



Upcoming Community Events

Community Mural Ribbon Cutting

September 2, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave.

Join us as we officially unveil our new community mosaic mural! Over the past six months, our talented mural artist team has worked hand-in-hand with residents of all ages to design and create something that brings us together and makes everyone feel they belong here in Savage. This beautiful piece of artwork is more than just a decoration – it's a true reflection of our community. Let's gather together to celebrate not just the artwork, but the amazing community spirit that made it possible. This is a free community event. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.



FREE! Treats' N Tunes

September 16, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Creek Hill Park, 15625 Hampshire Ave.

Free family fun all summer long!

5 - 6 p.m.: Enjoy FREE ice cream and yard games

6 - 7 p.m.: Teddy Bear Band (*kids/family*)



Historical Tour of Savage

September 20, 10 a.m. – noon

Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave.

Join Will Williams, lifelong resident of Savage and Dan Patch Historical Society board member, with fellow board member and retired City Administrator Barry Stock, for a narrated historical tour of Savage. Hop on the bus as we visit the Boiling Springs, Camp Savage, the Savage Fen, the Depot, Hidden Valley Park, and the Heritage Room at the library. We'll start and end at the Savage Library, visiting the Heritage Room to talk to members of the Historical Society. The tour should last about two hours. Register online at savagemn.gov.

Registration deadline: September 14

Ages: All ages

Price: \$10

Bus departure: 10 a.m.

Bus return: noon

Location: Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave., Savage.

Register online at savagemn.gov.

Lil' Fall Festival & Apple Dash

September 27, 10 a.m. – noon

Wildflower Early Learning Center

Wildflower Early Learning Center is teaming up with Savage Parks & 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 at 10:30 a.m., outdoor scavenger hunt, nature crafts, and sport casting. Meet the goats from Gray Hobby Farm and explore the outdoor classrooms, including 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 DATES!

Friends of the Savage Library Book Sale

October 10 & 11

Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave.

Attention bargain hunters and book lovers! Friends of the Savage Public Library will hold a used book sale at the Savage Public Library, 13090 Alabama Ave., on Friday, October 10, 2024, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. A wide array of gently used adult and children's books will be available for a free-will donation. All proceeds support programming and projects at the Savage Public Library. Have books to donate? New or lightly used books can be dropped off at the library before October 5. Adult and children's books in good condition, as well as CDs and DVDs, will be accepted during library open hours. Please note that we cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or magazines.

Savage Area Arts Festival

October 11, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Savage Community Park Parking lot, 13500 Dakota Ave.

60+ artists, food trucks, and free family fun!



Savage Fire Open House

October 11, 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
- Live demonstrations
- Door prizes
- And fun for all ages!

Reminders

School's Back: Know the School Bus Rules

With school starting, let's refresh the basics of sharing the road with school buses safely.

Two Simple Signals to Remember

Yellow Flashing Lights: The bus is getting ready to stop. Slow down, stay alert, and don't try to pass before those red lights appear.

Red Lights + Stop Arm: Full stop required. All traffic in both directions must stop at least 20 feet away and wait until the red lights turn off and the stop arm retracts. Passing a bus with its stop arm out is a gross misdemeanor and puts kids at serious risk.

One Exception: You only keep driving if there's a physical median separating you from the school bus on the opposite side of the road.

The Bottom Line: A few seconds of patience can protect children's lives. When you see a school bus, slow down and be ready to stop. It's that simple.



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 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. through October.

Good News!

Best of the Best!

