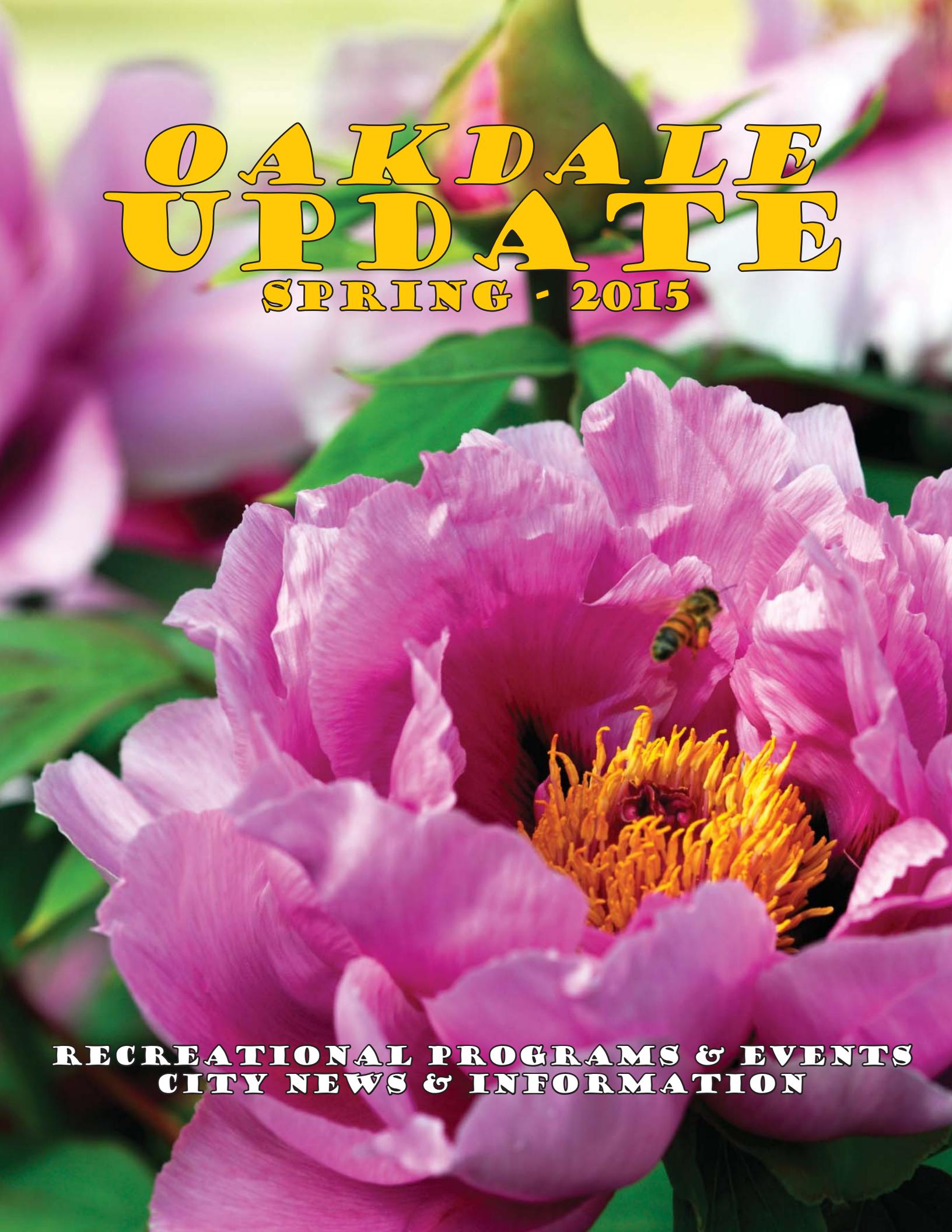


OAKDALE UPDATE

SPRING - 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.



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 651-730-2728.

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 at 7 p.m., at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue; meetings are cablecast live on Channel 16. Questions? Please call 651-747-3865.

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.

*Watch live broadcasts on public access Channel 16.
Watch rebroadcasts by clicking on
“Watch City Meetings” at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us.*

OF INTEREST

DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION. Transit Link offers transportation 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 (Hadley Room - 2nd Floor), 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. Tune in Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday @ 7 p.m. and after every City Council meeting broadcast on Channel 16. You can also view it Mondays @ 5:30 p.m. on Channel 6 or on the web at www.gtn.org/programs.html



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 Stan Karwoski (651-249-7684), Lori Pulkabek (651-702-6355) or Marc Cove (651-332-5222)

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| Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley..... | 747-3860 |
| Development/Planning/Redevelopment..... | 730-2720 |
| Editor, Oakdale Update..... | 730-2704 |
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| Fire Department, Headquarters, 5000 Hadley..... | 731-8886 |
| Forester/Tree Inspector..... | 501-5302 |
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| Licensing..... | 730-2739 |
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| Oakdale Adult Softball Association..... | 731-6850 |
| Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce..... | 578-7769 |
| Oakdale/Lake Elmo Historical Society..... | 739-7152 |
| Post Office, 1175 Gershwin..... | 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 |

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

HOURS AND ADDRESSES

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| 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 September) | 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. |



OAKDALE WEB PAGE
www.ci.oakdale.mn.us



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upcoming events, news and
much more! (<http://tinyurl.com/oakdalemnfacebook>)*

RESIDENT RESOURCE: Important Stuff to Know

BACKYARD (RECREATIONAL) FIRES are allowed when:

- The base of the fire does not exceed 3' in diameter
- Flames do not exceed 2' in height
- Fire is contained in a fire ring of noncombustible material
- Fire ring is located at least 25' from any structure
- Water source is in close proximity
- Fire is attended until extinguished
- Burn only clean, dry wood; do not burn treated lumber, leaves, trash, furniture, etc.
- Fire may not produce smoke that causes discomfort or a negative impact to neighboring properties.

BRUSH DISPOSAL. From mid-April to October, for a nominal fee, you may take branches and brush, under 8" in diameter, to Oakdale Public Works, 1900 Hadley, during regular business hours (M-F, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Please call 651-730-2740 for rate information.

CALL 811 BEFORE DIGGING. Call "811" at least 48 hours before disturbing soil or doing any excavating in your yard.

CODE RED. Washington County's "Code Red" emergency notification system allows for automated messages to be sent to the entire county, select cities, or to designated areas or neighborhoods within minutes. The system will only be used for emergency purposes or notification of information considered to be vitally important. Please take a moment to register by going to the Code Red link at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us. Persons without internet access are encouraged to use computers at the Oakdale Library, 1010 Heron Avenue.

 **DOG AND CAT LICENSES.** Several times a year, lost pets are picked up by the police department. Lucky pets are wearing their city-issued license and their owners are easily contacted. The unlucky ones go to the local shelter where they wait for their family to claim them. Even house pets can wander away and wearing a license may be their only form of communication.

In Oakdale, each dog or cat over six months of age needs to possess a current city-issued license. License fee is either \$12 for spayed/neutered pets or \$20. Licenses are available at 1584 Hadley Avenue, during regular business hours (owner needs to present a certificate of current rabies vaccination) or at the Vaccination Clinic. City-issued licenses expire March 31.

GARAGE SALES. Each property may have a total of three garage sales per year; with each sale running no more than four days. This includes participation in the citywide sales.

GARAGE SALES - CITYWIDE: April 30, May 1 and 2.
Register by calling Cathy at 651-739-5086 by April 24.

HOUSE NUMBERS. Time is of the essence when emergency personnel are searching for your home or business. That is why exterior address numbers need to be visible from the street, a minimum of 4" in height, and located near the primary entrance.

HYDRANT FLUSHING. Each spring, Public Works crews flush out the fire hydrants in the city to remove sediment. During this process, there could be a slight drop in pressure and water from your faucet may be discolored for a brief period.

LOAD LIMITS. During the spring thaw, streets are weakened by water trapped below the pavement. Weight restrictions are implemented to help minimize wear and to allow the base time to stabilize. During this time, please advise contractors and delivery providers to comply with posted load limits for city streets.

MAILBOXES. Please install mailboxes as follows: minimum

height of the mailbox (not the post) needs to be at least 45" from the gutter channel. The face of the mailbox should not extend beyond the back edge of the curb.

MAIL DELIVERY. Vehicles are not to park within 10 feet of either side of any mailbox between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

ONE STOP DROP FOR DONATIONS. The following items are collected at City Hall during regular business hours:

- Cellphones
- Christmas Lights
- Hearing Aids
- Nonperishable food and personal hygiene items
- Prescription eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses
- US Flags - any size, any condition

PROPERTY COMPLAINTS. Have a concern with or complaint about a neighboring property? Call 651-702-5225. Please note that you need to live within 200' of the subject property -- or be able to see it from your property. All complaints are anonymous.

PROPERTY VALUATION MEETING. If you have a concern with the value of your property, the process for having it reviewed is to attend the Washington County Property Valuation Meeting on April 8 at City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, from 5 to 7 p.m. Questions? Please call the assessor at 651-702-5231.

RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT NEAR/IN STREETS. For safety reasons, recreational equipment (basketball hoops, hoop foundations, hockey nets, etc.) is not to be placed -- temporarily or permanently -- in the right-of-way or boulevard areas of your yard, or in public streets.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES. 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 others are hibernating inside the garage or at off-site storage. Questions? Please call 651-702-5225.

SUMP PUMPS - PLEASE ROUTE OUT! The flow that enters the sanitary sewer system through toilets, wash tubs, and floor drains is sent to the treatment plant in Saint Paul. The flow is metered and Oakdale is charged accordingly. The city, and in turn, our utility customers, pay for additional flow. If you use a sump pump, please note that it is illegal to discharge sump pumps into the sewer system. Route discharge outside to your yard, the street, the storm sewer, or waterway. If your sump pump needs to discharge into the sewer system, even temporarily, please call 651-730-2710 to make arrangements.

