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The Otsego Parks and Recreation Department will be allowing participants to register for winter and spring programs. Preregistration is required for every event and program. No on-site registration will be allowed.



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SANTA DAY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9



FREE – PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED

The North Pole is coming to Otsego! The elves are busy transforming the City Shop into a walk-through winter wonderland for the whole family. The kids will get to see real-life reindeer, listen to carolers, greet Santa and Mrs. Claus, and take a selfie! Once again, your child will be able to hand their Santa letters directly to him and receive a holiday treat. After meeting Santa,

you can walk through the North Pole Village Shops to browse for unique holiday gifts. The elves are planning other fun surprises for your kids, so register early; you won't want to miss this magical day! *This is a free event; please preregister at otsegoparksrec.com for a time slot for your family to attend.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 10:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M.

LOCATION: OTSEGO CITY HALL, 13400 90TH ST. NE

NORTH POLE VILLAGE SHOPS

We are looking for vendors for our North Pole Village Shops. Please call the Rec Line for details.



LIGHTING OF THE TREE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 6:30 p.m.



SECOND ANNUAL SANTA SHARK IN THE PARK HUNT

NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 18

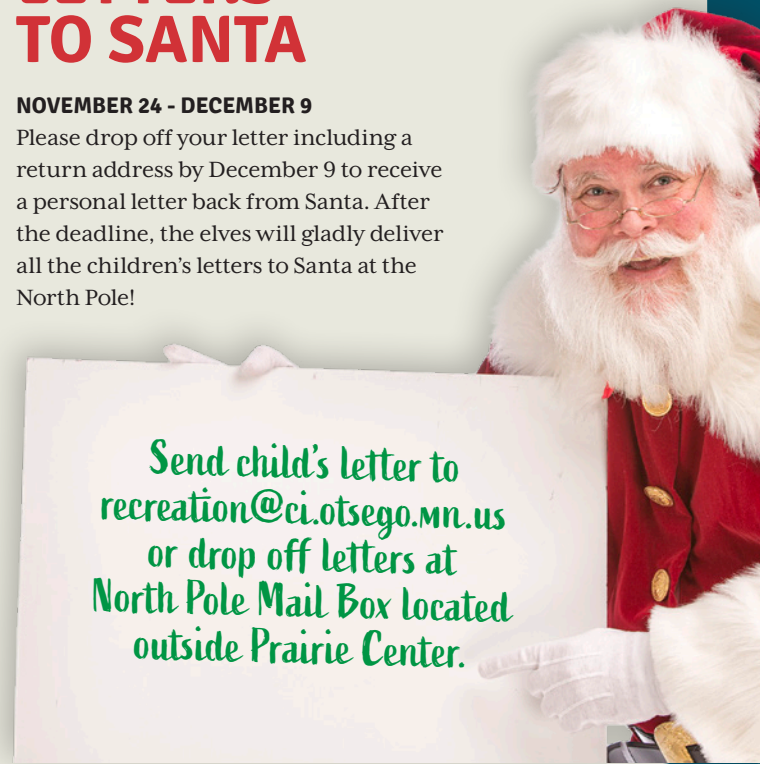
The Santa Shark will be hidden in one of Otsego's parks. Each week, clues will be posted to help you locate it. Once you find the Santa Shark, we ask you to post a picture on our Facebook page, being careful not to reveal the secret location. Your name will be entered into a grand prize drawing. The deadline to post a picture will be 8:00 a.m., Monday, December 18. This is a great way to get out and explore Otsego parks in the winter!

For more info, please see our website and Otsego Parks and Rec Facebook page: facebook.com/OtsegoParksRecreation

LETTERS TO SANTA

NOVEMBER 24 - DECEMBER 9

Please drop off your letter including a return address by December 9 to receive a personal letter back from Santa. After the deadline, the elves will gladly deliver all the children's letters to Santa at the North Pole!



Send child's letter to
recreation@ci.otsego.mn.us
or drop off letters at
North Pole Mail Box located
outside Prairie Center.



FEBRUARY 17, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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2024 WINTER FEST (FREE)

Bundle up for some frosty fun at the newest event, Winter Fest! Get your snowshoes ready for a breathtaking trek through the snow-covered landscape, search for a hidden medallion, get creative during a snowman-building contest, or experience the thrills of dogsledding! If feeling cold, warm up with some hot cocoa. You don't want to miss out on this unforgettable winter experience brought to you by Wright County and Otsego Parks and Recreation.

