



Public Safety Update

Sign up for CodeRED Alerts

CodeRED is a high-speed emergency notification service that allows public safety agencies to notify residents and businesses by phone, email, and text about emergencies. There are three types of notifications you can register for. Most landlines are pre-registered to receive Emergency notifications only. Residents will need to register to receive General and Weather notifications and to receive notifications on cell phones and email. It's also important that you update your phone numbers when necessary.

Examples of when CodeRED could be used include evacuations, missing children, police activity, extended utility outages, flash floods, winter storm warnings, or other instances where you are asked to take immediate action or precautions.



How it works:

CodeRED is designed to send notifications to people who reside in a designated geographic area. When a notification is needed, a "call area" will be marked, identifying street addresses. Telephone numbers are matched up electronically to these addresses through GIS, and a pre-recorded message is sent with information about the incident and instructions if required.

- CodeRED delivers notifications by phone, email, text, and/or mobile alerts
- CodeRED is compatible with TDD/TTY devices for those with hearing impairments
- Individuals and businesses may add as many phone numbers, emails, and texts numbers as they choose

How do I register?

Registering for or using CodeRED is free, and your personal information will be kept confidential.

1. Go to Scott County website: scottcountymn.gov/1545/CodeRED
2. After you sign up:
 - Add the phone number **866-419-5000** to your caller I.D. - this is for EMERGENCY CALLS
 - Add the phone number **855-969-4636** to your caller I.D. - this is for GENERAL CALLS
 - Add the phone number **800-566-9780** to your caller I.D. - this is for WEATHER WARNINGS
3. Download the CodeRED Mobile Alert app on the App Store and Google Play. The app will notify you as you travel to other communities using the CodeRED service and an active warning is affecting your current location.

Follow these fireworks safety tips

The Savage Police and Fire Departments want to remind residents to leave "the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air" to the professionals this Fourth of July holiday. Minnesota state law prohibits the possession and consumer use of fireworks that explode or shoot into the air, including bottle rockets, missiles, and Roman candles. Only use Minnesota - legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners, and snappers. Also, please be mindful of your neighbors and the City's noise ordinance. The booms and hisses that start at sundown and go well into the night are nuisances and can impact the quality of life in our community. Be a good neighbor and don't shoot off fireworks that explode or make loud noise after 10 p.m. Excessive fireworks late into the night cause people to lose sleep, babies and kids to wake up, and some pets to be terrified. If you notice excessive fireworks after 10 p.m., call dispatch at 9-1-1, and your call will be routed to the City's police department.

Each year, fireworks are estimated to cause 19,500 fires nationwide, and here in Minnesota, on average, 75 people go to the hospital with injuries from fireworks. To help keep everyone safe, Savage Fire has these firework safety tips:

- Always supervise children during firework use and set a good example for safe behavior.
- Only use fireworks on private property; they're illegal on all public property, including parks, roads, and sidewalks.
- Alcohol and fireworks don't mix.
- Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in a bucket of water. Do not try to relight a dud.
- Wear shoes at all times while fireworks are present.
- If something goes wrong, even something small, don't hesitate - call 9-1-1 immediately.

FREE car seat installations and inspections

Installing a car seat for an infant or toddler can be daunting for first-time and experienced parents. While most car seats come with instructions for installation, it is reassuring to have someone experienced in car seat installations available to ensure the seat is installed correctly.

Savage Police and Fire Departments offer FREE car seat installations and inspections to Savage residents for car seats of all sizes. Car seat inspections are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, visit cityofsavage.com to request a date and time with one of our department's state-certified car seat technicians.



100TH ANNIVERSARY

Lucky Lindy's Savage Landing

Written by Jim Ross, President of the Dan Patch Historical Society
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One hundred years ago, in the summer of 1923, America's premier pilot was forced to land in a swampy area in Savage due to a torrential downpour.

Aviation was still in its infancy, and Charles A. Lindbergh received a letter from his father, Charles Sr., telling him there was money to be made back up north. Charles Sr., a former U.S. congressman, was campaigning for a U.S. Senate seat and wanted to combine barnstorming with dropping his political handbills from the plane.

