

Help Protect Our Neighborhood!

Ron Clark, developer of Trout Run in Savage, MN, submitted an application to the City of Savage for development of a housing project for the 14 acre property behind Rainbow foods in Savage (off Hwy 13 and County Rd 42). This application requires the land to be re-zoned from **commercial** to **mixed** use allowing for an **8 acre high-density residential housing complex, termed "workforce housing."** **THE RON CLARK APPLICATION WILL BE APPROVED UNLESS YOU GET INVOLVED AND VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION.**

What does this mean to our community and your family?

Changing the zoning of this property from commercial to mixed-residential raises a number of issues that are of concern:

1. The 14 acre site behind Rainbow, which the City had previously designated as Savage's "prime commercial corridor" will be rezoned to accommodate the proposed 3-story apartment complex.
2. The zoning change will foreclose further retail development in this "prime commercial corridor", a serious blow to our community's future tax base and economic prosperity.
3. The City is ignoring three (3) other locations in Savage already zoned for "high density residential" which are more logically positioned for this type of project. If the City's "prime commercial corridor" can be rezoned at the whim of our elected officials, what zoning changes will they make next to accommodate other special interests?
4. The re-zoning and construction of the proposed 3-story, high density apartment complex towering over the surrounding homes in the neighborhood will potentially reduce already suppressed property values.
5. The proposed high density apartment complex could potentially add 120 children to Glendale Elementary School, exceeding the school's capacity by over 70 students.

What's next? On February 10th at 7:00pm the Savage Planning Commission will vote on whether to approve Ron Clark's application (City Council Chambers, Savage City Hall, 6000 McColl Drive, Savage MN). All indications are that the Commission will simply rubber-stamp the application, **UNLESS YOU SHOW UP AT THE MEETING TO VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION.**

If the Commission approves the application, the City Council will vote to approve the application at its next meeting on February 22nd at 7:00pm (same location at City Hall). The City Council meeting is open to the public and this will be our **LAST** shot to convince our elected officials to deny the application. We **MUST have your representation at the City Council Meeting**...a "packed house" full of community members in opposition will be the only way to convince our elected officials to deny the application.

We need your help: We have retained attorney Jim Susag of the Larkin Hoffman law firm to help us in our efforts and to speak on our behalf at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and City Council meeting. Jim is a resident of Savage, he was involved with the original zoning plan that the City is now trying to change, and he personally knows and has worked with many of the City Council and planning commission members.

We need your financial support to help pay for the legal representation. Without an experienced attorney speaking on our behalf that knows the legal issues involved and who can articulate the arguments clearly and succinctly against the rezoning and this proposed development, our chances of success are greatly diminished.

We anticipate legal expenses to be around \$7,000. To date, our alliance has raised only \$1800. We are asking all the community members opposed to the project to **contribute a minimum of \$100** toward the legal expenses. If you are financially unable to support the cause in the amount of \$100, please consider giving any donation that fits your means. Make your check payable to **Larkin Hoffman** and mail it to:

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LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD NOW:

Please email each member of the City Council to voice your opposition immediately. It is imperative that your voice is heard by the voting members of our council.

Mayor Janet Williams: jwilliams@ci.savage.mn.us; Council Member Gene Abbott: gabbott@ci.savage.mn.us
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McColl: almccoll@ci.savage.mn.us Council member Jane Victorey: jvictorey@ci.savage.mn.us

Mark your calendars now! It is essential that you attend the upcoming meetings on February 10th and 22nd. Let your voice be heard! Let's keep our neighborhood the community it was intended to be and the community we thought it was going to be when we purchased our homes.

Kind Regards-
NW Savage Alliance