



Upcoming Community Events

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

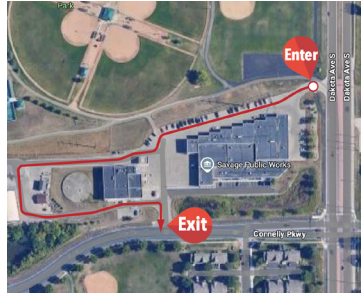
A complete list of accepted and unaccepted items and fees is available at savagemn.gov or pick up a flyer at City Hall, Public Works, or Savage Public Library. For more information or questions, contact the city at 952-882-2660.

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.

Coffee with a Cop

May 12 • 9 - 10:30 a.m.
Target, 14333 State Hwy 13,
Savage

During National Police Week, what better way to celebrate than with caffeine and conversation! Come hang out with your local law enforcement officers from 9 - 10:30 a.m. at Target. No speeches, no pressure— just your friendly neighborhood officers, ready to chat over a cup of joe.



Savage Police Open House

May 16 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Savage Police Department,
6000 McColl Drive, 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 our officers, staff, and some of our partners like SWAT, Minnesota State Patrol, Scott County Sheriff's Office, and Savage Fire Department. Kids can grab a free snack and get up close with police and public safety vehicles, try fingerprinting demonstrations, enjoy a bounce house, facepainting, and more.

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



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!

treats 'N tunes

• FREE • ICE CREAM • GAMES • MUSIC •

Join your neighbors, family, and friends for an evening of fun and entertainment! Enjoy **FREE** ice cream and yard games from 6-7 p.m. and listen to a performance from a wide-range of talented, kid-friendly musicians from 7-8 p.m. Each event will be hosted at a different park and feature a new musician throughout the summer.

All ages welcome!

Date & Time	Band	Location
May 19 6-8 p.m.	Northerly Gales (Irish)	Canterbury Park 13444 Inglewood Ave.
June 16 6-8 p.m.	Salsa del Soul (Salsa & Latin American)	River Bend Park 14347 Joppa Ave. S.
July 21 6-8 p.m.	Pan-Handlers Steel Drum Band (Caribbean Steel Drums)	Downtown Savage Casa Deli parking lot
August 18* 6-9 p.m.	New Vintage Acoustic (Classic Rock/County)	Community Park Pickleball Courts 13500 Dakota Ave.
September 15** 5-7 p.m.	The Bazillions (family/kids)	Heatherton Ridge Park 9051 Heatherton Ridge Drive



*August 18 will be held from 6-9 p.m. and music will be from 7-9 p.m.

**September 15 will be held from 5-7 p.m.

NOTE: bands are subject to change.

Public Safety | Savage Police Annual Awards



2025 PD Officer of the Year: Lexi Kostohris

Detective Lexi Kostohris has earned Officer of the Year for her remarkable professionalism, investigative excellence, and unwavering dedication across multiple roles in the department. As a detective, she leads complex investigations with thorough, victim-centered approaches, excels in interviews that advance cases, produces outstanding reports that strengthen prosecutions, and collaborates closely with prosecutors. She is a trusted resource for the team-supporting patrol, crisis situations, and community outreach-while volunteering extensively and mentoring others with humility, calm judgment, and a strong commitment to justice and public service.



2025 PD Employee of the Year: Kelly Fitzhenry

Kelly Fitzhenry has been named Employee of the Year for her exceptional dedication, professionalism, and attention to detail in managing high-volume, sensitive records with accuracy and integrity. She consistently goes above and beyond-mastering systems like Axon, training her team, improving workflows, mentoring colleagues, and taking initiative on projects such as preventing straw purchases through thorough permit reviews and collaborative outreach. Her positive attitude, strong work ethic, and commitment to team success make her an invaluable asset to our department.

Please join us in congratulating Lexi and Kelly!



May is Stroke Awareness Month

Each May, National EMS Week and Stroke Awareness Month remind us of the critical role emergency responders play and the importance of recognizing stroke symptoms early. In Savage, the Fire and Police Departments do this work every day. Their rapid identification and immediate action can make a big difference in how well someone recovers.

