



Good News!

River Bend Park Safety Update

The Savage City Council has given the green light for important safety improvements at River Bend Park. At their June 2, 2025 meeting, council members approved the installation of a permanent surveillance camera and new signage at the park. The permanent security system is expected to be installed and operational in July 2025. In the meantime, a temporary camera system is in place (different from the original one) to keep an eye on things while we wait for the permanent setup. This is all part of our ongoing commitment to keeping River Bend Park safe and enjoyable for everyone.



Fireworks Safety Guide

Celebrate Safely This Fourth of July

The Savage Police and Fire Departments encourage residents to leave "the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air" to the professionals this Independence Day. While we all want to celebrate our nation's birthday, safety must come first.

What's legal in Minnesota

Minnesota law prohibits fireworks that explode or shoot into the air, including bottle rockets, missiles, and Roman candles. Stick to Minnesota-legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners, and snappers.

Be a good neighbor

Please stop fireworks after 10 p.m. Late-night fireworks disturb sleep, wake children and babies, and terrify pets. If you witness excessive fireworks activity after 10 p.m., contact dispatch at 911, and your call will be directed to the Savage Police Department.

Safety first

Fireworks cause 19,500 fires nationwide annually. In Minnesota, 75 people go to hospitals each year with fireworks injuries. Follow these essential safety tips:

- Always supervise children
- Use only on private property (illegal on public property)
- Don't mix alcohol and fireworks
- Dispose of spent fireworks in a water bucket
- Wear shoes at all times
- Call 911 for any problems, no matter how small

Remember, a safe celebration is a successful celebration. Enjoy your Fourth of July responsibly and help keep our Savage community safe for everyone.

Upcoming Community Events

Treats and Tunes | July 22 • 6-8 p.m.

Woodhill Park, 8901 138th St.

Free family fun all summer long!

6 - 7 p.m.: Enjoy FREE ice cream and yard games

7 - 8 p.m.: Kid Power by Miss Rachael (family/kids)

Night to Unite | August 5

Registration is now open!

When neighbors know each other, crime drops; it's that simple. The Savage Police Department invites you to be part of this beloved summer tradition that brings everyone together for community safety.

How it works

Your event can be as big or small as you want - the goal is simply getting to know the people who live around you. Between 5:30 and 8 p.m. on Night to Unite, teams from Savage Police, Savage Fire, Public Works, and other city officials will visit as many registered parties as they can.

Getting a visit

Do you want police or fire department representatives to stop by your gathering? While visits aren't guaranteed due to the number of events, register your party by July 7 at savagemn.gov to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket courtesy of the Savage Crime Prevention Association. Final deadline to register is July 18.

Give back while you celebrate

Help your neighbors in need by bringing donations to your event. We're collecting school supplies, diapers, and non-perishable food items that will be distributed locally. Can't make it to a party? Drop off donations at the Savage Police Department by August 5.

Questions? Contact Crime Prevention Specialist Jennifer Wells at jwells@savagemn.gov or 952-882-2604 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

Shredding Event | August 23 • 9-11 a.m.

Savage Sports Center, 13450 Dakota Ave.

Savage residents can bring up to two banker boxes or grocery bags of documents to shred for FREE. Crews will unload them into a secure cart where Veteran Shredding will shred the paper on-site. Examples of documents to shred include papers with identifying information such as your birth date, signature, account numbers, passwords, PINs, social security numbers, deposit slips, credit card receipts, banking statements, and credit card offers. Learn more at savagemn.gov.

Meet Savage's City Planning Team

Have you ever played SIM City? If so, then you know how carefully you plan where buildings go, balance different neighborhoods, and ensure everything works together. That's essentially what Angie Perera and Jared Wehner do as Savage's city planning experts - except they're working with real buildings, real people, and real communities.



What city planners actually do.

When developers want to build something new, change how land is used, or need special permits, Angie and Jared step in to coordinate the review process. They work alongside other city departments to review the requests and provide recommendations to help the Planning Commission and City Council make informed decisions. Think of them as the bridge between private development and public interest -- they make sure new projects align with Savage's long-term vision while meeting the needs of our ever-evolving community.

"As city planners, we wear many hats," explains Angie. "We're advisors to city officials and guides for the public." For City officials, Angie and Jared collaborate with other departments to review projects and share their expertise, but the City Council makes the final decisions on what gets approved. For the public, they help property owners, developers, and business owners understand and navigate the rules established by

the City Council. These regulations determine where different types of development can happen and how they should look. "The bottom line is we don't decide where your business goes - that's up to you and the market," Jared clarifies. "We just make sure it fits within the community's vision. Think of us as project managers whose goal is simple: leave Savage a little better than we found it."

More than just rules and regulations.

For Angie, the best part of her job is helping people navigate what can seem like a complex system. "Cities are often known for having a lot of rules, regulations, applications, and requirements, but it's really rewarding to connect people with tools, resources, and answers they need to accomplish their goals - or to explain their options and guide them through the process." Whether you're a homeowner wanting to add a deck, a business owner looking for the perfect location, or a developer planning a new neighborhood, Angie and Jared are here to help you understand what's possible and how to make it happen within the community's framework. Jared sums up the essence of their work perfectly, "We're really a jack of all trades - part designer, part problem-solver, and part fortune teller."

