

OAKDALE UPDATE

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**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 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 January or December) 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.

COUNCIL CORNER: Councilmember Kristen Cici

Hello! As one of Oakdale's newest council members, first I'd like to thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve! Serving on Oakdale's City Council has been a great honor, and I have enjoyed learning and experiencing more of our city. I served on the Oakdale Planning Commission prior to running for city council, and, in large part, was inspired to run by my grandfather, John Denzer. He instilled in me the importance of getting involved in your community. He served on the Cottage Grove City Council and was Mayor in Cottage Grove. Some of my fondest childhood memories include riding in the back his pick-up truck staking campaign signs around the city!

Over the past year, I've immensely enjoyed being able to advocate for some of the things you shared were of importance. These include offering a façade improvement matching grant program for small businesses, and adding a dog park and splash pad in Oakdale. I also serve as liaison for the Environmental Management Commission, and am a member of the Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce and the Summerfest Committee.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband, Phil, and children, Chase (5) and Samantha (4). Our family

loves visiting the local lakes and parks – especially swimming! This year was a big year for us, we sent our oldest off to Kindergarten – a big change! For work, I am a small business owner with three small businesses employing over thirty employees: Tierra Encantada, Cici Events, and Cici Holdings.



If you have feedback, suggestions, or questions, I encourage you to contact me. My email is kristen.cici@ci.oakdale.mn.us and you can also find me on Facebook. Stop and say at the upcoming Arbor Day Tree Giveaway (April 30), Mystery Egg Hunt (March 19), or Summerfest (June 23 to 25),

Councilmember Kristen Cici

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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
- Burning only clean, dry wood; not treated lumber, leaves, trash, furniture, etc.
- Fire does not produce smoke that causes discomfort or a negative impact to neighboring properties.

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 at 651-332-5222.

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, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 651-730-2740 for rates.

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. To register, select the Code Red link at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us.

DIAL-A-RIDE TRANSPORTATION. Transit Link offers transportation and 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 to 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".

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: May 5, 6, 7. To register, call 651-739-5086 or complete form at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

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.

IRRIGATION SYSTEM TIPS FOR HOMES AND BUSINESSES. Irrigate only when necessary; one inch of water per week, including rainfall, is all that's needed to maintain a healthy lawn. Turn off your system's automatic setting and irrigate only when the grass needs water. Contact your irrigation contractor to discuss water saving options and newer technologies. Finally, inspect your system for defective or missing sprinkler heads to ensure that water is reaching all designated zones.

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.

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. To join the Oakdale Garden Club, call Michelle at 651-702-9017.

OAKDALE UPDATE CABLE SHOW. Host Frank Orsello offers a wide variety of interesting guests and topics about our community on Channel 16. Watch shows on Channel 16 and the "Watch Oakdale Update Show" link at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

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 13 at City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue, from 5 to 7 p.m. Questions? Please call the assessor at 651-702-5231.

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, 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.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL. The Oakdale Veteran's Memorial is located at 1584 Hadley and honors each branch of the military. It offers a landscaped backdrop, a brick paver walkway, flags, and water features that welcome visitors to a place of honor and reflection. Order an engraved paver for any person who has served or is currently serving in the military. Oakdale residency is not required. Cost per paver: \$100.

WINTER PARKING. Winter parking guidelines remain in place until April 1 -- no matter how much, or how little, snow falls. During this time, vehicles cannot park on city streets from 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. each day. 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.

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 (Monday through Friday, 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 \$47,500 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.

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1. Click on the "Pay Utility Bill" link
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CALL TO PAY

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

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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
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2016 UTILITY RATES (effective April 1)

Residential (billed quarterly)

Water Base Charge:
\$9.00/quarter
Usage-\$1.75/1,000 gallons-first 35,000 gallons
Usage-\$1.92/1,000 gallons-next 15,000 gallons
Usage-\$2.07/1,000 gallons-remaining gallons

Sewer Base Charge:
\$18/quarter
Sewer: \$3.33/1,000 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 \$3.00/month per unit
Usage-\$1.75/1,000 gallons-first 12,000 gallons
Usage-\$1.92/1,000 gallons-next 5,000 gallons
Usage-\$2.07/1,000 gallons-remaining gallons
Sewer Base Charge: \$6.00/month per unit
Sewer: \$3.33/1,000 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 \$3.00/month for every 10,000 gallons used
Usage-\$1.75/1,000 gallons-first 12,000 gallons
Usage-\$1.92/1,000 gallons-next 5,000 gallons
Usage-\$2.07/1,000 gallons-next 5,000 gallons
Usage - \$2.37/1,000 gallons for remaining gallons
Sewer Base Charge: \$6.00/month per unit for every 10,000 gallons or \$6 minimum if under 10,000 gallons
Sewer: \$3.33/1,000 gallons
Street Light: Based on total lineal feet
Storm Sewer: Based on total runoff

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OAKDALE'S ANIMALS

CHICKENS. Interested in owning chickens? Please talk to the Oakdale Police Department about first obtaining a Special Use Permit.

DEER. Deer are beautiful, wild animals, but deer and developed areas can spell t-r-o-u-b-l-e. Deer can wreak havoc on gardens, landscaping plants, and trees and shrubs. It is also common to have motor vehicle accidents involving deer. Attracting deer to your yard with food only creates community-wide problems necessitating in the reduction of the population.

GEESE. Every year, the city receives numerous complaints about Canadian Geese and their droppings. Attracting geese to your yard with food only creates community-wide problems necessitating in the reduction of the population. Have goose problems? Visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/livingwith_wildlife/geese/index.html

LEASHES. When dogs and cats leave their premises -- with their owner or a member of the household -- they need to be leashed or under other physical control. Also, dogs need to be leashed when in city parks and on other public land.

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. Licenses are available at 1584 Hadley Avenue, during regular business hours (present a certificate of current rabies vaccination) or at the annual vaccination clinic. City-issued licenses expire March 31.

NUISANCES. Animals which "run at large" may be impounded by the Police Department whether they are licensed or not. It's important to remember that not everyone enjoys the company of pets - even some other pets. Please make sure that your pet(s) does not disturb others or their property.

NUMBER OF PETS. Pet owners with more than three of any single type of domestic animal, over three months old, need to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Oakdale Police Department.

SANITATION. Pet owners need to remove and properly dispose of pet droppings from their yard on a regular basis. Also, taking your pet off your property, be sure to have something with you to pick up excrement and disposing of it in a trash receptacle. You will find Mutt Mitt dispensers in city parks.

VACCINATION CLINIC (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.

WILD OR EXOTIC ANIMALS. Interested in owning wild or exotic animals? Please talk to the Oakdale Police Department about first obtaining a Special Use Permit.

WILDLIFE AND WATER FOWL. Please remember that the feeding of wildlife and water fowl is not allowed. Bird feeders are allowed but they need to be least five feet above the ground or structure.

