

OAKDALE UPDATE

FALL-WINTER 2017-2018



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

CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONS

CITY COUNCIL meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue; meetings are cablecast live and rebroadcast on Channel 16. Questions? Please call 730-2704.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION meets the 1st Wednesday of the month (except January, April, July, or October) at 5:15 pm at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue. Questions? Please call 651-730-2721. (Meetings are not available for viewing).

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

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month (except December or January) at 7 pm, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue; meetings are cablecast live and rebroadcast on Channel 16. Questions? Please call 651-747-3867.

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

*Watch meetings live on Channel 16 and watch rebroadcasts of meetings at
<http://rwccable.com/trmsint/oakdale.php>*

OF INTEREST

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

FREE CABLE Receive channels 6, 14, 15, 16, 20, 95, and 98, in addition to regular broadcast channels for free. Call 651-747-3801 and request "Universal Coverage Channels".

MAPLEWOOD/OAKDALE LIONS CLUB. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm, at Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue.

OAKDALE GARDEN CLUB. Join the Oakdale Garden Club! Call Michelle at 651-702-9017 for details.

OAKDALE UPDATE CABLE SHOW - LOCAL ACCESS CHANNEL 16. Host Frank Orsello offers a wide variety of interesting guests and topics about our community. Current episodes run at various times on Channel 16 and are also available on the city's Facebook page.

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Assessments.....651-501-5309
Assessor.....651-702-5231
Attorney, Prosecuting.....651-730-2826
Building Inspections.....651-739-5150
Communications.....651-730-2722
Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley.....651-747-3860
Development/Planning/Redevelopment.....651-730-2720
Engineering.....651-730-2734
Environmental Center (Woodbury).....651-430-6655
Fire Department, Headquarters, 5000 Hadley.....651-731-8886
Forester/Tree Inspector.....651-501-5302
Garden Club.....651-702-9017
Housing.....651-730-2721
Library, 1010 Heron.....651-730-0504
Licensing (Liquor, tobacco, massage, tree service, etc.).....651-730-2739
Oakdale Athletic Association.....www.oaaonline.com
Oakdale Adult Softball Association.....651-731-6850
Oakdale Area Chamber of Commerce.....651-578-7769
Post Office, 1175 Gershwin.....651-501-4658
Property Maintenance / Code Enforcement.....651-702-5225
Public Works, 1900 Hadley.....651-730-2740
Recreation Department, 4444 Hadley.....651-747-3860
Recycling and Environmental Inquiries.....651-730-2723
School District #622.....651-748-7560
Summerfest.....651-730-2722
Tartan Ice Arena, west of Tartan High.....651-714-9251
Utility Billing.....651-730-2716
Washington County Government Center.....651-430-6000
Web Page.....www.ci.oakdale.mn.us

*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

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

OAKDALE WEB PAGE OAKDALE RECREATION WEB PAGE

www.ci.oakdale.mn.us www.oakdalefun.com

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RESIDENT RESOURCE: Important Stuff to Know

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

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

BUDGET AND TAXES. Learn about the city's 2018 budget and how a share of your property taxes fund a wide variety of services and programs in Oakdale. Attend the Truth in Taxation meeting on December 12, 6 pm, at Oakdale City Hall. Questions? Please call 651-730-2714.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL. From December 27 through January 31, Oakdale residents may recycle naturally-grown trees at the Public Works Building, 1900 Hadley Avenue for only \$3 per tree. Hours: 7:30 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday. Garland or wreaths cannot be accepted at this time.

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

DOGS. Dear Dog Owners, please remember to:

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

HEATING BILL HELP. Need assistance with your heating bills? Check out the programs offered at www.caprw.org/community-action-services/energy-assistance.

PROPERTY COMPLAINTS. Have a concern with 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.

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

SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM. The Oakdale Police Department has compiled information into a brochure aimed at helping seniors and their families avoid common scams. Request your copy of "Don't Get Hooked" by calling 651-739-5086.

WILDLIFE AND WATER FOWL. Please remember that the feeding of wildlife and water fowl is not allowed.

Winter Reminders:

- **WINTER PARKING.** From November 1 through April 1, city streets need to be free of parked vehicles from 12 to 5 am. Also anytime snow accumulation equals or exceeds 2", day or night, until streets are cleared curb to curb. A good rule of thumb is to keep vehicles off the road any time there is "measurable snowfall". Thank you!
- **FIRE HYDRANT - IF IT'S NEAR, PLEASE KEEP IT CLEAR!** Please consider adopting one of the 1,500 hydrants in the city by keeping it cleared of snow so it's easy for fire personnel to locate, and to maintain a path from the street to the hydrant so it's easy for fire personnel to access.
- **KEEPING STREETS CLEAR.** Please don't risk a fine by plowing, shoveling, pushing, or blowing snow into the street.
- **MAILBOX OR SOD DAMAGE.** Properly installed mailboxes (see city's web site or call 651-730-2740) accidentally toppled by the blade of a snowplow will be replaced by city crews as soon as time allows. Please report damage at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us or 651-730-2740.
- **TRASH CONTAINERS.** On trash collection day, place rubbish and recycling containers on your driveway apron, behind the curb, just prior to 7 am.
- **PROTECT PIPES.** Prolonged low temperatures and the increased depth of frost in the ground increase the likelihood of water pipes freezing. Frozen pipes are at risk of expanding and rupturing. By monitoring your water service, you may be able to determine if it is beginning to experience difficulties. One sign is seeing discolored water when you turn on the faucet. Another is a water temperature below 40 degrees. (To determine water temperature, hold an instant read or kitchen thermometer under running water or immediately insert the thermometer into a water filled glass). One way to lessen the chance of frozen pipes is to run a faucet at a slow trickle to keep water flowing through the pipes. If you have questions, or if you utilize the services of a pipe thawing company, please call the city at 651-730-2740 or 651-730-2710.

FREE YOURSELF FROM FREE NEWSPAPERS

One of the most common questions the city receives is "how do I stop delivery of the free newspapers and advertisements that come to my home?"

The distribution of newspapers and related advertising material is an activity that is protected under the First Amendment. The City therefore has very limited control over this activity. Here is the contact information for the respective newspapers so that residents can request that the delivery of free newspapers and advertisements not be made to their homes

Lillie Newspaper 651-748-7800

Minneapolis Star Tribune / Trib Express: 612-673-4343
Ask for Customer Service
Or email: tcv@startribune.com

Saint Paul Pioneer Press / Bulldog 651-228-5524

You may need to submit your request more than once. Need additional assistance? Please call the city at 651-730-2704.

ACORN AWARD RECIPIENTS: 2017

Every year, since 1994, Oakdale's Acorn Award program has recognized beautifully landscaped properties in the community. From nominations accepted throughout the year, winning properties are selected in three categories: Commercial, Public, and Residential. Winning property owners receive a visit from the City Council, a certificate of recognition, and a gift card from an area nursery. So when properties in the city catch your eye because they have great curb appeal, please consider making an Acorn Award nomination. Nomination form at www.ci.oakdale.mn.us *Congratulations to this year's winners!*



COMMERCIAL CATEGORY:
Beacon Shores, 10th and Inwood



PUBLIC CATEGORY: Oakdale Nature Preserve Boardwalk Garden



RESIDENTIAL CATEGORY:
Karen Karlson, 6044 - 47th Street



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TRAIN WHISTLES AT OAKDALE CROSSINGS SILENCED



As reported in the summer issue of the *Oakdale Update*, in early 2016, the Oakdale City Council initiated a "Quiet Zone" study to learn more about what would be needed to greatly reduce or eliminate the sound of train whistles in the community. To accomplish this, the city would be required to increase safety measures at each of the four crossings: TH 120, Granada Avenue, Hadley Avenue, and Inwood.

In March, 2017, the City Council approved plans for improved train crossings at the four locations. The proposed safety measures were reviewed by the Federal Railroad Association and approved.

The installation of center medians to create quiet zones will begin September 5 for the Granada Avenue and Ideal Avenue crossings; work on the Highway 120 and Hadley Avenue crossings is expected to begin September 11. The Hadley Avenue crossing work will not involve a detour; however, traffic will need to be detoured for the Geneva Avenue, Ideal Avenue, and Granada Avenue locations. The work is scheduled to be completed within one week at each location.

The estimated cost of the project is \$120,000 with funding provided by the city's share of the state gas tax.



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OAKDALE AREA
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OAKDALE AREA BUSINESS SHOWCASE

OCTOBER 29

11am-3pm

Oak Marsh Golf Course Club House
526 Inwood Ave. N, Oakdale, MN

HALLOWEEN FUN!

Trick-or-Treating at every booth.
Kids are welcome to wear costumes.

Food
Available
Business
Booths

Face
Painting
Balloon
Artist



Contact Jodi Christensen for Booth Registration
651.773.4738 | jchristensen@lakeelmobank.com

GOLD SPONSORS



OFF-LEASH DOG PARK A HOWLING SUCCESS!