So, the next time you see development happening around Savage, remember that Angie and Jared have been working behind the scenes to ensure it enhances our community. They're not gatekeepers trying to stop progress - they're your partners in making sure Savage grows thoughtfully and strategically.

Have questions about a project in your neighborhood or ideas for your own property? Reach out to Angie and Jared at **952-882-2650** for help understanding the possibilities or navigating the process. After all, their ultimate goal is simple: making Savage an even better place to call home.

Stay Connected: Your Community Projects Update

What's happening in Savage? More than you might think. Head over to letstalksavage.com, where you can dig into all the current projects in the community, including:

- Fiber Installation Projects - Know who and where high-speed fiber is being installed.
- 2025 Street Improvement Project - Get weekly progress updates on the construction schedule.
- South Park Drive Improvements - Subscribe for ongoing project updates on this major route.
- Community Mural at Savage Library - Follow the timeline and see how this project brings our community together.
- Several ongoing development and planning projects - Track new developments in your neighborhood and weigh in on proposals that could affect your area.

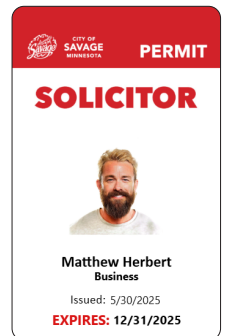
Whether you want to stay informed about construction timelines, explore upcoming developments, or contribute ideas to community initiatives, everything you need is in one convenient place. Browse by topic, search for specific projects, or simply explore to discover what's on the horizon for Savage. Ready to stay connected? Visit letstalksavage.com.

Reminders

Door-To-Door Solicitation Reminders

Whether you're planning to sell door-to-door or wondering about that person who just knocked, here's what you need to know about solicitation rules in Savage.

For Solicitors: Before you start knocking on doors, you'll need to get a license with the City of Savage - it's required for all door-to-door sales activities. Once you're licensed, you'll receive a photo ID that must be worn visibly while you're out in the community.



For Residents: When someone comes to your door selling something, they should be wearing their City of Savage-issued photo ID. If someone is trying to sell without proper permits, you can contact the police. Remember, even when solicitors do have valid permits, you have rights too. You can politely decline their services, ask them to leave your property, or call the police if they become aggressive or refuse to leave when asked.

These rules help keep our community safe while allowing legitimate businesses to operate fairly.

Join the Friends of the Library

Join the Friends of Savage Library to support programming for our library. Please email us to get involved at friendsofthelibrary@gmail.com. Our next meeting is on August 21 at 7 p.m. at the Savage Library in the small meeting room. Everyone is welcome!

City invests in advanced sewer inspection technology.

The City of Savage has recently purchased a state-of-the-art sewer televising truck, marking a significant upgrade to our infrastructure maintenance capabilities. This new addition to our Public Works fleet will help us better serve residents while protecting our community's underground utility systems. But what exactly is a sewer televising truck, and how will it benefit Savage residents?

What exactly is it?

A sewer televising truck is essentially a mobile inspection unit equipped with specialized camera equipment designed to explore the hidden world of sewer and drainage systems. Think of it as an endoscope for underground pipes, but much more sophisticated. These trucks carry high-definition waterproof cameras mounted on flexible cables that can navigate through pipes of various sizes, transmitting live video footage back to technicians above ground.

How will Savage use this technology?

Proactive System Maintenance Our Utility department will use the televising truck to conduct regular inspections of Savage's sewer infrastructure, identifying potential problems before they become costly emergencies. This proactive approach will help us maintain system reliability while efficiently managing utility maintenance dollars.

Faster Response to Resident Concerns: When residents report sewer issues, our crews can now quickly and accurately diagnose the problem without the need for disruptive excavation. This means faster resolution times and minimal impact on neighborhoods, driveways, and landscaping.

Long-Term Infrastructure Planning The detailed video documentation will help city planners make informed decisions about infrastructure improvements and capital investments. We'll be able to prioritize repairs based on actual conditions rather than estimates, ensuring the most critical needs are addressed first.

What this means for Savage residents.

This investment demonstrates the City's commitment to maintaining high-quality municipal services while being a good steward of its resources. Residents can expect more efficient sewer maintenance, reduced disruption during repairs, and improved long-term planning for the infrastructure needs of our growing community.

The sewer televising truck will begin operations this summer, and residents may occasionally see it working throughout the city as our crews conduct systematic inspections of the sewer system. This proactive maintenance approach will help ensure Savage's underground infrastructure continues to serve our community reliably for years to come.



Water and Sewer Emergency Guide

If you notice a water or sewer emergency, please **call the City immediately at 952-224-3440**.

What's qualified as a City emergency?

These issues are the City's responsibility and require immediate attention:

- Sewage backing up into your home or business
- Missing manhole covers or water valve covers in the street
- Broken fire hydrants
- Water main breaks that flood streets

Note: Low water pressure is usually a maintenance issue and not an emergency.

