



Let's Talk Trash!



Specifically, where to store your trash and recycling containers. The current ordinance was put in place in 2012 and states, "Trash and/or recycling bins must be located out of public view except on collection day." The phrase "out of public view" can be interpreted in many ways. Does it mean not visible from the public street? Or perhaps, not visible from a neighboring property? Recently we

collected data from over 2,000 residential properties, in 19 different neighborhoods, from all areas of the City on where residents are currently storing their refuse containers. We found that over half of the properties had containers in public view from the street and would be in violation of the current ordinance. So, the City is reviewing the ordinance to determine if it needs to be changed or just made more clear. But before any changes are made, we want to hear your opinions and ideas on where you want trash and recycling bins stored. Share your opinions and input now through March 12 at letstalksavage.com.

Building Permits: What you need to know.

Do you have an open permit?

Whenever homeowners or contractors apply for a permit, the permit issued for that work is considered "open" and stays open until all required inspections have been completed and approved. Typically when the work is completed, a final inspection is approved, and the permit is "closed" with the City. Failure to close a permit implies that the City Building Inspections Department has not approved construction, and it is unknown if the work performed is code compliant. This can result in construction-related issues, refinancing problems, and issues with future home sales. To find out if you have any "open" permits on your property, go to epermits.logis.org, select Savage as the participating City you want to search for, then select Search for Permit. You can search by address for any permits that were issued recently. If you find a permit that does not have a "Final Date," the permit may still be open or expired. Contact the contractor or permit applicant to schedule an inspection with the City.

Any Spring projects planned?

Decks, driveways, fences, sheds, windows, porches, pools, garages - whatever your project is, get the information you need on acquiring the proper permits and plans rolling at cityofsavage.com/buildingpermits. Getting the proper permits and site plan approvals can take time, so consider starting the process ASAP if you'd like to start building this spring. You can also call Building Inspections with questions at 952-882-2650.

ARBOR DAY TREE SALE

MARCH 20 - APRIL 14

The annual Arbor Day Tree Sale offers residents trees at a discounted price. The intent is to encourage residents to replant a diversity of tree species after a tree is lost to disease, EAB, or storms. Trees must be ordered and paid for online at cityofsavage.com; there is a limit of five trees per household. Trees are sold on a first-come, first-served basis until sold out or until April 14.

This sale is open to all Savage, Prior Lake, Credit River, and Spring Lake Township residents.

Species Available: Blue Beech, River Birch, Prairie Fire Crabapple, Purple Prince Crabapple, Snowdrift Crabapple, Valley Forge Elm, Ivory Silk Lilac Tree, Linden Boulevard, Green Mountain Sugar Maple, Heritage Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Pine, and Black Hills Spruce. Limited quantities; maximum of 5 per household.

Pricing: \$36 - \$67 each

How to order: Trees can be ordered online at cityofsavage.com March 20 - April 14.

Please Note: Trees are only available to purchase online. No trees will be available for purchase on pick-up day.

Pick-up Day: April 29, 10 a.m. - noon

Pick-up Location: Savage Public Works • 13770 Dakota Ave., Savage



Save the date!

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

April 29, 10-11:30 a.m.

McCull Pond ELC, 13550 Dakota Ave.

Enjoy a Bald Eagle presentation by The Raptor Center starting at 10:15 a.m. This event is FREE and open to the public.

2023 Resident Advisory Commissioners

Nearly every Monday night, the Savage City Council makes decisions about a wide variety of issues. One of the things that council members use to help inform some of these decisions are recommendations from Savage residents who serve on our resident advisory commissions. The City of Savage has four commissions made up of residents who volunteer their time and expertise. Positions regularly come open on these commissions, and the City invites all interested residents to apply. This year, 40 residents applied for 24 open commission seats. Congratulations to the following residents who have been appointed to share their perspectives, opinions, and recommendations on important issues with our City Council members.