TRASH CONTAINER REMINDER. Except on collection day, garbage/trash and recycling containers need to be stored on the side or back of your house/garage or inside the garage or shed, just not in front of your property. Questions? Please call 651-730-2727.

 **VACCINATION CLINIC FOR DOGS AND CATS.**
Century Animal Clinic, 839 Century Avenue (Maplewood). Pay only for vaccinations -- *no office visit charge is applied!* Oakdale-issued licenses will also be sold at the event. Watch the city's web site for date and time of clinic.

WILDLIFE AND WATER FOWL. Please remember that the feeding of wildlife and water fowl is not allowed. Bird feeders need to be at least 5' above the ground or structure.

UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS AND RATES

Auto Bank Payments. Have utility bills automatically deducted from your bank account on the bill's due date each billing cycle by completing the "Automatic Utility Payment Application" provided on the Utility Billing page at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us. Please mail completed form to the Oakdale Finance Department, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Oakdale, MN 55128.

Drop Payment in Drop Box. Payments made by check or credit card can be placed in the drive-up drop box located in the City Hall parking lot. Please place your payment, along with the stub from your utility bill, in a sealed envelope before depositing into the drop box.

Mail. Mail your check and the stub from your utility bill. Or, fill out the section for a credit card payment on your utility bill stub and mail to us.

Pay In Person. Bring cash, a check or credit card to the first floor counter at City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pay by Phone with Credit Card. Call 651-730-2716 or 1-877-885-7968 to provide your credit card information during regular business hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). No fee is applied for credit card payments.

Senior or Disabled Person Discounts are available for qualified individuals with a total annual household income of \$45,500 or less. There are no base charges, the sewer charge is for actual usage during the winter quarter. Seniors must be 62 or older and the primary resident at the service address. Call 651-730-2716.

On-line Payments:



It's just 3 easy steps to pay, once registered. And you can help the environment by no longer getting paper bills.

We accept...



2015 UTILITY RATES (effective April 1)

Residential (billed quarterly)

Water Base Charge:

\$7.50/quarter (no change)

Usage-\$1.72/1,000 gallons-first 35,000 gallons

Usage-\$1.88/1,000 gallons-next 15,000 gallons

Usage-\$2.03/1,000 gallons-remaining gallons

Sewer Base Charge:

\$15/quarter (no change)

Sewer: \$3.26/1,000 gallons, minimum of 12,000

Street Light: \$11/quarter - single-family

Street Light: \$7/quarter - duplex

Street Light: \$6/quarter - multiple dwelling

Storm Sewer: \$5/quarter - single-family

Storm Sewer: \$4.53/quarter - duplex

Storm Sewer: \$4.24/quarter - multiple dwelling

Apartments (billed monthly)

Base Charge \$2.50/month per unit (no change)

Usage-\$1.72/1,000 gallons-first 12,000 gallons

Usage-\$1.88/1,000 gallons-next 5,000 gallons

Usage-\$2.03/1,000 gallons-remaining gallons

Sewer Base Charge: \$5.00/month per unit (no change)

Sewer: \$3.26/1,000 gallons, minimum of 4,000 per unit

Street Light: Based on total lineal feet

Storm Sewer: Based on total runoff

Commercial (billed monthly)

Base Charge \$2.50/month for every 10,000 gallons used

Usage-\$1.72/1,000 gallons-first 12,000 gallons

Usage-\$1.88/1,000 gallons-next 5,000 gallons

Usage-\$2.03/1,000 gallons-next 5,000 gallons

Usage - \$2.32/1,000 gallons for remaining gallons
Sewer Base Charge: \$5.00/month per unit for
every 10,000 gallons

Sewer: \$3.26/1,000 gallons

Street Light: Based on total lineal feet

Storm Sewer: Based on total runoff

Pay and View Utility Bills Online or by Phone

Free Service!

PAY ONLINE

Go to www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

1. Click on the "Pay Utility Bill" link
2. Go to our payment processor's website to register and make your payment

PAY ON MOBILE

Download "PSN Payments" from App Store® or Google Play™

NOTE: Register online before using the app

CALL TO PAY

1-877-885-7968 (have your bill handy to provide your account number)

VIEW BILLS ONLINE

Go to www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

1. Click on the "View Bill or Amount Due" link
2. Go to our payment processor's website to register
3. You will get an email each time your bill is ready

You don't have to pay online to view your bills online.

- Easy, fast and secure
- View amount due online or mobile device
- Pay immediately, schedule a payment or set up Auto-Pay
- Keep costs down; opt out of paper bills
- Print receipts, view payment history and more



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FOREST GARDEN ANOTHER HIDDEN GEM IN THE CITY

We've all heard of rain gardens, vegetable gardens, flower gardens, and butterfly gardens, but have you heard of a forest garden? Well, Oakdale has one! You may have seen it on your walks and jogs through the Oakdale Nature Preserve. It is located on .57 acres in the heart of the park, on the southern edge of Mud Lake – actually on the southern peninsula of the lake. You may have noticed the arbor, which is the entrance to the garden.

All gardens have a purpose (produce food, attract butterflies, or help with water flow, for example), and Oakdale's Forest Garden is no different. The purpose of this garden is to "garden the way a forest would do it," explained Chris Larson, City Forester. "A forest has multiple layers – vines, shrubs, ground covers, a low tree layer, higher tree layers that attract birds, and vegetation that will bring in different mammals and lizards and provide overwintering sites for insects. Basically, it's putting plants together in a woodland-like pattern to form mutually beneficial relationships and ultimately creating a garden system that is more than the sum of the parts."

The site was identified for a Forest Garden in 2013, and 70 volunteers planted trees, shrubs and other vegetation during the spring 2014 community tree planting project. The plants should be thriving by 2016.

Goals of the forest garden include showing visitors what they can do in their own yards and creating an aesthetically pleasing area for the public to observe wildlife. The spiral path has drawn a lot of attention with people thinking it is a labyrinth. "That wasn't the idea, at all," Larson explained. "The spiral path simply provides a lot more edges for us to plant a variety of materials!"

In the future, park visitors can look forward to seeing how the vegetation changes over the seasons, wisteria and grapevines growing over the arbor, fully developed fruit vegetation (apple and pear trees and blueberry, strawberry and raspberry vines), educational materials and videos, and a boardwalk connecting the south peninsula with the north peninsula across Mud Lake.

The forest garden is located in the Oakdale Nature Preserve, which is adjacent to the Discovery Center at 4444 Hadley Avenue.



Wait until you see what's

**new at
Summerfest
this year!**

**Rockin' Hollywoods perform at
the band shell on Friday night!**

BMX bike shows on Friday!

**Shag performs at the band
shell on Saturday night!**

**Fireworks
extravaganza
on Saturday night!***

**PLUS:
More vendors!
More free entertainment!**

Did we mention fireworks?!

**Summerfest will be held at
Walton Park from June 25 to 27**

See you there!

*** The fireworks at Summerfest will
replace the July 4 fireworks show**

WHAT'S DEVELOPING?

Please call 651-730-2721 for more information about these - or any other projects in the city!

Cardinal Place: In December, the Planning Commission and City Council approved a residential subdivision at 6180 Stillwater Boulevard, for nine two-family homes in an association-maintained neighborhood. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2015.

TLC Veterinary Hospital: The new pet clinic 1490 Helmo Avenue is now open for business.

HyVee Grocery Store: Construction is well under way on the HyVee grocery store at 10th and Hallmark Ave. N. HyVee is planning to open in September, 2015. Construction on the HyVee gas station and convenience store, which will be located just across Hallmark Ave. N., will commence in 2015 for an expected September opening as well.



Gateway Corridor: The draft Environmental Impact Statement is underway. For details, please go to: www.thegatewaycorridor.com

BOARDWALK PLANNED FOR OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

This winter, while Mud Lake is frozen, borings will be drilled and soil samples taken that will help determine the design of footings for a boardwalk that will connect the north and south peninsulas of the lake, located in the Oakdale Nature Preserve. According to City Engineer Brian Bachmeier, the design of the boardwalk will be developed in the spring and summer of 2015, bids will be accepted in the fall, and construction will take place in the winter of 2015-2016. The boardwalk will be ready for enjoying the spring bloom early in 2016, and it will be ready for use as soon as the ice is out.

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Electronic speed indicator signs were recently installed on Helmo Avenue, near the intersection of 19th Street.

In the past two years, one family experienced two rear-end accidents as they were turning into their driveway; one of the incidents resulted in a fatality of a family member.

The new signs, one south-facing and one north-facing, identify the speed a vehicle is traveling in relation to the posted speed, which is 30 miles per hour in that section of Helmo.



SNOW BUSINESS

Reminder: No On-Street Parking 12 to 5 a.m.

- FIRE HYDRANT - IF IT'S NEAR, KEEP IT CLEAR!** As a service to the firefighters -- and to your neighborhood, please consider adopting the nearest hydrants by keeping it cleared of snow and maintaining a path from the street to the hydrant. Thank you for your help!
- FROZEN PIPES.** Prolonged low temperatures and the increased depth of frost in the ground increases the likelihood of water pipes freezing. Frozen pipes are at risk of expanding and rupturing and causing an interruption of water service to your property. This situation is particularly true for slab-on-grade structures and split entry homes. By monitoring your water service, you may be able to determine if the water service to your home or business 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. (Tip: to determine the 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 have utilized the services of a pipe thawing company, please call the city at 651-501-5309 or 651-730-2710.
- KEEPING STREETS CLEAR.** Please don't risk a fine by blowing, shoveling, pushing, or blowing snow into a plowed or yet to be plowed 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 due to existing deterioration of the post. Report damage via the form at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us or calling 651-730-2740.
- TRASH CONTAINERS.** On trash collection day, please remember to place rubbish and recycling containers on your driveway approval, behind the curb, just prior to 7 a.m.
- PLOW SAFETY.** A snowplow, loaded with sand, weighs 33,000 pounds. In comparison, the average vehicle weighs only 3,000 pounds. Please take care to stay at least 70' back from a snowplow.
- PARKING.** Winter parking guidelines remain in place until April 1 -- no matter how much, or how little, snow falls. During this time, vehicles parked on city streets from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. each day need to be removed. Also, any time there is an accumulated snowfall of 2" or more, parked vehicles need to remain off city streets until the full width of the roadway has been plowed.