Firefighters are trained to recognize stroke symptoms using two methods: the BE FAST method (Balance, Eyes, Face, Arms, Speech, Time) and the Cincinnati Stroke Scale. If you are with someone and notice any of these signs, call 911 right away.

The Savage Fire Department focuses on responding quickly and safely, in line with City Council performance goals. Early notice to the hospital ensures patients get to a stroke-capable facility as fast as possible when every second matters.

Locally, the impact of this approach is clear. EMS calls have been increasing and now make up more than two thirds of all calls, compared to just over half in recent years. Suspected strokes make up a consistent portion of these calls, and most patients need more medical care once they reach the hospital.

Across Minnesota, stroke is still a major cause of death and disability. Every Savage firefighter has advanced medical training and follows up-to-date medical guidelines that allow them to provide critical care before patients even reach the hospital. Early recognition-by both the public and first responders-is still the most important factor in improving patient outcomes.

When in doubt, call it out, because time lost is brain lost.



Want your own cute K9 buddy? Adorable stuffed animal Gunnars are available for a suggested donation of \$20 to the Savage Crime Prevention Association (SCPA). The money raised supports Holiday Heroes, scholarships, training, and other Police Department needs. Stop by the Police Department, 6000 McColl Drive, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., to get yours. Cash or check only.

Scooters, E-Bikes, and E-Moto Vehicles | Are you ready to ride?

Warmer days are here, and that means more e-bikes, scooters, and e-moto riders are out and about in our community. Before you head out for a ride- whether it's around town or through our parks- take a quick moment to brush up on the rules that help keep everyone safe.

- All operators of e-bikes, motorized bikes, and motorized scooters must follow Minnesota state statutes (§169.011).
- According to Savage City Code (§96.02), motorized recreational vehicles in parks may only be used on roads or in designated areas, and they must stay under 10 mph.

Thanks for helping keep our roads and trails enjoyable for everyone!

Not familiar with motorized vehicles? Check out our comparison chart and rules:



Motorized Scooters	Electric Assisted Bicycles	E-Moto and Dirt Bikes
Riders must be at least 12 years old	Riders must be at least 15 years old	Riders may require a motorcycle license
Allowed on multi-use paths and trails	Allowed on multi-use paths and trails, must follow same traffic laws as motor vehicles	Must follow same traffic laws as motor vehicles
Helmet required if under 18 years old	Helmet preferred, not required	If licensed under 18, helmet is required
Maximum speed 15 mph	Maximum speed 28 mph, 750 watt motor	Must follow same traffic laws as motor vehicles

Adopt-A-Drain

The Savage Green Team adopted a storm drain- and you can too! Savage residents are invited to join the Adopt-A-Drain program, a simple way to help keep Minnesota's lakes, ponds, and streams clean.

As a volunteer you'll spend about 15 minutes twice a month clearing leaves, grass, trash, and other debris from your adopted drain and nearby streets and sidewalks. You'll also log how much debris you collect, which helps track the program's results and impact.

Why it matters: Everything that washes into storm drains flows straight into local waterways. If the water on your street is dirty as it flows into the drain, then it is going to be dirty when it comes out. Leaves and grass clippings add excess nutrients that can trigger algae blooms, pet waste can spread bacteria, and trash harms wildlife and pollutes our community. Keeping drains clear also helps prevent flooding.



Even if you don't adopt a drain, you can still help by keeping streets and sidewalks clean and avoiding putting yard waste in the road.

Help Savage become a top adopt-a-drain performer! Sign up at mn.adopt-a-drain.org.

Mosquito season is almost here

We enjoy the summer sun and warmer temperatures, but unfortunately so do mosquitos. Fortunately, the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) is already preparing.

Each year the start of mosquito season depends on things like snowmelt, rain, air temperatures, and several other factors. This year, MMCD seasonal field staff began work on April 13.