NEW! Community Equity Commission (CEC)

Amenah Agunwamba - NEW
Sheriff Ahmed - NEW
Ryan Johngrass - NEW
Gail Lewis-Miller - NEW
Michael Nelson - NEW
Abdimahad Santur - NEW
Victoria Schultz - NEW
Alan Thomas, student rep. - NEW
Cyril Thomas - NEW

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Shailee Chowdhary - NEW
Fred Corrigan - NEW
Alan Erickson
Rich Johnson
Carrie Linde
Katherine McIntosh - NEW
Brian Rasmussen - Reappointed
John Turner
Mark Zastrow - NEW

Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Commission (PRNRC)

Tim Heinemann
Scott Lund - NEW
Juan Macias
Joshua Mason - NEW
Kathy Peterson - Reappointed
Brenda Shearer - NEW
Andrea Sjogren
Jackie Sorenson
Brian Strayer - NEW

Planning Commission (PC)

Robert Brown
Drew Christensen
Corey Eidem - NEW
Christopher Fonseca
Crystal Lorenz
Kelly Schwenn - Reappointed
Patrick (Shayne) Stewart - NEW
Steve Thompson - Reappointed
Andrew Wolf - Reappointed

Learn more about the role of each commission at cityofsavage.com/government/commissions.



WE WORK FOR YOU!

Sue Meyer

Administrative Assistant,
Engineering

Tell us what you do for the City.

I am the Administrative Assistant in our Engineering Department, supporting the City Engineer/Utilities Director, Water Resource Manager, and Engineering Technicians.

In this role, I process right-of-way permits for small utility work being done in our City,

maintain minutes, agendas, and correspondences for our Traffic Safety Committee, assist in the preparation of City Council memos, manage the bidding of projects, including bid tabulations, notice of awards, contract documentation, pre-construction meetings, change orders, quantity spreadsheets and pay requests. I also create assessment rolls for City projects that are assessable and mail and distribute correspondence to residents relating to neighborhood meetings and public hearing notices. Oh, and I also maintain the Engineering website pages!

How long have you worked in the city?

I've worked for the City of Savage for nine years.

What do you like about working for the City of Savage?

I genuinely like the people I work with. They are caring, funny, and very knowledgeable. Everyone helps each other and works as a team to provide great customer service.

What's the best part of your job?

I like that my position offers a lot of variety working with different contractors and residents.



Savage Police add Coordinated Response Social Worker

In the past several years, law enforcement calls involving mental health crises have increased significantly. And while officers are trained in handling mental health emergencies, Savage Police will now have a new partner to help assist in these types of situations. The Scott County Coordinated Response Unit is a brand-new program and partnership between Scott County Human Services and the Sheriff's Department, Savage Police Department, and Shakopee Police Department. The program's objective is to use a social worker's skills and resources to help resolve mental health crises with adults, children, and families in the community and connect them to needed services before their needs escalate to deeper-end services.

How does it work?

As part of this program, a licensed social worker will be assigned to the Savage Police Department. When a responding officer has concerns about a community member, they will send a referral to the Coordinated Response social worker for follow-up. The social worker will review the information, decide on an intervention strategy, and determine if the individual could use follow-up contact to help advise on additional resources, support, and referrals for on-going needs. Coordinated Response social workers can also respond to in-progress calls as needed and deemed appropriate.

This new mental health initiative is funded partly by funds from the 2022 Opioid Settlement and is expected to begin in March 2023.

Good News! Get your own cute K9.

The Savage Crime Prevention Association (SCPA) is selling stuffed Gunnars! All proceeds go to the Savage Crime Prevention Association, which helps fund various things at the Savage Police Department, like patches for the Pink Patch Project, Holiday Heroes, Officer Calvin's memorial bench, public education materials, and so much more! You can get a Gunnar for a \$20 donation to the SCPA. Stop by the Savage Police Department, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Cash or check only.

Upcoming community events

More FREE Mental Health Classes

When the City of Savage asked for community input on how to use its \$3.53 million in ARPA funding, you told us there was a need for free, local mental health resources. So, the City of Savage has provided a grant to NAMI to host a series of mental health workshops. All sessions are FREE and open to all.

Early Warning Signs of Mental Illness in Youth

March 21 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Harriet Bishop Elementary School • 14400 O'Connell Road (Media Room)

This workshop will help parents, guardians, and foster parents learn early warning signs of mental illnesses and trauma, understand the impact of mental illnesses and trauma on children and youth, and learn strategies to support children who live with mental illness. Suicide warning signs and resources will also be covered. No registration is required.