For a copy of the city's ordinance relating to animals, please call 651-730-2704 or view Chapter 4 at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us



Pollinators are responsible for assisting over 80 percent of the world's flowering plants; and virtually all of the world's seed plants need to be pollinated. It has been estimated that one out of every three bites of food we take comes to us through the work of animal and insect pollinators. Therefore, without pollinators, humans and wildlife wouldn't have much to eat or to look at!

You might be surprised to know of all the animals, birds and insects that assist plants in their reproduction as pollinators. They include species of ants, bats, beetles, birds, butterflies, flies, moths, wasps, and, of course, bees. Vertebrates, mainly bats and birds, but also some non-bat mammals (monkeys, lemurs, possums, rodents) and some reptiles (lizards and snakes) pollinate certain plants. Among the pollinating birds are hummingbirds, honeyeaters and sunbirds with long beaks, which pollinate a number of deep-throated flowers.

AJ Moses, a member of Oakdale's Environmental Management Commission, also pointed out that the vilified mosquito also plays a role in pollination. "Wild blueberries are the primary beneficiary of the mosquito's pollination efforts!" It's also important to note that bees pollinate animal food crops, including crops for animals some people eat. "Alfalfa, for instance, isn't a primary food crop for people, but it is an important protein source for cattle and other animals, and it needs pollination."

Having established the important role pollinators play in the life cycle of plants and flowers, it behooves us to take steps to promote the good health of pollinators as well as protect their lives. AJ says the two most important things humans can do is to reduce the use of pesticides and establish plants that are friendly to all pollinators (not just honey bees).

To expand on his recommendations, here are some more suggestions:

Use a wide variety of plants that bloom from early spring into late fall. Help pollinators find and use them by planting in clumps, rather than single plants.

Avoid modern hybrid flowers, especially those with "doubled" flowers. Often plant breeders have unwittingly left the pollen, nectar, and fragrance out of these blossoms while creating the "perfect" blooms for us.

Eliminate pesticides whenever possible. If you must use a pesticide, use the least-toxic material possible. Read labels carefully before purchasing, as many pesticides are especially dangerous for bees. Use the product properly. Spray at night when bees and other pollinators are not active.

Provide a hummingbird feeder. To make artificial nectar, use four parts water to one part table sugar. Never use artificial sweeteners, honey, or fruit juices. Place something red on the feeder. Clean your feeder with hot soapy water at least twice a week to keep it free of mold.

Consider making a bee block. There are many plans available free online. Bee blocks provide a habitat for native bees, rather than honey bees. There are over 400 species of bees in Minnesota. Most are effective pollinators.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Paul Dean was selected as Oakdale's "Volunteer of the Year" for 2015. Dean, an environmental teacher at North High School, was chosen for his volunteer work in Oakdale, over the past decade, removing buckthorn and landscaping in the city's parks. To his students, he serves as an example of being a good steward to the earth and encourages them to work alongside him in these volunteer efforts.

To nominate a volunteer, please call 651-730-2704.



SEEKING INPUT ON BUS RAPID TRANSIT

The Gateway Corridor Gold Line BRT is a proposed bus rapid transit (BRT) line that will help ease traffic congestion in the east metro. The Gold Line is proposed to run near Interstate 94 for 12 miles, in its own lane on Hudson Road and 4th Street between the Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul, through Oakdale, and on to Manning Avenue in Woodbury/Lake Elmo.

All-day transit service would stop at 13 stations and include connections to the growing regional transit system, including connections to Minneapolis and complementing existing express commuter service like the current routes at Guardian Angles Church.

The work is led by the Gateway Corridor Commission, which is comprised of local elected officials, business and community leaders. City Council member Paul Reinke represents Oakdale on the Commission. After a few years of study, the Commission decided, in the spring of 2014, that BRT was a better

fit for the area as opposed to light-rail transit (LRT).

The Gateway Corridor team is currently completing technical analysis that will roll into the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). The Draft EIS will cover a variety of social, natural and transportation issues, and will discuss the existing conditions, potential impacts and recommended mitigation measures for each.

Community meetings will be held throughout the spring and summer to discuss the results of the Draft EIS, and an official public comment period will take place this summer. Keep an eye out for information about meeting dates and other opportunities to learn more and have your voice heard.

In the meantime information can be found at TheGatewayCorridor.com, by going to Facebook. [com/GatewayCorridor](https://www.facebook.com/GatewayCorridor), emailing GatewayCorridor@washington.mn.us, or calling 651-430-4300.



SEEKING INPUT ON CSAH 13 (IDEAL AVENUE, OLSON LAKE TRAIL)

In July 2015, Washington County, in partnership with the cities of Lake Elmo and Oakdale, initiated a preliminary design study for County Highway 13 (Ideal Avenue/Olson Lake Trail) from County Highway 14 (Old TH 5) to County Highway 35.

The roadway is currently fraught with pavement and drainage deficiencies, erosion problems and other safety and environmental concerns. To date, the project partners have held a series of neighborhood meetings and open houses to solicit input from area residents and to discuss alternatives for this corridor. Additional public meetings will be held in early 2016 to review concept drawings in an effort to identify a well-balanced alternative that will address roadway and drainage deficiencies. Construction activities are planned for Spring/Summer 2017.

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

For more information, please visit the project website: www.co.washington.mn.us/County13 or contact Washington County's Project Manager, Frank Ticknor, at frank.ticknor@co.washington.mn.us or 651-430-4319.



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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.

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**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. An even exchange: books for books and DVDs for DVDs.

**EARLY
REGISTRATION
SUMMER
RECREATION PROGRAMS**

4444 Hadley Avenue
Thursday, April 28
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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DISCOVER: CROSS COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

Winter is here! Stop by the Discovery Center to check out the winter display featuring cross-country skiing and snowshoeing! Do you know how and where each of these fun winter activities began? Do you know where you can experience cross country skiing and snowshoeing? Check out these exciting activities on display and then rent snowshoes from the Recreation Department to create your own fun winter adventure!

DISCOVERY BACKPACKS

Stop by the Discovery Center and check out one of our Discovery Backpacks! Inside the pack you will find everything needed for a fun exploration into the adjacent 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 pick up the coordinates list at the Discovery Center for the 15 caches in Oakdale's park system.

NORDIC WALKING POLES

In 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. 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! (Please refer to Discovery Center Hours on opposite page).

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

The art gallery at the Discovery Center has a tradition of showcasing the creations of dozens of local artists and artisans, featuring a different artist each month. For gallery hours, please refer to Discovery Center Hours on opposite page.

FEATURED ARTISTS:

January	Hannah Lagoon	Paintings/Drawings
February	Marilyn Stevens	Alabaster, Various
March	Jim Eberhardt	Watercolor
April	Century College	Various
May	Painting Pals	Various

Your artwork could be displayed at the Discovery Center. Our small gallery offers an opportunity to showcase your artistic talent and strengthen the community through the appreciation of the arts. If you would like to display your artwork, please call 651-747-3860 for information on submitting a request.

