



Upcoming Community Events



Savage Fire Open House

October 11, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Fire Station 1, 14321 O'Connell Rd.

Everyone is welcome! Bring the kids, scout troops, and neighborhood groups for an exciting day with Savage Fire. Meet our firefighters and CIRT K9 Marshall, explore real fire trucks from the inside out, and see what it's like to suit up in firefighter gear. Things you can do at the open house:

- Inflatable bounce house
- Fire extinguisher simulator
- Smoke alarm safety tips and information
- Learn about Community Connect
- Live demonstrations you won't want to miss
- Door prizes and activities designed for every age!

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, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A wide array of gently used adult and children's books will be available for free will donation. All proceeds support programming and projects at the Savage Public Library. Have books to donate? New or lightly used adult or children's books can be dropped off at the library before October 5.

Savage Area Arts Festival

October 11, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Savage Community Park Parking lot, 13500 Dakota Ave.

The event will feature more than 60 local artists showcasing their handcrafted items, artwork, and creative goods alongside food trucks offering diverse dining options. The festival promises free fall fun for the whole family!

Halloween Bash

October 18, 5 – 8 p.m.
Savage Sports Center, 13450 Dakota Ave.

Get ready for Savage's ultimate Halloween celebration! 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 is rain or shine, held at the Savage Sports Center and its surrounding park grounds. Don't forget to wear your costume! Register now at savagemn.gov.



All ages welcome (Ages 1 and under are free)

Pre-registration deadline: October 10

\$8 per person

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

National Drug Take Back Day

October 25

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-TREATERS WELCOME 🎃

Calling all little goblins, superheroes, and princesses!

Come visit us on **Halloween - Friday, October 31** for FREE candy and treats! We absolutely LOVE seeing all your amazing costumes!

Where to Get Your Treats:

Open 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- 🚓 Savage Police Department - 6000 McColl Drive
- 🏛️ City Hall - 6000 McColl Drive
- 🏠 Community Development - 6000 McColl Drive
- 🚒 Savage Fire Department, Station 1 - 14321 O'Connell Road

Open 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

- 🚧 Savage Public Works - 13770 Dakota Avenue

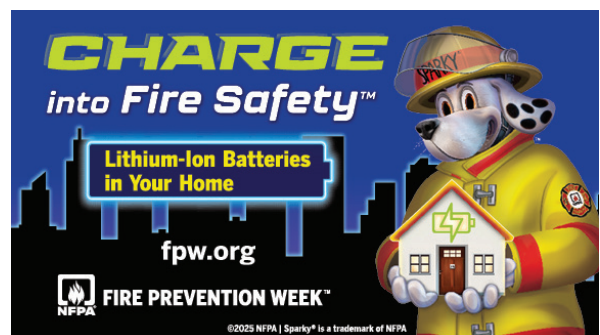
Fire Prevention Week

October 5 - 11, 2025

Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in your home.

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day – smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few – are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home – it's important to know which devices are powered by them. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the **Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely** approach.



1. Buy only listed products.

When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery, look for safety certification marks such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.

2. Charge devices safely.

Always use the cords that come with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved. Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.

3. Recycle batteries responsibly.

Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire. Recycle your device or battery at a safe battery location. Visit call2recycle.org to find a recycling spot near you.

How the city budget and property taxes really work.

You know how you sit down once a year to figure out your household budget? Well, the City of Savage does the same thing - except we're planning for an entire community's needs.

The City's "household" budget process

Starting in April, city staff basically asks: "What do we need to keep everything running smoothly?" We're thinking about all the stuff you probably take for granted - like having police respond when you call 911, getting your streets plowed when it snows, keeping the parks nice, and making sure clean water comes out of your tap.

Then we spend months tweaking and adjusting (just like you might do with your own budget) before finalizing everything in December. And just like your household, we're dealing with the reality that everything costs more than it used to, plus some of the city's older infrastructure is getting pretty tired and needs fixing.

Your property tax bill - it's not all going to the City.

Here's something that surprises a lot of people: when you get that property tax bill in the mail, only about one-third of what you're paying actually goes to the City of Savage. So where does the rest go? The remaining taxes are allocated to your school district and Scott County, with smaller amounts going to special districts that handle tasks such as watershed management, public transit, and, yes, even mosquito control.

How to figure out what you owe

Think of property taxes as everyone chipping in for shared services, but your "share" depends on what your property is worth. If your house is worth more, you pay a bit more. Your tax statement (which is based on last year's property value) actually breaks all this down at the bottom, so you can see exactly where every dollar is going.

Did you know?

You can estimate your property taxes at scottcountymn.gov/422/Property-Tax-Calculator.

Have questions?

Contact Finance Director Matt Burt at mburt@savagemn.gov.

Special Election Notice:

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools Board

November 4, 2025

Who can vote?

All residents of Savage who live within the Prior Lake-Savage Area School District (ISD 719) can vote in this special election. If you're a Savage resident but live outside the ISD 719 school district, you won't be eligible to vote in this election.

What's on the ballot?

There's just one item to decide: filling a vacant seat on the Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools Board. That's it - no other races or issues will appear on your ballot.

Where to vote on Election Day - Tuesday, November 4

All eligible Savage voters will cast their ballots at a single location:

McCull Pond Environmental Learning Center

13550 Dakota Ave., Savage

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Why one location?