Since the opening of the park on July 25, pups of all sizes and breeds have come to the new off-leash park to socialize, explore, and run like the wind! Some things to know about the park, located off 50th Street on Helena Lane:

- Dogs must be leashed prior to entering and upon leaving the off-leash area and in transition corridors.
- Dogs must be properly licensed, vaccinated and not designated as a dangerous dog or in heat.
- Dogs must stay within fenced area.
- Owners are liable for damage or injury inflicted by their dogs.
- Owners must be in verbal control of their dogs at all times and prevent aggressive behavior, biting, fighting or excessive barking.
- Owners must be 16 years or older, and not handling more than two dogs.
- Owners must clean up and dispose of feces.
- Owners must have a visible leash at all times.



CHECK OUT THE CITY'S NEW WEB SITE!

Click on www.ci.oakdale.mn.us and you will now see the city's new and improved web site. Not only is the new site more visually appealing and mobile friendly, it offers several new features including news, city event and meeting calendar, and social media posts on the main page, a subscription service for you to request notification on a variety of topics, and a Citizen Action Center where you can submit and track concerns. Questions? Please call 651-730-2722.



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

Curbside Buckthorn Collection Waiver

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

Collection Date (please circle one):

September 19 October 3 October 17

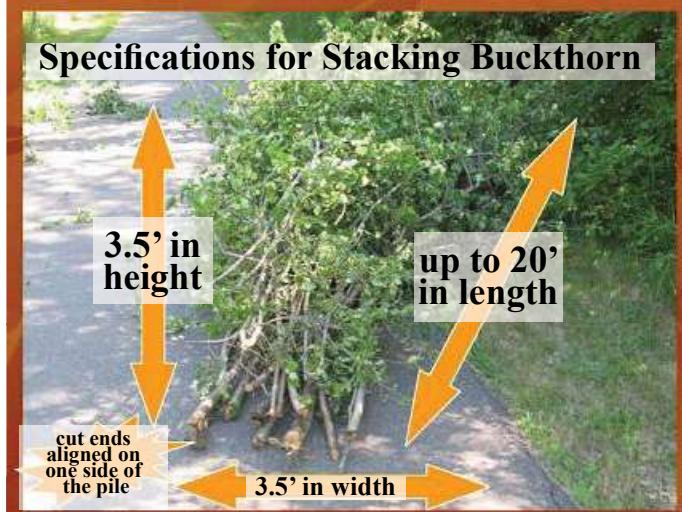
I have read the guidelines for the Oakdale Curbside Buckthorn Collection Program as required to receive free collection service from the city and to ensure that the buckthorn is accessible by a log loader truck. I understand that the city is not responsible for repairing damage to turf that may occur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

Signature: _____

Curbside Buckthorn Pickup Guidelines:

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

Submit waiver form to Oakdale Public Works
1900 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, MN 55128
Questions? Please call 651-730-2740



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RECREATION
PROGRAM GUIDE
FALL-WINTER 2017-2018

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Park Maintenance.....651-730-2740

RECREATION STAFF

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651-747-3872
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Administrative Assistant
Laura Heimkes
651-747-3860
laura.heimkes@ci.oakdale.mn.us

ADDRESS

4444 Hadley Avenue North
Oakdale, MN 55128

RECREATION DEPARTMENT HOURS

Monday to Friday
8 am to 4:30 pm

OAKDALE DISCOVERY CENTER HOURS

Monday/Tuesday/
Wednesday/Friday:
8 am to 4:30 pm
Thursday: 8 am to 8 pm
Saturday: 12 to 4 pm
Sunday: 1 to 4 pm

FIND US ON THE WEB

at www.oakdalefun.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Recreation Department offers scholarships for Oakdale residents who might need financial assistance to participate in the city's 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.

ADOPT A PARK

Oakdale's "Adopt-A-Park" program is designed to help keep our parks in tip top shape. Caring for a park is a great activity for individuals, families, organizations, churches, service clubs, youth groups, schools, and businesses.

The process is easy! Select a park, contact the Parks Department at (651) 730-2740 to verify the park is available, then request, complete, and submit an application to finalize the process.

ADOPT A PARK PROGRAM



Sponsored by:
YOUR NAME HERE

CONNECTING THE GENERATIONS

*Are you a senior who needs a job done around the house?
Are you a teen who wants to help others in the community?*

Seniors, we'll match you up with a teen (13 to 18 years old) who you can contact to do your project, such as yard work, shoveling snow, etc.

Teens, we'll match you up with a senior who would like help with jobs around the house such as yard work, shoveling snow, etc. *Great opportunity to gain work experience, job references, and/or completion of service hours!*

Please call 651-747-3860 for more information or to sign up!

MUTT MITTS and DOG LEASHES IN PARKS

For your convenience, city parks offer Mutt Mitts to easily collect and dispose of your dog's waste when you're on your walk.

For the enjoyment of all who walk, ride, or live in our parks, owners are reminded of the requirement to hold onto your leashed dog at all times in parks, especially when visiting the Oakdale Nature Preserve.

Take your pup to the new off-leash Oakdale Bark Park, on 50th Street!

WINTER WALKING IN THE OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

During the winter season, the asphalt/paved trails throughout the Oakdale Nature Preserve are cleared after each snowfall event to accommodate winter walking. However, snow that accumulates on the boardwalk will not be cleared.

HIRING:

Ice Rink Attendants. \$11/hour.

Season runs mid-December through February (weather permitting). Job descriptions and applications at 4444 Hadley Avenue or www.ci.oakdale.mn.us. Apply by November 9.

Class Instructors. The Recreation Department is always looking for enthusiastic leaders and ideas for learners of all ages, stages, abilities and interests. Do you have a special skill, interest, knowledge, or hobby you'd like to share with others? *Professional certification is not required; passion and enthusiasm are a must!* Proposals are accepted throughout the year. Please contact Julie Williams at 651-747-3867 for complete details.

BOOK & DVD EXCHANGE

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

DISCOVERY BACKPACKS

Stop at the Discovery Center and check out one of our “Discovery Backpacks.” Inside the packs you will find everything needed to explore the Oakdale Nature Preserve. Seek out animal tracks, identify different types of trees and flowers, go on a scavenger hunt, use binoculars to bird watch or catch a glimpse of the deer, fox and owls that call the nature preserve home. Catch interesting critters using the insect net. Packs are even equipped with GPS units!

EDER ONE-ROOM SCHOOLHOUSE

Eder School was built in 1888; it closed in 1920 and became a storage shed until it was moved to the Oakdale Nature Preserve in 2004 and restored by the Oakdale-Lake Elmo Historical Society. It is now operated by the Washington County Historical Society. Please visit www.wchsmn.org for contact and tour information.

GEOCACHING

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

NORDIC WALKING

Using Nordic Walking poles can turn your ordinary walk into a total body exercise that delivers far more motivating results *and* makes walking more fun!

Poles, resembling ski poles, are used to involve the upper extremities when you walk, toning and firming every major muscle at the same time. Poles offer rubber tips for use on pavement while reducing the impact of the hard surface. Stop by the Discovery Center during regular business hours to check out a pair of our Nordic Walking Poles *at no cost!* Simply present a photo ID and then walk away! Available in adult sizes only.

SCAVENGER HUNT

Head out on the trails in the Oakdale Nature Preserve for a scavenger hunt *and* the chance to win a brand new selection of prizes! Stop at the front desk at the Discovery Center before October 31 and ask for your free scavenger hunt guide. Prizes are age 12 and under appropriate.



DISCOVERY CENTER ART GALLERY

The art gallery at the Discovery Center has a long tradition of showcasing the creations of dozens of local artists and artisans, featuring a different artist each month. The gallery is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: 8 am to 4:30 pm; Thursdays: 8 am to 8 pm; Saturdays: 12 to 4 pm; and Sundays: 1 to 4 pm.

UPCOMING FEATURED ARTISTS

OCTOBER: Victoria Taylor

Various Works

NOVEMBER: Jeanne Dzuik

Photography

DECEMBER: Joe Hilyar

Oil on Canvas

JANUARY: Rick Ahartz

Surreal Art

Learn how to be a featured artist by contacting Laura Heimkes at 651-747-3866 or laura.heimkes@ci.oakdale.mn.us

DISCOVERY CENTER ART FAIR

Discover the perfect gift while submerging yourself into local displays of talent and skill as artists and crafters come together for one amazing fair right in your area! There will be a variety of artwork and crafts available for purchase including paintings, photography, woodworking, jewelry, pottery, and more.

A “Kid’s Art Korner” will allow kids an opportunity to try out their own artistic talent. Don’t miss this opportunity to bring home something special while you discover and are inspired by the work of those in your community!

Date: Saturday, November 4

Time: 10 am to 5 pm

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: *Free to browse!*

ROAD TRIP On the Road Again Wednesday, October 25

A local guide, who is happy to call Little Falls home, joins us for the journey. Her commentary will make the drive from Pierz to Little Falls, and onto Camp Ripley especially enjoyable, as she shares interesting historical facts and stories along the way.

Learn all about sunflower oil during a visit to Smude Sunflower Oil Company where you'll get an introduction into its production and transportation process.

Not everything harvested in Minnesota is native to Minnesota. Now, there's ocean water in the Land of 10,000 Lakes. It's made from the city of Pierz tap water that has been filtered and has the Instant Ocean brand of sea salt added to it. We'll visit Four Season Shrimp Farm, where a group of local military veterans raise shrimp.