Questions? Please call 651-730-2740.



**program guide
SPRING 2015**



Discover
**oakdale
recreation**

CONTACT INFORMATION

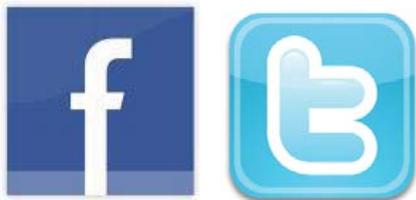
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ADDRESS
Oakdale Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128

RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOURS

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

WEB
www.oakdalefun.com



*Follow us and be the first to hear about
special events and fun happenings*

(Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/oakdalemnrecreation>)

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BOOK & DVD MOVIE EXCHANGE

Bring gently used books and movies to the Discovery Center and swap them for something "new". Books must be in good, readable condition, with covers intact. Movies must be fully operable and in their original case. The swap is an even exchange. Books exchanged for books and DVDs for DVDs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Please call 651-747-3860 for information on financial assistance for youth programs.

**EARLY
REGISTRATION
SUMMER
RECREATION
PROGRAMS**
4444 Hadley Avenue
Thursday, April 30
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer program information will be delivered to area schools and posted at www.oakdalefun.com in early April.

Sign up online, with no extra fees, at www.oakdalefun.com

INDOOR MARKET

Dates: January 17 and 31
February 14 and 28
March 14 and 28
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Wide variety of local products: baked goods, meats, cheeses, syrup, books, arts/crafts, and much more! (Vendor list at www.oakdalefun.com).

BEESWAX CANDLE DEMONSTRATION

Stop by our Indoor Market on February 14 and 28 (9 a.m. to noon) to learn how beeswax candles are made. See how the wax is melted and placed in different types of molds to create a design. And the wax candles will be available for purchase.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Date: Saturday, February 21
Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
No early birds or early sales!
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

FARMER'S MARKET

Dates: Wednesdays
June 10 through October 7
Time: 2 to 6 p.m.
Place: Walton Park, vicinity of Hadley Avenue & 16th Street

List of vendors and products available at www.oakdalefun.com May 27.

SEVEN VARIETIES OF BIRD SEED AT DISCOVERY CENTER

Great prices!
(cash/check only)
Call 651-747-3860 for details

FREE FOR ALL

DISCOVER: ANIMAL TRACKS

Is it a wolf? A raccoon? A bear? Our display will feature the footprints of all sorts of critters. Will you be able to identify them? Stop into the Discovery Center February through May and see for yourself! Request a plaster kit at the front desk and can create your own plaster paw to take home (typically takes 20 minutes to dry and harden).

DISCOVERY BACKPACKS

Inside you will find everything needed for a fun exploration into the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Locate animal tracks. Identify flowers and trees. Use binoculars to bird watch or catch a glimpse of the deer, fox and raccoons that call the Nature Preserve home. Catch interesting critters using the insect net. Packs even include a GPS!

GPS HANDHELD UNITS

We have several GPS units you can check out to use for the day anywhere in the city! Simply present your photo I.D. And be sure to pick up the coordinates list at the Discovery Center for the 15 caches in Oakdale's park system.

NORDIC WALKING POLES

In Nordic walking, poles resembling ski poles are used to involve the upper extremities in the walking exercise. The poles are equipped with wrist straps and rubber caps for use on pavement while reducing the impact of the hard surface. Nordic walking is an exercise form with many advantages, both for the healthy individual needing a more vigorous exercise form, especially for cardiovascular benefits, and for an individual with restrictions from a medical condition that precludes jogging or running. It can also be advantageous for those with medical conditions of arthritic or neurological origin that make normal walking without support difficult. Youth and adult sizes available. Stop by the Discovery Center and present a photo I.D. and then walk away!

SCAVENGER HUNT

Win Prizes!

Stop in at the Discovery Center and pick up the Discover Nature Scavenger Hunt Guide (available April 1). Find the items on the list and win prizes! (Prizes are age 12 and under appropriate).

TANDEM BICYCLES

(Available early April, weather permitting)

Two tandem bikes are available for use at the Discovery Center so bring a date, family member, or friend to the Discovery Center during regular hours, present your photo I.D. and you'll be off on your "joy" ride!



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

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.; **Sunday:** 1 to 4 p.m.

Looking for the "natural" setting for your next function? Discover the scenic rooms at the Discovery Center for weddings, receptions, parties, training sessions, and more. Please call 651-747-3860 or go to: www.oakdalefun.com.

ART GALLERY

Now in its seventh year, the art gallery at the Discovery Center continues to showcase 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.; Sundays: 1 to 4 p.m.

FEATURED ARTISTS:

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| January | Natalie McGuire | Mosaic and Photography |
| February | Marilyn Stevens | Alabaster, various |
| March | Marilyn Stevens | Alabaster, various |
| April | Award Artist Guild | Various |
| May | Painting Pals | Various |

If you would like to be a featured artist, please call 651-747-3860 for information on submitting a request.

ROAD TRIP**Day Trippers Theater presents:
"Social Security"
February 25**

Join us for an afternoon filled with good food and a load of laughs. You're sure to be full after enjoying a lunch buffet featuring Champagne Chicken and Pork Stir Fry with vegetables and rice, along with plenty of other choices to satisfy your hunger.

Then sit back and enjoy the matinee performance of "Social Security" where Barbara and David, a successful married New York art dealer couple, are about to have a problem. That problem comes in the form of Barbara's mother, Sophie. Ever since Sophie's husband died, she has developed a penchant for creating arguments and difficulties with all who surround her. Barbara's sister and her husband had been taking care of Sophie, but are flying off to Buffalo, so Sophie has come to stay at her daughter and son-in law's fashionable Manhattan apartment. It doesn't take long for Sophie to make changes, and soon begins to have a wonderful time. Now, she doesn't want to leave!

"Social Security" is a hoot, better yet, a sophisticated, even civilized hoot! It will keep you chuckling from start to finish. *Register early, space is limited!*

Depart: 11:30 a.m. Walton Park band shell parking lot
Return: Approximately 4 p.m.
Cost: \$66, per person. Includes transportation, lunch, performance and tour guide
Activity Level: Easy

Please register by February 11

**ROAD TRIP
"Broadway's Best Musical Hits"
TB Sheldon Theater, Red Wing
March 5**

Accompanied by a trio of accomplished musicians, The Girl Singers always bring fun and variety to each performance. Their talents

and abilities combine to take you on a musical journey through some of the all-time greatest songs of Broadway. Listen to the classics from: "My Fair Lady", "Gypsy", "Oliver" and "West Side Story"; favorites from newer musicals: "Phantom of the Opera", "Les Miserables", "Wicked" and "Rent"; and, of course, we can't forget about "Grease", "Mama Mia", "Cabaret" and "Chicago".

We'll have lunch at Liberty's Restaurant before the show.

Please choose entrée when registering: Roast Beef or Turkey

Depart: 11:10 a.m. Walton Park band shell parking lot
Return: Approximately 5:10 p.m.
Cost: \$61 per person. Includes transportation, lunch, performance and tour guide
Activity Level: Easy

Please register by February 13

**ROAD TRIP
"Happy Days"
New Century Theater, Mpls
April 25**

If you liked "Grease", you will love "Happy Days". We'll join the Cunningham's and their friends for a trip back to the 1950s. Arnold's malt shop, the town's number one hangout, is in danger of being torn down, Richie, Potsie, "The Fonz" and the rest of the gang team up to save it with a dance contest and wrestling match. Along with the iconic theme song, "Happy Days" features twenty one songs by Oscar, Grammy and Golden Globe award-winning songwriter Paul Williams.

For a nostalgic lunch, we'll dine at the Oak Grill at Macy's Minneapolis, before the show.

Please choose your entrée when registering: Pot pie, with mixed green salad & balsamic dressing; Meatloaf, with whipped potatoes, veggie, red pepper gravy topped with onion strings; Mandarin salad with grilled chicken breast.

Depart: 11:45 a.m., Walton Park band shell parking lot
Return: Approximately 5:30 p.m.
Cost: \$68.50 per person. Includes transportation, lunch, performance and chaperone
Activity Level: Easy

Please register by March 13

**ROAD TRIP
"Two on Tap"
A Trip Down Memory Lane
May 5**

The day begins with a wonderful, yet brief, shopping experience at the Grande Depot in St. Cloud. Then it's off to lunch at Anton's Restaurant.

If you love Fred and Ginger, Mickey and Judy, you'll love "Two on Tap", a tribute to the Broadway's glamorous era of song and dance. It's a trip down memory lane to a time when couples filled the silver screen with undeniable chemistry, tight vocal harmony, and precision choreography. Enjoy the likes of "Yes Sir, That's My Baby", "The Glory of Love", "Fascinating Rhythm" and more.

Please choose your entrée when registering: Chicken Salad and Almond Stuffed popover with fresh fruit; Gaetz Burger with pasta salad (Burger with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, spicy mustard relish); Basil Cream Linguini (Asiago, Parmesan, roasted tomato, onion with creamy pesto sauce)

Depart: 8:45 a.m. Walton Park band shell parking lot
Return: Approximately 5:15 p.m.
Cost: \$70 per person. Includes, transportation, lunch, performance and tour guide

Please register by April 6

ROAD TRIP REMINDER:
Please park in the west parking lot in Walton Park, off of 15th Street, next to the band shell.

