



Upcoming Community Events

Coffee with a Cop | October 4

Your Savage Police Officers want to meet you! Join us for Coffee with a Cop on Wednesday, October 4, from 7:30 - 9 a.m. at Dunn Brothers, O'Connell Square, 5801 Egan Dr.

Savage Fire Open House | FREE

October 14 • 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fire Station #1, 14321 O'Connell Road

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. Things you can do at the open house:



- Tour a fire truck
- Use a fire extinguisher simulator
- Learn about smoke alarms
- Jump in the inflatable bounce house
- Enjoy free food, door prizes, and fun for all ages!

Halloween Bash | October 21

Don't miss the spooktacular Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 21, from 5 - 8 p.m. This annual community event features horse-drawn wagon rides, inflatables, a DJ and dancing, a campfire, games, and more. Food trucks will provide food for purchase. This event will take place rain or shine at the Savage Sports Center and surrounding park grounds. Don't forget to wear your costume! Register now at cityofsavage.com.

All ages welcome (Ages 1 and under are free)

Pre-registration deadline: October 15

\$8 per person

After pre-registration deadline/walk-ins: \$10 per person

National Drug Take Back Day | October 28

Turn in your unused, expired, and unwanted prescriptions for safe disposal. It's quick and easy to bring it to the Take It To The Box drug disposal box available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, inside the vestibule of the Savage Police Department, 6000 McColl Drive. Before disposing of medication, please:

- Leave the medicine in the original container
- Remove your name and personal information
- Keep the name of the medicine on the original container
- Drop the medication into the disposal box
- No needles/sharps/syringes are accepted at this location.

And remember, never flush medications down the toilet or drain.

Trick or Treat at City Hall and Savage Police | October 31

Don't forget to bring the kiddos to Savage City Hall and Savage Police Department, 6000 McColl Drive, on Halloween between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. for a treat!

Public Safety Updates

Take a stand against domestic violence.

During October, the Savage Police Department will collect donations for Southern Valley Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing victims of domestic violence and their families with support, referrals, protection, and advocacy in Carver and Scott Counties. Accepted donations include, but are not limited to:



- **Household Cleaning Supplies:** laundry soap, dish soap, trash bags, toilet bowl cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, paper towels, toilet paper, etc.
- **Personal Care Products:** hair brushes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, etc.
- **Transitional Housing:** NEW bathroom towel sets, NEW kitchen towel sets, NEW pillows, NEW queen or twin sheets, small first-aid kits, etc.
- **Other:** journals, colored pencils, crayons, and travel-size activities for kids
- **Gift Cards:** Culvers, Jimmy Johns, Dominos, Target, Walmart, Grocery Store, Uber/Lyft, Gas Only, Coffee Shops, Subway, etc

Drop off items throughout the month at the Savage Police Department, 6000 McColl Dr., during regular business hours, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

We're recruiting Savage Police Explorers!

Are you or do you know a young person interested in law enforcement? The Savage Police Department has partnered with the Scott County Sheriff's Office to offer a Police Explorer Program for young men and women ages 14-21 interested in law enforcement or the criminal justice system.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023-2024 program. Participants must be willing to volunteer in the community and possess good moral character. Explorers gather every other Sunday from 3 - 5 p.m., where they focus on all aspects of law enforcement, including arrest and search, burglary response, bomb scene, crime prevention, emergency first aid, hostage negotiations, street decisions, traffic stops, Tri-City SWAT, and more.

Interested? Applications are available online at cityofsavage.com.

For more information, contact Explorer Advisor Officer Kris Flaten at kflaten@cityofsavage.com or 952-882-2600.

Fire Prevention Week

October 8 - 14

Cooking safety starts with YOU!

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity, and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips, you can prevent these fires.

"Cook with Caution"

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains – away from your stovetop.

If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decide to fight the fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Just because it says it's flushable doesn't mean you should.

Just because you CAN flush things like wipes, band-aids, Q-tips, dental floss, makeup wipes, tissues, and cotton balls down the toilet, it 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 items, resulting in a clogged sewer line. Defend your drains. Toss these products in the trash.



