



Upcoming Community Events

Arbor Day Online Tree Sale | ends April 12

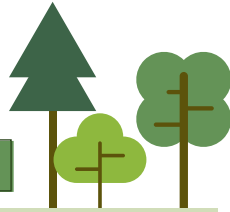
Celebrate Arbor Day with the City of Savage online tree sale! This sale is a great opportunity to purchase high-quality trees from a local source at affordable prices. Take advantage of this chance to enhance your yard while helping to reduce the impact of recent pest and environmental challenges. Order online by April 12 at savagemn.gov.

Tree Pickup Reminder | April 25 • 9 - 11 a.m.

Savage Public Works, 13770 Dakota Ave., Savage

For those who purchased trees through the Arbor Day Tree Sale, your trees will be ready for pickup at Savage Public Works, 13770 Dakota Ave., on Saturday, April 25, between 9 and 11 a.m. Sorry, no trees will be available for purchase on pickup day.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



April 25 • 10 - 11:30 a.m.

McColl Pond ELC, 13550 Dakota Ave., Savage

Bring the whole family to the FREE annual Arbor Day Celebration at the McColl Pond Environmental Learning and Event Center.

10 a.m. Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Christine Kelly

10:15 - 11 a.m. Sustainable Safari Wildlife Show

Get up close with fascinating safari animals like ring-tail lemurs, pygmy goats, baby kangaroos, snakes, porcupines, and more! A Safari Guide will share facts about each animal's habitat and behavior- great for kids and adults alike.

11 - 11:30 a.m. Emerald Ash Borer Presentation and Q&A with Natural Resources Coordinator Andy Nelson

Carver-Scott County Master Gardeners will also have a table on-site to answer all your gardening questions. Hope to see you there!



Community Clean-up Day | April 25 • 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join our community-wide effort to celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day and help keep our community looking beautiful. To help us plan, please register your group online at savagemn.gov so we know how many volunteers will participate. If you would like supplies for your clean-up (garbage bags and safety vests), please include that information when you register. You will receive a confirmation email with a list of locations and more details on when and where you can pick up supplies.

If you have any questions about the community clean-up, please contact Stephanie at snelson@savagemn.gov or 952-224-3425.

Friends of the Savage Library Book Sale

April 18 • 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave., Savage



Attention bargain hunters and book lovers! Friends of the Savage Public Library will hold a used book sale at the Savage Public Library on Saturday, April 18, 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.

Clean, Green Landscaping | April 14 • 6 - 7:30 p.m.

McColl Pond Environmental Learning Center, 13550

Dakota Ave., Savage



Join UMN turfgrass specialists for a free, eco-friendly lawn care workshop focused on practical, research-based lawn care for Minnesota homeowners. Learn how everyday lawn decisions affect local water quality and how simple changes can make your lawn more resilient, sustainable, and easier to maintain.

Who should attend:

- Homeowners interested in low-maintenance lawns
- Anyone wanting to reduce lawn inputs like water and fertilizer
- New homeowners looking for guidance
- People interested in improving local water quality through simple yard practices

What you'll learn:

- Best watering practices - How to have a healthier lawn using less water
- Rain sensors - What are they and how do they work
- Lawn repair - How to use grass seed to repair bare areas
- Fertilizing lawns - Which fertilizers are best and how much is needed
- Weed control - Best strategies for removing and preventing weeds
- Lawn mowing - Tips to mow less often to have a healthier lawn
- Bee lawns - What are they and how to get one



The workshop is free, but registration is requested. Register via the QR code or by contacting Shelby Roberts at the Scott SWCD office at 952-492-5448 or at sroberts@scottswcd.org.

See Me Play meetup | April 25 • 1 - 3 p.m.

Savage Sports Center, 13450 Dakota Ave., Savage

This playtime is specifically for families with neurodiverse children. The goal is to create a safe and inclusive space where families can connect, share experiences, and most importantly, have a blast! To learn more about See Me Neurodiverse and RSVP for the meetups, visit <https://www.seemeneurodiverse.org/events>.

Public Safety

Save the Date!
Savage Police Open House
May 16 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Savage Police Department,
6000 McColl Dr., Savage



See what your police department is all about. This free, family-friendly event is open to everyone - no registration required.

Stop by to meet the officers and staff, take a behind-the-scenes tour, and get up close with police and public safety vehicles. Kids can try fingerprinting demonstrations and grab a free snack.

We'll also be showing off our new drones and hosting our "Name Our Drone" contest. See you there!

Savage Police Launch Drone Program

Drones have become a vital tool in law enforcement, and the Savage Police Department now has two of them. The program is designed to help officers search for missing people, assess serious crash scenes, respond to natural disasters, and get a safer, smarter view of emergency situations before anyone has to walk into an unknown environment.