As Lindbergh's Jenny headed north in early June, with a stopover for gas in Iowa, he planned on meeting his father in Shakopee. When he neared the area, Lindbergh was met by a severe thunderstorm and was forced to circle over Savage as he waited for the storm to pass. But when cylinders started cutting out, he was forced to land quickly. He eyed a flat area near the Minnesota River and went low. At touchdown, the earth proved to be swampy, and after 20 feet, the plane's nose dipped into the mud, dug in, and went over. Lindbergh was left suspended in his safety belt with the wing and radiator touching the ground, and the propeller cracked.

Reports vary as to whether he cut himself free or merely released the belt, but either way, he was uninjured. Reports also vary on whether he walked to a nearby farmhouse for help and met the farmer who witnessed the crash or if he was rescued by two local Savage youths. Either way, townspeople soon gathered to gawk at the wreck (the site is in what is now downtown near Highway 13 and Port Cargill property). The locals helped right the plane and pull Jenny to terra firma.

Though cushioned by the soft mud, Lucky Lindy was not going anywhere with a bad prop. So he wired for a replacement from Little Falls, and in the intervening three days it took to arrive, he was a guest at the Savage Depot under the care of Charles F. McCarthy, depot agent and mayor of Savage. The depot still rests in Savage (though now located across Highway 13 from its original spot), and the deeply worn steps that Lindbergh would have walked have been removed for safety reasons and are in the archives of the Dan Patch Historical Society.

A pilot friend of Lindbergh's described him as cautious, not one to show off, and a good mechanic. He was strait-laced and did not smoke, chew, or drink. It's doubtful then that he would have visited Egan's Resort in Hidden Valley, the Budweiser Club, or Kaufenberg's Parlor - the popular gambling and watering holes of the era.

Lindbergh's log indicates when he left the swamp in Savage after installing his new prop, he eventually made it to Glencoe to meet up with his father and spread the campaign materials from the air. At Glencoe, there was another mishap, and they wound up in a ditch with damage again to the prop and landing gear but not to person.

After the crash

On May 20-21, 1927, Lindbergh was the first to fly solo and nonstop from New York to Paris. The "Spirit of St. Louis" took 33½ hours to complete the 3,610 miles. He was met with enthusiastic ovations, much adulation, and worldwide fame.

Later that year, he returned to Minnesota on a whirlwind tour. As he left town, he flew over Savage to acknowledge the town's hospitality extended to him in 1923. He circled several times, buzzed down to 100 feet, waved down at Charlie McCarthy, his old friend, and dropped him a letter of greetings. Later, Lindbergh enlisted in the Army and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

The 1923 Jenny that Lindbergh barnstormed with and visited Savage in was sold for parts after another crash in 1927. It was rescued from an Iowa barn and has since been restored. It has been on Long Island



In this image from 1927, Mayor Charles McCarthy holds a greeting that Charles Lindbergh dropped over Savage while on his tour of the United States after his historic nonstop flight over the Atlantic Ocean to Paris, France.

where Lindbergh himself confirmed its identity when he found his own initials he had carved on a wing. It survived a massive fire while on display at the Minneapolis Northwestern National Bank building in 1982 and spent some time on display at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport's main terminal, which has been renamed the Charles A. Lindbergh terminal. The Jenny is currently housed at The Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, New York.

Resources used for this article: City of Savage website. Lindbergh's Return to Minnesota, 1927. Minnesota History, Winter 1970. Barnstorming With Lindbergh, Minnesota History, Summer 1991.

We are Naturally Resourceful

Water Efficiency Rebate Program

Grant money still available

Your in-lawn irrigation system, toilets, washing machine, or dishwasher could be wasting water and money. Thanks to a grant from the Metropolitan Council and funding through the Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment, Savage residents can receive a credit on their water bill for replacing existing devices with specified water-efficient appliances purchased between June 2, 2022, through June 30, 2024. Rebates are provided on a first-come, first-served basis until the grant money is gone.