ROAD TRIP**"Catch Me If You Can"****Ames Center for the Arts
Monday, April 4**

What's a boy to do when his parents are breaking up, he doesn't know where to turn, and he can't get comfortable in his own skin? Slip into someone else's! Teenage Frank Abagnale, Jr. impersonated a doctor, a lawyer, and an airline pilot, and passed \$2.5 million worth of forged checks over the span of more than five years, all while being hunted by the FBI. Inspired by a true story, as depicted in the best-selling book and hit movie with the same title, this energetic musical gives Frank a chance to tell the audience his story, with all the flash and dazzle you'd expect from one of the world's most successful impostors.

Before the show, enjoy a non-alcoholic beverage and desserts offered at the dessert bar. A Dessert Reception is planned for the group in the Art Gallery, followed by the performance in the Black Box Theater. Both are located at the Ames Center for the Arts, in Burnsville.

Depart: 5:45 p.m. Walton
Park Band shell Parking Lot
Return: Approximately 11 p.m.
Cost: \$60 per person. Includes
transportation, dessert
reception, performance, and
tour director

Activity Level: Easy, standing and
sitting options at dessert reception

Reservation Deadline: March 14

*On your registration form, please list
whom you would like to sit by at the
theater.*

ROAD TRIP**"Art in Bloom"****Timeless Art & Fresh Flowers
Mpls Institute of Art
Friday, April 29**

Experience the festival of fresh floral arrangements and fine art as we celebrate the coming of spring at this year's 33rd annual "Art in Bloom" exhibit at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Each florist and artist has designed their piece to interpret the diverse artworks of the museum's collection. A docent will accompany us on a private, guided tour (limited to 15 per group) to help us better understand and appreciate the imagination of the commercial florists' and individual artists' works.

This event is very popular, and well attended so it will be a very busy place during our visit. Expect walking and standing for extended periods of time. You will have time after the guided tour to further view the collection and visit the gift shop.

Enjoy a quality dining experience at B.A.N.K Restaurant in downtown Minneapolis.

Depart: 9 a.m. Walton Park Band Shell
Parking Lot
Return: Approximately 2:45 p.m.
Cost: \$65 per person. Includes
transportation, lunch, private
guided tour, and tour director

*Choose your entrée when registering:
Walleye, garlic mashed potatoes,
vegetable; Chicken Pot Pie; Chicken
with garlic mashed potatoes and green
beans.*

Activity Level: Expect walking and
standing for periods of time.

Registration Deadline: April 7

ROAD TRIP**Take Me Out to the Ballgame
Saint Paul Saints
Sunday, May 22**

Be part of the fun and the action at CHS Field when the St. Paul Saints rally against the Gary South Shore Rail Cats.

Depart: 4 p.m. Walton Park Band shell
Parking Lot. (Game time is at
5:05 p.m.)

Return: Approximately 9 p.m.
(game length determines return time)

Cost: \$50 per person. Includes
transportation, ticket to the
game, and tour guide

Activity Level: Some walking, easy to
moderate. Steps may be required for
seating.

*On your registration form, please list
whom you would like to sit by at the
game. Also, if you have trouble with
steps, please request to be seated near
the top row.*

**Registration deadline
and cancellation penalty
begins March 2**

ROAD TRIP**"Bridges of Madison County"
Orpheum Theatre
Tuesday, June 21**

The Bridges of Madison County, one of the most romantic stories ever written, is now an irresistible, two-time Tony Award®-winning Broadway musical. Based on the best-selling novel by Robert James Waller, The Bridges of Madison County tells the story of Iowa housewife Francesca Johnson and her life-changing, four-day whirlwind romance with traveling photographer Robert Kincaid. It's an unforgettable story of two people caught between decision and desire, as a chance encounter becomes a second chance at so much more. This stunning new production features gorgeous, soulful music by Tony

ROAD TRIP REMINDER:

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

Award®-winning composer Jason Robert Brown that draws upon the rich textures of Americana and folk and the sweeping, expressive balladry of classic Broadway. The Daily News hails it as "one of Broadway's best scores in the last decade."

Depart: 6:30 p.m. Walton Park Band
Shell Parking Lot
Return: Approximately 10:45 p.m.
Cost: \$59 per person. Includes transportation, concert admission, and tour director

Activity Level: Easy

Seats are limited and will be assigned when registration is received. Seats are rear, main floor, section 1, rows EE, FF, GG.

Registration Deadline: May 2

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!



ROAD TRIP Rodgers & Hammerstein's "South Pacific" Wurtele Thrust Stage of the Guthrie Wednesday, August 3

One of the most celebrated and lauded musicals in American theater, this Rodgers and Hammerstein classic contains a treasure trove of memorable songs from "Bali Hai" to "There is Nothin' Like a Dame" to "Some Enchanted Evening." Set in an island paradise during World War II, this sweeping romance tells the story of two couples: a U.S. Navy nurse and a French planter, and a Marine Corps lieutenant and a young local girl, and how their happiness is threatened by the dangers of war and prejudices of their times.

Savor an amazing array of irresistibly fresh options inspired by the Markets of Brazil at Fogo De Chao, a Brazilian Steakhouse Restaurant. Choose from

any of the 43 items prepared fresh daily on the Market Table. Exotic fruits, fresh seasonal vegetables, mixed green salads with many toppings, cured meats, Brazilian cheeses, traditional Brazilian sides, hot soup station and more!

Depart: 10:30 a.m. Walton Park Band
Shell Parking Lot
Return: Approximately 4:30 p.m.
Cost: \$73 per person. Includes transportation, lunch, performance, and tour director

Activity Level: Easy, may require steps to seats, minimal stairs

Registration Deadline: June 20

Seat will be assigned as registrations come in. Seats are located top rows, right, between aisles 17 and 20.

On your registration form, please list whom you would like to sit by at the theater. If you have difficulty navigating steps, please request that you need a seat in the back row or with minimal stairs.

O A K D A L E

Wellness50+

FREE EVENTS: DISCOVER YOUR FITNESS

Come for a Senior Fit Test and *stay* for demonstrations, treats, workshops, and prizes. The Senior Fit Test, given at every event (dates provided below) is designed to test for strength, balance, and flexibility: skills that will extend your independent living ability. Educators are on hand to provide one-on-one help and resources to improve fitness. Senior Fit retests are given to gauge improvement. Each Discover Your Fitness event is designed differently, so come for them all!

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon

Dates: Wednesday, March 16; Saturdays, May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

For more information, please visit Discover Your Fitness Facebook page.

These organizations operate independently from the Oakdale Recreation Department. They 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. www.oaaonline.com

OMNI Otters Swim Team

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

Saint Paul – Ramsey County Horseshoe Club.

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 to April. More information: 651-777-4096 or sejtkj@msn.com



Save the Dates:
June 23, 24, 25

Fireworks, parade, food, music, rides, medallion hunt, 5/10k, royalty, bingo, more food!

CURIOUS CRITTERS CLUB

The Discovery Center 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 a snack, and create projects for each themed program. Curious Critters Club kids like to go outside, so please dress for the weather!