Training came first

In February, 10 officers completed 10 hours of drone pilot training, then logged additional flight time to become comfortable with the controls. The goal was simple: make sure officers know what they're doing before the drones go up.

Two drones, two jobs

The department chose two models, each built for a specific purpose. The DJI Avata 2 is small and nimble, and built to fly through hallways and tight spaces inside buildings. When officers need to see what's inside a structure before they enter, this is the one that goes in first.

The DJI Matrice 4T is designed for big outdoor scenes. It has advanced cameras, thermal imaging, and can stay in the air longer, making it ideal for when officers need to cover a large area fast. Together, the two drones give officers a real-time picture of what's happening inside and outside a structure so that they can locate victims, spot hazards, and find suspects before putting anyone in harm's way.

Transparency built in

"This is not about surveillance," reminds Police Chief Juell. "These drones are tools for safety and emergency response only." State law requires the department to delete drone footage within seven days unless it's part of an active investigation or there's a specific legal reason to keep it. Every flight will be logged in a publicly accessible dashboard on the city website, where anyone can look up why a drone was deployed, where it flew, and more.

See them in action

Stop by the Savage Police Open House on May 16 to watch live demonstrations of both drones in action. Officers will run live demonstrations, walk through real scenarios, and answer questions. They're also holding a "Name Our Drone" contest- so come ready with your best ideas!



April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month



Distracted driving remains one of the leading causes of crashes nationwide.

A few seconds of distraction is all it takes. Looking down at a text, glancing at your GPS, grabbing a snack- any of these can be the difference between avoiding a close call and being in a serious crash.

Texting and phone use are the most common culprits, but adjusting the radio, eating, and applying makeup also count. Here are a few easy ways to stay focused:

- Put your phone out of reach before you start driving.
- Pull over if you need to send a text or make a call.
- Let a passenger handle navigation or messages.

When you see emergency vehicles, slow down and move over.

You may have noticed that fire trucks responding to crashes are often parked at an angle, blocking multiple lanes. That's intentional. The apparatus acts as a physical barrier between traffic and the people on scene- crash victims, firefighters, and medics providing care. Emergency vehicles may also use directional lighting and arrow boards to guide drivers safely around the area.

Slowing down and moving over isn't just the law- it protects the people trying to help.

For more on Minnesota's hands-free cell phone law and distracted driving safety tips, visit www.dps.mn.gov.



Code Corner Vehicle Parking Requirements

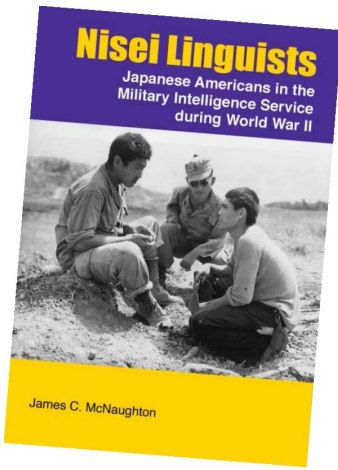
Residents are reminded that all vehicles parked outdoors at your property must be:

- Currently licensed
- Immediately operable and in good repair
- Located on a hard surfaced, compliant driveway

If your vehicle doesn't meet these requirements, you have two options:

- Store it inside your garage, or
- Remove it from your property entirely

Parking anywhere on your lawn or yard is not allowed. Thank you for following these guidelines to keep our neighborhoods safe, clean, and attractive for all residents.



Meet the Author: The Secret WWII Language School in Your Backyard

April 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave., Savage

The Dan Patch Historical Society is hosting a free author talk on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Savage Library, 13090 Alabama Ave. This event is FREE, and all are welcome.

James C. McNaughton, author of *Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the Military Intelligence Service During World War II*, will discuss one of the more remarkable – and lesser-known – stories connected to Savage's own history. During WWII, Savage was home to Camp Savage. In this secret military language school, Japanese American soldiers were recruited and trained to use their linguistic skills in service to a country that, in many cases, had just forced their families into internment camps. McNaughton's book tells the story of those soldiers and their role in the Pacific War. It's a piece of local history worth knowing about!

Public Works

Save the Date!

2026 Savage Recycling Day

May 2 • 8 a.m. - noon

Savage Public Works, 13770

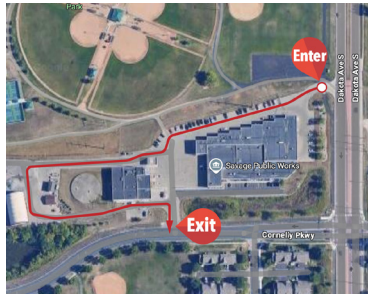
Dakota Ave., Savage

This is a drop-off event for residents of Savage and Credit River to dispose of appliances, electronics, furniture, yard waste, and other unwanted items for a reasonable fee.

