



Savage City Connection / September 2024

Night to Unite

We are blown away each year by how the Savage community comes together for Night to Unite. Over 80 city staff and public safety personnel visited 60+ neighborhood parties. There were minnow races, football games, dunk tanks, and more. Just look at all the fun we had celebrating!



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 separate 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.

Know the Code: Leash Law

Like most cities, Savage has a leash law. Your dogs and cats must be restrained on a leash when off your property or in a public space like a city park or trail. Any pets found running at large will be taken to Four Paws Animal Control. Here are the top 3 reasons why we need residents to follow the leash law:

1. They keep public spaces safe and welcoming for everyone. Leash laws exist to keep all of us safe -- including our pets. No one can truly predict how their pet will react when greeting others. No matter how well-trained, circumstances might arise that trigger fear or aggression in your pet. Help avert disaster by keeping your pet on a leash when off your property.
2. Loose pets give pet owners a bad name. Not everyone likes dogs or loves cats. A dog or cat on a leash shows others that you are in control of your pet. It also shows that you respect those who wish to keep their distance from your pet.
3. Scoop the poop. Unleashed pets eliminate at will. If you don't pick up their waste, it is more than just smelly and unsightly. It pollutes our water and poses a health risk for pets and people. Please help keep our shoes, trails, and waterways clean -- pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it in the garbage. #scoopthepoop

If your dog likes to run free, visit one of Savage's designated dog parks, which feature several canine-friendly amenities. Savage has two dog parks:

Savage Dog Park

Xenwood Avenue and Highway 13 W Frontage Road
Savage, MN 55378
Free

Murphy-Hanrehan Dog Park

15501 Murphy Lake Road
Savage, MN 55378
\$5 per use; annual passes available

If you have questions about the local leash ordinance, please contact Public Works Director Greg Boatman at gboatman@cityofsavage.com or **952-224-3423**. Residents with complaints regarding animals running at large should call the Savage Police Non-Emergency number at **952-445-1411**.

Upcoming Community Events

FREE! Treats 'n Tunes

September 17, 5 - 7 p.m.

O'Connell Park, 5165 South Park Drive

All are welcome to join us for an evening of fun and entertainment! Enjoy FREE ice cream and yard games from 5 - 6 p.m. and then stick around for family-friendly music by Todd' n' Tina from 6 - 7 p.m. (Please note the change in time for this event).

Historical Tour of Savage

September 21, 10 a.m. - noon

Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave.

Join Will Williams, a lifelong resident of Savage, and Dan Patch Historical Society board member and voice of the Historical Society for a narrated historical tour of Savage. Hop on the bus as we visit the Boiling Springs, Camp Savage, the Savage Fen, the Depot, the Heritage Room at the library, and much more. We'll start and end at the Savage Library and visit the Heritage Room to talk to members of the Historical Society. The tour should last about two hours.

Registration is required; register online at cityofsavage.com.

Registration deadline: September 15

Ages: All ages

Price: \$10 per person

Bus departure: 10 a.m.

Bus return: Noon

Location: Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave., Savage

FREE! Lil' Fall Festival & Apple Dash

September 28,

Wildflower Early Learning Center, 5532 Hanrehan Lake Blvd

Wildflower Early Learning Center is partnering with Savage Parks & Recreation to host the 'Lil Fall Festival & Apple Dash—a true feel-good family day under a tree canopy. Activities include an Apple Dash Fun Run at 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.

Ages: All ages, families encouraged

Price: FREE

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Wildflower Early Learning Center
5532 Hanrehan Lake Blvd, Savage

SAVE THE DATE! Savage Area Arts Festival (rescheduled)

October 12, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Savage Community Park Parking lot, 13500 Dakota Ave.

Dozens of fine artists and craftspeople will sell their work at this one-day event – ceramics, jewelry, paintings, fiber, wood, photography, and so much more. There is something for everyone!

SAVE THE DATE! Savage Fire Open House

October 12, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Fire Station 1, 14321 O'Connell Rd.

- Meet Savage firefighters and CIRT K9 Marshall
- Tour and sit inside fire trucks
- Try on fire gear
- Inflatable bounce house
- Fire extinguisher simulator
- Smoke alarm information
- Learn about Community Connect
- Free food
- Door prizes
- And fun for all ages!



On a mission to keep our streets safe

Speeders and texting drivers, beware. That innocent-looking black Ford Explorer you're about to blow past just might be the law.



Officer Crain is on a mission to keep the streets in our community safe. For the second consecutive year, the Savage Police Department was awarded a Traffic Safety Officer (TSO) grant from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety. This grant fully funds our dedicated Traffic Safety Officer, Adam Crain, who focuses on looking for impaired driving, speeding, and distracted driving. To help him be more effective in his mission, Officer Crain will now drive around in an unmarked black Ford Explorer. "This is not about being sneaky," says Police Chief Brady Juell. "This is about trying to change people's habits and having them pay attention to their driving even when they don't think a police officer is watching."

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More departments are putting unmarked patrol cars on the road because they can be a very effective tool to identify violations such as texting and driving, no seat belt use, and other unsafe operations. "We see a lot of driving violations, particularly on County Road 42," explains Officer Crain. "Driving around in a squad that blends in more with traffic will help me identify people not practicing safe behaviors, stop them, and address the behaviors. Drivers who do follow the rules of the road needn't worry!"

In 2023, Officer Crain made 93 DUI arrests; about 25% were impaired by a substance other than alcohol. With the help of his fellow officers, the total of DUIs last year was 212. "I think about all the lives impacted by someone's bad decision," reflects Crain. "You can never really know how many lives were saved by taking an impaired driver off the road, but I know I am making a difference." His advice: You can avoid a ticket and a crash if you simply buckle up, drive safe speeds, pay attention, and always drive sober. Help us keep our community roads safe.