Time: 9:30 to 11 am
Ages: 3 to 6 (children must be potty trained)
Cost: \$6 per participant, per session
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Registration deadline is one week prior to start of each program

February 12: Secrets of the Rainforest

Who lives in the rainforest? We'll explore the rainforest up close and learn all about its hidden wonders!

February 26: Snow Watch

We use snow to make snowballs and snow forts; animals make tunnels in it. We'll learn all about snow including which animals depend on snow to survive.

March 4: The Mitten

We'll read the famous book "The Mitten" and learn how creatures of the forest survive the winter cold by cooperating with each other.

March 25: Animals from Down Under

Koalas, kangaroos, platypuses and spiny anteaters all live in Australia. We'll head to the land down under to learn about some of the strangest mammals on earth.

April 8: Celebrate a Rainy Day!

Chase away the rainy-day blues with a shower of activities. We'll discover a day in the life of a raindrop!

April 22: City Animals

In cities all over, animals have made their homes. We'll look at the animals that we see every day in our cities and neighborhoods.

May 20: Secrets of the Seashore

Join us at the seashore where we'll visit a tide pool and discover a small world of great surprises!

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.

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 and Turns

(LL & RS)

\$52 monthly

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 p.m.

Beginning Tap/Jazz/Ballet

Ages 9 to 12

\$63 monthly

Tuesdays: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Boys' Team

Ages 6 to 13

\$36 monthly

Fridays: 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Dad's Class

Free – Legacy Dancers Only

January through June

Fridays: 7:45 to 8:45 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 years

\$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 and Turns

(DS, 1st yr SL & SPOT)

\$52 monthly

Fridays: 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Advanced Leaps and Turns

(2nd yr SL & SM)

\$52 monthly

Thursdays: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.



MAKIN' MAPLE SYRUP

All ages welcomed!

Have you ever wondered about the process of how maple syrup is made? Then join us for this informational class! After the instruction, we'll head out to the Oakdale Nature Preserve and put the tap into the trees, one of the first stages of makin' maple syrup!

Date: Saturday, March 26

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$5/person. Includes ice cream & syrup topping

Participants under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult

Please register by March 18



SUNDAE BINGO

What could be better than ice cream sundaes and 11 games of bingo!? Join us for this exciting Sunday afternoon event! Make your own sundae while shouting out BINGO! Prizes will be awarded each game for this all-ages event. Limit of two prizes per participant. All will be eligible for the final coverall prize!



Date: Sunday, April 10

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$8 per person

Please register by April 4

BEST SNOW SCULPTURE CONTEST!

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 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.***





SATURDAY GARDENING TOPICS

COLOR AFTER THE SNOW MELTS

Are you ready for spring? Come find out what you need to know to get your lawn and garden looking good after the snow melts!

Date: Saturday, April 16
Time: 10 to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

FREE!

LAWN AND GARDEN 101

Find out the basics of different plants and bulbs to help you achieve the best early spring color in your yard!

Date: Saturday, May 14
Time: 10 to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

FREE!

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS: SEED STARTING

Decorate a flower pot to make it your own! After decorating, plant seeds to watch your plant grow at home! For ages 12 and under.

Date: Saturday, May 28
Time: 9 to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

FREE!

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 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 18 (holiday) 1 to 8 p.m.
February 15 (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 18 (holiday) 1 to 8 p.m.
February 15 (holiday) 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 18 (holiday) 1 to 8 p.m.
February 15 (holiday) 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, LIGHTED UNSUPERVISED RINKS, NO WARMING HOUSES

Eastside Park
Helmo Avenue

FREE!

FAMILY SKATING DAY

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

Date: Saturday, March 5
Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
Place: Tartan Arena
740 Greenway Ave
just behind Tartan
High School

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

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

OPEN SKATING TARTAN ARENA INDOOR RINK 740 Greenway Avenue 651-714-9251

Sundays, 1 to 3 p.m.
\$4 per person

1st and 3rd Sundays:
Buy one, get one FREE
admission!

*(open skating may be
canceled without notice)*



MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER

**OAKDALE RESIDENTS:
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCOUNTED
MCC MEMBERSHIP RESIDENT RATES!**



**NEW MEMBERS - PURCHASE AN
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & PAY NO
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE***

**+ GET A FREE GIFT - SWIM LESSON,
SPECIALTY FITNESS CLASS, OR MASSAGE**

OR

**BUY THREE MONTHS TODAY
GET 1 MONTH FREE
& PAY NO ADMINISTRATIVE FEE***

*Annual membership offer valid for new members only.
Both offers valid Dec. 15 - April 30. Some exclusions apply*

MAPLEWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS:

90,000 Square Foot Facility • Drop-In Child Care
Zero-Depth Entry Aquatics Center
Family Friendly Atmosphere
FREE Group Fitness • Cardio & Strength Centers
Highly Trained Fitness Specialists
Daily Locker Use • Walking/Jogging Track
Johnny G Spin Studio • AND SO MUCH MORE!

MAPLEWOOD
Community Center

**651.249.2230
2100 WHITE BEAR AVENUE
MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109**

WWW.MAPLEWOODCOMMUNITYCENTER.COM

LEARN TO KAYAK

Join *Wahoo! Adventures* on a family friendly paddle around Silver Lake in kayaks. Find out why this is one of Minnesota's fastest growing outdoor adventures. Here's your chance to get close to nature, get some exercise, and learn how relaxing paddling can be. You will learn how to paddle correctly, get in and out of a kayak easily and safely, and how to pack for a day on the water. We will have both double and single kayaks available. Life vests are provided. Wear shoes that can get wet and dress in layers for time on the water.

Date: Saturday, May 7
Time: 9 to 10:30 a.m.
Place: Silver Lake
North Saint Paul
Cost: \$19/person

Limit of 20 participants

Please register by April 29

MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY KAYAK AND PICNIC

Treat Mom to lunch and a paddle on Silver Lake for Mother's Day. This morning is for everyone, so bring Mom, grandma, aunt, or your grandchildren. We will learn to paddle a kayak around the lake, get up close to nature, feel a sense of adventure, or just relax and enjoy the day. Afterward, enjoy a fun BBQ picnic lunch on the beach. This event includes; introduction to kayaking, paddling basics, and safety overview, plus kayaks, paddles, life vests, lunch, and flowers for Mom. Wear shoes that can get wet and dress in layers for time on the water.

Date: Saturday, May 7
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Place: Silver Lake
North Saint Paul
Cost: \$23/person or
\$70/family of four
(under 18 years of age)

Limit of 15 participants

Please register by April 29

INDOOR MARKET

Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
SATURDAYS
9 a.m. to noon
January 30
February 13
March 12 & 26

Stop by the Discovery Center on select Saturdays to discover a variety of local goods, including baked goods, meats, sweets, cheeses, salsas, jellies, syrups, vegetables, coffee, books, jewelry, and more!

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
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.