- Bring a valid driver's license or another form of I.D. to prove residency
- No vehicles larger than a pickup truck
- No trailers larger than 8 X 12 feet

A complete list of accepted and unaccepted items and fees is available at savagemn.gov or pick up a flyer at City Hall, Public Works, or Savage Public Library. For more information or questions, contact the city at 952-882-2660.

Please note: Bridging Inc. will not collect donations at Savage Recycling Day. Paper shredding is not part of Savage Recycling Day. The annual Shredding Event is scheduled for August 22, 2026.



Save the Date!

2026 Public Works Open House

May 20 • 5- 7 p.m.

Savage Public Works, 13770

Dakota Ave., Savage

Come hang out with the Savage Public Works crew at this free, family- friendly event. No registration required.

- ✓ Check out our big trucks, tractors, and snowplows
- ✓ Watch a street sweeper demo
- ✓ Tour the public works building
- ✓ Paint a plow
- ✓ Play with Parks and Rec staff
- ✓ Grab a hot dog and chips

We look forward to seeing you there!



Good News! Tree Removal Assistance Program

The City of Savage is offering two new programs to help residents manage the cost of removing trees on their property.

1. Preferred Contractor Pricing

The city has negotiated discounted rates with Carr's Tree Service. You're always welcome to get other quotes, but Carr's pricing is competitive, and they can handle a high volume of jobs. Call them directly at 888-470-3355 and mention City of Savage Preferred Contractor Pricing when you do.

2. Private Tree Relief Program

Need a hazardous tree removed? The city may be able to help cover the cost.

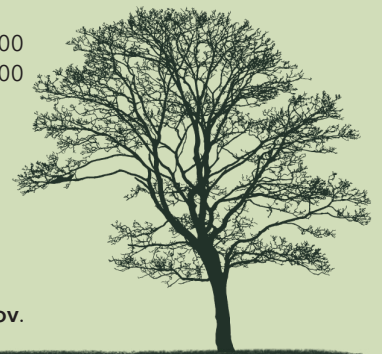
If a tree on your property poses a safety risk or could cause property damage, you may qualify for up to \$2,500 in assistance. The amount is repaid over five years through your property taxes, plus interest and a \$100 administrative fee.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Trees in wooded areas that don't threaten structures or public safety don't qualify.
- Stump grinding isn't included, but you can pay for it separately.
- Funding is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apply online at savagemn.gov/departments/natural-and-water-resources/trees.

Questions? Contact Natural Resources Coordinator Andy Nelson at 952-882-2665 or anelson@savagemn.gov.



Rec Corner

Summer registration is now open at savagemn.gov.

Adult Summer Leagues



Bean Bag Toss League

May - July

Our bean bag toss league (also known as cornhole) is a perfect mix of skill and socializing. Games are played on Thursday evenings at Community Park. Teams can be made up of any combination of genders.



Bocce Ball League

May - July

Teams of 2-4 will play doubleheaders for 8-10 weeks, culminating in an end-of-season tournament. There will be two league offerings on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at Schroeder's Acres Park.

Let's Play Pickleball!

Pickleball 101 – Beginners | May 4

This lesson is for beginner pickleball players. Players will learn the basic skills and rules of pickleball. Upon completion of the lesson, you will have the tools to play pickleball with your friends and family. Our instructor has played in pro tournaments and is certified as a professional instructor through the Professional Pickleball Registry, the official education and certification partner of USA Pickleball.

Challenge Court Wednesdays | Starting in May

On Wednesday evenings, we will designate specific courts as challenge courts. Levels of the challenge courts will be 3.5 - 3.99, 4.0-4.99, and 4.5+. You and your partner can challenge the designated courts to a game, and if you win, you get to continue playing on that court until your team loses. Full details will be posted at the courts. Some courts will still be designated for open play.

Friday A.M. Friendly Doubles Mixer | May 8 - June 5

Looking to enhance your pickleball game and meet new players in a friendly, competitive setting? Players who are beginners, improvers, and/or rate themselves as 2.0-3.0 players based on USA Pickleball ratings are welcome. Individual players sign up and are paired with others for games each week.



KEEP IN TOUCH:



Reminders | City begins annual spring maintenance.

Hydrant Flushing | April 6 - July 17

Utility crews will be out flushing the community water system to ensure it's in good working condition. 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 notice discoloration in your water, clear the pipes in your home by running your faucets for a few minutes.

Street Sweeping

Every spring and fall, street 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 sweep the entire city, including parking lots and hard surfaces. Eventually, everything that lands in the street 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.



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