Please visit our website for more details/activities and to register.

Thanks to the Bank of Elk River for sponsoring the Winter Fest Medallion Hunt and the \$250 cash prize to the person(s) who finds it.



To register, please visit otsegoparksrec.com

WEEKDAY MORNING PRESCHOOL CAMPS AND ACTIVE PLAYTIME

OPEN PLAYTIME

AGES BIRTH-5 – DROP-IN PLAY

This is time for you and your child to jump and play, create artistic masterpieces, and just spend time together and enjoy watching your child making friends and having fun! Activities will include crafts, games, and stories. Fun is guaranteed.

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

November - May 16 10:00-11:30 p.m. \$3/child
(Not meeting Dec. 4, Dec. 25-Jan. 2, Feb. 19, Mar. 25-29)

In case of inclement weather, please check website and Facebook.

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE



TINY TOT MESSY ART CAMP

AGES 2-5

The Messy Art Camp is a process-oriented art experience. We focus on the exploration of material, colors, and textures, art recipes, and all the squishy-gooey-messy stuff kids love to get their hands in! We use safe, nontoxic art supplies and some even made from scratch. The main goal is to have fun and make and keep the mess here with us.

THURSDAYS: 4 SESSIONS

January 11 - February 1 9:00-9:40 a.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

MUSIC AND ME CAMP

AGES 1-5

Participate with your young child in singing, dancing, and playing instruments in this active music class. Musical skills such as rhythm, pitch, and loud and soft tones are taught using instruments and games. Kid-friendly props also add to the special music-making experience. Participation will improve coordination and develop an overall sense of musical appreciation.

MONDAYS: 4 SESSIONS

February 26 - March 18 9:00-9:40 a.m. \$35

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

TINY TOT TUMBLING CAMP

AGES 2-5

In this class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, and rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar, and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. Please tie back long hair. Parents are expected to participate with their child with some skill development.

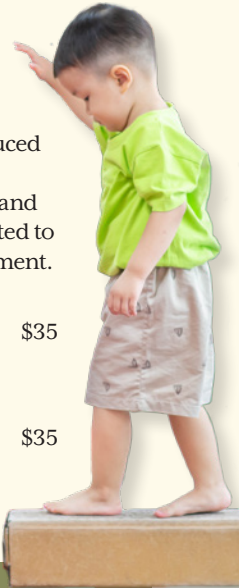
MONDAYS: 4 SESSIONS

January 8 - February 5 9:00-9:40 a.m. \$35
(Not meeting January 15)

THURSDAYS: 4 SESSIONS

February 15 - March 7 9:00-9:40 a.m. \$35

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE



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THURSDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING CAMPS

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INTRO TO TUMBLING

AGES 2-3

In this toddler-and-me class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, and rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar, and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. Please tie back long hair. Parents are expected to participate with their child.

THURSDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

March 7 - April 11 5:30-6:00 p.m. \$40
(Not meeting March 28)

SATURDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 13 - February 10 8:45-9:15 a.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

TUMBLING BASICS

AGES 4-5

In this class, your child will develop skills of coordination, balance, flexibility, and rhythm in a fun and safe atmosphere where they will be introduced to the balance beam, bar, and vault. Students are encouraged to wear leotards or shorts, sweatpants, and T-shirts. Please tie back long hair.

THURSDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

March 7 - April 11 6:10-6:40 p.m. \$40
(Not meeting March 28)

SATURDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 13 - February 10 9:25-9:55 a.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

ULTIMATE NINJA CAMP

AGES 3-5

This camp is all about Ninja fitness and activities, keeping your child engaged and active all in a fun and safe environment.

THURSDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

March 7 - April 11 7:00-7:30 p.m. \$40
(Not meeting March 28)

SATURDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 13 - February 10 10:15-10:45 a.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

KIDS YOGA AND ME

AGES 2-5

Participate with your young child as they strengthen their bodies through basic yoga poses. Through games, songs, and imaginative play, they will learn mindfulness and develop tools to feel calmer, happier, and more peaceful inside. Mats are provided.

SATURDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 13 - February 10 11:00-11:30 a.m. \$40

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

THURSDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING CAMPS

FALCON SPORT CAMP

AGE 2

This camp is all about having fun, making friends, and learning skills! Campers will learn techniques in dribbling and shooting and the defensive stance. Developing and improving motor skills and fitness are the focus of this camp in a fun and safe atmosphere! Soccer, basketball, kickball, and T-ball. Parents/adults are expected to participate with your child for most activities.

THURSDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 18 - February 15 5:30-5:55 p.m. \$40

SATURDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

March 9 - April 20 8:45-9:10 a.m. \$40
(Not meeting March 23 & 30)

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

WILDCAT MULTI-SPORT CAMP

AGES 3-4

This camp is all about having fun, making friends, and learning skills! Campers will learn techniques in dribbling and shooting and the defensive stance. Developing and improving motor skills and fitness are the focus of this camp in a fun and safe atmosphere! Soccer, basketball, kickball, and T-ball. Parents/adults might need to participate with your child for some activities.

THURSDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 18 - February 15 6:05-6:35 p.m. \$40

SATURDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

March 9 - April 20 9:20-9:50 a.m. \$40
(Not meeting March 23 & 30)

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

MESSY ART CAMP

AGES 3-6

The Messy Art Camp is a process-oriented art experience. We focus on the exploration of material, colors, and textures, art recipes, and all the squishy-goopy-messy stuff kids love to get their hands in! We use safe, nontoxic art supplies and some even made from scratch. The main goal is to have fun and make and keep the mess here with us.

THURSDAYS: 5 SESSIONS

January 18 - February 15 6:45-7:15 p.m. \$45

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE



WINTER PARTIES

SUPERHERO

AGES 3-7

At this party, it's all about superheroes. Your child will have fun being active, running, and learning superhero moves in a safe environment. Story time, crafts, games, and a superhero lunch will also be included! Dress-up is highly encouraged.

Saturday, April 27 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. \$30
(Deadline to Register: March 20)

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE

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ADULT FITNESS

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ALL LEVELS AGES 12+

CLASS FEES:

Electronic Group Fitness Punch Cards –
Each class, unless otherwise specified, is one punch.

- 10 class punch card = \$50
- 5 class punch card = \$35

Come experience the community group fitness classes. We will be offering the following for our Winter Season: drumming, cardio dance, yoga, barre fusion, boot camp, and watch for Turbo Kick pop-ups!

You can always find the latest monthly schedule on our Facebook page as well as otsegoparksrec.com.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE JANUARY 2024

Adult Women's Volleyball League consists of an 8-game regular season schedule with a single elimination tournament to follow. Games are on Sunday evenings, matches start at 6:00, 7:00, and 8:00 p.m. at Prairie View Elementary. There will be a Captain's meeting at 6:00 p.m. on January 7 via Zoom meeting to go over the schedule, rules, and other info. All paperwork (rosters and waivers) must be signed and handed in the first night before games begin. For more information, email Parks and Rec at recreation@ci.otsego.mn.us.

WINTER LEAGUE: SUNDAYS, JANUARY 7-MARCH 10

Not meeting February 11.

TOURNAMENTS: MARCH 17 & 24 (*Weather makeup is April 7*)

COST/TEAM: \$200 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: DEC. 17

MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOEING CLASS

AGES 10-ADULT

It's time to discover winter's wonders off the beaten path as we venture to and through areas accessible only by snowshoe in winter. Under the full moon this winter, explore the wonders of Otsego Prairie Park! Snowshoes are included in the program.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

Ages 10-17	7:00-8:30 p.m.	\$18
Ages 18 and up	7:00-8:30 p.m.	\$20

LOCATION: PRAIRIE PARK, 13355 90TH ST. NE



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OTHER UPCOMING FREE FAMILY COMMUNITY EVENTS IN 2024:

WINTER FEST – Saturday, February 17, 2024
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

EGG HUNT – Saturday, March 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

HOPPIN' HOUNDS EGG HUNT – Saturday, March 23, 2024
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Prairie Park Dog Park)

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT – Tuesday, May 14, 2024
6:00-7:30 p.m. (Prairie Park)

OTSEGO PRAIRIE FESTIVAL & CAR SHOW – Saturday,
September 14, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

PUMPKIN PATCH – Saturday, October 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Prairie Park)

HOWLIN' HOUNDS – Saturday, October 12, 2024
11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Prairie Park Dog Park)

TREE LIGHTING – Monday, November 25, 2024
6:30 p.m. (Prairie Center)

SANTA DAY – Saturday, December 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.-1 p.m. (City Hall Shop)

SANTA PAWS – Saturday, December 14, 2024
2:00-3:00 p.m. (City Hall Shop)

ACTIVITIES FOR 55+

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

ACTIVITY CENTER

Prairie Center will be home to the Otsego 55 and Over Activity Center. We will be posting a calendar of events, which will include activities, speakers, and exercise classes. Please visit our website and click on the Adults 55+ button for more information. Questions about any programs? Call the Rec Line at 763.235.3148.