FARMERS MARKET

City Hall Parking Lot
1584 Hadley Avenue
WEDNESDAYS
June to October
2 to 6 p.m.

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

Employment Opportunities

Painting in the Park and Other Instructors

Do you have expertise you would like to share with others? We accept instructor proposals throughout the year. Call Julie at 747-3867 or email at julie.williams@ci.oakdale.mn.us

Recreation Youth Program Instructors

Monday to Friday
Morning and Afternoon Hours
30 to 40 hours per week, \$9/hour

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

Youth Tennis Instructors

Monday to Thursday, Mornings
Up to 12 hours per week, \$11/hour

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

*Applications / job descriptions at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us
Select "Employment" button*

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 from April 25 to 29. Trash bags are provided and each participant will receive a thank you gift. To volunteer, please call 651-747-3860.

Summerfest Parade

Planning for the Summerfest Grande Parade is underway and parade volunteers are needed to ensure the parade's success! This year's parade will be held on Thursday, June 23. To volunteer, please call 651-747-3860.

Trail Etiquette

Be Predictable. Travel in a consistent and predictable manner. Always look behind before changing positions on the trail.

Be Courteous. All trail users, including bicyclists, joggers, walkers, wheelchairs, skateboarders, bladders and skaters, should be respectful of other users regardless of their mode, speed or level of skill.

Keep Right. Stay as near to the right side of the trail as is safe, except when passing another user.

Pass On The Left. Pass others, going your direction, on their left. Yield to slower and oncoming traffic. Use hand signals to alert those behind you of your moves. Look ahead and back to make sure the lane is clear before you pull out and pass. Pass with ample separation and do not move back to the right until safely past. It is important to note that kids and pets can be unpredictable.

Give Audible Warning Before Passing. Give a clear signal by using voice, bell or horn before passing. Give the person you are passing time to respond. Watch for their reaction. So that you can hear these signals, don't wear headphones on the trail.

Obey All Traffic Signs And Signals. Use extra caution where trails cross streets. Stop at all signs and intersections and be cautious when crossing driveways. When entering or crossing a trail yield to traffic on the trail.

Clean Up Litter. Do not leave glass, paper, cans, plastic, or any other debris on or near a trail.

Picnic Shelter Rental

Picnic shelters are available at the following parks:
Eastside, Eberle, Guthrie, Northdale, Oakfield, Tanners, Walton, and at the Oakdale Nature Preserve.

FEE SCHEDULE

Residents:

Small Shelter Rental \$50*
Large Shelter Rental \$100*
Shelter & Kitchen \$225*
Security Deposit (kitchen) \$300
Walton Park (Entire Shelter) \$400*
Includes:
Band shell
Two Large Shelters
Kitchen Facilities

Non-Residents:

Small Shelter Rental \$65*
Large Shelter Rental \$150*
Shelter / Kitchen \$250*
Security Deposit (Kitchen) \$300
Walton Park (Entire Shelter) \$550*
Includes:
Band shell
Two Large Shelters
Kitchen Facilities

** Subject to county and state taxes*

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!

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, and on the city's web site at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us, or by calling 651-747-3860.



MYSTERY EGG HUNT!

THE CLEVER EASTER BUNNY HAS HIDDEN EGGS ALONG THE TRAILS OF THE OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE. WE NEED KIDS TO HELP FIND ONE AND THEN EXCHANGE IT FOR A VERY SPECIAL SURPRISE!

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

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

AGES: UP TO AGE 10
DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 19
TIME: 9 TO 11 A.M.*
PLACE: DISCOVERY CENTER - 4444 HADLEY
COST: \$11 PER PERSON (PARENTS ATTEND FOR FREE)

PLEASE REGISTER BY MARCH 11

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. Courts will be ready at the end of April, 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 @ 651-439-5307*



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). Ages 18 and up.

Dates: Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24
Time: 6 to 7 p.m.
Place: Walton Park Pickleball Courts
Cost: \$20

Please register by April 26

SNOWSHOEING

SNOWSHOE RENTAL

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley Avenue

Enjoy Minnesota winter by making tracks in the 250+ acres of the Oakdale Nature Preserve and discovering the tracks of the others in the park: deer, fox, and birds.

Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays: 12 to 4 p.m.
Sundays: 1 to 4 p.m.

\$5/person for two-hour rental. First come, first served.
Sizes available for children and adult

Reservations are recommended for groups of 6 or more.

Please call 651-747-3860.

SNOWSHOE - SIP - SAMPLE

Join us for an evening that includes sampling of:

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

Enjoy snowshoeing through the park lit by ice luminaries, relax by our outdoor bonfire, then head indoors for food, wine, and beer samples by the fireplace and our very popular 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
Includes refreshments and snowshoe rental

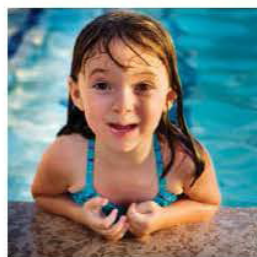
Please register by January 30

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.



Spring Swimming Lessons 2016

District 622 Community Education offers swimming lessons for all ages and abilities. Our American Red Cross trained instructors help develop water safety and swimming skills in a positive, fun, learning environment.



Lessons are held at: Skyview Community School

1100 Heron Ave N, Oakdale 55128

John Glenn Middle School

1560 County Rd B, Maplewood 55109

Register Online: <https://isd622.thatscommunityed.com>

Phone: 651-748-7434 **Fax:** 651-748-7497



Swim Class Descriptions

Preschool Lessons

Classes are 30 minutes long

Parent/Tot 1 (swim diaper please)

6 months - 2 years with parent/adult. Develop water readiness through games & play.

Parent/Tot 2 (swim diaper if needed)

2 - 4 years with parent/adult. Child learns basic swim skills through group activities.

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

6 months - 4 years with parent/adult. Child learns basic swim skills through group activities.

Parent/Preschooler 3 - 5 years with parent/adult. A graduate of Parent/Tot 2 or will put face under water. Child learns basic swimming techniques through drills and play.

Turtles (Preschool 1) 4 - 5 year olds without a parent who will not readily put their faces in the water. Child will learn basic swim skills while increasing his/her comfort level.

Bobbers (Preschool 2) 4 - 5 year olds without a parent who will put their faces in the water and are comfortable in the water.

Super Kids (Preschool 3) 4 - 5 year olds without a parent who can swim 10 feet with their face in the water; child may have fundamental swim skills but are not ready for the larger class and longer class time of Level 1.

School Age Lessons

(6 years and older)

Classes are 55 minutes long

Level 1 & 2 - Fundamental Skills Entry level class for children ages 6 and older.

Level 3 - Stroke Development

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

Level 4 - Stroke Improvement

Passed Level 3. Elementary backstroke, side stroke and butterfly kick.

Level 5 - Stroke Refinement

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

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

Personal Water Safety - emphasis on self-rescue, survival float, survival swimming.

Fitness Swimmer - emphasis on learning to increase and evaluate personal fitness.