Congratulations to the Communications Division for winning seven Northern Lights Awards from the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators (MAGC). In what can only be described as a clean sweep, our talented team entered seven projects into the competition and walked away with seven awards. That's right - every single entry brought home hardware. Projects that earned recognition include:

- **Northern Lights Award (1st):**
Introducing Chief Juell public safety video
- **Northern Lights Award (1st):**
Savage Fire: A Station Story promotional video
- **Northern Lights Award (1st):**
2024 Pancake Breakfast: Egg Drop agency event video
- **Northern Lights Award (1st) and Best of Show Nominee:**
Community Leaders "Feel the Heat" writing
- **Silver Award (2nd):**
Savage City Connection newsletter
- **Bronze Award (3rd):**
Kissing Booth video short/social media campaign
- **Bronze Award (3rd):**
History Tour- Hidden Valley Park community interest video

The Northern Lights Awards represent Minnesota's gold standard for government communications. When your City wins these awards, it means the information you receive and the stories told about Savage are recognized as among the very best in the state. Simply put, you're getting top-tier communications from a team other Minnesota cities look up to - and that's something worth celebrating.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

In just the first six months of 2025, our community has received an extraordinary \$96,854.68 in donations from residents, businesses, and civic organizations. Leading the charge in community support is the **Burnsville-Savage Lions Club**, which has contributed \$68,000 towards tools and equipment that help ensure our firefighters and police have access to the latest safety and technology. **Cargill** staff made a significant investment in our recreational facilities, donating \$4,000 for pickleball court amenities and fire department community education programs. And **Kwik Trip** supported our fire department's popular pancake breakfast. Some of the most heartfelt gifts came from residents who honored loved ones through memorial benches, trees, and park improvements. On behalf of all of us at the City, thank you for your generosity, kindness, and commitment to making Savage an even better place to live.

The Savage Loyalty Program Just Got Better!

Picture this: every time you pick up your favorite bottle of wine for dinner or grab a beer for the weekend, you're actually earning money back. That's exactly what happens when you're part of our upgraded Savage Loyalty Program. Here's how it works:

Simple Earning & Rewards:

- Earn 1 point for every \$1 you spend
- Get \$5 off when you reach 250 points
- Easy to track points and rewards

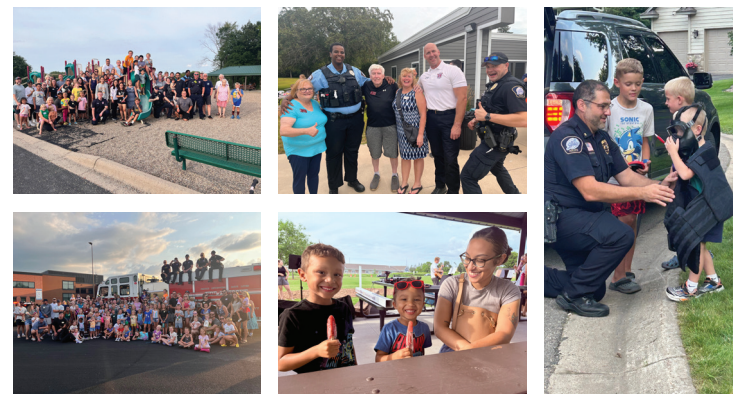
Enhanced Benefits:

- Special double and triple point promotion items
- Quick signup process (it's fast and easy)
- Easy-to-track points and rewards
- Purchases at either Marketplace Liquor or Savage Wine & Spirits count towards your rewards.

Want to join? Swing by Marketplace Liquor or Savage Wine & Spirits, grab your favorite beverages, and ask our staff to sign you up. Start earning points on your very first purchase!

Night to Unite: Building Stronger Community Connections

What an incredible evening we had during Night to Unite! Our officers, firefighters, and city staff visited 53 neighborhood gatherings across the City, sharing laughs, answering questions, playing games, and enjoying great food together. From backyard barbecues to block parties, each gathering showcased the unique spirit of our neighborhoods. The warmth and hospitality we experienced at every stop was truly heartwarming and reminded us why we love serving this amazing community. A huge thank you to every resident who hosted, attended, or helped organize an event. Your enthusiasm and genuine welcome made Night to Unite a tremendous success. We're already looking forward to next year!