Eligible expenses

The rebate program is only available to property owners who are customers of the City of Savage's water supply system. Expenses eligible for the rebate include the out-of-pocket cost of the replacement devices, taxes not included. Eligible devices must be US EPA WaterSense labeled or DOE Energy Star rated. This program is intended to be a current infrastructure replacement program; new construction and new development are not eligible. Eligible rebates include:

- Toilets - Must be EPA WaterSense labeled. Rebate maximum is \$100 per toilet, not to exceed 50% of the pre-tax purchase cost of each toilet.
- Washing Machines - Must be US DOE Energy Star labeled. Rebate maximum is \$75 per washing machine.
- Dishwashers - Must be US DOE Energy Star labeled. Rebate maximum is \$75 per dishwasher.
- Irrigation Controllers - Must be EPA WaterSense labeled. Rebate maximum is \$175 per controller, not to exceed 90% of the pre-tax purchase cost.

Product Information:

Go to <https://lookforwatersense.epa.gov/products/> for a list of WaterSense toilets and irrigation controllers.

Go to <https://www.energystar.gov/products> for a list of Energy Star rated washers and dishwashers.

How to apply

The rebate will appear as a credit on your water bill. To apply, residents must:

- Be connected to the City's water system.
- Purchase and install eligible devices between June 2, 2022, and June 30, 2024, or before the grant money is gone.
- Fill out and submit an online application at cityofsavage.com.
- Include a photo/scan of the receipt/proof of purchase.
- Include a photo showing proof the device was installed.
- New construction, commercial, and homeowner associations do not qualify.

If you have any questions, please contact Water Resource Manager Jesse Carlson at **952-882-2686** or jcarlson@cityofsavage.com.

Know the Code:

UPDATED! Refuse Container Ordinance

The City of Savage City Council has recently updated the Refuse Container Ordinance to allow more storage options for residents. These changes go into effect July 1, 2023.

The old ordinance had been in place since 2012 and required all refuse and recycling containers to be kept out of public view except on collection day. However, "out of public view" can be interpreted in many ways, and for the last several years, containers stored outside in the side or rear yard or beyond the front elevation of the structure were not being enforced as violating the code. So, the goal was to update the city code to ensure the language matched how it was being enforced.

Before making this change, city staff gathered input from 500+ residents through letstalksavage.com and the City's social media pages. Staff also conducted over 2,000 observations in 19 different neighborhoods, analyzed data, reviewed comments, and spoke with residents to gauge the community's preferences. Based on this information and staff recommendation, City Council passed an ordinance to include more options on where to store your trash and recycling containers so it is consistent with how it is enforced. Here is what the updated ordinance allows:

What's allowed:

- Cans stored inside your garage
- Side or rear yard storage without screening - NEW
- On the side of your home (within 3' of the building) - NEW

What's not allowed:

- Cans stored on the driveway or front yard of your home
- Overflowing containers - material must be bagged and enclosed in the container. Lids must be closed to prevent nuisance odors and rodent infestation.
- Extra bags of waste outside of a container. Keep extra refuse out of public view until refuse pick-up day.
- Litter and trash blowing around

For residents in a homeowners association, the ordinance would not lessen any existing HOA rules or bylaws.

Bulk Refuse Containers

Council also took this opportunity to update the code to allow the temporary use of bulk refuse containers, including roll-off dumpsters and PODs. These bulk containers must be kept entirely on private property for a maximum of 30 days per year except under an open building permit where work is being actively performed. Smaller containers like Bagsters, that are under five cubic yards, are permitted for a maximum of 14 days.

Good News: The City maintains highest possible AAA bond rating

The City of Savage has retained its AAA bond rating again this year! This is the highest quality rating a municipality can achieve. The City earned this rating because of its fiscal responsibility and sound financial policies. High credit ratings allow the City to borrow at lower interest rates, potentially saving the City millions of dollars in borrowing costs. Well done to the Finance Department and all staff for their fiscal responsibility!

Rec Corner

Music in the Park | Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

Enjoy free, live music on the McColl Pond ELC patio from 7 – 8 p.m. every Wednesday evening.

- July 12: The Teddy Bear Band (family/kids)
- July 19: Pan-Handlers Steel Drum Band (caribbean)
- July 26: Matt Hannah (folk)
- August 2: Lehto & Wright (folk)
- August 9: Todd 'n' Tina (family/kids)

Refreshments will be available for purchase from the Burnsville Savage Lions Club during Music in the Park performances.