Private & Semi Private Swim Lessons Instructor will customize each 30 minute lesson. You can now register online for private lessons. Call for additional times or to register 2 or more for semi-private lessons.

To register by mail or in person send/bring completed registration form to:

ISD 622 Community Education/Swim, District Education Center, 2520 12th Ave E., North St Paul MN 55109

Swimmer's Information

Name _____	Birth Date _____
Class _____ Class # _____	Fee \$ _____
Name _____	Birth Date _____
Class _____ Class # _____	Fee \$ _____

Parent/Guardian's Information

Name _____
Address _____
Town/Zip _____ Phone _____
e-mail _____

Payment Information (Debit Card, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Check payable to ISD 622)

Card # _____	Exp. Date _____	Signature _____
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Refund Policy: A \$5 processing fee will be charged if you withdraw from the class prior to start date. No refund given on/after the start date of the class.

Limited Financial Assistance available for families on free/reduced lunch. Must call to register or register in person.



John Glenn Middle School

1560 County Rd B East, Maplewood MN 55109

Class	Monday 3/28 - 5/16		Wednesday 3/30 - 5/18		Thursday 3/31 - 5/19		Saturday 4/2 - 5/21 no 5/14	
	8 Lessons \$68		8 Lessons \$68		8 Lessons \$68		7 Lessons \$60	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 1	5:30 PM	SSPT1A	6:00 PM	SSPT1B	6:00 PM	SSPT1D	9:00 AM	SSPT1C
Parent/Tot 2	6:00 PM	SSPT2A	6:30 PM	SSPT2B	6:30 PM	SSPT2D	9:30 AM	SSPT2E
Parent/Preschooler	6:30 PM	SSP1			7:00 PM	SSP2	10:00 AM	SSP3
Turtles	6:00 PM	SSTU1			6:00 PM	SSTU2	9:00 AM	SSTU3
Bobbers	5:30 PM	SSB1	6:00 PM	SSB3	6:00 PM	SSB4	9:00 AM	SSB5
Bobbers	6:30 PM	SSB2					11:00 AM	SSB6
SuperKids	6:30 PM	SSSK1	6:30 PM	SSSK2	6:30 PM	SSSK3	10:30 AM	SSSK4
Level 1 and 2	5:30 PM	SS1A	6:00 PM	SS1C	6:30 PM	SS1E	9:30 AM	SS1G
Level 1 and 2	7:00 PM	SS1B	7:00 PM	SS1D	7:00 PM	SS1F	10:30 AM	SS1H
Level 3	7:00 PM	SS3A	7:00 PM	SS3B	7:30 PM	SS3C	9:30 AM	SS3D
Level 4	7:00 PM	SS4A	7:00 PM	SS4B	7:30 PM	SS4C	10:30 AM	SS4D
Private Lessons \$22/30 minute lesson Please call for additional times or to register 2 for Semi-Private Lessons 7 Lessons \$154							11:30 AM	SPSJ1
							11:30 AM	SPSJ2
							11:30 AM	SPSJ3

**Select Fridays
at John Glenn**



**Water
Workout for
Adults
SW3 Tuesdays**
 8p - 9p
 John Glenn 3/29
 - 5/17
 (none 4/19)
 7 classes \$56

Skyview Community School

1100 Heron Ave North, Oakdale MN 55128



Class	Monday 3/28 - 5/16		Tuesday 3/29 - 5/17		Thursday 3/31 - 5/19		Saturday 4/2 - 5/21 no 5/14	
	8 Lessons \$68		8 Lessons \$68		8 Lessons \$68		7 Lessons \$60	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 1 and 2			6:00 PM	SSPT12A			9:30 AM	SSPT12B
Turtles					6:00 PM	SSTU4	9:30 AM	SSTU5
Bobbers	6:00 PM	SSB7	6:30 PM	SSB8	6:30 PM	SSB9	10:00 AM	SSB10
SuperKids	6:30 PM	SSSK5					10:00 AM	SSSK6
SuperKids							1:00 PM	SSSK7
Level 1 and 2	6:00 PM	SS1J	6:00 PM	SS1M	6:00 PM	SS1P	10:30 AM	SS1R
Level 1 and 2	7:00 PM	SS1K	7:00 PM	SS1N	7:00 PM	SS1Q	11:30 AM	SS1U
Level 1 and 2							1:00 PM	SS1V
Level 3	6:00 PM	SS3E	6:00 PM	SS3G	7:00 PM	SS3H	10:30 AM	SS3J
Level 3	7:00 PM	SS3F					11:30 AM	SS3K
Level 4	6:00 PM	SS4E	7:00 PM	SS4F	7:00 PM	SS4G	9:30 AM	SS4H
Level 4							1:00 PM	SS4J
Level 5	7:00 PM	SS5A	7:00 PM	SS5B			11:30 AM	SS5C
Level 6	7:00 PM	SS6A					10:30 AM	SS6B
Private Lessons \$22/30 minute lesson Please call for additional times or to register 2 for Semi-Private Lessons Thursdays 8 weeks \$176/ Saturdays 7 weeks \$154					6:00 PM	SPSS1	9:00 AM	SPSS3
					6:30 PM	SPSS2	9:00 AM	SPSS4
							9:00 AM	SPSS5
							1:30 PM	SPSS6

**Open Swim
& Lap Swim
at Skyview
Saturdays
2:00 - 3:30 pm**
 Apr 2 - May 21
 (closed 5/14)
Walk-In Rate:
 Adults \$4
 Student/Child \$3
 Immediate Family \$10

*Swim programs
on Tues, Wed &
Sat afternoons at
Skyview are offered
in partnership with the
City of Oakdale.*

**Cardio Water
Workout for
Adults
SC3
Wednesdays**
 7p - 8p
 Skyview
 3/30 - 5/25
 9 classes \$72

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 and 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 and has been practicing yoga for over 19 years.

Tuesday Morning Hatha

Session 1: February 2 through March 29 (8 weeks)
No class March 22
Cost: \$69 per person

Session 2: April 5 through May 31 (9 weeks)
Cost: \$77 per person

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

Thursday Evening Hatha

Session 1: February 4 through March 31 (8 weeks)
No class March 24
Cost: \$69 per person

Session 2: April 7 through June 2 (9 weeks)
Cost: \$77 per person

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

YOGA FOR STRESS AND ANXIETY

In this class you will be guided through gentle therapeutic yoga movements and learn breathing and meditative relaxation techniques to help counter stress and anxiety. The yoga movements can be adapted for anyone and the breathing and relaxation techniques are tools that you can “take off the mat” and into your life. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat.

