



CITY OF CREDIT RIVER

The Credit River Flow

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Spring Reminders for ATV and UTV Riders

The air is warmer, the trails are muddy, and residents have an understandable itch to get their toys out of the garage and go for a ride! Before you blow the dust off of the hibernating 4-wheeler and fire it up, it may be a good idea to review the City’s rules and regulations to ensure that your springtime ride is a safe and respectful one.

Special use vehicles like ATV’s/UTV’s require a permit to operate in the City. These permits are valid for a 3-year period and can be applied for through the City Clerk, who will issue you a permit sticker to place on your vehicle. You must also carry proof of insurance.

Driving an ATV/UTV on sidewalks, shared use paths or in any park is prohibited (unless authorized by the City as part of an event). The City Council can also establish other prohibited public areas. So where *can* you drive? In the rightmost portion of designated public roadways, or in the ditch or outer banks of county highways.

Please also follow City regulations regarding



prohibited hours, driver age restrictions, equipment requirements, unsafe operation, private property, and cooperation with state law. For more information, Ordinance 2020-02 Special Use Vehicles is available on our website, www.creditriver-mn.gov. Now go have fun, and stay safe out there!

City Administrator and Finance Director Update

The City of Credit River is pleased to welcome our new Finance Director Lucas Chase, CPA (pictured at right) to the staff as of January 15, 2025! Lucas comes to us from more than a decade at the audit firm of CLA and has extensive experience with municipal government finance. He rolled up his sleeves and got right to work at City Hall, and we are extremely excited to have him on board!



The search for a new City Administrator has also been successful! The second posting for the position resulted in several applications. Three candidates were recommended for initial interviews by the Review Committee, and two of these moved forward to interviews with the City Council. A consensus was reached by Council and an offer of employment was extended to Steve Jelinski, who accepted and began work on March 31. Stay tuned for a more detailed bio soon.

All of us here at the City would also like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for our outgoing Interim City Administrator, Eric Johnson, who stepped in at a difficult time and has done so much for Credit River during his tenure here. We will miss you lots and wish you the best in retirement—give it a whirl!

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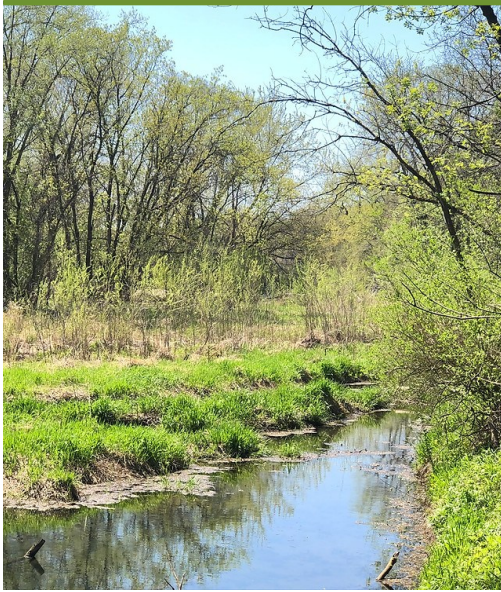
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HELLO CREDIT RIVER!

While I’m introducing new City Staff, I should probably also introduce myself! My name is Amy Jones. I’m the new City Clerk. You might have already met me at meetings or elections. I also edit the Credit River Flow. I’m excited to work with all of you!



Community Events



Spring is here at last! Winter-weary Minnesotans can finally shake off their cabin fever and venture out into one of the prettiest seasons the state has to offer. Fields are being planted, and pleasant weather is chasing away the cold, enticing folks to spend as much time outside as possible to soak it all up. Residents enjoy sunshine that stretches a bit farther every day, and can the mosquitoes please hibernate a little longer this year? As always, The Credit River Flow aims to inform, so you won't miss any exciting local events this Spring. Email any events you'd like to see in future issues to: clerk@creditriver-mn.gov.

April 2025:

4/14—Wellness Family Expo, Prior Lake
4/25-27—MN Horse Expo 2025, Shakopee
4/27—2025 Puck & Pour, New Prague
4/27—Community Expo, Belle Plaine

May 2025:

5/10—Downtown Lakeville Art Crawl
5/17—Food Truck Festival, Prior Lake
5/31—Bike Safety Rodeo, Prior Lake

June 2025:

6/20—Taste of Shakopee
6/26-29—Dan Patch Days, Savage

School Events:

Prior Lake/Savage Area School District, plsas.org

Lakeville Public School District, isd194.org

Regional Park Events:

Find a full event list at threeiversparks.org

Credit River Residents Invited to Savage's Annual Recycling Day



The 2025 Annual City of Savage Recycling Day will be Saturday, May 3 from 8:00 am – Noon at Savage Public Works, 13770 Dakota Ave.

This is a drop-off event where Savage and Credit River residents can 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 Savage or Credit River residency.
- No vehicles larger than a pickup truck.
- No trailers larger than 8' x 12'.
- Cash or check only (credit cards not accepted).

- \$30 per car load or \$50 per truck or trailer load of garbage (additional fee for other accepted items).

For a list of accepted vs. not accepted items and for other information, please go to the City of Savage website at www.savagemn.gov and use keyword search "recycling".