Still serving wonderful meals to their guests after 83 years, the AT Black and White Restaurant in Little Falls is our location for lunch. A very retro setting and Le Cordon Blu chefs make for a delicious lunch. *Please make your entrée choice when registering.*

- *Hot Turkey Sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy*
- *Hot Beef Sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy*
- *Lasagna with breadsticks*

Shopping, bakery, antiques, and the art center are steps away. You'll have a little time to browse before heading off to the next stop.

Camp Ripley is proud of its reputation of conserving and preserving its natural and cultural resources. It abounds with plant and animal life unique to central Minnesota, with an identified 565 types of plants, 202 bird species, 41 species of fish, 107 types of aquatic invertebrates, 65 species of butterflies, 51 mammal species, 23 reptiles and amphibians, and 8

mussel species. At the environmental room, we will be greeted by the post commander and you'll learn about the environmental program, the bear den program and see approximately 300 taxidermy animals native to the camp. A drive around the camp offers sights of the "Valhalla," a house where only military generals and political figures are allowed to stay. You'll also pass the military chapel with its amazing stained glass window, the military motor pools, and the military airfield.

Depart: 8:20 am Oakdale Band Shell parking lot
Return: Approximately 6:30 pm
Cost: \$73 per person. Includes guide, admissions, lunch, transportation, and tour director

A morning rest stop will be made enroute, passenger expense

Activity Level: Moderate, some standing and walking

Deadline to register and cancellation penalty begins October 13

ROAD TRIP “Coco’s Diary” History Theater Thursday, November 30

Christmas 1927, New Year’s Day 1928, watch out for young Clotilde “Coco” Irvine. She is the daughter of a lumber baron, living in a fashionable Summit Avenue mansion. Coco was given a diary for Christmas in which she faithfully chronicles the ups and downs of her roller coaster year. She pens, “This is to be my most private account of everything that happens to me. No one must read further under pain of death! A curse shall befall any who disregard this warning. Everything is quite different in my life because of boys!”

Coco is the bright, adventurous, mischievous, and wickedly funny heroine, who is constantly in a fix, both at home and school -- as she puts it: “through no fault of my own!” It will be a morning filled

with charming, funny and delightful entertainment surrounded by Coco, and some of the greatest songs of the 1920s.

After the show, it's off to Joseph's Restaurant for a lunch buffet including turkey and ham, au gratin and garlic mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, rolls, salad, coffee and water.

Depart: 9 am Oakdale Band Shell parking lot
Return: Approximately 3 pm
Cost: \$75 per person. Includes transportation, lunch, performance, and tour director

Activity Level: Easy

Reservation deadline and cancellation penalty begins October 30

ROAD TRIP SISTER Presents: “The More the Merrier” Grand Theater Thursday, December 14

The Grand Theater, in Northfield, provides the perfect setting for SISTER presents: “The More the Merrier!” Step into the renovated opera house and find yourself in a magical world reminiscent of a time gone by, yet completely current with beautiful lights and amazing sound!

Enjoy, as “the girls” bring their energy and talents to the stage with their hallmark harmonies and unbelievable singing worthy of this regal opera house. The More the Merrier is a non-stop Christmas party, featuring music and entertainment. This show is reminiscent of Carol Burnett and Andy Williams! The soul stirring rendition of “O Holy Night,” a hilarious visit from Gudren and “The Aunts,” along with many surprises, will transport you into the spirit of Christmas in a way only SISTER can. Experience this event that is talked about as “unexplainable” and “a must see.”

Lunch is at Ole Store Restaurant before the performance. *Please make your entrée choice when registering.*

- *Chicken Picatta: a lightly floured chicken breast sautéed with a lemon caper light cream sauce*
- *Parmesan Crusted Walleye: fillet, mashed potatoes, chef's vegetable*
- *Roasted Beet and Mushroom Salad: roasted beet, confit king mushrooms, watercress, radicchio lettuce, red onion, candied walnuts and blue cheese crumbles tossed with house vinaigrette*

Depart: 11 am Oakdale Band Shell parking lot
 Return: Approximately 5:30 pm
 Cost: \$76 per person. Includes lunch, show, tour director and transportation

Activity Level: Easy

Reservation deadline and cancellation penalty begins November 20

ROAD TRIP Capital Tour and Conservatory Tuesday, January 23

As proud Minnesotans, we're off to Saint Paul for a guided tour of the Minnesota State Capitol building to see this magnificent 1905 masterpiece returned to its original grandeur.

During a 45-minute guided walking tour, you will:

Get a glimpse of the restorations and learn the history of the Capitol, art, architecture and state government. See its decorative and restored art, murals and paintings.

View the Quadriga (weather permitting), officially known as the Progress of the State. The four-horse chariot and figures are made of sheets of gilded copper hammered around a steel frame. It features four figures — the male figure driving the chariot represents the state, two female figures portray Minnesota agriculture and industry, and the four horses represent earth, fire, water and wind.

Stand in the Rotunda; a large, round area in the center of the building,

extending from the first floor to the inner dome.

See the ornately decorated Governor's reception room and get a view of the Supreme Court.

After the tour, lunch is at Augustine's Bar and Bakery. *Please make your entrée choice when registering.*

- *Soup of the day, Cobb Salad of mixed greens, turkey, bacon, egg, tomato, avocado*
- *Grilled chicken, seasonal vegetables, mashed potato puree*
- *Augustine's Burger, served well done with white cheddar, cream, beer mustard, lettuce, tomato, pickles and French fries*

All lunches include mini dessert served family style and beverages (soda, iced tea, or lemonade). Additional beverages from the bar or coffee are not included and will be passengers expense.

Then, we'll escape the Minnesota winter at the 2018 Winter Flower Show at the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory at Como Park. Smiles will beam, as you feel the warmth inside, enjoying the bright display of beauty surrounding you, while you meander through the conservatory at your own pace. This year's show features a mixture of purple, red, and lots of blue. Highlighted plants include Cyclamen, Pansies, Viola, Cineraria, Amaryllis, Primula, Azaleas, Camellias, Primula and Veltheimia.

Depart: 10:15 am Oakdale Band Shell parking lot
 Return: Approximately 4:15 pm
 Cost: \$54 per person. Includes admissions, lunch, transportation and tour director

Activity Level: Moderate walking

Reservation deadline and cancellation penalty begins January 8

APPRAISE YOUR COIN COLLECTION

*Presented by certified appraiser
David Schlueter*

In two sessions, learn the basics of researching and appraising your US and foreign coins and currency. Examine and identify 100-year-old coins. Learn the ins and outs of where to buy and sell coins, coin authentication, and more. Participants will be asked to do internet research on their coins and share what they have learned to the class in the second session. The class is for beginners, but experienced coin buffs are welcome! Please bring a magnifying glass.

Dates: Thursdays: September 21 and 28 (2 Session Class)
 Time: 6 to 8:30 pm
 Place: Discovery Center
 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: \$20 per person for 2 sessions

Registration deadline is one week prior to start of program.

PICKLEBALL

Join the Oakdale Pickleball Club for a game of pickleball! All are welcome during the open court play. Equipment is provided or bring your own. To learn more, please contact Chuck Scott @ 651-439-5307.

Courts at Walton Park (15th and Hadley) open April through October at these times:

Sundays	3 to 5 pm
Mondays	6 to 8 pm
Tuesdays	9 to 11 am
Wednesdays	6 to 8 pm
Thursdays	9 to 11 am
Saturdays	9 to 11 am

Wednesday Cards

Seniors, come to the Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue, from 1 to 3 pm for an afternoon of cards and conversation! No need to sign up, just walk in and play! All levels of players welcomed.

Kidcreate Studio's award-winning art classes allow kids to explore art in an environment full of giggles and grins. Kids create fridge worthy masterpieces while learning art concepts and experimenting with different art materials. Curriculum is age appropriate and designed to inspire. Classes provide a fun, self-esteem building atmosphere full of "I did it" moments. Making a mess is the best with Kidcreate Studio! For more information about Kidcreate Studio visit www.kidcreatestudio.com. Deadline is one week prior to program.

THE HOW TO'S OF DRAWING ages 5 to 12 years



Does your young artist love to draw? This introductory drawing class teaches kids the basic techniques and principles of drawing. Creativity and imagination is encouraged while experimenting with a variety of drawing materials and techniques. Kids will draw throughout the session in a sketchbook they get to take home!

Please pack a drink and a nut free snack for your child each day.

Date: October 19 and 20 (MEA Break)

Time: 1 to 4 pm

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$59 per person

Registration deadline: October 12

GRANDPARENT AND ME: Dino Discovery ages 18 months to 6 years

Is your grandchild dazzled by dinosaurs? This is their chance to have a play date with a dino and create a fantastic work of dinosaur art. Your young artists will create their own diorama complete with a toy dinosaur! Come ready to get messy while you play right along with your grandchild. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.