You may see MMCD staff in your neighborhood. They will be wearing bright yellow safety vests with "Public Health Mosquito Control" on them and they may be driving green or white trucks with the MMCD logo or riding bikes. They are working to reduce mosquito populations and protect the community from diseases caused by mosquitoes and ticks.



MMCD staff may occasionally need to cross private property to reach areas where mosquitoes can breed. If you have questions about their work or concerns about an employee, please call the MMCD front desk at (651) 645-9149 or visit MMCD.org.

Some of their activities may include:

- Wetland surveillance: checking ponds or swamps for larvae
- Catch basin surveillance: lifting storm drain gates and inspecting neighborhood catch basins for larvae
- Ground larval treatments: applying control materials by hand or with a backpack
- Helicopter larval treatments: treating a large wetland from the air
- UAS/drone larval treatments: applying control materials by drone
- Setting or collecting traps: monitoring where and what types of mosquitoes are active

The control materials and methods used by MMCD are regularly tested for safety and only applied when surveillance shows they will be effective. Larval control, which is the most common form of treatment, involves placing dry granules or pellets in standing water. The active ingredients are specifically designed to target mosquito larvae or adults with minimal impacts on other insects. The control materials are not harmful to people, pets, or wildlife. For a complete list of control materials used, please visit MMCD.org.

If you'd like to stay informed on MMCD activity, scheduled treatments are posted daily on the MMCD website and you can also sign up for e-mail alerts. To learn more about their programs or for tips on reducing mosquitoes near your home, please visit MMCD.org.

Code Corner | Outdoor Storage Ordinance

In Savage, we pride ourselves on maintaining the beauty and charm of our community. A key part of that effort is ensuring our neighborhoods stay neat, organized, and clutter-free. Here's a quick overview of our Outdoor Storage Ordinance.



What is the Outdoor Storage Ordinance?

The ordinance is straightforward: materials and equipment must be stored inside a building, not in your yard or driveway. The ordinance applies to items like:

- Tools and equipment
- Building materials and supplies
- Unused household items
- Cardboard boxes or other refuse

If it's not designed specifically for outdoor use or is not currently being used, it probably needs to be stored inside.

What are my options if space is tight?

If you're finding it challenging to comply because of limited storage space, consider these options:

- Reorganize your garage or shed more efficiently, with vertical storage solutions
- Consider a small storage shed, if your property can allow it
- Rent a storage unit for seasonal or rarely used items
- Evaluate your items and consider whether it's time to sell or donate items you no longer need

By working together on these small but essential details, we all contribute to keeping Savage the beautiful, welcoming community we're proud to call home. Thank you for doing your part!

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency | Become a volunteer water monitor

Spring is here and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Volunteer Water Monitoring Program is gearing up for another great season of lake and stream water clarity monitoring across the state. With more than 92,000 miles of streams and over 12,000 lakes in Minnesota, more volunteer monitors are needed to help track the health of our waters.

How does it work?

Volunteers conduct a simple water clarity test in a body of water at least twice a month during the summer. MPCA provides all the equipment and training for free, so no experience is needed. Lake monitors boat or paddle to a designated spot in the lake to check the clarity, while stream monitors record data from the streambank or a bridge crossing.

The MPCA uses the volunteer-collected data to help determine whether lakes and streams are meeting water quality standards, designed to protect aquatic life and recreational activities (like fishing and swimming). In some cases, the information gathered by volunteers is the only monitoring done on a particular lake or stream, making volunteer gather data critical to our work to protect Minnesota waters.

Interested?

Head to www.mn.gov/volunteerwater to locate open volunteer sites near you and learn more about this important program. Questions or requests for further information on the program can be directed to watervolunteers.mPCA@state.mn.us.

