



Night to Unite - Building Community

Each year we are blown away by how the Savage community comes together for Night to Unite. This year there were 60+ neighborhood parties. Just look at all the fun we had celebrating.



Upcoming Community Events

Welcoming Week | September 8-17

Welcoming Week is an annual campaign to celebrate diversity and encourage people of all backgrounds to come together and create stronger communities where everyone is welcomed and belongs. This is the first year the Cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina, Richfield, and Savage have partnered to celebrate Welcoming Week by hosting different engagement opportunities in their communities. All are welcome to come on down to the Savage Farmers Market on Sunday, September 10, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. to meet the City of Savage Community Equity Commission (CEC) and learn more about the purpose of this new resident commission.

FREE! 'Lil Fall Festival Apple Dash

September 23 • 10 a.m. - Noon
Wildflower Early Learning Center, 5532 Hanrehan Lake Blvd., Savage

Wildflower Early Learning Center is partnering with Savage Parks and Recreation to host the Lil' Fall Festival & Apple Dash—a true feel-good family day under a tree canopy. Activities include Apple Dash Fun Run and 10:30 a.m., an outdoor scavenger hunt, and nature crafts. Explore the outdoor classrooms like the dig site, construction zone, fairy garden, sand kitchen, Wildflower River, and more! Race medals for runners, treats, and music. Feeling ambitious? Take your family photos at the red barn. It's like a Disney Movie from the '90s! Registration is not required.

Good News!

Savage achieves GreenStep 5...again!

For the second year in a row, the City of Savage has reached GreenStep 5 in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's sustainability city challenge. Step 5 is the top level of recognition. This achievement recognizes that Savage has again provided performance data on its sustainability programs and has improved 11 different metrics between 2022 and 2023.



FREE! Savage Fire Open House

October 14 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Fire Station 1, 14321 O'Connell Road, Savage
Kids, families, scout troops, and neighborhood groups are invited to meet with our firefighters, climb inside a fire truck and even try on fire gear. Other highlights include:

- Truck tours
• Fire extinguisher simulator
• Smoke alarm information
• Inflatable bounce house
• Free food, door prizes, and fun for all ages!

THC moratorium ends, recreational marijuana begins.

Here's a timeline summary of what you need to know in the City of Savage:

July 1, 2022	The Minnesota Legislature legalized the sale of limited amounts of THC, an intoxicating ingredient within the hemp plant.
September 19, 2022	The Savage City Council approved a one-year moratorium prohibiting THC product sales, testing, manufacturing, and distribution. This allowed the City time to research and prepare an ordinance to regulate the sale of low-dose THC products.
May 2023	It's official. The Minnesota Legislature legalized recreational marijuana. The new law covers low-dose THC, including gummies, THC-infused beverages, and medical and recreational marijuana.
June 2023	The Savage City Council discussed various policy areas related to the new recreational marijuana law and low-potency THC products and directed staff to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draft an interim ordinance imposing a moratorium regarding the operation of a cannabis business in the city.2. Propose zoning ordinance amendments related to the sale, manufacturing, testing, and distribution of THC products.3. Prepare an ordinance to license and regulate low-dose THC products.
August 1, 2023	Minnesota Law permits adults 21 and older to purchase and possess up to two ounces of cannabis in public spaces. The new law also establishes an Office of Cannabis Management (OCM). The OCM will regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, distribution, and sale of low-dose THC and cannabis.
August 7, 2023	The Savage City Council made the following actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approved licensing for low-dose THC through March 1, 2025, when the licensing authority will transfer to the State. THC is an intoxicating substance, and the recommended licensing procedure is similar to the liquor license process. The licensing fee is \$125 per retailer, plus an additional one-time background investigation fee of \$500. After March 2025, cities can require low-dose THC retailers to register with the city.2. Approved the amended zoning code to allow the sale, manufacturing, testing, or distribution of THC products in the business/industrial districts. Council also added language to include THC sales at breweries with taprooms, brewpubs, municipal liquor stores, and microdistilleries.3. Approved a moratorium prohibiting the operation of a cannabis business, excluding low-dose THC and medical marijuana, in the city until January 1, 2025, so the city can study the impacts on land use, health, safety, and welfare of its residents. This also allows the OCM to work with municipalities to develop ordinances regulating the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business.
September 2023	Later this month, Savage City Council will review our public use ordinance to include smoking and vaping cannabis.

Meet our newest part-time firefighters



Pictured left to right: Sam Phillips, Emily Nelson, and Marc Marispini

Savage Fire is excited to introduce the community to our three newest part-time firefighters. Emily and Sam will start their careers by enrolling in the Scott County Fire Academy to gather a firefighter's essential knowledge of the fire service. Marc is an experienced firefighter who will enter the field training program. Chief Bresnahan states, "We are excited to have them on board and know they will be valuable assets to our team."

Emily Nelson recently moved to Savage and works in home health care, specifically with special needs and the elderly community. She enjoys traveling, cooking, college football, playing volleyball, and physical fitness in her downtime. While Emily is new to the fire service, she comes from a family with a fire service history. "I look forward to getting to know everyone and working beside some of the best people," said Emily.

Sam Phillips grew up in Burnsville, is a medic in the Army National Guard, and wants to become a paramedic. In his free time, he enjoys playing basketball and disc golf. Sam is motivated, knowing he serves a greater purpose in helping others within our community and nation. "Sam is a dedicated young man with the right attitude and skills to complement our team of professionals," states Chief Bresnahan.