Date: Thursday, December 28

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 am

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$15 per child/grandparent combo

Registration Deadline: December 21



KEEP ON COOKING: AMERICAN GIRL STYLE ages 4 to 9 years

Your child and her American Girl® Doll (or another favorite doll) will love this class! We'll "cook" up a storm as we create doll sized treats out of Model Magic® and an oven to cook them in. This program is not affiliated with, endorsed by or sponsored by, American Girl Brands, LLC. *Please pack a drink and a nut free snack for your child.*

Date: Friday, December 29

Time: 9 am to noon

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Cost: \$31 per child

Registration Deadline: December 22

KIDCREATE STUDIO

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS SERVING OAKDALE

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

Minnesota Women's Soccer
www.mwsl.org

North Stars Skate School
Beginning, figure skating, hockey lessons. 3 years to adult.
651-501-3667

Oakdale Athletic Association (OAA) Youth Sports. Volleyball, soccer, football, t-ball, baseball, basketball and lacrosse.
Meet 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 pm, 930 Helena Avenue
www.oaaonline.com

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

OMNI Otters Swim Team
Ages 6 to 18+.
www.omniotters.com

St. Paul–Ramsey County Horseshoe Club. www.sprchorseshoeclub.weebly.com

Tartan Area Hockey Association
Boys and girls K to 12.
www.tayha.org

Tartan Juniors Olympic Volleyball Program
Girls ages 9 to 18.
www.tartanjuniorsvb.wixsite.com
tartanjuniorsvb@hotmail.com

Tartan Youth Wrestling
Boys from K-8. Season runs November - April.
612-965-6000
edelacy@comcast.net



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

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

When: Fridays, 9:30 to 11 am
Ages: 3 to 6 (child must be potty trained)
Cost: \$7 per child/per session
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

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

October 6: Amazing Apples

Everyone loves apples! Learn all about apples, from pollination to picking and eating. Sample your favorite apple varieties and sip some cider too!

October 20: Creepy Creatures

Earth is home to many different creatures. Some animals may frighten us, but not on purpose. They are just trying to survive. Join us as we learn to appreciate the unique features of creatures that might frighten us.

November 3: Moose on the Loose!

Meet the world's largest deer, the mighty moose. With its huge headgear, bulky body, way too skinny legs and dangling beard, their body parts work amazingly well for a moose! Join us as we learn about this strange looking animal.

November 17: Turkey Tales

There's a lot more to turkeys than Thanksgiving! We'll peek into the lives of these interesting birds. Learn to talk "turkey" and how to tell a Jake from a Jenny. We'll head outside for a walk to look for the nature preserve's resident turkeys!

December 1: Celebrate the Season!

We'll gather the colors of the season as Little Bear meets different animal friends in the Snow Tree. To celebrate, we'll make ornaments and decorate our tree.

December 8: Mountains of Fire

Find out why volcanoes go "ka-boom!" Learn about the different types of volcanoes of the world, how they form, and where they are found. We'll even watch a volcano "erupt."

January 12: Cool Snoozers

Winter's here. Food is hard to find. The freeze is on. Some creatures find a hidden home and take a long winter rest called hibernation.

January 26: Spot the Cats

Did you know that almost half of the world's wild cats are spotted? Spots can help a cat blend in with splotches of sun and shade making them harder to spot to help them when they sneak up on prey or to avoid trouble.



DANCE CLASSES

Legacy Dance Studio is family owned and has been operating in Oakdale since 1998. Their curriculum stresses ballet technique as the base for all dancers. In addition to ballet, Legacy offers tap, jazz, lyrical, and hip hop; they offer a variety of classes for recreational students ages 2 to 18, ranging from beginner to advance. Each age class has a maximum number of students to allow an appropriate amount of one-on-one attention.

Please register through Legacy Dance Studio, Bergen Plaza, 7157 10th Street, Oakdale

651-735-9216

www.legacydancestudio.com

Please refer to the 2017-2018 Fall Schedule shown at right.

Tots (18mon-2yr) Creative Movement/Tumbling <u>\$32.00 monthly</u> Monday 6:00-6:30pm Thursday 6:00-6:30pm Saturday 11:00-11:30am	3-4 ½ yr old Tap & Ballet <u>\$52.00 monthly</u> Monday 6:30-7:30pm Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Saturday 9:00-10:00am	4 ½ -5yr old Tap & Ballet <u>\$52.00 monthly</u> Monday 5:00-6:00pm Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm Saturday 10:00-11:00am
Int. 5-6yr old Tap & Ballet <u>\$52.00 monthly</u> Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm	Beg. 6-8yr old Tap & Ballet <u>\$52.00 monthly</u> Wednesday 7:00-8:00pm Saturday 11:30-12:30pm	Int. 6-8yr old Tap & Ballet <u>\$52.00 monthly</u> Thursday 6:30-7:30pm
Int. 8-10yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet <u>\$63.00 monthly</u> Monday 5:00-6:30pm Thursday 6:00-7:30pm	ALSO AVAILABLE! Online Registration Auto Pay	
Future Stars Tap, Jazz & Lyrical (pre-competition) <u>\$84.00 monthly</u> Friday 5:30-7:30pm		
Beg. 9-12yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet <u>\$63.00 monthly</u> Thursday 6:30-8:00pm	Int. 11-13yr old Tap, Jazz & Ballet <u>\$63.00 monthly</u> Thursday 7:30-9:00pm	Teens (14+ yr old) Tap, Jazz & Lyrical <u>\$63.00 monthly</u> Monday 6:30-8:00pm
Dancing Dads January – June Only Friday 7:30-8:30pm	All Stars (boys only) 7-13yr old <u>\$38.00 monthly</u> Friday 6:30-7:30pm	Tapping Moms Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm
Beg. Leaps & Turns Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm	Int. Leaps & Turns Friday 4:30-5:30pm	Adv. Leaps & Turns Tuesday 6:30-7:30pm

CINDERELLA'S DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Join ONCE UPON A STAR'S Elsa, Belle, Rapunzel, and Moana for an enchanting evening with your favorite adult-date! We'll enjoy a castle craft, princess snack, dancing and more royal fun. Each princess will receive her own princess tote bag, jewelry craft project, and castle gift to take home. All "couples" will have their photo taken, with next-day proof access. Adults – please bring your camera for memorable photo opportunities...including a group-princess photo with your little princess!

Recommended Ages: 3 to 8 with adult date

Date: Friday, September 29
Time: 6:30 to 8 pm
Cost: \$30 per couple
Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Please register by September 22



GET YOUR PLAY ON

FAMILY BOWLING NIGHT

Join us for a fun night of bowling at PINZ with family or friends (up to 5 people)!

Date: Friday, October 13
 Time: 6:30 to 8 pm
 Place: PINZ Oakdale, 7520 32nd Street North
 Cost: \$45 per lane, 1.5 hours of bowling, shoe rental for all bowlers, one large pepperoni pizza and pitcher of soda with free refill

Please register by October 4

When registering, please indicate the number of bowlers per lane.

MAKIN' APPLE CIDER

Join local resident, AJ Moses, as he shows how apple cider is made! Explore the types of apples that make the best cider. Please bring a clean $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon jug with you to the event so you can take home some freshly pressed cider!

Date: Saturday, October 14
 Time: 1 to 2:30 pm
 Place: Discovery Center Picnic Shelter, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: \$8 per person

Please register by October 7

SUNDAE BINGO

What could be better than ice cream sundaes and two hours of bingo!?
 Join us for this fun-filled, Sunday afternoon event! Create your own ice cream sundae while shouting out BINGO! Prizes are awarded to winners of every game; every participant eligible for two game-winning prizes. All participants will be eligible for the grand prize raffle drawing at the end of the event (must be present to win the raffle). All ages welcome!

Date: Sunday, November 19
 Time: 1 to 3 pm
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: \$8 per person

Please register by November 13

INDOOR TENNIS LESSONS (ages 4 to 12)

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

Session 1: Tuesdays: September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24,
 Session 2: Tuesdays: November 14, 21, 28, December 5, 12

Times: Ages 4 to 7: 6 to 6:45 pm
 Ages 8 to 12: 7:15 to 8 pm
 Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: \$35 per child

Registration deadline is one week before the start of the program

WASHINGTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS FREE CLASSES

Jane Klein will present important information about gardening as well as gardening tips. Call 651.747.3860 to reserve your spot today!

WINTER CONTAINERS

Don't put that summer flower pot away for the winter. Come join us and learn how to turn that summer flower pot into a fall or winter arrangement for your front steps or outdoor patio.

Date: Saturday, October 21
 Time: 10 to 11 am
 Place: Discovery Center
 4444 Hadley Avenue

LAWN & GARDEN 101

New to gardening or want to gain some more gardening knowledge? Seeds, soils, pests, lawns and other gardening tips will be covered. Come join us and get prepared for when spring arrives.

Date: Saturday, January 27
 Time: 10 to 11 am
 Place: Discovery Center
 4444 Hadley Avenue

INTRODUCTION TO WILDERNESS COOKING

Tired of packing hot dogs and trail mix for your camping trips? Instead, imagine loaded baked potato chowder with biscuits and cast iron cobbler. Learn how to make delicious and easy to pack meals that are cooked over a campfire using a back country stove. Receive recipes for some of the instructor's favorites, and also learn about packing and animal management of food in the back country.