MEET A SAVAGE FIREFIGHTER



These men and women are your neighbors, co-workers, and 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.



ZACHARY OSTERBERG

How long have you been a Savage firefighter?

I've been a firefighter for a little over a year now.

What made you want to become a firefighter?

My father-in-law is a volunteer firefighter in Walker, MN. My admiration of him made me realize I can/should help our great community.

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

I like to play hockey, golf, hunt, and fish. I really just enjoy the little moments with my family—nothing better than camping and sitting around a bonfire making a s'more with my wife and toddler.

What do you like most about firefighting?

I enjoy the camaraderie; we all have great strengths and make up a great team. Being a part of that and helping the community is a great feeling.

What would you say to someone considering becoming a firefighter?

Join our team! It will be a challenge, but you aren't alone. We are a team and a lot of great people to help you succeed.

Thank you for your service.

Community Development Director Jay Scherer retired on October 2 after 23 years with the City of Savage. "Jay has left a lasting impact on the Savage community," states City Administrator Brad Larson. "His dedication, hard work, and humor have also helped to shape our organization and will be greatly missed." Thank you, Jay. You have served our community well, and we wish you all the best!



Good News!

City of Savage Communications Division wins national SAVVY awards.

The City of Savage Communications team has won two SAVVY Awards from the City-County Communications & Marketing Association (3CMA). The SAVVIES salute the best of the best in city, county, and agency communications. There were 38 categories and 875 entries. **Buddy the Elf Fire** Video won a 1st Place SAVVY. "I watched this video over and over again - so delightful," stated one judge. "The video concept and production are excellent and truly evoke the fun of this much-loved holiday story. The fact that you partnered with another fire department (and that other departments have reached out to express interest in partnering) created a feel-good experience that your whole community could enjoy! The acting was fantastic, too. Great job to all!" The **Community Garden: A garden for everyone** Social Media Campaign won a 2nd Place SAVVY and was commended as a "great idea to encourage diversity by translating the material into multiple languages." We are very proud of our Communications Team!

Changes in state law impact school resource officers.

The City of Savage and Savage Police have a strong relationship with the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) that has existed for many years. However, due to recent changes in state law, the Savage City Council and PLSAS agreed to end its 2023/2024 contract for a school resource officer (SRO) at Prior Lake-Savage High School in Savage. The Prior Lake Police Department provides SROs at Twin Oaks and Hidden Oaks middle schools.

The City is concerned about the liability the new use of force law puts on its SROs and contracted officers. School safety will remain a top priority, and the City of Savage and Savage Police are committed to working collaboratively with the school district to provide safety and security for students and staff this coming school year. "Savage police officers will continue to do regular patrols at the high school, and we will have a presence at events like football games," reassures Police Chief Rodney Seurer. "They just will not work directly under contract with the school district." In addition, an officer will be assigned to investigate issues as warranted at the school. "Our SRO Jacque Kelch is fantastic and is both a mentor and a resource for many students," states City Administrator Brad Larson. "Our hope and intent is to re-instate the school resource officer position in the future if the law is changed."

We are Naturally Resourceful.

Fall street sweeping

Twice a year, Public Works crews sweep all 132 miles of residential streets (264 if you count both sides of the road) - to keep our neighborhoods clean and livable and protect our waterways. It takes approximately 4 -6 weeks to get the entire city swept, including parking lots and hard surfaces. Everything that lands in the streets eventually travels through the storm drainage system to lakes and ponds. Remember that leaves and grass should stay in your yard and not be raked or placed on the streets. They can clog storm drains and pollute our ponds, streams, and wetlands.



Keep leaves out of our streets

We have all probably observed someone who decided to clear their lawn by blowing leaves or grass clippings into the street rather than bagging and throwing them away. While blowing leaves into the street gets them out of your yard, they eventually end up somewhere, like in storm sewer drains, where they get carried away to nearby ponds and streams. Leaves and grass clippings, and other yard waste contain phosphorus and other nutrients that feed algae. Leaves and grass clippings can also lead to blocked storm drains that cause flooding.