In Our Own Voice (IOOV)

April 13 • 6 - 7 p.m.

Savage Public Library • 13090 Alabama Ave. (Senior Center Room)

In Our Own Voice is a unique public education program in which trained speakers share compelling personal stories about living with a mental illness and achieving recovery, demonstrating that there is hope for recovery for people with mental illnesses. The presentation includes personal stories, video clips, and an opportunity to ask questions. The IOOV program has touched many lives and is effective in reducing the misperceptions surrounding mental illness. No registration is required.

Classes are hosted by NAMI and funded through the City of Savage Coronavirus Relief Fund.



Reminders

Pothole patching is in progress.

Winter can be tough on all of us, even our roads. Every time water gets into cracks and freezes, the crack will expand by almost 10%. So, the repeated freeze-thaw nature of winter and spring in Minnesota all but guarantees that potholes will form on roads. Now through April, Public Works pothole patching crews will be out fixing things as weather permits. If you have a pothole to report, contact the Public Works Department at 952-224-3400.

Defend your drains!

Just because you CAN flush things like wipes, band-aids, Q-tips, dental floss, makeup wipes, tissues, and cotton balls down the toilet, doesn't mean you SHOULD flush them. The term "flushable" doesn't mean it's biodegradable. None of these items break down in the water and can tangle with other things, resulting in a clogged sewer line. Defend your drains. Toss these products in the trash.



Congratulations, Brenda!

Savage Liquor Operations Manager Brenda Visnovec was named the 2022 Business Person of the Year by the Savage Chamber of Commerce for both her civic and professional success. This past year, Brenda went above and beyond to support our local business community. Brenda not only serves as the Secretary of the Savage Chamber Board of Directors, but she also helped expand the Doogie Palooza annual event, Barks, Brews, and BBQ, and created a new Whiskey Social event that raised over \$10,000 for the Chamber. Additionally, as City Liquor Operations Manager, Brenda's leadership helped turn around the Savage Liquor Operation which put over \$1 million back into our community. Thank you, Brenda, for your leadership and commitment to our community!

MEET A SAVAGE FIREFIGHTER



These men and women are your neighbors, your co-workers, and your friends. They are people of all ages, races, and backgrounds who are committed to giving back to their community. If you are interested in becoming a Savage firefighter, go to cityofsavage.com.



TAYLOR MCMORROW

How long have you been a Savage firefighter?

I'm pretty new! I was hired as a full-time Savage firefighter just a few months. Before that, I worked at Xcel Energy as a material handler.

What made you want to become a firefighter?

What made me want to become a firefighter was making a difference in my community and giving back to a city that gave me so much growing up.

What do you like to do when you are not working?

When I'm not at work, I enjoy golfing in the summer and hunting and fishing in the winter.

What do you like most about firefighting?

What I like most about being a firefighter is the comradery you build with your fellow coworkers.

What would you say to someone considering becoming a firefighter?

I would say it's the most rewarding job in the world. It is so fulfilling knowing you may help someone who is having their worst day.

Rec Corner

Spring/Summer registration opens March 7

Get ready for summer! Savage Parks and Recreation is bringing the fun! We've been busy planning all the programs kids love, including half-day and full-day playground pals and tiny tots, sports camps, as well as new pickleball camps for all ages. Our programs are an awesome place to make friends, learn new things, play, and have fun. Spring/Summer registration opens Tuesday, March 7 (residents) and March 9 (non-residents). Learn more and register online at cityofsavage.com.

Flashlight Egg Scramble | March 31, 7 p.m.

Scramble across the field at the Savage Sports Center with the lights off! Bring your flashlight and basket to scoop up as many eggs as possible. Several golden eggs will be on the field for a chance to win a special basket. Eggs will not be filled and will be recycled at the end of the scramble, where every pre-registered participant will receive a goodie bag full of prizes. Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins are accepted. Goodie bags for everyone! Register now at cityofsavage.com. Registration deadline: March 19.

Spring Break Open Play

Play soccer, baseball, football, ultimate frisbee, bocce ball, lacrosse, ladder golf, and hit golfballs at Open Play for only \$5 per person! Ages 5 and under are free.