Date: Saturday, October 14
 Time: 9 am to Noon
 Cost: \$25 per adult
 Plus \$5 food copay at class
 Place: Discovery Center Picnic Shelter
 4444 Hadley Avenue

*Registration deadline one week
prior to class*



Write Santa a Letter!

Watch for Santa's magical red mailboxes to appear at the Discovery Center and at City Hall soon after Thanksgiving!

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

Deposit your letter into the mailbox by December 17
Please include your full name, age, and address in your letter.

BEST SNOW SCULPTURE OF OAKDALE CONTEST

Calling all creative Oakdale families! Do you have what it takes to create the best snow sculpture in the city? If so, head outside anytime after a snowfall and start creating your masterpiece! All sculptures are judged on appearance, relative to the season's theme.

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS "SUMMER AT THE BEACH"

Winning sculpture will receive a \$100 Marcus Theater gift card!

Submit entries (photo) to nathan@ci.oakdale.mn.us by March 30. The winner will be contacted by April 2 by Oakdale Recreation Department staff.

FLASHLIGHT PUMPKIN HUNT

Search for pumpkins under the stars in the Oakdale Nature Preserve! After the hunt, enjoy chilling refreshments, family DJ, bonfire, spooky entertainment, and ghoulish games. Costumes are optional; don't forget your flashlight!

Date: Thursday, October 26

Time: 7 to 8:30 pm

Place: Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue

Ages: Up to 12

Cost: \$12 per person, parents attend for free

All participants receive a glow necklace at check-in!

Please register by October 19

VISIT FROM SANTA

Santa is planning another special visit to Oakdale on December 7. He'll travel through town on an Oakdale Fire truck covered in twinkling lights!

To make Santa's special visit extra special, bundle up and make plans to welcome him at one of these stops:

6 to 6:15 pm
6:20 to 6:35 pm
6:40 to 6:55 pm
7:00 to 7:15 pm
7:20 to 7:35 pm

North Fire Station, 5000 Hadley Avenue
Discovery Center, 4444 Hadley Avenue
Hadley Avenue & Eberle Park
Hadley Avenue & Stillwater Boulevard
Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue



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

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

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

Maintained, Supervised Rinks with Heated Warming Houses

Northdale Park - 50th Street and Granada Avenue

Walton Park Hockey Rink - 15th Street and Hadley

Walton Park Pleasure Rink - 15th Street and Hadley

Hours: Monday through Friday	4 to 8 pm
Saturdays	12 to 8 pm
Sundays	12 to 7 pm

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

COMPLIMENTARY HOT CHOCOLATE AT WALTON PARK PLEASURE RINK WARMING HOUSE!



WINTER BREAK and HOLIDAY HOURS

December 22	1 to 8 pm
December 23	12 to 8 pm
December 24	12 to 4 pm
December 25	Closed
December 26	1 to 8 pm
December 27	1 to 8 pm
December 28	1 to 8 pm
December 29	1 to 8 pm
December 30	12 to 8 pm
December 31	12 to 4 pm
January 1	Closed
January 2	4 to 8 pm
January 15	1 to 8 pm
February 19	1 to 8 pm

Maintained, Unsupervised Rinks No Warming House Available

Eastside Park - Helmo Avenue

Map of rink locations at www.oakdalefun.com

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

Offered most Sundays from 1 to 3 pm, when the arena is open. \$5 per person. "Buy One, Get One" free admission every 1st and 3rd Sunday! (open skating may be canceled without notice)

www.isd622.org/tartanarena





FARMERS MARKET

City Hall Parking Lot
15th and Hadley
WEDNESDAYS 2 to 6 pm
Last market of the season:
October 4

Fresh produce, honey, jams, brats, pumpkins, apples, salsas, spices, granola, cheese, baked goods, sweets, meat, coffee, and more!

INDOOR MARKET

Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley
SATURDAYS 9 am to 1 pm
November 11 and 25
December 9
January 6 and 20
February 3 and 17
March 3 and 17

Over 20 local vendors offer a unique variety of items including baked goods, jams, cheeses, meats, canned goods, sweets, salsas, strudels, jewelry, essential oils, and much more!

Expect a full vendor list by late October, available at www.oakdalefun.com.

The Indoor Market is the perfect place to start your holiday shopping!



SHOP
LOCAL

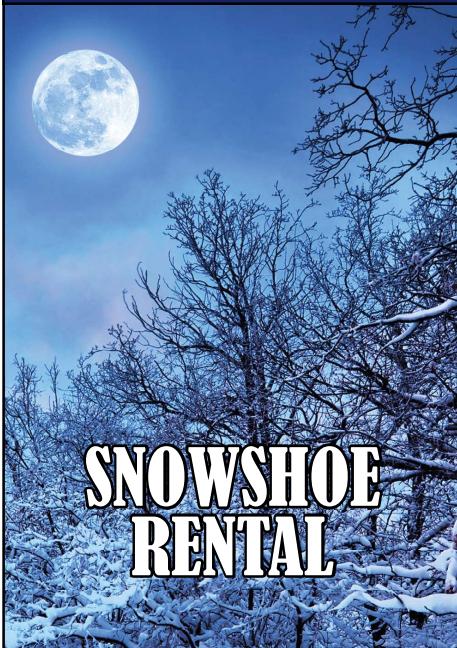
Rent two tables for only \$22!

*Space is limited and fills up fast
so register early and by March 2.*

Sellers need to contain
all their items to two tables.

Set up times:

Friday, March 9 from 4:30 to 8 pm
Saturday, March 10 from 8 to 9 am



SNOWSHOE RENTAL

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

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

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

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

Monday through Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Saturdays: 12 to 4 pm

Sundays: 1 to 4 pm



Wahoo! Adventures Presents:

Kerri Kolstad founded Wahoo! Adventures to coordinate a variety of fun outdoor experiences for people of all ages!

FAMILY FULL MOON SNOWSHOE

Join us at the Oakdale Nature Preserve to enjoy the trails at night with the full moon and stars overhead. We'll have one trail lit with ice luminaries to follow through the woods, but you can enjoy the whole park. Gather by the bonfire for hot chocolate and s'mores afterward. Fee includes snowshoes, but you can also bring your own. Just let us know when you register whether you will need snowshoes, so we can save you a pair. Bring a headlamp, dress in layers with sturdy boots. This is a dog (on leash) friendly event!

Date: Saturday, January 27
 Time: 6 to 7:30 pm
 Place: Oakdale Nature Preserve
 Discovery Center
 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: \$15/per person or
 \$50 for family of 4

Please register by January 19



SNOWSHOE, SIP & SAMPLE EVENT

Join us on February 9 for a special event of food, drink, and adventure! Enjoy the luminary-lit trails in the Oakdale Nature Preserve, get toasty by the outdoor bonfire, then head indoors for:

- Appetizer sampling and food demonstrations from Hy-Vee
- Locally crafted beer samples
- Wine samples selected by local experts at Bright Wines
- Vintage game room

Date: Friday, February 9
 Time: 7 to 10 pm
 Place: Discovery Center
 4444 Hadley Avenue
 Cost: \$34 per person,
 until February 1

\$40 per person
 after February 1
 and at the door

SWIM LESSONS FALL 2017



Our American Red Cross trained instructors help develop water safety and swimming skills for all ages and abilities in a positive and fun learning environment

REGISTER

Online: www.isd622.org/swim

Phone: 651-748-7439 or

In person: 2520 12th Ave E, N St Paul MN 55109

Parent/Child Classes

(6 months–5 years with adult, child must wear swim diaper if not trained)

You will assist your child in developing water skills through games and play.

Parent/Tot 1 (6 months–2 years)

Develop water readiness through games and play.

Parent/Tot 2 (2–4 years)

Learn basic swim skills through group activities.

Parent/Tot 1 & 2 (6 months–4 years)

Develop water readiness, safety and basic swim skills.

Parent/Preschooler (3–5 years)

A graduate of Parent/Tot 2 or will put face under water. Children learn basic swimming techniques through drills and play.



30

minute
classes

Preschool Classes (4–5 years)

Your child will develop water skills through games and play without a parent in the pool.

Turtles (Preschool 1)

Child who will not put face in the water. Child will learn basic swim skills while increasing his/her comfort level.

Bobbers (Preschool 2)

Child will put face in the water and is comfortable in the water.

Super Kids (Preschool 3)

Child who can float on front and back and is ready to learn how to swim independently.

30

minute
classes

55
minute
classes

Learn-to-Swim Classes

(6 years and older)

American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim classes help youth progress through 6 levels to learn fundamentals, master strokes, and increase endurance.

Level 1 & 2: Fundamental Skills Introduction to Water Skills—floating, gliding, leg & arm movements.

Level 3: Stroke Development Passed Level 2 or can jump in deep water, swim on front and back for 30 feet. Class skills include Front Crawl, introduction to Elementary Backstroke and deep water.

Level 4: Stroke Improvement Passed Level 3. Elementary Backstroke, Sidestroke, Butterfly kick.

Level 5: Stroke Refinement Passed Level 4. Increase endurance of all strokes. Breaststroke, Butterfly, and Sidestroke.

Level 6: Personal Water Safety or Fitness Swimmer

Passed Level 5. Core skills are the same.

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

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

NEW!