Rec Corner

Youth Programs

Join Savage Parks and Recreation for a summer filled with games, crafts and other activities! Tiny Tots and Playground Pals run Monday-Thursday for one-week increments beginning June 15. Each week's activities are based off of a fun theme and are guaranteed to make each summer one to remember. **Register at savagemn.gov.**

Tiny Tots

Ages: 4 yrs to entering Kindergarten (must be potty trained)
Time: Monday - Thursday; 9 a.m. - noon
Cost: \$37 per week
Location: O'Connell Park, 5165 South Park Drive, Savage

Playground Pals

Ages: Grades 1-5 (entering in the fall)
Time: Monday - Thursday;
Half-days: 9 a.m. - noon or 1-4 p.m., or full-day: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Cost: \$37 per half-day or \$75 full-day per session
Location: O'Connell Park, 5165 South Park Drive, Savage

PeeWee T-Ball Camp

Monday/Wednesday • June 15-July 29

Step up to the plate and learn proper bat grip, practice throwing and catching, running bases, and more.

Ages: 3-5 yrs
Time: Monday/Wednesday; 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m.
Cost: \$60 per person/per session
Location: Summit Pointe Park, 13751 Boone Ave., Savage
Registration Deadline: June 7

PeeWee Soccer Camp

Tuesday/Thursday • June 16-July 30

At soccer your kiddos will learn to dribble, kick, protect the ball and more. Every day we will focus on sportsmanship and fun!

Ages: 3-5 yrs
Time: Tuesday/Thursday; 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m.
Cost: \$60 per person/per session
Location: Summit Pointe Park, 13751 Boone Ave., Savage
Registration Deadline: June 7

Dan Patch Pickleball Tournament | June 19-21

Ready to dink and dominate? Grab your paddle, rally your partner, and join us for the 5th Annual Dan Patch Days Pickleball Tournament!

Cost: \$60 per team of 2 players/event; \$30 for skinny singles
Location: Savage Community Park, 13500 Dakota Ave., Savage
Registration Deadline: June 15 in-person at Savage Parks & Recreation, 13770 Dakota Ave., or online at savagemn.gov



Savage Family Amazing Race

June 27 • 8:45 a.m. - noon

Get ready for Savage's newest adventure! Family teams of two or more will compete in an amazing race through checkpoints located across Savage. We'll kick it off with a pre-race informational meeting and wrap up with a post-race party at the ELC. Teams must consist of family or friends only and will need transportation, an open mind, and a friendly and competitive attitude! Take the challenge and register now- space is limited.

Ages: Families with at least 1 member 18+
Time: 8:45 a.m. pre-race meeting, end time is approximately noon
Cost: \$25 per family team
Location: Race Headquarters: McColl Pond ELC Aspen Room, 13550 Dakota Ave., Savage
Registration Deadline: June 14

KEEP IN TOUCH:



Dan Patch Horseshoe Club | Mondays • 6 p.m.

Grab some friends and join the Dan Patch Horseshoe Club on Monday evenings. This league will play their games at Warren Butler Park starting in June. League sign up meeting: Monday, May 18 at 6:15 p.m. at the horseshoe pits.

League: Monday evenings starting in June

Ages: 18+

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Warren Butler Park, 12758 Ottawa Ave., Savage

Registration: Contact Denise Kleven at klevendenise@gmail.com



Farmers' Market

Sundays • 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

4800 W. 123rd St., Savage

The St. Paul Farmers' Market returns to Savage on Sunday, June 7. Pick up fresh produce, seasonal plants, and homemade goods at the Savage Depot parking lot, 4800 W. 123rd St. Hours are 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. every Sunday through October 25. Bring the kiddos and search for Maggie the Market Goat, who will be hidden around the market each week. Once you find her, go to the info booth to claim a prize!

Thank You, Emily!

The City of Savage would like to recognize and thank Emily Gunderson, who recently retired from her role as our Communications Director. During her decade of service, Emily invested countless hours into this newsletter- bringing important stories to life, championing the work of our employees, and helping residents stay informed and connected. She also shaped how our City communicates during her tenure and elevated our efforts citywide.

We are grateful to you, Emily, for your storytelling, your leadership, and your dedication to our community.

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