Location: Savage Sports Center • 13450 Dakota Ave., Savage

- March 27:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- March 28:** 3 - 5 p.m.
- March 29:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- March 30:** 3 - 5 p.m.
- March 31:** Closed
- April 3:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- April 4:** 3 - 5 p.m.
- April 5:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- April 6:** 3 - 5 p.m.
- April 7:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Savage Parks Master Plan Update | Share your opinions and ideas

The City of Savage is seeking input from residents and park users to share your wants, needs, and ideas for a park system that serves you and our diverse community. The Parks Master Plan is the foundation for future decision-making, program planning, budgeting, and park system investments. Help us establish a 20-year vision for our parks, trails, recreation, and open space systems. Share your input at letstalksavage.com.

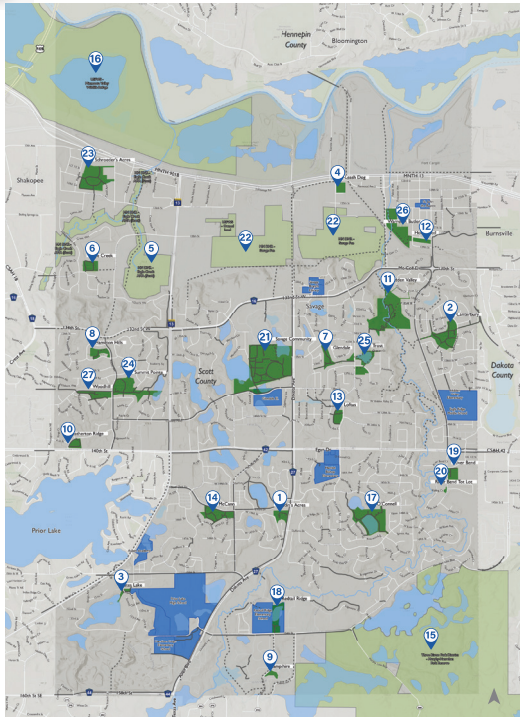
NOTE: Registration is required for participation, but we have kept it really simple. You will need to let us know your name or username, email address, and optional demographics. We know you have ideas and opinions, and we are committed to learning from them and incorporating them into our planning and decision-making.

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT!



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**LET'S TALK SAVAGE—
INTERACTIVE MAP + SURVEY**



LEGEND

	ACRES
1 Boudin's Acres Park	6.1
2 Canterbury Park	19.7
3 Cate's Lake Park	1.6
4 Dog Park	6.4
5 Eagle Creek AMA	233.7
6 Eagle Creek Park	5.8
7 Glendale Park	8.6
8 Hamilton Hills Park	5.8
9 Hampshire Park	2.2
10 Heatherton Ridge Park	3.9
11 Hidden Valley Park	44.8
12 Hollywood Park	2.8
13 Loftus Park	5.0
14 McCann Park	12.6
15 Murphy-Hanrehan Park	693.0
16 Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge	591.5
17 O'Connell Park	28.9
18 Redtail Ridge Park	10.7
19 River Bend Park	5.4
20 River Bend Tot Lot	0.5
21 Savage Community Park	55.8
22 Savage Fen	290.0
23 Schroeder's Acres Park	24.4
24 Summit Pointe Park	21.7
25 Trost Park	11.2
26 Warren F. Butler Park	19.6
27 Woodhill Park	8.3

Murphy-Hanrehan Park
2487.8 total acres, 591.5 acres are within city limits
Minnesota Valley Wildlife Refuge
5264.3 total acres, 693.0 acres are within city limits

1,895
ACRES OF
PARKLAND

23
CITY
PARKS

90
MILES OF TRAILS
& SIDEWALKS



34
MULTI-USE
FIELDS



29
BASEBALL +
SOFTBALL FIELDS



8
PARK BUILDINGS



19
PLAYGROUNDS



9
BASKETBALL
COURTS



6
SAND VOLLEYBALL
COURTS



6
COMBINED TENNIS +
PICKLEBALL COURTS



8
PICKLEBALL
ONLY COURTS



6
ICE RINKS /
SKATING AREAS

15+

Unique Activity or Experience Types, Including:
GEOCACHING, SKATE PARK, FISHING, ARCHERY,
SNOWSHOEING, BOCCIE BALL



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