Classes for Girls & Women

(6 years and older)

Learn to swim in an all female class. You can choose to participate in our 1 hour group lessons or schedule a 30 minute private or semi-private lesson. No previous swim experience necessary. Our American Red Cross trained female instructors and lifeguards teach swimming and water safety skills so that you and your family will feel safe and comfortable around the water.

Group lessons are led by 2-3 instructors who will customize lessons for each group. Private and semi-private lessons will be customized for each individual or pair.

Private & Semi-Private Swim Lessons for Children & Adults

Instructor will customize each 30 minute lesson. Register online for private lessons. Call for additional times or to register 2 or more for semi-private lessons.

John Glenn Middle School – Fall Lessons

	Monday Oct 2–Nov 20 8 Lessons \$72	Wednesday Oct 4–Nov 29 (no class Nov 22) 8 Lessons \$72	Thursday Oct 5–Dec 14 (no class Oct 19, Oct 26, Nov 23) Girls/Women 8 Lessons \$72	Saturday Sept 30–Dec 9 (no class Oct 21, Nov 4, Nov 25) 8 Lessons \$72
CLASS	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 1	5:30 pm	SPT1A		
Parent/Tot 2	6:00 pm	SPT2A		
Parent/Tot 1 & 2			5:30 pm	SPT12A
Parent/Preschooler	6:30 pm	SP1	6:00 pm	SP2
Turtles	5:30 pm	STU1	6:00 pm	STU2
Bobbers	6:00 pm	SB1	5:30 pm	SB3
Bobbers	6:30 pm	SB2	6:30 pm	SB4
Super Kids	6:30 pm	SSK1	6:30 pm	SSK2
Level 1 and 2	5:30 pm	S1A	5:30 pm	S1C
Level 1 and 2	7:00 pm	S1B	6:30 pm	S1D
Level 3	7:00 pm	S3A	7:00 pm	S3B
Level 4	7:00 pm	S4A	7:00 pm	S4B
Class for Girls/Women			6:00 pm	SGW1
Class for Women (over 18)			7:00 pm	SGW2
Private Lessons (8 - 30 min lessons \$184)			7:30 pm	SPJ1
			7:00 pm	SPJ2
			7:00 pm	SPJ3
			7:30 pm	SPJ4
			7:30 pm	SPJ5

Don't Delay
Register
Today!

Skyview Community School – Fall Lessons

	Monday Oct 2–Nov 20 8 Lessons \$72	Tuesday Nov 14–Dec 19 6 Lessons \$54	Saturday Oct 7–Dec 9 (no class Oct 21, Nov 25) 8 Lessons \$72
CLASS	Time	Class #	Time
Parent/Tot 1 & 2			6:00 pm
Bobbers			6:30 pm
Level 1 and 2	6:00 pm	S1G	6:00 pm
Level 1 and 2	7:00 pm	S1H	7:00 pm
Level 1 and 2			
Level 3	6:00 pm	S3D	6:00 pm
Level 3			7:00 pm
Level 4	6:00 pm	S4D	6:00 pm
Level 5	7:00 pm	S5A	7:00 pm
Level 6	7:00 pm	S6A	7:00 pm
Private Lessons (8 - 30 min lessons \$184)			<i>Swim programs on Tue, Wed & Sat afternoons at Skyview are offered in partnership with the City of Oakdale.</i>
			9:00 am SPS1
			9:00 am SPS2
			1:00 pm SPS3

Reduced rates for group swim lessons may be available to those who qualify. Call 651-748-7439.

Open Swim & Lap Swim

Saturdays at Skyview
2:00–3:30 pm



Oct 7–Dec 9, 2017
(Closed Oct 21 and Nov 25)

Walk-in Rate:
Adults \$4
Student/Child \$3
Immediate Family \$10

John Glenn Middle School – Winter Lessons

CLASS	Monday Jan 22–Mar 19 (no class Feb 19)		Wednesday Jan 24–Mar 14		Thursday Jan 25–Mar 22 (no class Feb 1, Mar 1)		Saturday Jan 27–Mar 17	
	8 Lessons \$72		8 Lessons \$72		Girls/Women 7 Lessons \$63		8 Lessons \$72	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 1	5:30 pm	SWPT1A					9:00 am	SWPT1B
Parent/Tot 2	6:00 pm	SWPT2A					9:30 am	SWPT2B
Parent/Tot 1 & 2			6:00 pm	SWPT12A				
Parent/Preschooler	6:30 pm	SWP1					10:00 am	SWP2
Turtles	5:30 pm	SWTU1	5:30 pm	SWTU2			9:00 am	SWTU3
Bobbers	5:30 pm	SWB1	5:30 pm	SWB2			9:00 am	SWB4
Bobbers			6:30 pm	SWB3			10:00 am	SWB5
Super Kids	6:00 pm	SWSK1	6:00 pm	SWSK2			9:30 am	SWSK3
Level 1 and 2	6:00 pm	SW1A	5:30 pm	SW1C			9:30 am	SW1E
Level 1 and 2	6:30 pm	SW1B	6:30 pm	SW1D			10:30 am	SW1F
Level 3	7:00 pm	SW3A	6:30 pm	SW3B			10:30 am	SW3C
Level 4	7:00 pm	SW4A					10:30 am	SW4B
Class for Girls/Women					6:00 pm	SWGW1		
Class for Women (over 18)					7:00 pm	SWGW2		
Private Lessons (Mon, Wed, Sat: \$184; Thu: \$161)	7:30 pm	SPWJ1	7:00 pm	SPWJ2	7:00 pm	SPWJ3 7:00 pm SPWJ4 7:30 pm SPWJ5 7:30 pm SPWJ6	11:30 am	SPWJ7 11:30 am SPWJ8 11:30 am SPWJ9

Skyview Community School – Winter Lessons

CLASS	Monday Jan 22–Mar 19 (no class Feb 19)		Tuesdays Jan 16–Mar 20 (no class Jan 30, Feb 6)		Saturday Jan 20–Mar 17 (no class Jan 27)	
	8 Lessons \$72		8 Lessons \$72		8 Lessons \$72	
	Time	Class #	Time	Class #	Time	Class #
Parent/Tot 2			6:00 pm	SWPT2C		
Bobbers			6:30 pm	SWB6	1:00 pm	SWB7
Level 1 and 2	6:00 pm	SW1G	6:00 pm	SW1J	9:30 am	SW1L
Level 1 and 2	7:00 pm	SW1H	7:00 pm	SW1K	10:30 am	SW1N
Level 1 and 2					1:00 pm	SW1P
Level 3	6:00 pm	SW3D	6:00 pm	SW3E	9:30 am	SW3G
Level 3			7:00 pm	SW3F		
Level 4	6:00 pm	SW4C	6:00 pm	SW4D	10:30 am	SW4E
Level 5	7:00 pm	SW5A	7:00 pm	SW5B	11:30 am	SW5C
Level 6	7:00 pm	SW6A	7:00 pm	SW6B	11:30 am	SW6C
Private Lessons (8-30 min lessons \$184)					9:00 am	SPWS1 9:00 am SPWS2 1:30 pm SPWS3

Winter
Open Swim
& Lap SwimSaturdays at Skyview
2:00–3:30 pmJan 20–Mar 17, 2018
(Closed Jan 27)

Walk-in Rate:
Adults \$4
Student/Child \$3
Immediate Family \$10

Cardio Water Workout at Skyview Community School Pool

Increase cardiovascular endurance and muscular strength during this total body aquatic workout. No swimming ability is necessary. Walk-in rate is \$10 per class (check or exact cash preferred).

Class #SC1	Wed, Oct 4–Dec 13 (No class Nov 22)	7:00–8:00 pm	10 sessions	\$80
Class #SC2	Wed, Jan 17–Mar 21	7:00–8:00 pm	10 sessions	\$80

Water Workout at John Glenn Middle School Pool

Tone muscles while improving flexibility and endurance. The class includes stretching and a light, low-impact aerobic workout. Stairway access to pool. Walk-in rate is \$10 per class (check or exact cash preferred).

Class #SW1	Tue, Oct 3–Dec 5 (No class Oct 31 & Nov 7)	7:30–8:30 pm	8 sessions	\$64
Class #SW2	Tue, Jan 9–Mar 13 (No class Jan 23 & Feb 6)	7:00–8:00 pm	8 sessions	\$64



Girls Swim Night Out

is offered on select Friday nights at John Glenn. The pool is open to girls and women only.

Sept 29 | Oct 13 | Nov 17 | Dec 8

Swimming: 6:30–8 pm

Refreshments: 8–9 pm

Visit www.isd622.org/swim for more details. (A partnership with ISD 622 Office of Equity)



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Register online at www.isd622.org/swim 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		Parent/Guardian's Information	
Name: _____	Birth Date: _____	Name: _____	
Class: _____	Class #: _____	Fee \$ _____	Address: _____
Name: _____	Birth Date: _____	email: _____	
Class: _____	Class #: _____	Fee \$ _____	Phone: _____
<i>To register additional swimmers include a note with the swimmer's name, birthdate, Class, Class #, and Fee amount.</i>			
Payment Information (Debit Card, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, Check payable to ISD 622)			
Card # _____	Exp. Date _____	Signature _____	
<p>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.</p> <p>Limited Financial Assistance available for District 622 families on free/reduced lunch. Must call to register or register in person.</p>			

OAKDALE

Wellness 50+

**DISCOVER
YOUR FITNESS**

Oakdale residents, 50 and older, join us at an upcoming "Discover Your Fitness" event and begin your journey to understanding and improving your fitness and exploring fun ideas for healthy living. Take part in a fitness assessment and, based on your results, let us provide you with resources to improve your fitness. Then come back to another event and be re-assessed! We'll provide your results immediately. Seeing a positive change in your fitness level, at any age, is a great motivator!