APPRAISING ANTIQUES

Learn the basics of appraising antiques, jewelry, coins, and collectibles, for both selling and insurance purposes. Get tips on what makes things valuable and the best ways to sell them. Bring one item (no larger than a shoe box) to the first class; research its value and share what you have learned at the second class. *Instructor David Schlueter is a certified appraiser.*

This is a two session class.

Dates: Tuesdays, May 12 and 19
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m.
 Cost: \$15 per person (limited space available)

Please register by May 5

WEDNESDAY CARDS FOR SENIORS

Come to the Discovery Center for a fun-filled afternoon of cards and conversation each week from 1 to 3 p.m. No cost to play and no need to register; just come on in, sit down, and play!

We supply the cards, you pick the game.

Complimentary Coffee!



KIDCREATE STUDIO launches children into the incredible world of art. 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.

Mommy & Me Class Sing-Along Art Class Ages 18 months to 6 years

Sing along with us as we create art inspired by your child's favorite songs such as: "I'm a Little Tea Pot," "Itsy Bitsy Spider" and more. We'll use glow-in-the-dark paint to make our little stars twinkle, get those "Wheels on the Bus" rolling with paint, and make bright, sunny art as we sing "You Are My Sunshine." Combine your child's love of art and music in this fun filled class! Create right along with your child in these hands on classes! *Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.*

Dates: Wednesdays, February 4 to 25
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Time: 9:45 to 10:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$41 per child

Please register by January 30

How to Train Your Dragon Art Class Ages 4 to 9

The movie "How to Train Your Dragon 2" inspires the project for this class. Hiccup and all his dragon-training friends would love this! We will learn a new art term and then use Model Magic clay to sculpt our own pet dragon.

Date: Monday, March 23
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$24 per child

Please register by March 16

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These organizations operate independently from the Oakdale Recreation Department and oversee and organize all aspects of their respective programs.

Oakdale Adult Softball Association (OASA)

Men's/women's, co-rec softball leagues. More information: 651-731-6850 or www.oasa.us

Oakdale Athletic Association (OAA)

Youth Sports. Volleyball, soccer, football, t-ball, baseball, basketball and lacrosse. Meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m. at Sgt. Peppers, 930 Helena Avenue. www.aaonline.com

OMNI Otters Swim Team

Boy/girl swimmers ranging in age from 6-18+. Use pool at Skyview School. www.omniotters.com

Saint Paul – Ramsey County

Horseshoe Club. Enjoy the sport and recreation of pitching horseshoes. The club maintains 20 outdoor, lighted courts and a clubhouse at 2030 White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. The club is sanctioned by the National Horseshoe Pitches Association of America and adheres to its rules and procedures. Each player is assigned a regularly updated "handicap" so that games between players of different skill levels are equally matched.

Horseshoe Club 2015 Spring Meeting and League Registration

Date: Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.
Place: Maplewood Moose Lodge, 1946 English Street

Singles and teams (4 to 6) players are encouraged to attend. For more information please contact Keith Stuttgen at 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. More information: 651-777-4096 or sejtkj@msn.com



The Recreation Department offers a wide variety of fun and educational nature programs for children ages 3 to 6 on Fridays throughout the year.

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

Time: 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Ages: 3 to 6 (children must be potty trained)

Cost: \$6 participant, per session

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Registration Deadline: One week prior to start of program

February 13. Rock Hounds: Rocks are beautiful, fun and have amazing histories! We'll learn how rocks are made and why they are important.

February 27. Winter Wildlife Hike: Ever wonder what happens to wildlife during the winter? Join us as we hike through the Oakdale Nature Preserve and search for wildlife and learn how animals survive our cold winter. We'll warm up with hot chocolate after the hike!

March 13. Tracks & Trails: Put on your detective hat and join us as we learn to identify animal tracks and signs of wildlife. We'll even make our own track mold to take home.

March 27. Just Hatched: We'll learn about all kinds of critters that come cracking out of eggs.

April 10. Fooled Ya! April Fool's Day happens year round for many Minnesota plants and animals that play tricks on each other!

April 24. Earth Day: Celebrate Earth Day with us! Learn how to take care of our planet and keep it healthy. We'll make a window garden to take home.

May 8. Up, Up and Away: We can't see the wind but we can sure feel it! Get blown away learning lots of facts about the wind. We'll make kites to fly in the sky.

May 22. Extreme Experiments: Discover the Mad Scientist in you. We'll do simple experiments using things you can find right in your own kitchen.

Legacy Dance Studio is family owned and has been operating in Oakdale since 1998. Sign up to dance at their new studio in Bergen Plaza!

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

Legacy Dance Studio's curriculum stresses ballet technique as the base for all dancers. The types 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.

Tots Creative Movement/Tumbling

Ages 2 to 3
Mondays 6 to 6:30 p.m.
Saturdays 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Tap and Ballet

Ages 3 to 4½
Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Thursdays 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
Saturdays 11 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Tap and Ballet

Ages 4 ½ to 5
Mondays 5 to 6 p.m.
Tuesdays 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
Wednesdays 6 to 7 p.m.
Saturdays 10 to 11:00 a.m.

Tap and Ballet

Ages 5 to 6
Tuesdays 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.
Wednesdays 5 to 6 p.m.
Saturdays 12 to 1 p.m.

Tap and Ballet

Ages 6 to 8
Tuesdays 4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. (Beginner)
Thursdays 6:15 to 7:15 p.m.

Tap, Ballet and Jazz

Ages 8 to 10
Mondays 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Intermediate)
Thursdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Intermediate)
Fridays 5 to 7 (Advanced)

Beginning Tap, Ballet and Jazz

Ages 9 to 12
Tuesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Recreation Hip-Hop

Ages 8 to 15
Fridays 7 to 8 p.m.

Intermediate Tap and Jazz

Ages 11 to 13
Wednesdays 7:30 to 9 p.m.
Thursdays 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Tap, Lyrical and Jazz

Ages 13 and up
Mondays 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Place: Legacy Dance Studio
7157 - 10th Street

Cost: **Monthly Rate:**

| | |
|-----------------|------|
| 30 minute class | \$32 |
| 60 minute class | \$52 |
| 90 minute class | \$63 |



GRANDPARENT and ME VALENTINE'S DAY Ages 10 and under

Spend the morning with your little Valentine! Get into the spirit of this "love" holiday with some fun making love bugs, a heart bird feeder and more! Also enjoy some yummy treats your little one will love to eat and take home!

Date: Saturday, February 7
Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$7 per child

Please register by February 2

MAKIN' MAPLE SYRUP All Ages Welcomed!

Learn where maple syrup comes from and how it is made. We'll watch an instructional video followed by in-class instructions.

Then we'll head out into the Oakdale Nature Preserve to tap into trees as we can begin our syrup process. Please dress for the weather.

Date: Saturday, March 21
Time: 10 am to 12 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center/Nature Preserve
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$6 per person. Includes ice cream and syrup topping

Please register by March 16



SUNDAE BINGO All Ages Welcomed!

Enjoy an afternoon of ice cream sundaes on a Sunday afternoon, while playing bingo. Prizes will be awarded to winners of each game. Each participant will be eligible to win two games.

**Please note this is not competitive bingo.*

Date: Sunday, April 12
Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$7 per person

Please register by April 8

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT @ PINZ!

Join Oakdale Recreation and PINZ for a Friday night bowling adventure! We invite you and a group up to 5 people for 2 hours of bowling fun!

Date: Friday, May 1
Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
Place: Oakdale PINZ
7520 - 32nd Street
Cost: \$40 per group.
Includes shoe rentals, one large 1-topping pizza, one pitcher of pop, and two hours of bowling for up to 5 people

Please Register by April 24

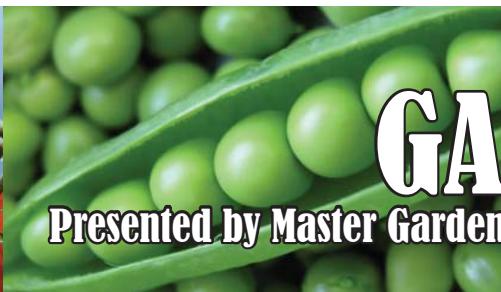
BEST SNOWMAN OF OAKDALE CONTEST



Submit a photo of your completed snowman to Mike.Anderson@ci.oakdale.mn.us. The contest winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Marcus Cinema!

This year's theme is "Tropical Paradise". Your snowman will be judged on appearance based on the theme. Winner will be announced on the Recreation Department's Facebook page and website on April 3 at 12 p.m.

Submission Deadline is March 31



GARDENING

Presented by Master Gardeners of Washington County

PREPARING FOR SPRING

FREE!

Are you ready to get a head start on your plantings? Learn some gardening tips on preparing flowers/ruits/vegetables so they are ready to be planted when gardening season begins.

Date: Saturday, April 18
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

ORGANIC GARDENING

FREE!

What is organic? How do you practice organic gardening? Is organic healthier than other styles of planting? Learn more about this technique and what makes it special.

Date: Saturday, May 16
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS Ages 12 and Under

FREE!

Learn techniques for growing your own flowers and vegetables, such as how to prepare seeds for planting, how deep to plant, how frequently to water, and other helpful secrets and tips. Decorate a flower pot, select the seeds to plant, and then bring your plant home to watch it grow!

Date: Saturday May 30
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.

SPRING LANDSCAPE WORKSHOP

FREE!

Date: Saturday, March 7
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

TOPICS & SCHEDULE:

8:00 to 8:15 a.m. Introductions
8:15 to 9:15 a.m. Kelly Nail: Monarch Butterflies:
Conservation of an Iconic Insect
9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Julie Weisenhorn: Landscaping for Birds and Bees
10:45 to 11:45 a.m. David Paulson: Lawn care and pruning tips

CHICKEN KEEPING 101

Presented by Les Larson

FREE!