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-2:00 p.m.
(Closed on City Holidays)

LOCATION: PRAIRIE CENTER, 8899 NASHUA AVE. NE



INDOOR PICKLEBALL

Come give pickleball a try! We have rackets and balls for you to use. Players rotate in and out. Beginners are always welcome. Call the Rec Line at 763.235.3148 for more info.

Tuesdays/Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: GUARDIAN ANGELS, 9200 QUANTRELLE AVE. (GYM)

MONDAY CARDS (FREE)

Come join a small group of card players every Monday. They play Hand and Foot, 500, and other fun card games. Beginners are always welcome! Come give it a try. Coffee and treats are provided.

Mondays 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHAIR YOGA

Chair yoga increases flexibility, strength, and body awareness and is practiced either sitting or using chairs for support in various postures and is designed to mindfully increase range of motion. This class is ideal for everyone.

Mondays 12:15-12:45 p.m.

ART CLASSES

We are getting together, having fun, and creating some holiday-themed art masterpieces throughout the year. Call the Rec Line for more info.



MONDAY BINGO (FREE)

Celebrate and socialize with others at this fun event. Bingo is a great way to keep your brain fit. Prizes will be awarded. Call 763.235.3148 for more info regarding this fun program.

Mondays 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Third Monday of the month is theme bingo:

November 27 - CODA
December 18 - Holiday Bingo

SENIOR FITNESS (FREE)

LINE DANCING

Learn all the dance moves and have a great time exercising. Please call 763.235.3148 for info, schedule, and to reserve your place.

Wednesdays 1:15-2:15 p.m.



BOOK CLUB (FREE)

For the book list or questions, please call 763.235.3148.

Second Monday of the Month
12:00 p.m.

ACOUSTIC MUSIC JAM (FREE)

Strummers and pickers are invited to bring your acoustic guitar, ukulele, or other stringed instrument to our acoustic music jams at Prairie Center. All ages and all skill levels are welcome. Join the fun of making music with other musicians in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. For more information, contact the Parks and Rec Line at 763.235.3148.

The second and fourth
Wednesday of the month 6:00-7:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER TECH SUPPORT FOR SENIORS

Do you want help learning how to use your tech devices better, learn how to use Zoom or Facetime, or download pictures or apps? Senior

Community Services HOME Program has a great team of knowledgeable tech support volunteers to help seniors, 60+, with your mobile tech devices. Please call Laurie at 763.231.6283 to schedule an appointment at Otsego Prairie Center with a tech volunteer.



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2023 OTSEGO PRAIRIE FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHT

- Approximately 11,200 people attended. There were 82 vendors and exhibitors, 16 food vendors, 17 sponsors, and 160 cars at the car show.
- Free to the public were live entertainment, inflatables, laser tag, a petting zoo, Touch A Truck, and fireworks.

Thanks to all who came out to the 2023 Otsego Prairie Festival. It was a grand day because of you!

We also want to thank the Otsego Lions, Otsego Rod and Custom Car Club, Gifts Anonymous, The Bank of Elk River, and all the sponsors, volunteers, and vendors who contributed and worked hard to make this such a huge success and an amazing day! Hats off to all of you!



FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

2023 PUMPKIN PATCH

We had a chilly start to our 19th Annual Pumpkin Patch on October 14. Mayor Jessica Stockamp came prepared for the cold, dressed in warm snowmobile gear with her vintage sled. She greeted over 1,400 attendees.

There were more trick-or-treat stations this year. The new Bubble Station was one of the crowd favorites. Council Member Brittany Moores and her daughter Marla created gigantic bubbles for the kids to “POP” and handed out little pumpkin bottles of bubble solution.

Thanks to everyone who dressed up in Halloween attire. We loved all the costumes and smiles. It looked like everyone had a fun time.



The city would like to thank all the volunteers, Wright County Sheriff, Albertville Fire Department, Otsego Target, Otsego Scouts, Boreal FC, 3x7 Outdoor, RSVP, Otsego City Council Members, the Parks and Rec Commissioners, and other friends for coming out to make this annual event so successful.

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