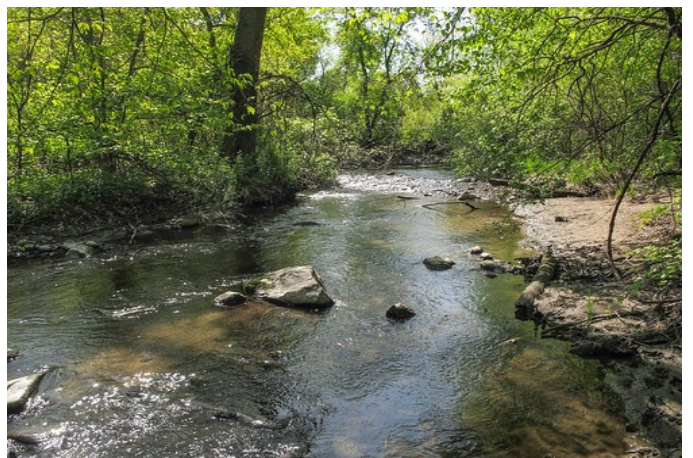
Take the Parks & Trails Survey!

The City of Credit River is currently drafting its Parks & Trails Assessment, which will inventory existing City-owned recreational amenities and guide the continual improvement of these amenities for years to come.



This survey is an important first step to evaluate the current usage/popularity of the parks and identify needed improvements. Thank you for your time and input!

The survey can be found here: <https://arcg.is/1TbGH81> or you can scan this QR Code.



CSTS New Rates and Neighborhood Meetings



The City of Credit River Council discussed the initial proposed budgets and rates for each of the City's four community sewer treatment systems (CSTS) in the Council Meeting March 17. The Council's proposed edits from that meeting have been incorporated into the budgets and rates, and City staff are prepared to present the proposed CSTS budgets and rates at neighborhood meetings to ensure CSTS users are fully informed and to compile feedback. Please see below for the proposed dates and times of the neighborhood

CSTS meetings. The Council plans to approve the final 2025 CSTS rates and budgets at their meeting on Monday, 6/2/2025, with a planned date of 7/1/2025 for the rates to become effective. If you have questions or would like more information, please email Finance Director Lucas Chase at treasurer@creditriver-mn.gov.

CSTS Rates & Budgets Neighborhood Meetings

Thursday 5/8/2025 - 5:30 pm	Monterey Heights
Thursday 5/8/2025 - 6:30 pm	Stonebridge
Friday 5/9/2025 - 5:30 pm	Territory
Tuesday 5/13/2025 - 5:30 pm	South Passage

Property Valuation Notices Sent

Scott County has mailed out their annual notices of property valuation and classification (see example at right). If you believe the value and classification of your property is incorrect, please contact the assessor's office (the contact information for the assessor can be found on your notice where indicated by the red arrow in the example document). If you still disagree after discussing your concerns with the assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization at their annual meeting, the details of which are below. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. The board shall review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal & Equalization.



**Local Board
of Appeal
&
Equalization
Meeting**

**THURS. 4/17/2025, 3:00 PM
CREDIT RIVER CITY HALL
18985 MEADOW VIEW BLVD
Important Information
Regarding Assessment and
Classification of Property.
This may affect your 2026
property taxes.**

Credit River Approves Cannabis Ordinance In Compliance with Minnesota State Statute

At the City Council meeting on March 3, the Council passed an ordinance that sets forth the rules and regulations for cannabis and hemp businesses that may seek to operate within Credit River once state regulations are finalized by the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM). Since it is an amendment to the Zoning Code, the Planning Commission also reviewed and approved it prior to it being presented to Council.



It specifies limitations on the number of cannabis retailers in the city based on the number allowed in Scott County, which is calculated by population. By that measure, the city would only have to allow one retailer at this time. The ordinance also provides for licensing, penalties, enforcement, compliance checks and buffer zones. Ten categories of cannabis or hemp related businesses are defined in the ordinance, with outdoor

cultivation being the only type permitted to operate outside commercial or industrial areas, and then only on parcels of ten acres or more. Non-transferrable interim use permits would be required in all circumstances. No cannabis or hemp business is allowed as a home occupation or home extended business. Additional restrictions in state statute and the city nuisance ordinance would also apply. The intent is to protect public health and safety while preparing the city to meet new challenges that cannabis may present.





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YOUR COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Postal
Indicia
License #
Or Stamp

Credit River Government Center

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Prior Lake MN 55372
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Office Hours

Monday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Tuesday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
(Closed Wed., Fri.-Sun., and Holidays)

We're on the Web!
creditrivernm.gov

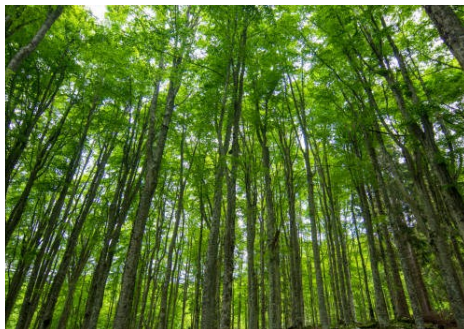
Name or Resident
Address
City State Zip

Postal Barcode

City Calendar—Spring 2025

April 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			



May 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2025

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- City Council Meeting
- Planning Commission Meeting
- Holiday—City Hall Closed
- CSTS Neighborhood Meeting
- Annual LBAE Meeting

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