Learn everything you need to know about keeping chickens, such as coop construction, chicken comfort, safety, sanitation, and doing it all with minimum expense by using ordinary materials and equipment. Program for those considering raising chickens as well as those who are raising chickens. *Instructor Les Larson has raised chickens, pigeons, and doves for many years. Les will be available for a half-hour after class to take questions.*

Session 1: Wednesday, March 11, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Session 2: Saturday, April 11, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue



Call 651-747-3860 to reserve your spot!

Outdoor skating rinks are located throughout the city and offer general skating and hockey facilities. Rinks are scheduled to remain open until late February, weather permitting.*

As a general rule, warming houses will close:

- If the temperatures soften the ice enough for unsafe skating conditions. Estimated temperatures of 37 degrees or higher may cause rink closures.
- When actual temperature reaches -10 degrees or wind chill temperature reaches -25 degrees.
- If more than 3" of snow accumulates on the ice when maintenance crews are not available.

MAINTAINED SUPERVISED RINKS, WITH WARMING HOUSES

Northdale Park 50th Street and Granada Avenue

Hours:
Monday - Friday 4 to 8 p.m.
Saturdays 12 to 8 p.m.
Sundays 12 to 7 p.m.
January 20 (holiday) 1 to 8 p.m.
February 17 (holiday) 1 to 8 p.m.

Walton Park Hockey Rink 15th Street and Hadley Avenue

Hours:
Monday - Friday 4 to 8 p.m.
Saturdays 12 to 8 p.m.
Sundays 12 to 7 p.m.
January 19 1 to 8 p.m.
February 16 1 to 8 p.m.

Walton Park Pleasure Rink 15th Street and Hadley Avenue

Hours:
Monday - Friday 4 to 8 p.m.
Saturdays 12 to 8 p.m.
Sundays 12 to 7 p.m.
January 19 1 to 8 p.m.
February 16 1 to 8 p.m.

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

**FREE Hot Chocolate at the
Walton Park Pleasure Rink
Warming House!**

MAINTAINED UNSUPERVISED RINKS, NO WARMING HOUSES

Eastside Park - Helmo Avenue

Please note that the rink at Golfview Park will not be flooded this year.



FAMILY SKATING DAY



Bring the family to
Tartan Arena for an
afternoon of FREE skating
and hot chocolate too!

Date: Saturday, March 21
Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
Place: Tartan Arena
740 Greenway Ave
just behind Tartan
High School

*Skates not provided
No registration required
Meet inside the arena*

***Rink Updates, Closures, and Locations at www.oakdalefun.com or the Oakdale Recreation's Facebook page.**

Employment Opportunities:

Recreation Youth Program Instructors

Monday to Friday
30 to 40 hours per week, \$9/hour

Leading, planning, and implementing a variety of recreation activities.
Must be 16 years old.

Youth Tennis Instructors

Monday to Thursday, Mornings
10 to 15 hours per week, \$10/hour

Planning and teaching youth tennis lessons. Includes beginners, advanced beginners and intermediates.

Applications accepted through March; interviews held in April.

*Job descriptions at
www.ci.oakdale.mn.us*

Snowmobile Regulations:

To operate a snowmobile within the city limits of Oakdale, the following guidelines need to be followed:

You may not operate a snowmobile in any public park, on any public sidewalk, bikeway/pedway, or on school grounds. Snowmobiles are not allowed on public boulevards.

You may only operate a snowmobile during the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday – Thursday, and 9 a.m. and 1 a.m. Friday, Sunday, and any evening preceding a holiday.

Copies of the city's ordinance and state statutes regulating snowmobiles, and maps of the Washington County State Trail, are available at the Oakdale Discovery Center, City Hall or on the city's web site at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us, or by calling 651-747-3860.

Park Shelter Rental

Picnic shelters are located in Eastside Park, Eberle Park, Guthrie Park, Northdale Park, Oakdale Nature Preserve, Oakfield Park, Tanners Park, and Walton Park.

FEE SCHEDULE

Residents:

Small Shelter Rental \$50*
Large Shelter Rental \$100*
Shelter & Kitchen \$225*
Security Deposit (kitchen) \$300
Walton Park (Entire) \$400*

Includes:

Band shell
Two Large Shelters
Kitchen Facilities

Non-Residents:

Small Shelter Rental \$65*
Large Shelter Rental \$150*
Kitchen Rental \$250*
Shelter / Kitchen \$300*
Security Deposit (Kitchen) \$300
Walton Park (Entire) \$550*

Includes:

Band shell
Two Large Shelters
Kitchen Facilities

** Subject to state sales tax*

Call 651-747-3860 to inquire about availability

DOGS IN PARKS



Leashes Required

For the enjoyment of all who walk, ride, or live in our parks, owners are reminded to hold onto their leashed dog at all times when visiting parks.

Mutt Mitts Provided

For your convenience, Mutt Mitts dispensers are provided in Oakdale's parks to easily collect and dispose of dog waste. Left on the ground, dog waste is not only unsightly but it pollutes the water and poses health risks. Thank you!

Volunteer Opportunities

Park Clean Up

Help rid our parks of the debris and clutter that has accumulated over the winter months. Businesses, scout groups, schools, daycare centers and civic groups are encouraged to participate. Parks may be cleaned any time between April 20 to 26. Trash bags are provided and each participant will receive a complimentary thank you gift. To volunteer, please call 651-747-3860.

Summerfest Parade

The Summerfest Grande Parade planning is underway. This year's parade will be held on Thursday, June 25. The parade coordinator is currently recruiting volunteers to assist. To volunteer, please call 651-747-3860 or complete the application at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us at the Summerfest link.



Mystery Egg Hunt!

THE CLEVER EASTER BUNNY HAS HIDDEN EGGS ALONG THE TRAILS OF THE OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE. WE NEED EACH CHILD TO FIND ONE AND THEN TURN IT IN TO RECEIVE A SPECIAL SURPRISE!

THE EASTER BUNNY ALSO HIDES TWO GOLDEN EGGS REDEEMABLE FOR EXTRA SPECIAL SURPRISES!

AFTER HUNTING FOR EGGS, ENJOY GAMES, CRAFTS, FACE PAINTING, TREATS, PETTING ZOO, DOOR PRIZES, AND BOUNCE CASTLE (WEATHER PERMITTING).

AGES: UP TO AGE 10

DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 4

TIME: 9 TO 11 A.M.*

PLACE: DISCOVERY CENTER - 4444 HADLEY

COST: \$11 PER PERSON



PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 27

PARENTS - BE SURE TO BRING ALONG YOUR CAMERA!

* EGG HUNT BEGINS AT APPROXIMATELY 9:15 A.M.

DISCOVER PICKLEBALL

This exciting game is a combination of ping pong, tennis and badminton and played with a small racquet/paddle and a whiffle ball. This exciting sport is very popular with anyone looking for a low-impact racquet sport. The outdoor hockey rink at Walton Park is lined for Pickleball and we welcome you to enjoy this fun activity.

OPEN COURT PICKLEBALL

Join the Oakdale Pickleball Club for a game of pickleball. All are welcome to join during the open court play. Equipment will be provided or bring your own. The courts will be ready April 28, weather permitting.

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday mornings
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday evenings
6 to 8 p.m.

Sunday afternoons
3 to 6 p.m.

Place: Walton Park Pickleball Courts (hockey rink)

*Questions about the Oakdale Pickleball Club?
Please contact Chuck Scott @ 651-491-9429*



PICKLEBALL LESSONS

Pickleball is a great workout for all fitness levels. Learn the basics of the game! Equipment will be provided or bring your own (please note on registration form if you need equipment).

Dates: Tuesdays, May 5 to 26
Time: 6 to 7 p.m.
Place: Walton Park Pickleball Courts
Cost: \$15

Please register by April 28

SNOWSHOEING

SNOWSHOE RENTAL

Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Enjoy Minnesota winter walking *on* the snow rather than shoveling it! Make tracks within the 250 acres of the Oakdale Nature Preserve and look for the tracks of the others in the park: deer, fox, and birds.

Time: Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m.
Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m.
Cost: \$5/person: Sizes available for children and adult for a two-hour rental

Reservations are recommended for groups of 6 or more.

Please call 651-747-3860.

• Paved trails in the Oakdale Nature Preserve
are cleared for winter walking but not
groomed for cross-country skiing; please use
unpaved trails for skiing and snowshoeing.

SNOWSHOE - SIP - SAMPLE

Join us for an evening that includes sampling of:

- Snowshoeing
- Local Artisan Foods
- Locally Crafted Beers
- Wines selected by local experts at Bright Wines

Enjoy snowshoeing through the park lit by ice luminaries, relax by our outdoor bonfire and roast marshmallows, then try local foods, wines, and beer samples indoors by the fireplace. Price includes snowshoe rental and refreshments. Snowshoe lessons are also available.

