lights
- Installing a geothermal heating system at Public Works
- Improving efficiency via HVAC, lighting, insulation improvements at city facilities

These best practices, along with many others, have made it possible to improve city services, use innovative and clean technologies to power city facilities, and provide a significant financial savings to the community.

With the sustainability award came a check for \$1,000. The award and check were presented June 26 at the League of MN Cities annual conference. In addition, Oakdale was recognized at that meeting for having achieved Step 3 status in the GreenStep Cities program by completing 18 best practice areas out of a total of 28 – currently the highest available level in the program.

TRASH TALKING

On collection day, please remember to place trash and recycling containers on your driveway apron, behind the curb, and just prior to 7 a.m. On other than collection day, trash and recycling containers need to be stored on the side or back of your house/garage or inside the garage or shed. If, however, a location in front is the only option, please call 651-730-2727 to request approval for screening the containers from view. Thank you!

2015 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING Tanners Lake Park

Nearly 600 trees and shrubs were planted in Tanners Lake Park during the 2015 Community Tree Planting May 2. The event was a collaboration of the Oakdale Tree Board and the Environmental Management Commission, with City Forester Chris Larson credited with the design of the plantings (at both park entrances, along the tree line on the west side of the park, and on a swale area west of the tennis courts. The swale area will serve to filtrate water that is currently pooling in the area and then running off through the ball field, bringing pollution to the lake.)

Besides beautifying the area, the event provided educational opportunities for the 100 volunteers to learn about planting and water quality. The planting design and the choice of plants and trees promote natural resource stewardship, help protect the lake from runoff and provide a habitat for native pollinators.

Because of the water quality and native habitat components of the project, the city applied for and was awarded a grant from the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District.

In addition to the Environmental Management Commission, the Tree Board, and individual and family volunteers, other participants included: Tartan High School Business and Professional Association, Washington Conservation District, Minnesota Conservation Corps, Tartan High School National Honor Society, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District, North High School, Oakdale Public Works, and Washington County Master Gardeners. Prom Catering provided refreshments for the event.



OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

ENERGY TIPS FOR WINTER

Interested in getting paid to save energy? Here are some ways to make that happen. Go to the Xcel Energy website (xcelenergy.com) and click on "Energy Solutions" in the top menu bar. Then select "Residential Customers and Rebates" and "Energy Savings." You will find information on where to buy discounted CFLs and LEDs, how to get a free home energy audit, how to apply for heating and insulation rebates, plus much more. Also, if you click on "Draft Check," you will learn about a free service to help you locate air leaks in your home.

Community Action is another organization that offers energy-saving assistance. Over the past 30 years, they have weatherized approximately 13,000 homes in Ramsey and Washington counties. They perform energy audits, assist with furnace repair or replacement, and perform home weatherization. Community Action provides services to both low-income households through the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program and to the general public through Contract Services. Check it out at www.caprw.org. Click on "Programs," then "Energy Conservation."

Yet another source for help is the Center for Energy and Environment that offers low interest home energy loans for Minnesota homeowners to make energy improvements in their homes.. For information on loan terms and project and property eligibility, go to www.mncee.org and click on "Find Financing and Incentives."

In the meantime, here are some other tips for saving energy:

- Set your hot water heater to no higher than 120 degrees F. This isn't just energy smart—it's also safer, since it reduces the likelihood of accidental burns.
- Turn off your lights when you leave the room—even if you'll only be gone for a moment. Contemporary light bulbs require very little energy to turn on.
- Make sure to regularly change the air filters on your HVAC system (at least once per month). Old, clogged filters are far less efficient.
- You don't need a backyard to hang-dry your laundry. Save the environment and your energy bill when you let your clothes dry the old fashioned way.
- A programmable thermostat can help you save big on energy costs, adjusting the temperature when you're at work, at play, or asleep.
- Rather than crank up your heat in the winter, keep your thermostat at a moderate level and bundle up.

RECYCLE AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER!

