



## Thank you for your service!

Four long-term City employees are retiring. The City of Savage would like to extend our deepest gratitude to each of them for their dedicated service to our City and residents. Savage is a better place because of their professionalism, experience, and leadership. We wish each of them, nothing short of the best!

### Pam Flaten, HR Payroll/Benefits Specialist – 13 years



Pam is probably one of the only people at the City, who every employee knows– and who knows every employee! In 2017, Pam was named City Employee of the Year and recognized for her thoughtful and caring manner in handling sensitive issues and always making sure that all employees are treated equally.

### Rita Freitag, Utility Services Worker II – 11 years



Rita has been a valuable asset in the Utilities Division with her “can do” attitude and commitment to ensuring the Savage water supply is safe and meets agency standards. And while her main job responsibilities were more of a maintenance nature, over the years, Rita has done it all – sewer cleaning, lift station maintenance, water treatment plant operations, and snow removal.

### Chief Joel McColl, Fire Department – 19 years



Joel carried on a long standing McColl family tradition when he joined the Savage Fire Department in 1985 as a paid-on-call firefighter. In 1999, he was elected as the final volunteer Fire Chief, and shortly after that, he became the City's first full-time paid Fire Chief. Always humble, McColl never bragged about the Fire Department's accomplishments. To him, it's just what they do. But our firefighters do a lot,

and they are able to do so because of Chief McColl's leadership over the years.

### Officer Andy Ferderer, Police Department – 29 years



Officer Ferderer started his law enforcement career with the Prior Lake Police Department in 1987 and was hired by Savage Police Department on April 1, 1990. Throughout his career, he has had many different roles and took part in numerous special assignments including SWAT Team (Team Leader), Firearms Instructor, and Drug Task Force. He has also received the Medal of Merit in 2000 and 2012, Life Saving Award in 2009,

2010 and 2015, and the Golden Stork Award on three occasions.

## Reminders

### On-street parking

Starting April 1, on-street parking is allowed between 2 and 6 a.m., however, vehicles may not be left on the street for more than 48 consecutive hours.

### Free Yard Waste Recycling | Sundays in April

The SMSC Organics Recycling Facility is offering free yard waste drop off for Scott County residents every Sunday in April and May from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents must show an ID. The SMSC Organic Recycling Facility is located at 1905 Mystic Lake Drive South, Shakopee.

## Calvin named 2018 Officer of the Year

For the last 6 years, Officer Rob Calvin has been an integral member of the Savage Police Department with a reputation for being dependable, thorough, and knowledgeable.

"Officer Calvin leads by example," said Police Chief Rodney Seurer. Calvin dedicates an incredible number of hours before, during, and after his normal patrol shift as a Field Training Officer, Crime Scene Technician, Property Room Technician, and member of the Predatory Offender team, and Body Worn Camera Pilot team. He consistently leads the department in arrests and his criminal investigations are always thorough and complete. "Officer Calvin truly embodies the meaning



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of a team player," Seurer said. "He is always willing to go above and beyond to help his partners with their calls for service and caseloads."

### Zadach named 2018 Employee of the Year

Code enforcement can be a tough job, but Community Service Specialist Zigi Zadach uses care and compassion to build relationships with citizens to resolve code violation issues. "Zadach's customer service skills are exemplary," praised Police Chief Rodney Seurer. Her friendly attitude, professional demeanor, and good communication skills have resulted in many positive community relations. Her willingness to assist others and her commitment to make the department better are unequalled. "Whether she is serving the community, co-workers, or other City of Savage departments, she consistently places the needs of others above her own with great humility," said Chief Seurer.

### Seltz named Volunteer of the Year

Renee Seltz has been a Volunteer in Policing (VIP) since the program was first started in 2011. Throughout the years, Renee has volunteered numerous hours representing the Savage Police Department at events including the Police Open House, Polar Plunge, Law Enforcement Torch Run, Night to Unite, Citizens Academy, and Santa Cop. Plus she can give a great department tour! She is also a wonderful photographer who helped capture our officers and volunteers in action. "Her volunteer efforts go above and beyond," said Chief Seurer, "and even included providing security in the holding cell area while we were installing the new Panasonic HD Camera system!"

## Crime Prevention: Help prevent auto theft: lock your car by the Savage Police Department

We know we mention it often, but we cannot stress enough, the importance of taking valuables out of your car and locking your vehicles. It takes less than 30 seconds for someone to break into a car, grab what's in plain sight, and get away.

In 2018, 124 thefts from a motor vehicle were reported in Savage. And it's no longer just your loose change or cell phone charger that thieves are taking. These days, thieves are looking to snatch the garage door opener you keep on your sun visor and use it to access your home. The good news is this type of crime is easy to prevent:

- Always lock your doors and close all the windows.
- Remove all valuables from your vehicle or make sure they are out of view.
- Remove garage door openers.
- Park in well-lit, visible areas.
- If you have an alarm, make sure it is activated.

Remember, if you see something suspicious, call 911 immediately.



### Street sweeping to start with snow melt

Street sweeping will begin the first part of April (weather permitting) to rid the city streets, parking lots, medians, and city maintained sidewalks of debris, dirt, and sand left over from the winter. Street sweeping is part of the City's storm water management program. It not only beautifies the City, it prevents debris from entering the storm water system and polluting nearby water bodies. All City streets are swept curb to curb once in the spring and once in the fall. Spot sweeping occurs during the summer months as needed after rain or after an accident that has resulted in debris on the road. Residents are reminded that they should not push leaves, grass clippings, or anything else into City streets. It's not only bad for our lakes and waterways – it's against the law.