SMSC Free Yard Waste Recycling is back

What do you do with all those leaves? During October, Savage residents can again dispose of yard waste free of charge on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the SMSC Organics Recycling Facility at 1905 Mystic Lake Drive South, Shakopee. Items accepted at no charge include leaves, grass clippings, brush and logs, mulch, and grass clippings. Must show I.D.; arrive early to ensure entry. For more information, visit smscorf.com.

I want to know! What's going on with the storm ponds by Lifetime?

The City is installing a unique irrigation system at Community Park that will reuse stormwater pumped from nearby Twin Lakes to irrigate the pinwheel ballfields and the two fields along CR 27. First, the water will be pumped from the Twin Lakes into the storm ponds by Lifetime, and then, a lift station will pump the water to Community Park. Right now, crews are cleaning out the storm ponds to get rid of built-up sediment and make the ponds larger. This reuse system will save water and reduce runoff from going into the Credit River, improving the river's water quality and protecting our resources. Now you know!

Rec Corner

3rd Annual Savage Fall Pickleball Tournament at Savage Community Park, 13500 Dakota Ave.

October 6 :

60+ Women's Doubles 8 a.m. - noon
60+ Men's Doubles 8 a.m. - noon
60+ Mixed Doubles Noon - 4 p.m.

October 7:

Women's Doubles 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Men's Doubles Noon - 6 p.m.

October 8:

Mixed Doubles 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Levels of Play: 3.0 or below, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5+

Entry Fee: On or before October 3: \$50 per team of 2 players/ event. Only one teammate needs to register.

Format: Unofficial tournament. Teams classify based on their own experiences (league/previous tournaments/years of playing/USAPA ranking/etc.). We rely on the integrity of participants to self-classify. Depending on the number of team entries, classifications may be combined. The Tournament Director has the right to re-classify if necessary. Players registering for two events must play at the level of the highest-rated player on their team. Tournament pickleball utilized Franklin X-40 Outdoor. Tournament brackets will be emailed and posted online on October 5.

Register online at cityofsavage.com or in person at Savage Parks and Recreation, 13770 Dakota Ave., Savage. Registration closes on October 3. For more information, contact Tournament Director Dan Brettschneider at 952-224-3443 or dbrettschneider@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.

New to Savage? Welcome home!

Are you a new resident curious about what Savage has to offer? Visit the City's website at cityofsavage.com to learn about our parks, trails, events, services, and more! You can also stop by City Hall at 6000 McColl Drive to pick up important information on Scott County and the surrounding area. We are so glad you are here!

The City of Savage website cityofsavage.com is available in multiple languages. Click "Translate" in the upper right corner to show a list of available languages.

KEEP IN TOUCH:



Reminders

Dead-end flushing scheduled through October

Public Works Utility Services crews are conducting annual flushing of water mains serving cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets throughout the city. This is done as preventative maintenance to ensure high water quality across the system. During the flushing period, it is normal to experience some discolored water. This does not affect the safety of the water, and your water is safe to drink. If you experience discoloration of your water, clear the pipes in your home by running the water faucets for a few minutes. Contact Public Works Utility Services at **952-224-3440** with problems or questions.

Farmers Market | Runs through October 29

The St. Paul Farmers Market, which is in the Savage Depot parking lot in downtown Savage, runs through Sunday, October 29. So, grab a cup of coffee and stroll the market filled with locally grown, seasonal fruits and vegetables. Market hours are 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Purchase your 2024 Calendar

Featuring Savage Firefighters and puppies Benefiting Carver Scott Humane Society

Calendar includes:

- City-wide special events
- Good-to-know information
- Holidays
- City contacts
- Photos of Savage Firefighters and puppies

Calendars are \$10 each. Stop by one of the following locations during regular business hours, or shop online (while supplies last):

Pick up:

- Savage City Hall
6000 McColl Drive, Savage
(Cash / Check / Credit Card)
- Savage Fire Station 1
14321 O'Connell Road, Savage
(Cash / Check)
- Carver Scott Humane Society
822 Yellow Brick Road, Carver
(Cash / Check)

Order online by scanning the QR Code or by visiting cityofsavage.com.



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