Savage Community Park summer projects

Savage Community Park is the City's premier park that attracts local residents and regional users throughout the area. Several improvement projects are planned in Savage Community Park this summer, including:

Maintenance and improvements

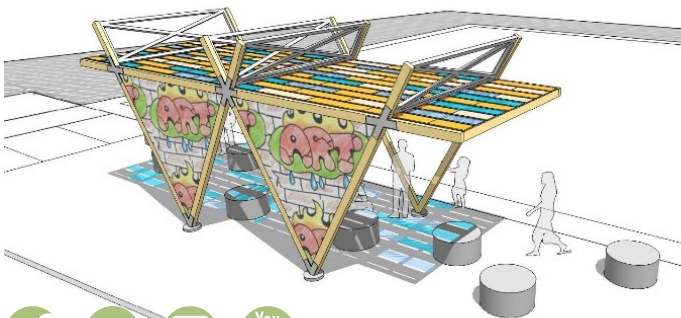
The City will replace the deteriorating walking trail that winds around the park, add four more pickleball court surfaces, and make some much-needed improvements at the pinwheel ballfields.

Stormwater Reuse Project

The City will be installing a unique irrigation system at Savage Community Park that will reuse stormwater that is pumped from nearby Twin Lakes to irrigate the pinwheel ballfields and the two fields adjacent to CR27. The City uses 4.9 – 6.7 million gallons of potable or treated water to keep the Community Park fields looking nice over the summer. By reusing stormwater, the City conserves potable water for other purposes and will reduce runoff from going into the Credit River, improving the river's water quality and protecting our resources. "This project is a great example of how the city embodies the City's tagline of Naturally Resourceful and looks for creative ways to protect our natural resources," stated Mayor Williams.

Upgrades to Skate Park

The Savage Skate Park will be getting new equipment as well as a new permanent shade and seating structure. Watch for a fun public art component created by local artist Clayton Strohmeier, owner of M.N. Murals, to be installed later this summer.



Upcoming community events

Night to Unite | Tuesday, August 1

Neighbors knowing neighbors is still one of the most effective ways to prevent crime. Residents are encouraged to join this national celebration and schedule block parties, cookouts, or events to get to know one another and promote community safety. Gatherings can be as elaborate or as simple as you like! During Night to Unite, groups from Savage Police, Savage Fire, Public Works, and other local officials will visit as many registered parties as possible between 5:30 - 8 p.m. "Night to Unite is one of the highlights of the summer for our officers," said Police Chief Rodney Seurer. "It's a great time to meet and talk with our residents. We hope every neighborhood will join the fun."

Parties must register to receive visits from Savage Police and Fire; however, visits are not guaranteed. Online registration is open now at cityofsavage.com and closes on July 19. One lucky registered party will be drawn to win a sweet and salty snack gift basket donated by the Savage Crime Prevention Association.

Donations for school supplies and non-perishable food items will be collected during the event or can be dropped off at the Savage Police Department by August 4 for local distribution. For more details, contact Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Wells at jwells@cityofsavage.com or **952-882-2604**.

WE WORK FOR YOU!

Human Resources Manager Miranda Harrison

Tell us what you do for the City.

As the Human Resource Manager for the City of Savage, I oversee the operations of the HR Division. The HR Division helps city employees and departments meet their HR needs, be it recruitment, retention, benefits, training, etc., so they can better serve the community.

How long have you worked in the City?

I have worked for the City of Savage since mid-March 2023.

What are your primary goals as the new Human Resources Manager?

My top three goals are to:

- 1) match my colleagues in their strong commitment and skill to add value to the City
- 2) listen to employees and the community to sustain and create HR programs that match the City's needs
- 3) apply a strategic lens to human resources at the City

What does your perfect day-off look like?

Any day spent with my family is a perfect day, especially if we're going on a hike, reading a book, enjoying time by the water, or having a game night. A mix of nature sounds, childhood laughter, and good music is the soundtrack to my favorite days.



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