# Upcoming Community Events

## Get involved with Service Day Saturday | April 13

Service Day Saturday is just around the corner. Hundreds of volunteers and residents of all ages will gather on the Savage City Campus between 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for a variety of hands-on service projects that will help make a difference in our community. Here's a few ways you can get involved:

- Repack rice for local food shelf
- Create bead bracelets for hospitalized kids
- Make a card of appreciation for U.S. military
- Assemble dental cheer kits for homeless youth
- Make a fleece blanket or chew toy for an animal shelter
- Bring non-perishable food items
- Decorate paper bags for Meals on Wheels
- Donate gently used shoes to the Shoe Away Hunger bus
- Sign up to give blood

Plus there will be hotdogs and ice cream (while supplies last), face painting, chair massages, and much more. Everything is free! For more information on items to donate and activities to participate in, go to [servicedaysaturday.wixsite.com/savage](https://servicedaysaturday.wixsite.com/savage) or follow them on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

## Arbor Day Celebration | April 27

Bring the whole family to the McColl Pond Environmental Learning and Event Center on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. - noon for the annual Arbor Day Celebration. Scheduled activities include:

**10 a.m.:** Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Williams

**10 a.m. - noon:** Various educational activities on:

- native prairie plantings
- rain gardens
- butterfly gardens
- Emerald Ash Borer information
- Tree pruning and trimming tips
- Tree identification tour
- Build your own milkweed seed bomb to help save monarch butterflies

**11 a.m. - noon:** U of M Rapture Center program featuring a bald eagle and a variety of owls, hawks, and falcons.

*This is an off year for the biennial tree sale; it will be back in 2020.*

## Savage Recycling Day | May 4

Make plans to dispose of unwanted items at the annual Savage Recycling Day. Bring your old appliances, electronics, furniture, yard waste, and other items to Savage Community Park on Saturday, May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon. A complete list of accepted and unaccepted items and fees is available online at [cityofsavage.com](https://cityofsavage.com) or on a flyer available at City Hall and Public Works. For more information, contact the City at **952-882-2660**.



## I want to know!

After my spring cleaning efforts, I need to have a garage sale. Where can I put my garage sale signs?

The City of Savage does not require a permit for temporary garage and yard sales signs, however there are guidelines for where you can and cannot place your signs. Please follow these rules about the placement of your signs:

- Signs are only allowed one day prior to the sale event and on the day of the event. They must be removed immediately after the event ends.
- Signs should only be placed on private property, and with the owner's permission.
- Signs cannot be attached to fences, trees, street or traffic signs, or utility poles.
- Signs cannot be placed on any City property including parks, park paths, trails and sidewalks.
- Signs are not allowed in public right-of-way (ROW) or boulevard areas. The public ROW is the area between the curb and the back edge of the sidewalk. Signs are not allowed in this area so that the traveling public will have clear views of traffic signage and pedestrians.

If signs are improperly placed they are subject to removal. If you need additional information on garage sale signs, please contact the Planning Department at **952-882-2660**.

If you have a question or something you want to know about, email it to us at [egunderson@ci.savage.mn.us](mailto:egunderson@ci.savage.mn.us). We will feature a different question each month in the City Connection.



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## Rec Corner

### Spring/Summer Brochure available!

The Discover Savage Parks and Recreation brochure is available online at [cityofsavage.com](http://cityofsavage.com) or extra copies can be picked up at City Hall, Savage Library, or Public Works.

**Spring Registration:** Open now!

**Summer Registration:** Opens Tuesday, April 2 for Savage residents, non-residents April 4.

### Dome Down Day | May 3

The Savage Sports Center will be deflated beginning May 3 and prepared for summer turf. Watch the Dome Down Day time lapse video at [bit.ly/2GviG5t](http://bit.ly/2GviG5t).

### Bocce Ball League | New team registration April 1-14

Teams of 2 to 4 will play double headers for seven weeks with an end-of-the-season tournament of bocce ball. Two leagues are offered, with play on Wednesdays or Thursdays from 6:15 - 10:15 p.m. at Savage Community Park. More information and registration materials can be found online at [cityofsavage.com/adult-leagues](http://cityofsavage.com/adult-leagues) or by calling **952-224-3420**.

### Open Pickleball | Begins May 6

All ages and skill levels can participate in rotating games. Open pickleball will take place at Savage Community Park on Mondays, 6 - 8 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon. Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers to help assist in running pickleball leagues. If you or someone you know are interested in assisting, contact Recreation Services Manager Chris Dill at **952-224-3421** or [cdill@ci.savage.mn.us](mailto:cdill@ci.savage.mn.us).

### Family Fishing | May 17

Learn about types of fish, preparing equipment, bait, and handling fish once they are caught. This program is available to participants of all ages. Equipment and fishing licenses are provided during this class. Register online at [cityofsavage.com](http://cityofsavage.com). Registration deadline is May 12.

### Be a good pet owner, clean up after your pet

Pet waste left on the ground is more than smelly and unsightly. It pollutes our water and poses a health risk for pets and people. When not disposed of properly, pet waste washes into local storm drains and ponds causing problems with water quality as it decomposes. Help keep Savage water clean by picking up your pet's waste and putting it in the garbage. **#scoopthepoop**

## CONNECT WITH US

### City Calendar

A list of scheduled meetings and events can be found online at [cityofsavage.com](http://cityofsavage.com).

### Notify me.

Want to get timely updates on the latest road construction projects or information on street sweeping and snow plowing, job postings, or upcoming community events? In addition to this monthly City Connection newsletter, the City of Savage has several other ways to keep you informed about what is happening.

### Websites

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