Demonstrations, talks, and audience participation on a wide variety of activities will be offered. In addition, the Senior Fit Test, included in every event, is designed to help you 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. Each Discover Your Fitness event is different, so come for them all!

For updates and more information, visit our Facebook page: Discover Your Fitness

**FREE EVENT:
ABCs OF BEING
YOUNGER NEXT YEAR**

Much has been written about how to age gracefully; but wouldn't you rather become functionally younger next year? Learn from our panel of experts what you need to know to design your own plan to achieve this exciting goal. A question and answer period will follow. Drawings will be held. Panel includes: Susan Weum

Date: Thursday, October 5
Time: 6 to 7:30 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

ABCs OF FITNESS

Learn the ABCs of Fitness (Agility, Balance, and Core Strength) for a stronger, healthier, and happier you! This fun class teaches core strength, balance and agility for all age groups through progressive exercise routines. Practicing your ABCs reduces the likelihood of falling, restores energy, and improves your mobility to help you enjoy an active life, while having fun doing it.

Class size is limited so enroll now!
Limited number of yoga mats available.

As part of the Oakdale 50+ program, participants can complete the Rikli-Jones Senior Fitness Test before (on October 5) and after this 8-week series to measure their progress.

Dates: Thursdays, October 12 through December 8
(No class November 23)
Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Price: \$46 per person for all 8 classes
\$8 for individual classes

*Registration Deadline is
one week prior to the class*

The ABC classes are taught by Susan Weum. Her personal training practice, Forever Fit MN (www.ForeverFitMN.com), focuses on helping adults to enjoy a vital, active life and retain their functional independence. Contact her at 651- 402-3191 with questions.

**FREE EVENT:
MENTAL HEALTH:
STOP THE SILENCE**

Let's Make it OK to talk about mental illnesses— If we don't talk about it, we can't break down the stigma. One in five people in the US will experience mental illness in their

lifetime—anxiety disorders, ADD/ADHD, bipolar disorder, depression, eating disorders, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), postpartum depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and schizophrenia. Shame and misunderstanding associated with mental illnesses keep many from getting help, or even talking about it with friends and family. On average, people wait 10 years or more before getting treatment due to the stigma; 60% of people with mental illness don't receive any treatment.

Mental illnesses ARE treatable health conditions! They can affect ANYONE, regardless of age, race, religion, or income. But people are still afraid to talk about them due to shame, misunderstanding, negative attitudes, and fear of discrimination. It's time to spread the word and stop the silence around mental illness. Make it OK is a campaign to reduce the stigma of mental illnesses and to encourage people to talk more openly about depression, suicide, and other mental health conditions.

This session will provide ways to start conversations with family, friends, co-workers, or a stranger who may be showing signs of stress or mental health issues, present tips for continuing conversations, words/statements to avoid when talking about mental health, myths and facts, local resources and an opportunity to sign a Make It Ok pledge (to stop the silence around mental illness and to share the message with others).

Presenter: Make It Ok Ambassador

Date: Saturday, November 18
Time: 10:30 am to 12 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue

HATHA FLOW YOGA

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

Tuesday Morning

Session 1 - 8 weeks
October 3 to November 28
(No class October 10)

Session 2 - 7 weeks
December 5 to January 30
(No classes December 12 or 26)

Time: 9:30 to 10:30 am
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: Session 1: \$69 per person
Session 2: \$61 per person

Wednesday Evening

Session 1 - 8 weeks
October 4 to November 29
(No class October 11)

Session 2 - 8 weeks
December 6 to January 31
(No class December 27)

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: Session 1: \$69 per person
Session 2: \$69 per person

Registration deadline is one week prior to class



YOGA FOR STRESS and ANXIETY

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.

Session 1 - 8 weeks
Mondays, October 2 to November 27
(No class October 9)

Session 2 - 6 weeks
Mondays, December 4 to January 29
(No classes December 11 or 25, January 1)

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: Session 1: \$69 per person
Session 2: \$53 per person

Registration deadline is one week prior to class



Exact change or checks only at evening drop-in yoga classes



BIRD FEEDER

Winter is coming and the birds will need a source of food. Let's build a bird feeder with local master woodworker, AJ Moses. Space is limited!

Date: Saturday, October 21
Time: 1 to 3:30 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$18 per person

Please register by October 14



TREASURE BOX

Join us for two evenings of constructing your very own treasure box. Or make a treasure box for a gift! Local master woodworker, AJ Moses, will provide the tools and materials you'll need to construct the box. Space is limited! *This is a two-session, back-to-back, night class!*

Dates: Tuesday, November 7 and Wednesday, November 8
Time: 5 to 7 pm
Place: Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue
Cost: \$22 per person

Please register by October 31

All materials and tools provided by the instructor.

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





WINTER WONDERLAND

Saturday, December 16
9 am to 1 pm
Discovery Center - 4444 Hadley

Free!
Free!
Free!

Visit with Santa
Horse-drawn Hayrides
Meet & Greet the Dogs of Winter
Petting Zoo
Candy Cane Hunt
Bonfire with S'mores
Holiday Face Painting
Holiday Craft Station
Breakfast & Lunch

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

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

Register online with no extra fees!

REGISTRATION

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

Online

www.oakdalefun.com



Mail

4444 Hadley Avenue N
Oakdale, MN 55128



Fax

651-747-3861



In-Person

4444 Hadley Avenue or
City Hall - 1584 Hadley Avenue



Drop Boxes

Located in front of Discovery Center or City Hall parking lot



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

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

PROGRAM CONFIRMATIONS

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

WAIT LISTS

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

CANCELLATION

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

REFUNDS

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

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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

E-BROCHURES

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

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

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

OAKDALE FURTHER RECOGNIZED BY LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA CITIES

The City of Oakdale received recognition as a Step 4 GreenStep City at the League of Minnesota Cities annual meeting in June. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program that helps cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. The program was launched in 2010, and Oakdale became involved early in 2011. Since then, the city completed Steps 1, 2 and 3 by implementing the 29 best practices the program suggests, and has now completed Step 4 which measures and reports on the quantitative results of undertaking those best practices.

The suggested best practices fall into five categories: Buildings and Lighting, Transportation, Environmental Management, Land Use, and Economic and Community Development. Among the best practices that Oakdale implemented are: improving the efficiency of an existing public building (installing the water-source, closed loop geothermal heat pump system at the Public Works building), providing incentives for the development of new green buildings through the Generation Green program, using LED lighting for streets and park projects, and replacing existing traffic signals with LED technologies. To read about all the actions the city has implemented so far, go to greenstep.pca.state.mn.us and click on "show all 115 cities," then click on Oakdale.

Seven state agencies and other organizations (such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Urban Land Institute, and others) manage the GreenStep Cities program and contribute their knowledge and expertise to participating cities.



Minnesota GreenStep Cities

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

CITY STAFFER RECOGNIZED BY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Cathy Hannigan, customer service representative at Oakdale City Hall, received the first-of-its-kind recognition last spring from the Washington County Public Health Department. The County developed Achievement Awards this year to recognize and honor residents who devote their time, energy, and talents to improve the public health of individuals, families, communities, and environments in Washington County.

Cathy was awarded the inaugural Individual Achievement Award for her volunteer work teaching environmental education to 2nd graders. She started 15 years ago with classes in Oakdale, Skyview, Castle, and Eagle Point Elementary schools but, for the past 12 years, has focused on three second grade classes at Eagle Point. She has impacted the lives of well over 1,000 students.

"Second graders are in that 'sweet spot,'" Cathy said, "where they know a little about recycling but are eager to learn more and are willing to take the information home to their families." She covers four topics: waste, reuse, reduce, and recycling.



Award recipient Cathy Hannigan, with her supervisor, Community Development Director Bob Streetar, at right, and David Brummel, Deputy Director for Washington County's Public Health and Environment.

OAKDALE UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL SECTION

GO GREEN: REDUCE WASTE DURING HOLIDAYS AND PARTIES

The US Environmental Protection Agency offers the following tips for having a “greener” holiday season:

- Consider making new holiday cards from scrap paper or by attaching new backs to the fronts of old cards. This can be a craft project for family and friends that helps everyone reduce paper waste while saving money.
- Lower your holiday lighting costs by using light-emitting diode (LED) light strings.
- Let store clerks know you don't need a bag for small or oversized purchases.
- Recycle your holiday tree at Oakdale Public works instead of sending it to a landfill. Mulch from your trees is typically used in community parks, as well as for erosion prevention, weed abatement and habitat creation.
- Buy energy-efficient electronics that have the Energy Star label. They will save you money and help protect the planet.
- Many electronics use energy even when they're “off” to power continuous features like clock displays or remote controls. Replace old items with energy-efficient models.
- Preparing for and cleaning up after a holiday meals and parties can use much more water than ordinary, everyday use. Running your tap continuously while preparing food or washing dishes wastes water and can use more than two gallons of water every minute your tap is running. Scrape dirty dishes instead of using water to rinse them before you put them in the dishwasher.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH YOUR ENERGY BILL?