Date: Friday, February 6
Time: 7 to 10 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$34 per person. Includes food and beverage samples, and snowshoe rental

Please register by January 30

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

Swimming lessons are the only activity taking place in the pool and lessons are held at:

- John Glenn School, 1560 County Road B East, Maplewood
- Skyview School, 1100 Heron Avenue North, Oakdale

REGISTERING OPTIONS

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| <i>On-line</i> | www.isd622.org/swim |
| <i>Registration Hotline:</i> | 651-478-7435 |
| <i>Mail/In Person</i> | District 622 Education Center, 2520 East 12th Avenue North St. Paul, MN 55109 (Checks made to: ISD 622 Community Education) |
| <i>Call/Fax</i> | 651-748-7434 Fax: 651-748-7497 |

SWIM CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

(Refer to Schedule on Pages 15 and 16)

INFANT AND PRESCHOOL - *Classes are 30 minutes long*

- **Mini Tots (swim diapers please)** *Infants 6 months to 2 years with parent* Parent works with child to promote water readiness through games and play.
- **Tiny Tots (swim diapers, if needed)** *Toddlers 2 to 4 years with parent* Parent works with child to learn basic swim skills through group activities.
- **Preschoolers + Parents** *3 to 5 years with parent* Previous experience in our mini or tiny tot classes, or a child who is comfortable and will put their face in the water. Parent will help their child learn basic swim skills through drills and play.
- **Turtles (Preschool 1)** *4 to 5 year olds without a parent* Preschoolers who will not put their face in the water. Class introduces them to basic swim skills and increases their comfort level.
- **Bobbers (Preschool 2)** *4 to 5 year olds without a parent* Preschoolers who are comfortable and will put their face in the water. Basic swim skills will be taught.
- **Super Kids (Preschool 3)** *4 to 5 year olds without a parent* Preschoolers who can swim 10 feet with their face in the water. Super Kids often have fundamental swim skills but are not ready for the larger class size and longer class time in Level 1.

RED CROSS (6 yrs and older) - *Classes are 55 minutes long*

- **Levels 1 and 2** – Entry level class for ages 6 and older. Swimmers will develop a good foundation of water adjustment, movement, and safety. Skills will include assisted and independent floating and gliding on front and back; and alternating leg and arm movements for a combined stroke on front and back.
- **Level 3** – Passed Level 2 or have equivalent skills. Skills will include front crawl and elementary backstroke with emphasis on endurance and improving stroke proficiency. Students will also be introduced to deep water swimming and butterfly body motion.
- **Level 4** – Passed Level 3 or have equivalent skills. Focus will be on refining the front crawl and elementary backstroke with attention to detail and developing endurance. In addition, breaststroke, butterfly, back crawl, sidestroke, and open turns will also be taught.
- **Level 5** – Refined coordination and improved endurance of all previous strokes are key emphasis at this level. Flip turns and multiple surface dives are introduced.
- **Level 6** – The majority of the lesson will be the same for both Personal Water Safety and Fitness Swimmer classes. Emphasis will be on core strokes to improve power, efficiency, and endurance over greater distances and length of time.

6pws – Personal Water Safety. Skills include self-rescue techniques, survival float, and survival swimming.

6fs – Fitness Swimmer. Learn principles to increase and evaluate your fitness.

WINTER AND SPRING AQUATIC PROGRAMS

CARDIO WATER FITNESS

Skyview School (Adults)

Use the resistance of the water to develop cardiovascular endurance and muscular strength. No swimming ability is necessary for this total body work out.

Entry into the pool is by ladder only.

Walk-in rate \$10

| Number | Days | Sessions | Dates | Time | Fee |
|--------|------------|----------|------------------------|-----------|------|
| SC2 | Wednesdays | 8 | January 28 to March 18 | 7 to 8 PM | \$58 |
| SC3 | Wednesdays | 7 | April 8 to May 20 | 7 to 8 PM | \$51 |

WATER WORKOUT

John Glenn School (Adults)

Tone your muscles while improving endurance and flexibility. This class includes stretching, agility and a light aerobic workout in chest deep water.

Pool has corner stairway entrance.

Walk-in rate \$10

| Number | Days | Sessions | Dates | Time | Fee |
|--------|----------|----------|---|-----------|------|
| SW3 | Tuesdays | 6 | February 3 to March 10 | 7 to 8 PM | \$44 |
| SW4 | Tuesdays | 6 | March 24 to May 12 (no classes March 31 and April 14) | 8 to 9 PM | \$44 |



OPEN SWIM AT SKYVIEW SCHOOL

Spend Saturday afternoon with your friends and/or family at Open Swimming. Skyview offers a full-sized pool with a diving board. One lane is reserved for lap swimmers.

*Saturdays:
February 7 to May 16*

2 to 3:30 p.m.

*Walk-in Rates: \$4/adult;
\$3/student or child;
\$10/immediate family of 5*

Private & Semi-Private Lessons at both schools
4 Lessons - 30 minutes each
Private: \$885 Semi-Private: \$60

GIRLS' SWIM NIGHT OUT

If cultural, religious practices, or any other reason prohibits you from using a public swimming pool, enjoy a swim night just for girls and women. All female staff. The pool has a stairway entrance. **(Free childcare for male family members while women and girls swim).**

Suggested admission: \$3 Adult; \$2 Youth/Child,
\$6/family of three or more*

Place: John Glenn School
Time: Swimming 6:30 to 8 PM
Social Hour 8 to 9 PM

Dates: **Fridays:** January 16, February 20, March 13,
April 17, May 8

**Subsidized by a grant from Educational Equity Alliance.*

LESSONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH DISABILITIES

The key to success for children/youth with disabilities is an individual approach. Swimmers are paired with trained volunteers for one-to-one instruction. John Glenn Middle School. Class size is limited. *Lessons will be offered in the spring. Call 651-748-7436 for information.*

SPRING SWIMMING LESSONS

John Glenn School - 1560 County Road B East - Maplewood

7 Mondays

April 6 to May 18 \$60

| | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|
| Mini Tots | 5:30 PM | SSM1 |
| Tiny Tots | 6:00 PM | SST1 |
| Pre/Parent | 6:30 PM | SSP1 |
| Turtles | 6:00 PM | SSTU1 |
| Bobbers | 5:30 PM | SSB1 |
| Bobbers | 6:30 PM | SSB2 |
| Super Kids | 6:30 PM | SSK1 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 5:30 PM | SS1A |
| Level 1 & 2 | 7:00 PM | SS1B |
| Level 3 | 7:00 PM | SS3A |
| Level 4 | 7:00 PM | SS4A |

7 Wednesdays

April 8 to May 20 \$60

| | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|
| Mini Tots | 5:30 PM | SSM2 |
| Tiny Tots | 6:00 PM | SST2 |
| Turtles | 5:30 PM | SSTU2 |
| Bobbers | 5:30 PM | SSB3 |
| Bobbers | 6:00 PM | SSB4 |
| Bobbers | 6:30 PM | SSB5 |
| Super Kids | 6:30 PM | SSK2 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 6:00 PM | SS1C |
| Level 1 & 2 | 7:00 PM | SS1D |
| Level 3 | 7:00 PM | SS3B |
| Level 3 | 7:00 PM | SS3C |
| Level 4 | 7:00 PM | SS4B |

7 Thursdays

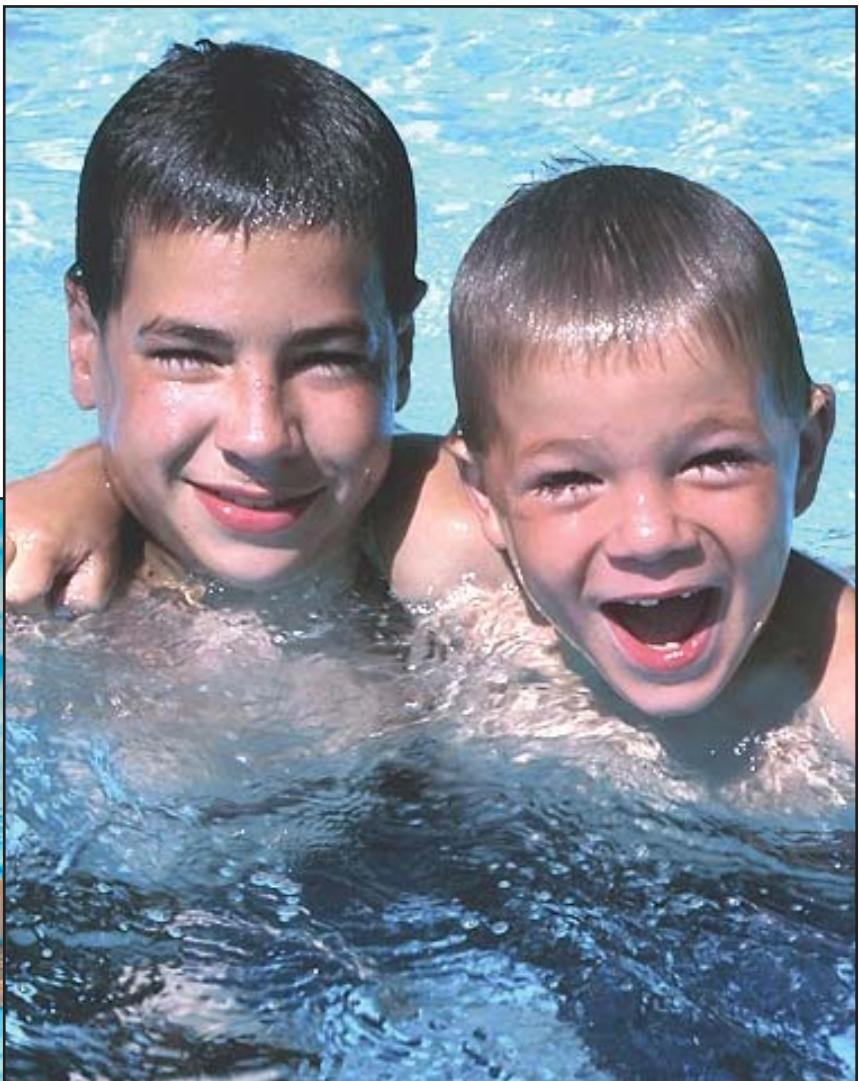
April 16 to May 28 \$60

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|-------------|---------|-------|
| Mini Tots | 6:00 PM | SSM3 |
| Tiny Tots | 5:30 PM | SST3 |
| Pre/Parent | 6:30 PM | SSP2 |
| Turtles | 5:30 PM | SSTU3 |
| Bobbers | 5:30 PM | SSB6 |
| Bobbers | 6:00 PM | SSB7 |
| Super Kids | 6:30 PM | SSK3 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 6:00 PM | SS1E |
| Level 1 & 2 | 7:00 PM | SS1F |
| Level 3 | 7:00 PM | SS3D |
| Level 4 | 7:00 PM | SS4C |