After-Hours Emergency Service and Charges

Our crews are available 24/7 for true emergencies. However, after-hour fees may apply in the following cases:

- The problem is on private property (not the City's responsibility)
- The issue is not urgent, and could have waited until regular business hours.

Weeknights (Monday-Thursday evenings):

- Regular rate: \$152 for first 2 hours, then \$76 per hour
- Holiday rate: \$304 for first 2 hours, then \$152 per hour

Weekends (Friday-Sunday):

- Weekend rate: \$304 for first 4 hours, then \$76 per hour
- Holiday weekend rate: \$608 for first 4 hours, then \$152 per hour

These fees cover the added cost of dispatching emergency crews during nights, weekends, and holidays.

Code Corner | Lawn Care Reminder

Spring is here, and it's time for a quick yard maintenance reminder!

The 10-Inch Rule: Keep grass and weeds on your property under 10 inches tall. This includes that strip of land between your property line and the street curb (the right-of-way area).

Why it matters: Well-maintained lawns keep our neighborhoods looking great and ensure sidewalks and public spaces stay safe and accessible for everyone. Thanks for doing your part to keep Savage looking its best!

Rec Corner

July is National Park and Recreation Month

It's the 40th annual National Park and Recreation Month, and we are celebrating how parks and recreation bring people together to build community and make memories.

(55+) Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park Boat Tour Trip

July 9

The cities of Prior Lake and Savage, in collaboration with Three Rivers-Scott County, are looking forward to a day trip to Cedar Lake Farm Regional Park. Join us as we explore the park, take a group boat tour of Cedar Lake, fish from the pier (fishing poles and boat tour provided by "Let's Go Fishing"), explore the park and its amenities, and enjoy a self-packed picnic on the park grounds. Register at savagemn.gov.

Registration Deadline: July 6

Time: 9:10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Bus pickup/drop off at Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave.

Ages: 55+

Price: \$10 per person

What to bring: Dress for the weather. Pack a picnic lunch, water, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Kids Pickleball Lessons | July 14, 15 and 16

Try the fastest-growing sport around! Get a head start, as pickleball will soon become a high school sport. We'll cover the basics: How to serve and return the ball, how to hit the ball out of the air, how to keep score, proper serving position, and receiving position. At the end of our time together, students will have the opportunity to play with and challenge our teaching pro, Dan Brettschneider. Register at savagemn.gov.

Registration Deadline: July 6

Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Location: Savage Community Park

Ages: 8+

Price: \$110 per person

3rd Lair Skateboard Camp | August 11-14

Join 3rd Lair instructors for a fun-filled 4-day camp working on developing your skateboarding skills. Instruction is tailored to individual ability levels, and instructors cater to each student's needs. All ages six and above and all skill levels are welcome. Register at savagemn.gov.

Registration Deadline: August 3

Time: 9 a.m. - noon

Location: Savage Skate Park, 13500 Dakota Ave.

Ages: 6+

Price: \$200

Latchkey Program | August 11 or 13

Are you considering letting your child stay home alone before or after school? This program, hosted by Savage Fire and Police, is designed to prepare children ages 8-12 for this new responsibility. Register at savagemn.gov.

Registration Deadline: August 3

Time: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

NEW Location: City Hall, 6000 McColl Drive.

Ages: 8 - 12

Price: \$25 per person

KEEP IN TOUCH:



Designated Driver Program

Win big by becoming the designated driver, July 4 - 6

This Fourth of July weekend, the Savage Police Department is teaming up with McHugh's Public House, Neisen's, and Whisky Inferno to reward designated drivers. Here's how it works:

- Stop by any of these establishments between July 4 - 6 and tell your server you are the designated driver.
- Scan the QR code and submit your information (one entry per designated driver)

All participating designated drivers will be entered into a drawing for two MN Twins tickets (Section 119) on Saturday, July 12, and two \$50 Amazon gift cards.

Thank you to the Prior Lake Lions and Burnsville/Savage Lions for sponsoring this program. Let's make it a safe Fourth of July weekend.

Building a Greener Savage

Savage has officially completed Steps 4 and 5 of Minnesota's GreenStep Cities program, making significant progress in our community's environmental journey. Each step requires demonstrating real skills and measurable results. Step 4 focuses on tracking our environmental performance using hard data, while Step 5 demonstrates that we're making genuine progress across multiple areas that matter to residents' daily lives.

Here's what Savage accomplished in 2024:

- Every single home in our city sits within a mile of a park or trail.
- Nine out of 10 new trees were specifically chosen to handle our changing climate.
- Residents have steadily reduced their water consumption over three consecutive years.

Looking ahead, the next major project involves installing solar panels at Water Treatment Plant 2, which will help power our essential services while reducing our carbon footprint.

Behind these achievements is Savage's GreenTeam - a dedicated group that researches sustainability practices and weaves them into how our city operates. They're the ones turning good intentions into concrete actions and helping Savage build something that'll benefit not just today's residents but the families who will call this place home decades from now. And that's progress worth celebrating.

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