If you need help paying for your heating bill, the Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties is available to assist. The partnership assists eligible households maintain affordable, continuous, and safe home energy, including bill payment assistance, home energy crisis intervention, outreach to vulnerable populations, energy advocacy, and information about utility consumer rights. The organization also performs energy audits, assists with furnace repair or replacement, and performs home weatherization services to both low-income households through the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program and to the general public through Contract Services.

For an application, or for more information, go online to <http://www.caprw.org/> and click on Programs on the top menu and then Energy Assistance on the left side. Or you may call 651-645-6470.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR WINTER

Try implementing one or more of these tips from the U.S. Department of Energy and see how much you can cut down on your energy usage, and, in turn, save on energy costs this winter.

SUNSHINE

Open the curtains and blinds on windows facing west and east during the day to allow as much sunshine into your home as possible. This will naturally raise the temperature inside your home by a degree or two, which can lead to significant savings on your heating bill. Draw the curtains closed at night to insulate your home from the winter night chill.

INSULATION

If floors, ceilings, and walls feel cold to the touch, it may be time to add extra insulation. And, since your home's hot water heater must work against the cold to keep water warm in winter months, it helps to wrap it in fiberglass insulation. That will cost about \$30, but can save about 10 percent on your energy bill.

SEAL LEAKS

Check your doors and windows for a tight seal. If you can feel coolness or air near any window, it is likely that you have a leak in that area. Seal the leak with weather stripping to prevent warm air from escaping. Air leaks can also occur in other places, such as plumbing lines, electrical outlets, and near room vents. Seal any additional unnecessary leaks with caulking, insulation, or weather stripping.

TURN THERMOSTAT DOWN

Turning down your thermostat a few degrees during the day and night can make a significant difference in the amount of money you spend on your energy bills.

Gateway Corridor Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

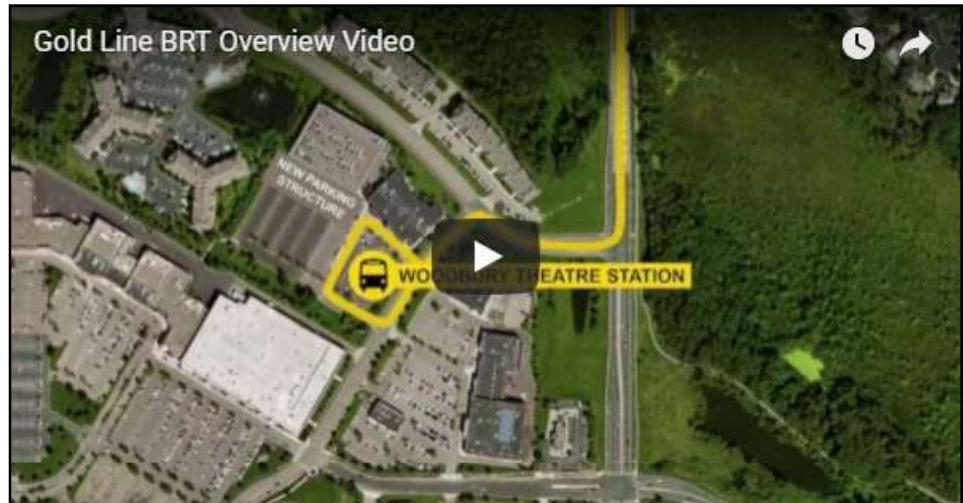
Project Overview

The Gateway Corridor Gold Line is a planned nine-mile dedicated Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) line that will connect St. Paul, Maplewood, Landfall, Oakdale and Woodbury generally along Interstate 94. The Gold Line will be Minnesota's first BRT line that operates primarily within exclusive bus-only lanes. These exclusive lanes are dedicated only to transit buses and will be built on the north side of Interstate 94.

Gold Line service will offer new opportunities for residents, employees and business owners by strengthening connections to the eastern suburbs with 11 new stations. The Gold Line will provide frequent, all-day service in both directions, seven days a week and connect St. Paul and the eastern suburbs with the growing regional transit system.

Stations

The METRO Gold Line will have 10 new stations including two stations located in Oakdale.



Learn more about the Gold Line BRT in the Overview Video located on the City's website at <http://ci.oakdale.mn.us/459/Gateway-Corridor-Gold-Line-BRT>. Video courtesy of Metro Transit.

Stations may contain a variety of amenities, including: a platform with shelter, bike parking, real-time bus schedule information (NexTrip displays), on-demand heat, ticket machines, fare card validators, trash and recycling bins, seating, emergency telephones, security cameras, a station marker, on-demand annunciators and energy-efficient LED lighting. All stations will be ADA accessible and include higher curbs for easier boarding.

Customers will be able to transfer to and from the METRO Gold Line in downtown St. Paul for connections to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, Mall of America, Target Field and the University of Minnesota. The METRO Gold Line route map shows the approximate locations of the proposed stations.

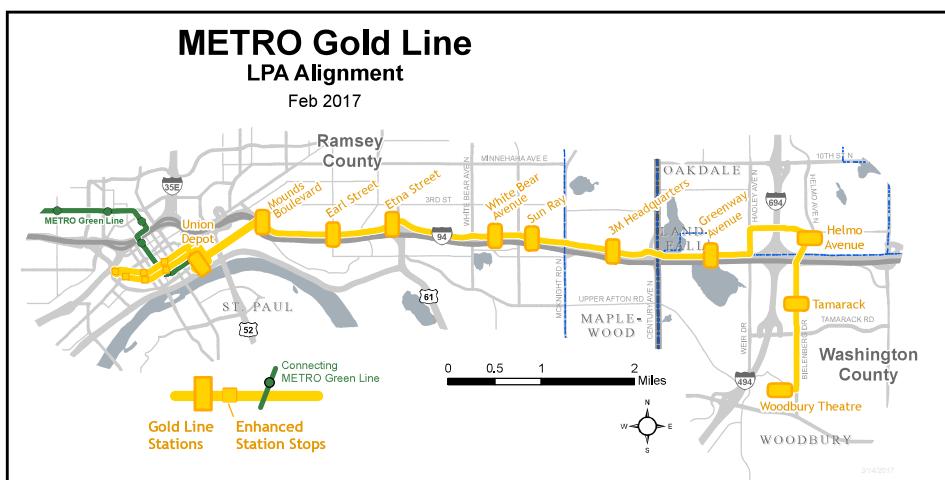
Development Surrounding Oakdale Stations

The City Council will be working with the Gateway Corridor to plan development surrounding the stations located in Oakdale. Opportunities for public input will be announced on the City's website.

More Information

For more information about the Gold Line visit <http://thegateway-corridor.com/>

For updates related to station area planning and development in Oakdale visit the the City's website, <http://ci.oakdale.mn.us/>



This map shows the alignment of the METRO Gold Line and station locations. Courtesy of Metro Transit.

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FARMERS MARKET

15th and Hadley 2 to 6 pm
Wednesdays until October 4

FLASHLIGHT PUMPKIN HUNT

4444 Hadley Avenue
Wednesday, October 26 7 to 8:30 pm
Register by October 19. Details inside

OAKDALE AREA BUSINESS SHOWCASE

Oak Marsh Golf Course Clubhouse
Saturday, October 29 11 am to 3 pm
Face painting, balloon artist, and much more!
Trick or Treat at each booth! Details inside.

\$ FOR YOUR HALLOWEEN CANDY

Leftover / unwanted candy is being collected by All Family Dental, 1075 Hadley until November 3. Candy will be sent to persons overseas serving in the military overseas as part of Operation Gratitude. *Thank you, All Family Dental!*

INDOOR MARKET

4444 Hadley Avenue
Opens November 11. See inside for dates.

WINTER WONDERLAND

4444 Hadley Avenue
Saturday, December 16 9 am to 1 pm
Free family fun! Details inside

RECYCLE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

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

RECYCLE HOLIDAY TREES

from December 27 through January 31 at Public Works, 1900 Hadley for only \$3 per tree. Hours: 7:30 am and 3 pm, Monday through Friday.

FAMILY FUN FLATABLES

Join us for a full day of jumping, bouncing, diving, and running around a sea of inflatables! Inflatables for all ages, ranging from bounce castles to obstacle courses to 40-foot giant slides! Plus, Kidsdance (interactive DJ/dance party) for kids will play at the band shell from 12 to 2 pm. Concessions available.

Date: Saturday, September 16

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Place: Walton Park - 15th Street and Hadley Avenue



WINTER WALKING IN THE OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

During the winter season, the asphalt/paved trails throughout the Oakdale Nature Preserve are cleared after each snowfall event to accommodate winter walking. However, snow that accumulates on the boardwalk will not be cleared.