7 Saturdays

April 4 to May 16 \$60

| | | |
|-------------|----------|-------|
| Mini Tots | 9:00 AM | SSM4 |
| Tiny Tots | 9:30 AM | SST4 |
| Pre/Parent | 10:00 AM | SSP3 |
| Turtles | 9:00 AM | SSTU4 |
| Bobbers | 9:00 AM | SSB8 |
| Bobbers | 10:00 AM | SSB9 |
| Super Kids | 9:30 AM | SSK4 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 9:30 AM | SS1G |
| Level 1 & 2 | 10:30 AM | SS1H |
| Level 3 | 10:30 AM | SS3E |
| Level 4 | 10:30 AM | SS4D |



SPRING SWIMMING LESSONS

Skyview School - 1100 Heron Avenue North - Oakdale

7 Mondays

April 6 to May 18 \$60

| | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|
| Bobbers | 6:00 PM | SSB10 |
| Super Kids | 6:30 PM | SSK5 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 6:00 PM | SS1J |
| Level 1 & 2 | 7:00 PM | SS1K |
| Level 3 | 6:00 PM | SS3E |
| Level 3 | 7:00 PM | SS3F |
| Level 4 | 6:00 PM | SS4E |
| Level 5 | 7:00 PM | SS5A |
| Level 6 fs | 7:00 PM | SS6A |

7 Tuesdays

April 7 to May 19 \$60

| | | |
|-------------|---------|-------|
| Tiny Tots | 6:00 PM | SST5 |
| Bobbers | 6:30 PM | SSB11 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 6:00 PM | SS1L |
| Level 1 & 2 | 7:00 PM | SS1M |
| Level 3 | 6:00 PM | SS3G |
| Level 4 | 7:00 PM | SS4F |
| Level 6 pws | 7:00 PM | SS6B |

7 Thursdays

April 9 to May 21 \$60

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|-------------|---------|-------|
| Turtles | 6:00 PM | SSTU5 |
| Bobbers | 6:30 PM | SSB12 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 6:00 PM | SS1N |
| Level 1 & 2 | 7:00 PM | SS1P |
| Level 3 | 6:00 PM | SS3H |
| Level 4 | 7:00 PM | SS4G |
| Level 5 | 7:00 PM | SS5B |

7 Saturdays

April 4 to May 16 \$60

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-------|
| Turtles | 9:30 AM | SSTU6 |
| Bobbers | 10:00 AM | SSB13 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 9:30 AM | SS1Q |
| Level 1 & 2 | 10:30 AM | SS1R |
| Level 3 | 9:30 AM | SS3J |
| Level 3 | 10:30 AM | SS3K |
| Level 4 | 9:30 AM | SS4H |
| Level 5 | 11:30 AM | SS5C |
| Level 6 (both) | 11:30 AM | SS6C |
| Bobbers | 1:00 PM | SSB14 |
| Super Kids | 1:30 PM | SSK7 |
| Level 1 & 2 | 1:00 PM | SS1S |



Aquatic activities held at Skyview School are offered in collaboration with the Oakdale Recreation Department

Mothers Day Kayak & Picnic, cont.)

the lake, get up close to nature, feel a sense of adventure, or simply relax and enjoy the day. After, we'll enjoy a fun BBQ lunch on the beach. This event includes: introduction to kayaking, paddling basics, safety overview, plus kayaks, paddles, life vests, lunch -- and flowers for Mom! *Wear shoes that can get wet and dress in layers.*

Date: Saturday, May 9
 Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Place: Silver Lake, North Saint Paul
 Cost: \$23 per person or
 \$70 for a family of four

*Please register by May 1
 Limit of 15 participants*

SUMMERFEST 5K & 10K RUN/WALK

Get ready for the annual Oakdale 5K and 10K! The race is for all abilities, including walkers. Route starts and finishes at the Discovery Center. 10K participants run the 5K route twice.

Place: Discovery Center
 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Date: Saturday, June 27
 Times: 7 a.m.: Check in Begins
 8 a.m.: 10K Runners
 8:10 a.m.: 5K runners
 Cost: * 5K: \$20 prior to June 1
 \$25 after June 1
 \$30 race day
 10K: \$30 prior to June 1
 \$35 after June 1
 \$40 race day

Anyone signing up after June 17 will need to pick up their t-shirts after the race. *Please indicate shirt size on registration form.*

*** Entry fee includes t-shirt,
 chip timer, post race snacks,
 and chance for prizes!**

**Event sponsored by Citizens
 Community Federal**

FREE!

COMMUNITY WALK Earn Rewards for Walking!

Our very popular Community Walk will run April 1 through October 31. Walk as often as you would like while the Recreation staff keeps track of your mileage.

The ultimate goal is to walk 300 miles for up to \$100 in gift cards! Each participant will earn rewards for each set of 25 miles walked. You can either chose to turn in your miles each time you reach 25 or save them up for a larger gift card (cards can be picked up at the Discovery Center from November 9 to December 4)! Walkers are eligible for a free t-shirt for walking 50 miles!

More information at www.oakdalefun.com or inside the Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley. Pedometers are available upon request.

WOODWORKING WITH AJ

BUILD: A Birdhouse

The smell of spring is in the air! The birds have come back to MN and are looking for a place to nest! Build a bird or wood duck house.

Date: Wednesday, April 1
 Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
 Cost: \$15 - Wren house
 \$20 - Bluebird house
 \$25 - Wood Duck house

Please Register by March 25



BUILD: A Planter

Spring marks the season for gardens and flower planting. All materials will be supplied in this class.

Date: Wednesday, April 8
 Time: 6 to 8 p.m.
 Cost: \$40 per person

Please register by April 1



**Woodworking Instructor: Resident AJ Moses
 Location: Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley Avenue**

All Materials and Tools Provided

Participants under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Cheer America
SPRING CHEER CAMP
ages 4 to 12**

Students will learn popular cheers, chants, choreographed dance and pom-pom routines, parade marching techniques, and other performance skills. This program also promotes physical fitness, improved coordination, flexibility, and the ability to work as a cheerleading squad team member.

Dates: Mondays, March 2 to May 4
Time: 6 to 6:45 p.m. Ages 4 to 7
7 to 7:45 p.m. Ages 8 to 12
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$60 per person

Please register by February 23

**INDOOR TENNIS LESSONS
ages 4 to 12**

Your child will learn the basic fundamentals involved in tennis including grip, stance and swing in a fun environment. We will use safe USTA approved tennis equipment designed for youth tennis. *North High Varsity Tennis Coach, Dan Stumpf will instruct.* Please bring your own racquet if you have one.

Dates: Tuesdays, February 24 to April 21
Time: 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.
Ages 4 to 7
7:30 to 8:15 p.m.
Ages 8 to 12
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$25 per person

Please register by February 17

Wait until you see what's
new at
Summerfest
Rockin' Hollywoods perform at
the band shell on Friday night!

BMX bike shows on Friday!

**Shag performs at the band
shell on Saturday night!**

**Fireworks
extravaganza**
on Saturday night!*

PLUS:

**More vendors!
More free entertainment!**

**Summerfest will be held at
Walton Park from June 25 to 27**

*** The fireworks at Summerfest will
replace the July 4 fireworks show**

**www.oakdalefun.com
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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 the Discovery Center or in City Hall parking lot.



www.oakdalefun.com

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.

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 Department reserves the right to cancel, postpone or combine programs and change instructors.

Classes with insufficient enrollment will be cancelled and payment will be refunded or credited to your account. Participants will be notified of program cancellations prior to the start of the program.

PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

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

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

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 (Oakdale residents only). For more information or to request an application, please call 651-747-3860.

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**](http://www.oakdalefun.com)

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

Home Phone

Cell Phone

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Zip

Email (please circle one):

Parent Guardian Adult Participant

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

| Name | Telephone Number | Relationship |
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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.

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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



For 13 consecutive years, volunteers have removed buckthorn from the Oakdale Nature Preserve during the annual Scott Carver Memorial Buckthorn Removal. This year, on October 11, nearly 70 volunteers removed buckthorn from 1.5 acres of the park and opened up some scenic views. In addition to the volunteers, thanks go to the Washington County Master Gardeners, North High School, Oakdale Public Works, and the Oakdale City Council, as well as Prom Catering and Stiglich Construction for the refreshments and the thank you lunch. The event was coordinated by the Oakdale Tree Board and is named in honor of Scott Carver, an ardent supporter of buckthorn removal. Scott was chair of the Oakdale Tree Board and died in October, 2004.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TANNERS LAKE PARK PROJECT!

This spring, the Oakdale Tree Board and the Environmental Management Commission will collaborate on water quality issues as the annual Community Planting Event (sponsored by the Tree Board) will be combined with the annual Tanners Lake Cleanup (sponsored by the EMC). Lots of volunteers will be needed!

The combined event will be held May 2 from 8 a.m. until noon; breakfast and lunch provided. This is an excellent community service opportunity for groups, families or individuals! The morning of, meet at the main park entrance, Glenbrook Avenue and 5th Street. Please bring work gloves with you.

The goals of the event are to beautify the entryways to the park and support native pollinators, as well as to clean up the lake by retrieving debris, trash, recyclables and large items from the lake and surrounding area. Canoe teams will work on the lake, while land teams will circle the perimeter.

If you have questions or to register as a volunteer, please contact Chris Larson at 651-501-5302 or chris.larson@ci.oakdale.mn.us.

TIME TO PLAN YOUR RAIN GARDEN!