Code Corner:

Dead Ash trees on private property are your responsibility

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) continues to affect ash trees throughout Savage and the metro area. Since 2021, thousands of trees have been treated for EAB in the City, and hundreds of hazardous and dead ones have been removed from parks, boulevards, and other public property.

Your trees, your responsibility

Like maintaining your lawn or fixing your roof, the trees on your private property are your responsibility. When EAB attacks an ash tree, it becomes surprisingly weak and brittle. Dead ash trees don't just look bad - they can fall on cars, houses, or people and create serious safety hazards. If your dead tree threatens a street, trail, or neighbor's property, the City may require you to remove it. You will be responsible for all removal costs.

Managing the cost

We know tree removal isn't cheap. Here are some ways to make it more manageable:

- **Spread out the cost.** Instead of waiting until all your ash trees die, consider removing a few each year.
- **Team up with neighbors.** Many tree removal companies offer discounts for multiple jobs in the same area. Talk to your neighbors - you might all save money by hiring the same contractor.

Before You Start

- **Verify property lines.** Make sure the tree is actually yours before cutting it down. Removing trees from city property (even by accident) is unlawful.
- **Hire professionals.** Use registered and insured contractors, and obtain at least three quotes.
- **Plan for permits.** If your contractor needs to bring in large machinery or block the street, they'll need a permit from the City first.

Need help?

Visit [savagemn.gov/departments/natural-and-water-resources/trees](https://www.savagemn.gov/departments/natural-and-water-resources/trees) for tree care information, EAB identification help, and a list of registered tree contractors.

The bottom line is that taking action now protects your family, your neighbors, and your wallet. Don't wait until a dangerous tree decides for you.




Scam Alerts: Don't Get Tricked.

Scammers are getting more creative by the day, but the good news is that most scams follow familiar patterns. Think of this as your digital neighborhood watch guide. By knowing what to look for, you can protect yourself, your family, and help keep our community safe.

Common scams to watch out for:


Texting Scams

Scammers send fake text messages to trick you into sharing personal information, clicking on malicious links, or sending money.

 **Warning:** Don't click on links or respond to unexpected texts.


Tech Support Scams

A caller claims your computer is infected and says they're from Microsoft or Apple.

 **Tip:** Real tech companies won't call you unless you've asked for help.


Romance Scams

They start online with someone who seems perfect, but never meets in person, and eventually ask for money.

 **Rule of Thumb:** Never send money to someone you've never met in real life.

Grandparent Scam

A caller pretends to be your grandchild in trouble, asking for immediate financial help and urging secrecy.

 **Advice:** Always verify with family before acting.

How to Protect Yourself:

1. Trust Your Instincts

If something feels off, it probably is.

2. Slow Down

Scammers create a sense of urgency to prevent you from thinking clearly and making informed decisions.

- ✓ Verify who's contacting you
- ✓ Call the real organization
- Talk to someone you trust

3. Protect Personal Info

Treat your Social Security number, banking info, and passwords like your house keys—never give them out without verifying.

4. Be Suspicious of Unsolicited Contact

Unexpected calls, texts, or emails are red flags—especially if they request money or personal information.

5. Research Before You Donate or Invest

Use trusted sites like Charity Navigator or GuideStar to check charities. For investments, verify credentials through official channels.

If you've been scammed:

You're not alone - scammers are professionals. If it happens to you:

- ✓ Contact your bank or credit card company
- ✓ Change your passwords
- ✓ Document everything (save emails, numbers, names)
- ✓ Cut off all contact with the scammer
- ✓ Monitor your bank and credit activity
- ✓ Consider placing a credit freeze on your account.

Please share this information, especially with older adults. The more we know, the harder it is for scammers to succeed. Being cautious isn't paranoid - it's smart.

Have questions or concerns?

Call the Savage Police Department at 952-882-2600. We're here to help.

Comcast Expands its Service to Savage.