Did you know?

Did you know there are nearly 300 neighborhood cul-de-sacs in Savage? Living in a cul-de-sac includes less traffic, less noise, and a greater sense of community for residents as they can see their neighbors' front doors from their own. Our City requires that cul-de-sacs include islands that are not just for storing plowed snow. They also reduce stormwater run-off and provide a more attractive view for homes facing the cul-de-sac. When a neighborhood with cul-de-sacs is developed, the City requires the developer to finish the islands with decorative landscapes, trees, and hardy plants and shrubs. If the neighborhood has a Homeowner Association (HOA), the HOA may be responsible for maintaining this common area by watering, pruning, and replacing dead plantings. If the neighborhood does not have an HOA, the property owners surrounding the island are responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep. Neighbors often organize themselves to care for the cul-de-sac as a natural outgrowth of a sense of community. Now you know!



City of Savage is recognized for its ongoing dedication to sustainability.

For the third consecutive year, the City of Savage has maintained GreenSteps 4 and 5 in the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's sustainability city challenge. Step 5 is the top level of recognition, and to earn it, the City must add and improve at least three metrics to maintain this top rating. In 2024, the City accomplished this by:

- Installing the new Credit River Trail
- Reducing non-residential water use
- Adding an additional community garden

Business and Development

SBA Drops New Details on Working-Capital Loan Program

The Small Business Administration's Working Capital Pilot Program will begin on August 1 and run through July 31, 2027. The program aims to provide small-business owners with greater flexibility than what's available in traditional term loans. Learn more at sba.gov/.

New Businesses

Nothing Bundt Cakes, 14150 Highway 13

The bakery features delicious bundt cakes in various sizes and a variety of gift items. This is the fifth store for the franchisee.

Line Cutterz, 12433 Princeton Ave.

Line Cutterz opened the company's second retail location and chose downtown Savage. The company specializes in outdoor gear and accessories and was featured on a 2016 episode of Shark Tank!

FORCE America, 8633 Eagle Creek Parkway

FORCE America, a mobile fluid power distributor and manufacturer that serves on- and off-highway mobile markets, is relocating from Burnsville to Savage to accommodate the growing business. The Savage location boasts 123,000 square feet of space within the Eagle Creek Business Park area.

Meet Police Officer

Dan Lein

How long have you been with Savage Police?

I started as a Police Officer in Savage in October 2023. Before that, I worked as a Correctional Officer for the Scott County Sheriff's Office.

Why did you want to be a police officer?

I wanted to serve my community.

What's the best part of your job?

This is a tricky question because I like so many things about my job! I get to protect my community and help a lot of people.

If you had a superpower, what would it be?

The ability to manipulate magnetic fields, ferrous metals, and indirectly nonferrous metals through their metal ores. (Magneto from the X-Men)

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

I like to practice martial arts, spend time with my family, and hang out with Sam, my golden retriever and best buddy!

What is your favorite candy?

Personally, I prefer donuts to candy.



Thank you for your service



Assistant Fire Chief Kathy Peil retired on August 30, 2024, after an impactful career with the Centennial Fire Department and the Savage Fire Department. "I cannot thank Kathy enough for her countless contributions and dedication to our department," states Fire Chief Jeremie Bresnahan. "Kathy's influence and program development have been key in transitioning our fire department staffing model and strengthening the foundation of Savage Fire. Her leadership and vision have positively impacted every fire department member who has worked alongside her." Thank you for your service!



Congratulations to long-time employee Lisa Klein, for 20 years of service. Over the years, Lisa has worked in several capacities, including Building Inspections and HR/Finance, before eventually landing as Administrative Assistant for the Police Department. Lisa's last day was August 30, 2024. We wish you all the best!



October 4, 5 & 6

Savage Community Park
13500 Dakota Ave., Savage



Learn more and register now
by scanning the QR code or
by visiting cityofsavage.com.

KEEP IN TOUCH:



New at the Savage Library!

Extended Access - Looking for a quiet place to study? Need to find a book or pick up a hold before leaving town? You now have the option to visit the Savage Library outside of regularly staffed open hours! Extended Access is available 6:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m. every day of the year, whether the library is open or not. Savage is just the latest Scott County Library to offer Extended Access to library users, and joins the Jordan, Elko New Market, New Prague, and Belle Plaine libraries in providing the service. For more information and how to register your library card for extended Access, visit scottcountymn.gov/2153/Library.

Expanded Meeting Room - If you're looking at the Savage Library photo above and wondering why the library looks different, it's the newly expanded meeting room! The large meeting room now has more space for meetings and library events and is available for reservations. Like all SCL meeting rooms, this gorgeous new space can be reserved for FREE and used for various purposes. As a bonus, it can now be reserved outside regular staffed hours. In addition, a new audio-visual system will be available later this year.

More information on Extended Access and reserving the large meeting room is available at scottcountymn.gov/2153/Library.

A spooktacular celebration!

HALLOWEEN BASH

10/19/24
5-8 p.m.

Savage Sports Center
13450 Dakota Ave., Savage

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Wagon rides
- Dancing
- Inflatables
- DJ
- Games
- Food trucks
- Sponsor Tables
- Costumes and more!

This event is sponsored by



Registration is required. Visit cityofsavage.com to learn more.

Savage Farmer's 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 and plants, artisan food goods, and more. Plan to stop during your morning errands on Sundays, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. through October.

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