When the subject of the Environmental Center comes up, discussion is often focused on household hazardous waste that can be brought there, or the value of the Re-Use Room. But did you know the Center also accepts recyclables? If you bring recyclables to the Environmental Center, put them in a paper bag or reusable tote. All items can be mixed together. Totes will be returned. You can bring items you normally would put at curbside for your hauler, such as glass bottles, cans, and paper and cardboard. In addition, here are some recyclables accepted that you might not think of:

- Plastic bags, shrink wrap, stretch wrap
- Extension cords
- Holiday lights
- Grocery Bags: paper and plastic
- Scrap Metal: small household items like pots and pans, tomato cages, fence posts and tools
- Clear clam shell containers
- Campaign or Real Estate signs (plastic) and metal posts
- Yogurt tubs
- Milk bottles
- Juice Boxes
- Ice cream pails

They also accept:

- Computers and computer monitors
- Printers, keyboards, mice, speakers
- Televisions, DVD and VCR players
- Fax machines
- Cell phones

The Environmental Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive in Woodbury. Hours are:

- Tuesdays, noon to 7 p.m.
- Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 651-275-7475.

**DROP OFF AT CITY HALL:
hearing aids, Christmas lights,
cellphones, eyeglasses,
sunglasses, and American flags.
1584 Hadley Avenue. Monday
through Friday, 8 to 4:30 p.m.**

Oakdale's recycling programs and other Environmental Management Commission activities are funded, in part, by grants from Washington County.

OAKDALE UPDATE

ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

FALL CHORES: LEAVES, DOCKS, POOLS

One of the most glorious summers in Minnesota has come to an end, and the change of seasons means preparation for winter. Fall chores are many, and as we begin to don our fleece jackets and spend less time in the water, it's important to do our part to make sure our lakes are clean for next summer's glory days.

LEAVES: Leaves and grass clippings might be natural, but that doesn't mean they're good for our lakes. When yard waste gets washed into the water, it decomposes and releases phosphorus, which feeds algae. You can help keep our lakes blue next summer by raking up leaves and grass clippings from your street as well as your yard. Dispose of the leaves by composting them in your yard, bagging them for curbside pick-up, or dropping them off at compost facility. You can also mulch leaves with a mower.

DOCKS, LIFTS AND BOATS: If you hire a business to remove your boat, dock, or lift, make sure they are on

the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) list of Permitted Service Providers. These providers have attended training on Aquatic Invasive Species laws and many have experience identifying and removing invasive species such as zebra mussels. In addition to being listed on the DNR website, permitted providers should have a sticker in the lower driver's-side corner of their vehicle's windshield.

What should you do with aquatic plants and/or zebra mussels you clean off of your dock? One option is to compost them in your yard; however, if you wish to dispose of them off-site, you will need a permit from the DNR. Find more information at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/invasives/aquatic.

POOLS: The end of the summer is also the time when most people drain their pools and hot tubs for the year. This can be a simple and harmless process, as long as you take the proper steps to ensure that the water

is de-chlorinated so that it does not kill fish or plants. Because water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contains high levels of chlorine, bromine, and copper and has low pH levels, it is illegal to discharge this water to a municipal storm sewer system without first de-chlorinating.

Happily, there is an easy solution. Simply stop adding chlorine and leave the water exposed to the air for three to five days until it becomes naturally de-chlorinated. You can also use de-chlorinating chemicals from a pool or spa supplier to remove the chlorine more quickly. Before dumping the water, use a test kit to ensure that it has been de-chlorinated to less than 0.1 mg/L of chlorine and has a pH range of 7-8., and consists only of water. Direct the water onto a vegetated surface so that as much as possible can soak into the ground. Dispose of pool filters in your regular garbage and pour waste from pool filters and back wash systems into an indoor drain, not the storm sewer.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING: A Season for Giving, Not for Discarding

Here are some tips and suggestions for alternative gift wrapping, no-waste holiday practices, and innovative gift-giving:

Give a Gift Card. More than two-thirds of American consumers purchase at least one gift card as a holiday present for a loved one. They're appreciated, they never expire, and they require no fancy gift-wrapping.