The Savage City Council has approved Comcast's franchise request to bring cable and high-speed internet service to the City. This expansion is part of Comcast's broader network project, which spans Savage, Prior Lake, Victoria, and Waconia, and is expected to begin rollout as early as 3Q 2026. Comcast currently operates 15 service centers throughout the Twin Cities metro and plans to open a new retail location in Burnsville. The space would offer customer support, equipment exchanges and upgrades, bill payment, and other services.

Several companies are installing underground fiber optic cable in Savage. Each company must secure city right-of-way permits before beginning installation work in public areas and easements.

Important note: The City of Savage is not conducting this work. To track which fiber installation company is working in your area, visit letstalksavage.com/fiber-installation-projects. The interactive map allows you to search for your address and view nearby projects.

Rec Corner

Who Done it Hike

September 6

Ritter Farm Park, 19333 Ritter Trail, Lakeville

Play Sherlock Holmes by collecting clues, gathering information, and solving mysteries, while walking the trails at Ritter Farm Park. When the end is near and you think you have it solved, you'll have a chance to guess "Who done it? Grab the family or friends - well-behaved dogs are also welcome!

Registration: Register at check-in

Ages: All ages

Price: FREE

Time: Check-in, 9:45-9:55 a.m. • Hike at 10 a.m.

KEEP IN TOUCH:



Savage Fall Pickleball




Savage Community Park
13500 Dakota Ave., Savage

October 3
60+ Women's Doubles • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
60+ Men's Doubles • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
60+ Mixed Doubles • Noon - 5 p.m.
Open Skinny Singles 4.25+ • 6-10 p.m.

October 4
Women's Doubles • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Men's Doubles • Noon - 8 p.m.

October 5
Mixed Doubles • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Registration
Register on or before September 28
No refunds after September 1
\$60 per team of 2 players/event
(Only one teammate needs to register)
Skinny Singles: \$30

Register online: Scan the QR code or visit savagemn.gov.
Register in-person: Savage Parks & Recreation, 13770 Dakota Ave., Savage


Note: This is an outdoor tournament, all efforts will be made to play all matches in an event, if play has started for an event no refunds will be issued. If play does not start for a specific event a full refund will be issued.

Why you should register online at savagemn.gov.

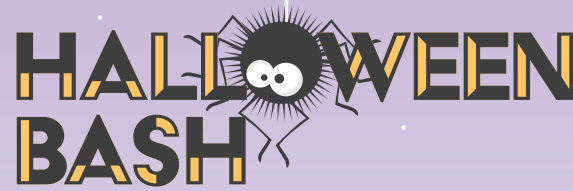
12 beautiful courts	Music
Levels 2.5-3.49, 3.5-3.99, 4.0-4.49, 4.5+	Cash awards
Round robin games to 15, not 11	\$8,000 paid out at our last tournament!
Semi's and Finals best of 3 games	The more teams registered, the bigger the cash reward!

Tournament Director Dan Brettschneider | 952-224-3443 | dbrettschneider@savagemn.gov

Halloween Bash



A spooktacular celebration!



10/18/25
5-8 p.m.
Savage Sports Center
13450 Dakota Ave., Savage

BECOME A SPONSOR
Support your community and set your business apart! The Halloween Bash draws nearly 700+ kids and their families. Guests are able to participate in games and activities inside the Savage Sports Center and surrounding park grounds.

Platinum Sponsor | \$250 Gold Sponsor | \$50

Learn more about this opportunity or become a sponsor online at savagemn.gov.


ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Horse-drawn wagon rides
- Dancing
- Inflatables
- DJ
- Games
- Food trucks
- Sponsor Tables
- Costumes and more!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Volunteer for the biggest celebration of the year! Volunteers play an important role in helping connect our community through special events. Become a volunteer by applying online at savagemn.gov.

Activity #: 470440-02 (youth)
470440-01 (adult)
Registration deadline: October 10
Pre-registration cost: \$8 per person
After registration deadline/walk-ins: \$10 per person
Age: All ages (1 and under free)

Register online at savagemn.gov.



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