Marc Marispini works for the Belle Plaine Fire Department as a daytime responder and for Belle Plaine Public Schools as the district's head IT Admin. Marc has three years of experience with the Belle Plaine Fire Department. In 2021, he completed his Emergency Medical Technician and will start the Century College paramedic program in August. Marc lives in the Dufferin Park neighborhood with his fiancée Angie, their children Lucas (8), Avery (6), Bailey (6), and a fourth on the way in September. "It's an honor to serve my community, and I look forward to meeting and being a part of this new fire family," expressed Marc.

Public Safety Updates

Savage Police visit residents at NorBella

Recently, Savage Police Officers had a great time visiting the residents and staff of NorBella Senior Living in Savage. They had great conversations over donuts, coffee, and homemade chocolate chip cookies. Identity theft and grandparent scams were major topics of conversation among the residents.



Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Through Labor Day, Savage Police will participate in the Drive Sober High Visibility Enforcement campaign to combat alcohol and drug-impaired driving. Savage Police participate in this law enforcement effort every year to deter people from drinking and driving. "This should be a time for friends and family to enjoy the final days of summer," states Police Chief Rodney Seurer. "Driving impaired is a choice. We encourage people to make the right choice and find a sober ride home if they plan to use an impairing substance." During the enforcement period, officers will be watching for motorists under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Child Passenger Safety Week is September 17 - 23

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.



Reminders

School's Open: Drive Carefully

As summer winds down and students return to school, it's an excellent time to remind drivers to slow down and watch for kids and school buses. Sometimes drivers are unclear about whether or not to stop when sharing the road with school buses.

School bus pre-warning signals:

- The flashing amber lights warn drivers that the school bus is preparing to load or unload students. When you see the flashing yellow lights, be extra alert for children in the area and be ready to stop.
- Do not speed up to pass the school bus before the bus driver displays the red lights and stop sign.

School bus red lights and stop arm:

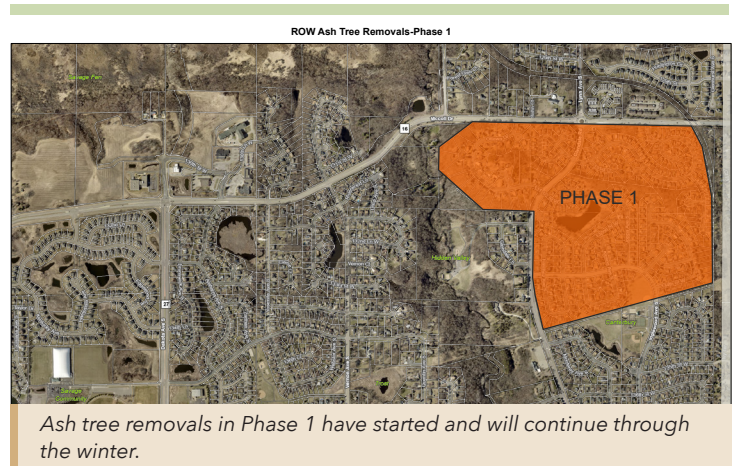
- When the school bus is stopped with its flashing red lights activated and its stop arm extended, traffic from both directions must stop at least 20 feet away from the bus.
- You must remain stopped until the stop arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing.

When don't you need to stop?

The only time motorists are not required to stop for a school bus with its red lights flashing is when the bus is on a separated roadway. A good example of this is if there is a median present. You could be charged with a gross misdemeanor if you pass a school bus on the right side while the stop arm is extended or the red lights are activated.

Savage Farmers Market | Open through October

The Savage Farmers Market is located off Highway 13 near the historic Depot. Stop by for fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables, beautiful bouquets of cut flowers, plants, artisan food goods, and more. Plan to stop during your morning errands on Sundays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. through October.



Fighting EAB with a plan

The City of Savage is fighting EAB with a proactive EAB Management Plan. So far, in 2023, the City has marked and treated 85 "good condition" ash trees in city parks and the public right-of-way (ROW) to preserve canopy and green infrastructure throughout our community. The City is also marking and removing ash trees in parks and the ROW that are either dead or in poor condition. The EAB Management Plan calls for replanting trees throughout the community in parks and open spaces as the budget allows. For more information on EAB, visit cityofsavage.com or contact Engineering - Natural Resources Technician Jonah Reyes at jreyes@cityofsavage.com.



KEEP IN TOUCH:



A spooktacular celebration!

HALLOWEEN BASH

10/21/23
5-8 p.m.

Savage Sports Center
13450 Dakota Ave., Savage

- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Inflatables
- DJ and dancing
- Campfire
- Games
- Food trucks
- Vendors
- Costumes and more!

SPONSORED BY:



Activity #: 470440-02 (youth)

Activity #: 470440-01 (adult)

Registration deadline: October 15

Pre-registration cost: \$8 per person

After registration deadline/walk-ins:

\$10 per person

Age: All ages (1 and under free)

Register online at cityofsavage.com.

BECOME A SPONSOR

Support your community and set your business apart! Learn more about this opportunity or become a sponsor online at cityofsavage.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers play an important role in helping connect our community through special events. Become a volunteer by applying online at cityofsavage.com.

Come work with Park and Recreation!

Warming House Lead and Attendants

(December - February)

If you embrace winter and love being around skating rinks, the City of Savage has the perfect job for you. You must be at least 16 years of age.

Savage Sports Center Supervisor and Attendants

(November - April)

Each year, an estimated 50,000 + people walk through the doors of the Sports Center for a sporting or community event. Help greet our guests and make sure they have a positive experience.

For more information and to apply, go to cityofsavage.com.

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