**Drop in and
try a yoga
class for
only \$12**

Session 1: Mondays, February 1 through March 28
(8 weeks) No class March 21
Cost: \$69 per person

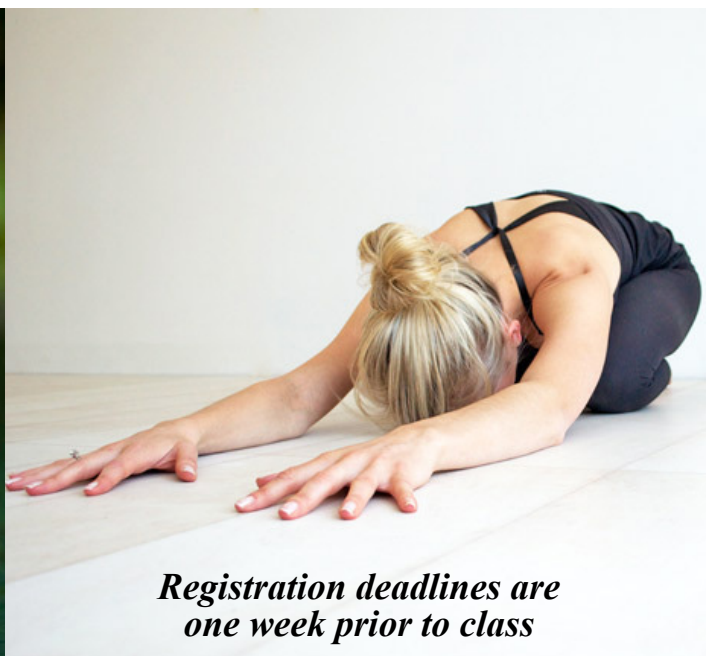
Session 2: Mondays, April 4 through May 23
(8 weeks)
Cost: \$69 per person

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

AUTHENTIC YANG TAI CHI

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.

Dates: Tuesdays, February 2 to April 19
Time: 1 to 2 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$95 per person



*Registration deadlines are
one week prior to class*

FREE!

COMMUNITY WALK Earn Rewards for Walking!

Beginning April 1, the Community Walk program will again kick off at the Discovery Center/Oakdale Nature Preserve! Residents of Oakdale can walk through the 220 acre Nature Preserve and record their miles. The Recreation staff will keep track of the miles throughout the season.

The goal is to get out and get active, but why not earn some rewards for all your hard work!? Participants will earn gift cards for reaching certain mileages with the ultimate goal of reaching 400 miles for a \$100 gift card to one of five locations: Target, Hy-Vee, Sports Authority, Kwik Trip and Fleet Farm.

After 50 miles, stop by the Discovery Center to pick up your certificate to receive your free Community Walk T-Shirt, provided by Big Frog Custom T-Shirts and More! The Community Walk will run through October 31.

On your first day walking, stop by the Discovery Center to sign yourself up, and choose your reward to redeem at the end of season. This program is for Oakdale residents only; an ID will be required for proof of residency. Pedometers are also available on request.

More information can be found at www.oakdalefun.com or inside the Discovery Center at 4444 Hadley Avenue.

NORDIC WALKING INTRO

Nordic Walking is a great way to exercise no matter what your current fitness level. Walking poles let you take walking to the next level by increasing your speed, engaging your core and improving upper body endurance and range of motion. Athletes and runners will be surprised to learn that walking with poles is an excellent, and challenging, cross training exercise for most sports.

Those new to exercise can choose their pace while improving posture awareness. Learn the correct way to use poles to get the most out of your walk and sample some great lower body stretches to do at the end of your walk using the poles as props.

Instructor Mia Bremer, ACE Personal Fitness Trainer and Clinical Exercise Specialist, FallProof Master Balance and Mobility Specialist

Date: Saturday, May 7
Time: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center / Oakdale Nature Preserve
Cost: \$15 per person. Includes lesson and short guided walk through park. Poles provided, but please let us know if you have your own.

Please register by April 29



OAKDALE SUMMERFEST 5&10K RUN/WALK

sponsored by
Citizens Community Federal Bank

Get ready and gear up for the annual Oakdale Summerfest 5K/10K race! This is a race for *all abilities* of runners and walkers. The route starts and ends at the beautiful Discovery Center. Get signed up and start your training!

Date: Saturday, June 25

7 a.m. – Check in begins
8 a.m. – 10K Runners begin
8:10 a.m. – 5K Runners begin

Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost:

5K: \$20 before June 1
\$25 after June 1
\$30 race day

10K: \$30 before June 1
\$35 after June 1
\$40 race day

Registrants signing up for the race after June 21 will need to pick up their t-shirts after race at the Discovery Center.

*Please indicate t-shirt size on your registration form

*Entry fee includes t-shirt, chip timing, post-race snacks and a chance for top finisher prizes!

BUILD: A Birdhouse

Snow is melting. Spring is coming. Birds are returning back home to Minnesota and looking for that special place to nest. Build a birdhouse or wood duck house for your fine feathered friends!

Date: Wednesday, March 23
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$27 - Chickadee house
\$35 - Bluebird house
\$42 - Wood Duck house

Please Register by March 16

BUILD: A Planter

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

Date: Tuesday, April 5
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$45 per person

Please register by March 29

**All Materials and
Tools Provided**

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



**Instructor: Resident and
Master Woodworker AJ Moses**

GRANDPARENTS AND ME: Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day will be here before you know it! Why not spend time with your grandparents for a fun hour of making crafts for that special Valentine?

Date: Saturday, February 6
Time: 10 to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$6 per child

Please register by January 29



GRANDPARENTS AND ME: Mother's Day

Calling all grandparents and grandchildren! Mother's Day is almost here! Spend some time together and make some crafts for Mom! Enjoy this fun hour at the Discovery Center!

Date: Saturday, April 30
Time: 10 to 11 a.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$6 per child

Please register by April 22

INDOOR YOUTH 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 USA approved tennis equipment designed for youth tennis. If you have your own racquet, please bring it along each week; otherwise, the Recreation Department has a few to loan out each night. *Instructor: Dan Stumpf, North High School girl's tennis coach.*

Dates: Wednesdays, February 24 to April 13 (No class March 23)
Time: Ages 4 to 7: 6 to 6:45 p.m.
Ages 8 to 12: 7:15 to 8 p.m.
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$35 per child

Please register by February 17



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



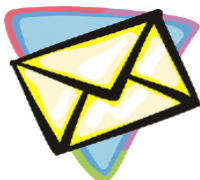
Fax
651-747-3861



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.



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

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!



Over 60 volunteers (including a contingent from North High School) made “a huge impact” on Eberle Park when they helped clear buckthorn last fall. City Forester Chris Larson said their work will restore diversity to Eberle Park’s forest. The 2015 Scott Carver Buckthorn Removal Event, held October 10, was “a tremendous success,” Larson said, because of the large volume of buckthorn biomass that was removed from the park. Approximately 55 yards of buckthorn was chipped on site, and approximately 17 yards of buckthorn brush was hauled away! Special thanks also go to Hy-Vee and Stiglich Construction for providing refreshments and food for a thank-you lunch for volunteers.

JUMP START SPRING COMPOSTING WITH COMPOST BINS, RAIN BARRELS

You can reduce waste and decrease your water consumption by using a compost bin or rain barrel at your home.

