

SAVAGE Pacer



Town square lot closed for construction

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The town square parking lot in downtown Savage that faces Highway 13 between Ottawa and Princeton avenues is closed for an improvement project that is expected to last between six and eight weeks.

Motorists impacted by the closure are advised to seek on-street parking spaces, which are located throughout the downtown area, or to park in another public parking lot, located two blocks south, on 124th Street, bounded on each side by Ottawa and Princeton avenues.

Crews are installing a new storm drainage system underneath the lot. Also, sewer and water services will be installed to accommodate the historic Savage Depot, which will be moved to the lot within the next few months. The city and the Dan Patch Historical Society are working together to bring the depot back to Savage; it has been at Murphy's Landing in Shakopee since the 1970s.

The centrally located lot, known as the Town Square, will offer 90 paved and lighted parking spaces when construction is complete. The project includes the extensive landscaping and a concrete wall between the northern edge of the parking lot and Highway 13. Work began last fall and completion is expected by May.

Overall cost of the project is approximately \$550,000 and funding is coming from bonds sold for the first phase of the Hamilton improvement project.

The city is currently accepting proposals from individuals or companies interested in leasing the depot for their business. At the same time, the Historical Society is accepting donations to help fund the depot's return and to construct a Brick Walk of Fame around the perimeter.