Say "Happy Holidays" Over the Phone or Internet. If you have Internet access, consider sending electronic holiday cards this year. Repurpose Old Holiday Cards. Donate your old cards to a nursery or day care center for arts and crafts projects. Or, cut up cards to be used as gift tags, bookmarks, greeting cards, place mats, or decorations.

Use Reusable Bags. Headed out to the mall for some holiday shopping?

Take along reusable shopping bags to help reduce the number of single-use, disposable bags distributed by retailers.

Drive Smart. Plan your holiday shopping on a map or a GPS unit to determine the most efficient driving route—you'll drive fewer miles, save money on gas, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Check Your Tire Pressure. Going to Grandma's house for a holiday dinner? Before your trip, make sure tires are properly inflated to increase fuel economy. A reduction of one gallon of gasoline used by every U.S. household this holiday season would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 1 million tons.

Recycle Your Tree at Oakdale Public Works where they will be turned into mulch. Even better, consider an artificial tree or a "living" tree that can

be replanted in the yard in the spring. Recycle Old and Defective Holiday Lights at City Hall or the Washington County Environmental Center.

Incandescent or LED Holiday Lights? Consumer Reports analyzed both types of bulbs and found that, on balance, LED bulbs win out. They are cooler, reducing the risk of holiday tree fires. They last longer and use less power, and the energy savings over time will offset the slightly higher initial purchase price.

Think Outside the Gift Box. Purchase gift bags or baskets from your local dollar stores and reuse them each year. Lay the Foundation for a "Green" Holiday Meal. Use a cloth tablecloth or a washable plastic tablecloth instead of purchasing single-use tablecloths for your holiday meal tables. Recycle cotton or cotton-blend fabric remnants into napkins.

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FARMERS MARKET

15th and Hadley 2 to 6 p.m.
Wednesdays until October 7

FLASHLIGHT PUMPKIN HUNT

4444 Hadley Avenue
Wednesday, October 21 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Register by October 14. Details inside

OAKDALE AREA BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Prom Center, 484 Inwood Avenue
Saturday, October 31 10 am to 3 p.m.
Face painting, balloon artist, and much more!
Trick or Treat at each booth! Details inside.

\$ FOR YOUR HALLOWEEN CANDY

Leftover / unwanted candy is being collected by
All Family Dental, 1075 Hadley until November 6.
Candy will be sent to persons overseas serving in the
military overseas as part of Operation Gratitude.
Thank you, All Family Dental!

INDOOR MARKET

4444 Hadley Avenue
Opens December 5. See inside for dates.

WINTER WONDERLAND

4444 Hadley Avenue
Saturday, December 19 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Free family fun! Details inside

RECYCLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

1584 Hadley Avenue
Recycle holiday lights at Oakdale
City Hall year round.

RECYCLE HOLIDAY TREES

from December 28 through January 31 at Public
Works, 1900 Hadley for only \$3 per tree. Hours:
7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday.

WINTER PARKING

From November 1 through April 1, vehicles
cannot park on city streets from 12 to 5 a.m. Also,
when snow accumulation equals or exceeds 2",
day or night until streets are cleared curb to curb.
Best to keep vehicles off the road any
time there is "measurable snowfall".

THE ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER (HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE)

IS NOW LOCATED AT
4039 COTTAGE GROVE DRIVE
IN WOODBURY. 651-430-6655

Hours: Tuesdays, noon to 7 p.m.
Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

GREAT GIFT IDEA: OAKDALE APPAREL

T-shirts (choice of sizes, designs, and fabric
colors), ball caps, and onesies can be found at:
www.webstorz.biz/oakdale.html

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VETERAN'S DAY EVENT

The Oakdale Memorial Veteran's Committee
invites you to attend a ceremony being held at
1:30 p.m. on November 8 commemorating
Veteran's Day. The memorial is located at
1584 Hadley, on the grounds of Oakdale City Hall.
A police memorial is also at this location.

Purchase a personalized paver for the veteran in your
life. For complete details, please call 651-730-2704.