Composting is a great way to inexpensively create nutrient rich fertilizer for gardens or landscaping by recycling much of your kitchen and yard waste. In fact, you can prevent more than 25 percent of your waste from going to a landfill when you use a composter.

When you use a rain barrel, you conserve water by using rain rather than water (which you pay for) from a spigot. Further, because Oakdale has a permanent odd-even watering ban, a rain barrel allows you to apply water to your lawn anytime. And, the water is naturally soft, devoid of minerals, chlorine, fluoride and other chemicals, making it great for plants, lawns and gardens.

You can purchase rain barrels and compost bins online or at local home and garden stores. For more information, call 651-641-4589 or go online to www.recycleminnesota.org.

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

CEE AND XCEL ENERGY OFFER HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS

The Center for energy and Environment (CEE) and Xcel Energy offer a variety of programs that help homeowners improve the energy efficiency of their homes while saving money.

CEE offers two loan programs for financing home energy improvements: the Home Energy Loan Program and the MHFA Fix-up Fund. Loans are low-interest or are offered at below-market interest rates. Funds acquired from CEE can be used for geothermal projects (ground or air source heat pumps for heating and cooling), for home improvements related to increasing energy efficiency, or for installing photovoltaic (PV) solar technology. Contacts for the various CEE programs differ, so please go to www.MNCEE.org for phone numbers, terms, and eligibility information.

Xcel Energy also offers many ways to save energy and money. You can learn more about their programs and rebates on their website, www.xcelenergy.com. Then click on "energy solutions." There you will find a list of retailers partnering with Xcel on discounted CFLs and LEDs, and how to get rebates for air conditioners, water heaters, and heating and ground source heat pumps; how to check out a draft-check kit (for stopping air leaks in your home), how to sign up for a home energy audit, and how to recycle your refrigerator.

For more information on any of the CEE and Xcel programs, you can also go to the Oakdale website home page (www.ci.oakdale.mn.us), hover over "environmental recycling/trash," and then click on "for your home."



Environmental Center



FREE Product Room

Pick up reusable paint, automotive products, cleaners and other products for free. Residents must be 18 years old to participate.

Drive through and drop it off

Household hazardous items such as paint, motor oil, fluorescent light bulbs, and electronics.

Open to residents of Washington, Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties. Proof of county residency, such as a driver's license, is required.

More info:
www.co.washington.mn.us
651-430-6655



4039 Cottage Grove Dr
Woodbury, MN 55129

Tues 11am - 7pm
Thurs/Fri 8am - 4:30pm
Sat 8am - 2pm

*Closed on Thanksgiving,
Christmas Eve, Christmas
Day, New Year's Day &
other major holidays.*

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

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

HELP KEEP SPRING RUN-OFF CLEAN

As snow melts and spring rains arrive, water runoff funnels from streets and driveways straight into storm sewers and into lakes, rivers and wetlands, carrying grease, oil, bacteria, nutrients, sediment and other contaminants with it. Did you know that storm water runoff is likely the leading cause of water pollution? Here are some ideas for how you can do your part to keep our waters clean.

- 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.
- Don't apply lawn care products to frozen ground; wait until the grass starts growing. And then 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.
- Remember the new Minnesota Fertilizer Law: fertilizers containing phosphorus cannot be used on residential lawns in Minnesota. The middle number on a bag of fertilizer should say zero.
- Storm drains carry trash from your street to a lake or river, even if it's miles away. Seal your trash bags and keep litter out of the street.
- Pet waste is full of harmful nutrients and bacteria, especially when it washes into lakes and rivers. Pick up after your pet and put it in the trash.
- Keep your car regularly maintained so fluids don't leak on the street. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water. Take used motor oil to a neighborhood drop-off site.

For more ideas, go to www.cleanwatermn.org.

CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT BUILDER PROVIDES SOLAR AND WIND ENERGY RESOURCES

Interested in being involved in a clean energy project such as a community solar garden? The Clean Energy Project Builder is here to help. The Builder, which is managed by CERTs (Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Teams), connects businesses and individuals with companies that can help plan, implement, and manage clean energy projects. The online directory features companies that provide products and services for all kinds of solar energy and wind energy projects, big and small.

In addition to finding solar and wind energy companies in a directory, the Clean Energy Project Builder website makes it possible to explore installed solar and wind energy projects in our area, see community solar gardens that are open to subscribers, and access planning resources to help at work and at home.

Check it out at www.cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org

WATERFEST 2016 Make a Splash!

Saturday, June 4 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain or shine)
Lake Phalen Park, 1600 Phalen Dr, St. Paul

This free, family festival celebrating our clean lakes offers fun and an opportunity for outdoor hands-on learning about clean water, wildlife, and land and water conservation. Start the day with a Voyageur canoe ride, learn to paddle a canoe or kayak, learn to fish and participate in a fishing contest or swim at the beach.

For landlubbers, the fun continues with water games, a water arcade, geocaching, climbing walls, jump castle, native plant giveaway, passport odyssey, live animals, landscaping, watershed and art exhibits, music, lake-side yoga, food for purchase and lots more!

WaterFest is sponsored by the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District, the cities of Saint Paul, Maplewood, Roseville, Little Canada, Oakdale, Shoreview, Landfall and North St. Paul, Ramsey County and other partners. For more information: <http://www.rwmwd.org>.

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Oakdale, MN 55128

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SAVE THE DATES:

INDOOR MARKET

January 30, February 13, March 12 & 26
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

March 5 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley

PETE GRASKE TREE GIVEAWAY

April 30 at 10 a.m.

Numbers given out at 9 a.m.

Walton Park - 15th Street and Hadley

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EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER REC PROGRAMS

4444 Hadley Avenue

April 28 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

May 5, 6, 7

Register at 651-739-5086 or on-line

List of participating addresses
will be posted on-line and at City Hall

FARMER'S MARKET

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

Walton Park - vicinity of Hadley and 16th Street

FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thursday, June 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Oakdale Fire Station - 5000 Hadley Avenue

SUMMERFEST

June 23, 24, 25

Walton Park, 1584 Hadley

Parade, fireworks, entertainment,
medallion hunt, royalty, food, and much more!

THIS JUST IN:

At their January 12 meeting, the Oakdale City Council initiated a "Quiet Zone" study. The purpose of the study is to determine the feasibility of a project to reduce the use of train whistles / horns in Oakdale. Quiet zones are allowed provided safety improvements are made to railroad crossings; there are four such crossings in Oakdale. The study involves the coordinated efforts of several other entities. As such, if the project is determined to be feasible, it could take at least two years to complete.

Also on January 12, representatives from the Minnesota Department of Health provided an update to the City Council on the third biomonitoring study conducted in the east metro. The results showed a continuing decrease in contamination levels following the steps taken to filter out pollution. For more information, go to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/hazardous/topics/pfcs> or the "Drinking Water" tab under "Living Here" at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

CITY OFFICE ADDRESSES and HOURS

City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Building Inspections: 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	
Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri	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 Department, 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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