To make the most of resources and keep election costs down, the school board decided on August 4, 2025, to combine all Savage precincts into one polling place. Don't worry - registered voters will receive a postcard from ISD 719 with all these details as a reminder.

Early Voting Options

If November 4 doesn't work for you, there's another option. Starting September 19, 2025, you can vote early or submit an absentee ballot at:

Prior Lake City Hall

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This is the only early voting location available for the entire school district, so plan accordingly if you prefer to vote before Election Day.

Important Note

This combined polling arrangement is temporary and only applies to the November 4, 2025, special election. Future elections will return to the usual polling place setup.

More information on the upcoming election can be found at www.plsas.org/election.

To register to vote, visit the MN Secretary of State's website at <https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote>.

New Mural Brings People Together

The new community mural at the library is more than beautiful art - it's a visual story of our shared connections, filled with meaningful symbols worth discovering.

Look closely at the centerpiece tree, and you'll notice something special: its trunk and roots are formed from different hands reaching toward each other. This represents how our community grows stronger through the unique contributions of each person, connecting past, present, and future generations.

The scenes of families and neighbors enjoying our parks and trails aren't just decorative. They reflect how our shared green spaces naturally bring us together, showing the interconnected nature of community life.

The Minnesota River and Credit River flowing through the mural carry deeper meaning. Just as rivers collect water from many sources into one flowing body, these waterways symbolize how different people, ideas, and cultures come together in harmony within our community.

Above it all soars an eagle—a native symbol of strength and connection that honors our place on Dakota land.

Next time you visit the library, take a moment to really see what's been created. You might discover your own place in this beautiful tapestry of our shared home.



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.



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Farmers Market | Runs through October 26

The St. Paul Farmers Market, which is in the Savage Depot parking lot in downtown Savage, runs through Sunday, October 26. 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.

Free Pumpkin Drop-off | November 1-15

Savage residents can recycle pumpkins and gourds free of charge at Dakota Prairie Composting (DPC) during the two weeks following Halloween. This annual program diverts thousands of pounds of pumpkins from landfills and creates high-quality compost.

Drop-off times: M-F, 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: 12386 Chestnut Blvd, Shakopee

Please remove all decorations, candles, and non-compostable materials before drop-off.

Important Note: SMSC's former organics recycling facility (ORF) has permanently closed. All compost and yard waste services have moved to the Dakota Prairie Composting facility.

Good News!

Peace Pole added near the Savage Library.

Stop by and take a look at the newest peace pole and sitting area near the Savage Library. This summer, the Rotary Club of Savage, the Burnsville Breakfast Rotary Club, and Rotary International, with some assistance from the City, have installed four peace poles around our community. The Peace Pole project is a global initiative launched by Masahisa Goi in 1955. There are an estimated 250,000 Peace Poles in every country in the world dedicated as monuments of peace. Each Peace Pole is inscribed with the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth," which reminds us to think, speak, and act in the spirit of peace and harmony. Other locations include River Bend Park, Community Park near the pickleball courts, and the main entrance of Savage City Hall.



Thank you for your service.



Savage Police Sergeant Michael Schiltz retired on August 31, 2025, after 30 exemplary years in law enforcement. Mike began his career in 1995 with the Appleton, Wisconsin, Police Department before joining the Savage Police Department in 2001.

During his 24 years with Savage PD, Mike served in numerous leadership roles, starting and ending his career as a Patrol Sergeant. His assignments included Administrative Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Field Training Officer Sergeant, and Evidence/Property Room Sergeant. He also contributed as a Crime Scene

Investigator and worked on Safe & Sober initiatives, the Predatory Offender Registry, and Dan Patch Days events, to name just a few.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Schiltz earned recognition, including the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association Distinguished Service Award (2018), the Optimist Club Law Enforcement Award, Officer of the Year, and two Lifesaving Awards.

"Sgt. Mike Schiltz has had one of the most distinguished and service-driven careers I have seen in my time in law enforcement," stated Police Chief Brady Juell. "His influence, professionalism, and high standards have left a lasting impact on this department and our community—an impact that will be felt for decades to come. I am truly grateful to have worked alongside him, as is everyone who has had the privilege of serving with him here." Sgt. Schiltz - you have served us well. We wish you all the best!

Code Corner - Backyard Fire Pit Safety

As fall arrives and fire pit season begins, here's what you need to know to stay safe and compliant:

Required: Get your recreational fire permit online at communityconnect.io/info/mn-savage

Key Rules:

- ✓ Fire pit must be under 3 feet wide and 3 feet tall.
- ✓ Keep at least 25 feet away from buildings and flammable materials.
- ✓ Adult supervision is required at all times.
- ✓ Hours: 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. only.
- ✓ Burn only clean, dry firewood—no leaves, grass, lumber, or trash.
- ✓ Fully extinguish the fire before leaving.

Following these guidelines helps keep our community safe while you enjoy cozy fall evenings by the fire. 

KEEP IN TOUCH:



Halloween Bash

A spooktacular celebration!

HALLOWEEN BASH



10/18/25
5-8 p.m.

Savage Sports Center
13450 Dakota Ave., Savage

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

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

Visit savagemn.com for more information.



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