With spring just around the corner, now is a good time to consider installing a rain garden on your property! There are many benefits to having a rain garden. They include:

- increasing the amount of water that filters into the ground, which recharges local and regional aquifers;
- helping protect communities from flooding and drainage problems;
- helping protect streams and lakes from pollutants carried by urban stormwater – lawn fertilizers and pesticides, oil and other fluids that leak from cars, and numerous harmful substances that wash off roofs and paved areas;
- enhancing the beauty of yards and neighborhoods;
- providing valuable habitat for birds, butterflies and many beneficial insects.

Oakdale has an educational packet on the basic steps for designing and building a rain garden. Go to www.ci.oakdale.mn.us/, point to Generation Green and click on water quality. A more detailed how-to manual is also available; type “rain gardens” in the search box, click on “Documents,” and scroll down to “Recycling – Rain gardens.pdf.” This 32-page brochure is also available by calling 1-877-947-7827.

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

IT'S GOOD TO RECYCLE!

Did you know:

- 20 percent of recyclable materials are thrown into the garbage annually;
- there is a state goal for 45-48 percent of all household waste to be recycled by 2015;
- the Washington County average will have to increase to 647-715 pounds per household to meet the state goal;
- Oakdale averaged 509 pounds per household in 2012.

It's a good thing to recycle! Here are the top reasons for doing it:

It's Good for Our Economy.

American companies rely on recycling programs to provide raw materials to make new products. The Office of the Federal Environmental Executive estimates more than \$100 billion in revenue comes from recycling.

It Creates Jobs. Recycling in the US is a \$236 billion a year industry. More than 56,000 recycling and reuse enterprises employ 1.1 million workers nationwide.

It Reduces the Need for Landfills.

The average American discards almost four and a half pounds of garbage every day; most goes into landfills.

It's Good for the Environment.

Recycling promotes sustainable use of natural resources, prevents pollution, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and promotes community development.

It Saves Energy. Recycling offers significant energy savings over manufacturing with virgin materials. Recycling in the U.S. saved 1.3 quadrillion BTUs of energy in 2009, which is equivalent to 224 million barrels of oil.

It Prevents Climate Change. In 2009, recycling and composting of solid waste prevented the release of 178 million metric tons of carbon equivalent (MMTCE, the unit of measure for greenhouse gases) into the air. This is comparable to the total annual greenhouse gas emissions from 33 million passenger vehicles.

It Reduces Water Pollution. Making goods from recycled materials generates far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials.

It Protects Wildlife. Using recycled materials reduces the need to damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.

It Creates New Demand. Recycling and buying recycled products creates demand for more recycled products, decreasing waste and helping our economy.

If you don't recycle, please start! If you are already a recycler, be sure you are recycling all you can! Ask your hauler what all they accept.

KEEP SPRING RUN-OFF CLEAN

When the snow melts, please take these simple steps to keep our lakes and other waterways clean and healthy.

- Direct water from downspouts onto the lawn, away from your house and paved surfaces.
- Remove debris (leaves, branches, trash) from the storm drains near your home, particularly after a rainstorm.
- Avoid raking debris (leaves, grass, sand and dirt) from your lawn into the street.
- Sweep up and reuse any lawn care products that fall on streets, sidewalks and driveways.
- Clean your lawn and garden equipment on the grass, rather than on hard surfaces, in the gutter, or over storm drains.
- Sweep up soil and grass clippings. Never wash or blow them into the street.

WATERSHED RECOGNIZES OAKDALE RESIDENTS

Two Oakdale residents have received Watershed Excellence Awards from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District for their "exemplary" contributions.

The Youth Engagement Award went to Oakdale resident Ginny Newman, along with Bev Blomgren. They provided grants and support to cover bus transportation, school garden demonstration projects, education projects, neighborhood rain garden construction and shoreline restoration. Strong advocates for watershed education at the school district level, they also encouraged teachers to make watershed awareness a part of classroom curriculum. They fostered community involvement on projects around the District including the Lake Phalen, Keller and Keller Golf Course restorations and church rain garden projects.

The Outstanding Partner Award was presented to Brian Nelson of Nelco Landscaping. As the landscaping contractor for the Carol Matheys Center for Children and Families in Oakdale, Brian not only designed and installed a rain garden and pavers for the center, but involved the children and their families in the planting and learning about storm water, rain gardens and plants. He helped the center "become stewards of the landscape." Brian also worked with the Washington Conservation District to design landscape features in their new office in Oakdale, including a pervious green "overflow" parking lot with an adjacent bioretention basin and native plantings. Brian credited his work experience with Metro Blooms and the influences of his mentor Rusty Schmidt and others in the field with helping him shift his priorities to "working on sustainable projects that have the capacity to reap positive impacts 100 years down the road."

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

RE-THINK RECYCLING How to Extend the Life of a Small Appliance

We always talk about waste management's three Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle. For small appliances, such as blenders, coffee makers, toasters, and curling irons, you can add a fourth R: repair.

Small appliances that are not working often simply need minor repairs or parts replaced, so consider troubleshooting and repair options before getting rid of the item.

Hennepin County offers monthly "fix-it clinics" during which you can get household items fixed for free, and you can learn repair skills from volunteers who will guide you through the repair process. You do not need to be a resident of Hennepin County to participate. You must be able to carry items in, and you may bring any tools and supplies you think might help with the job, but it is not mandatory. Clinics are on the second Saturday of each month from noon to 4 p.m. at the Eden Prairie Library, 565 Prairie Center Dr., Eden Prairie. (Exception: the April clinic will be April 18). For more information, go to www.hennepin.us/FixItClinic.

You also can learn how to repair small appliances by going online to www.howstuffworks.com and typing "repair small appliances" in the search box. In addition, many businesses in the Twin Cities repair lamps and other small appliances. An online search will point you in the right direction.

Now, back to two of the other "Rs" – Reduce and Reuse. Before you buy a new small appliance, try shopping at consignment and second-hand shops. You also can try purchasing at online resale outlets like Craigslist.

If you have a small appliance in good working condition that you no longer need, contact a local charity to ask about donating it. Also consider online resale sites for reselling working appliances.

A fourth option for your small appliance that is not working is to Recycle it. The Recycling Zone in Eagan accepts small appliances for free from Twin Cities residents.

Best Buy accepts many appliances at no charge, not including small kitchen appliances, no matter where they were purchased. Hair dryers and curling items are examples of personal care items accepted. See BestBuy.com for details. Most locations that recycle major appliances, such as refrigerators, ovens, washers and dryers, will not accept small appliances, but you may call for information about items they may accept. If you are purchasing a new small appliance, ask the retailer if they will recycle your old appliance.

Finally, if none of the above options is viable for your small appliance, contact your trash service provider to confirm which items can be placed in the trash. If your small appliance is cordless, remove and recycle the batteries before placing the appliance in the trash. Rechargeable batteries may contain hazardous or rare metals. If improperly disposed, they can pollute the air, land and water. Rechargeable batteries can be recovered and recycled to make new products. Bring rechargeable batteries to most hardware stores or to the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, in Woodbury.

For more information on managing appliances, visit [www.RethinkRecycling.com](http://RethinkRecycling.com).



WATERFEST 2015: WATER WONDERLAND

The 16th annual WaterFest will be held May 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lake Phalen Park, 1600 Phalen Dr. – north of Phalen Drive and Wheeckow Parkway in St. Paul. Sponsored primarily by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, Waterfest is a celebration of the area's clean lakes and offers an opportunity for hands-on learning about clean water, wildlife, and land and water conservation.

Attendees will experience the lake with Voyageur canoe and solar pontoon boat rides; stand up paddleboards and fishing lessons; and canoes, kayaks and paddleboats for check out. Other activities include a fishing contest, geocaching, climbing walls, jump castle, obstacle course, native plant give-away, eco arcade, live animals, water games, watershed and art exhibits, music, dance, lakeside yoga and more.

The event will be held rain or shine. Additional sponsors are the cities of Oakdale, St. Paul, Maplewood, Little Canada, Roseville, Shoreview, Landfall and North St. Paul, and Ramsey County and other partners. For more information: [https://www.rwmwd.org/waterfest](http://www.rwmwd.org/waterfest).

STASH THE TRASH

Except on collection day, please store your garbage, trash, and recycling containers on the side or back of your house/garage or inside the garage or shed -- just not in front of your property. (*If storage in front is your only option, call 651-730-2727.*)

On collection day, place containers out in the morning, either in your driveway or yard, behind the curb line, just prior to 7 a.m..

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

City of Oakdale
1584 Hadley Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128

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SAVE THE DATES:

INDOOR MARKET

January 17 & 31

February 14 & 28

March 14 & 28

9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

February 21 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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**PETE GRASKE
TREE GIVEAWAY**

April 25 at 10 a.m.

Numbers given out at 9 a.m.

Walton Park - 15th Street and Hadley
Information on species and growing
to be posted at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

**EARLY REGISTRATION
FOR SUMMER
REC PROGRAMS**

4444 Hadley Avenue

April 30 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer program information will be
delivered to area schools and posted at
www.oakdalefun.com in early April.

**CITYWIDE
GARAGE SALES**

April 30, May 1, 2

Register at 651-739-5086

FARMER'S MARKET

Wednesdays, June 10 to October, 2 to 6 p.m.

Walton Park - vicinity of Hadley
and 16th Street

COMMUNITY PICNIC

June 18

North Fire Station - 5000 Hadley
Free picnic lunch and fun activities!

Wait until you see what's

new at

Summerfest

Rockin' Hollywoods perform at
the band shell on Friday night!

BMX bike shows on Friday!

Shag performs at the band
shell on Saturday night!

**Fireworks
extravaganza**

on Saturday night!*

PLUS:

More vendors!

More free entertainment!

Summerfest will be held at
Walton Park from June 25 to 27

* The fireworks at Summerfest will
replace the July 4 fireworks show