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The City also has a lot of helpful information on it's webpage. Please check it out at:

www.cityofnya.com

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Construction on New Water Treatment Plant Begin Late July

(continued from Page 1) What this means to the residents of the City is, the City has to repay \$2,149,375 of the total project cost of \$6,149,375.

To understand what this really means to the City of Norwood Young America, the table below compares the funding package provided by the PFA to two conventional funding packages typically used for a project of this nature. The comparison above shows the City will save between \$287,000 and \$360,000 per

year in annual loan repayment costs over the term of the loan, and a total of between \$6,200,000 and \$8,600,000 over the term of the loan by using the funding package provided by the PFA.

Construction on the final step in the long journey to completion of the water system infrastructure improvements will begin in July. The water treatment facility is expected to be operational in late fall of 2011.

	PFA Package	20 Year Conventional	30 Year Conventional
Total Project Cost	\$6,149,375	\$6,149,375	\$6,149,375
Loan Financing Term	30 Years	20 Years	30 Years
Loan Interest Rate	2.461%	4.25%	4.75%
Principle Forgiveness Amount	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0
Financed Amount	\$2,149,375	\$6,149,375	\$6,149,375
Annual Payment	\$101,215	\$462,555	\$388,699
Total Cost of Financing	\$3,036,456	\$9,251,100	\$11,660,970
Additional Annual Payment	\$0	\$361,340	\$287,484
Annual Payment Savings	0%	78%	74%
Additional Cost of Financing	\$0	\$6,214,644	\$8,624,514
Cost of Financing Savings	0%	67%	74%

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Summer Newsletter

City of Norwood Young America



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Regular City Office hours:
Monday through Friday:
8:00 am to 4:30 pm

The City Offices will be closed on the following national holidays:
September 6th — Labor Day

City Meeting Times

City Council
2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Economic Development Authority
4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

Economic Development Commission
Scheduled as needed

Parks and Recreation Commission
3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Planning Commission
3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Senior Advisory Committee
2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at The Harbor (300 N. Faxon Road).

City Awarded \$4 Million for New Water Treatment Plant

The City's long journey toward completion of much needed water system infrastructure improvements has taken a major turn toward completion. At a special City Council meeting held on June 24, 2010, the City Council awarded a contract for the construction of the new North Water Treatment Facility. The award of this contract is one of the last few hurdles to jump in an improvement plan that the City Council, City Staff, Public Utilities Department and City Engineers (Bolton & Menk) have been discussing and evaluating for many years in response to ever increasing demands on the water system.

In response to Public Utility Staff's continued difficulty in providing quality water at sufficient quantities to its customers during high demand periods despite diligent effort in operating the system in excess of its design capacity, the Council directed Bolton & Menk to evaluate the City's water system in the spring of 2007. The system evaluation determined that the most cost effective method of improving capacity and efficiency was to combine the north water system and south water system that remained from before the two cities merged. Combining the systems would allow both sides to operate together and also would allow a single improvement to benefit both sides of the system.

In order to combine both systems, and make the needed improvements that would allow the City to provide quality water in adequate quantities to its customers, four major components needed to be completed: 1. Construct a trunk watermain connecting the north tower and water plant to the trunk pipe network near the south system border. 2. Construct a new 750,000 gallon tower at the same elevation as the north tower to provide adequate storage and allow the systems to operate together. 3. Construct a new water treatment plant with a capacity of 1000 gpm to replace the old north facility that has been in operation since the 1970's. This would also allow use of the old south treatment plant to be significantly reduced, and 4. Increase pumping capacity of the main well on the north side. (completed with the water treatment facility project)

In the fall of 2007, the City Council directed Bolton & Menk to prepare a feasibility study for the needed improvements to address the question of "How much will it cost and how do we pay for it?" The result of the study indicated the improvements were feasible, and as such, the project cautiously moved forward. The trunk watermain was

constructed in 2008, and the new water tower was completed this spring. Design of the water treatment facility began in 2008.

Over the past two years, as the economic conditions continued to dwindle, the City Council's fiscal responsibility concerns began to raise renewed questions of affordability of the water treatment facility. As such, design on the facility was halted. City Staff and Bolton & Menk worked together completing numerous financing scenarios to determine whether or not it was feasible to proceed with completion of the treatment facility. Also during this time period, the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) funding programs were undergoing numerous changes and revisions due to the economic changes and stimulus packages that were taking shape.

Because of these opportunities that were becoming available the City was able to capture two excellent funding sources from PFA. In 2009 the City Council authorized Bolton & Menk to apply for funding from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) for the water treatment facility. The project was approved for low interest financing and the City Council authorized Bolton & Menk to complete the design of the treatment facility and solicit bids for the construction of the facility. Once bids were obtained a second funding opportunity through PFA began to take shape in the form of principal forgiveness— similar to a grant. Award of a contract for the construction of the facility was postponed to allow time for the PFA to define the parameters of the new funding methodology. City Staff, Bolton & Menk, and the PFA worked continuously together from April through the end of June completing a project budget, cash flow analyses, and all the necessary applications, forms, worksheets, etc necessary to bring a funding package of this scope to fruition.

All the hard work and cooperation between City Council, Staff, Bolton & Menk, and the PFA paid off. The low bid submitted for construction was \$5,110,000. The total estimated project cost, including construction and all non construction costs such as legal, administrative, financing, engineering reports, design, construction administration and testing, is \$6,149,375. The funding package provided by the PFA through the DWRF includes a low interest loan in the amount of \$2,149,375 for a period of 30 years at an interest rate of 2.461%, and **principle forgiveness (grant) in the amount of \$4,000,000.** (Continued on Page 4).

Stiftungsfest Celebration~ Aug. 27-29



The Stiftungsfest Committee and Norwood Young America Fire Department would like to invite you to the 149th Stiftungsfest celebration "For the Best Time of Your Life!"

Stiftungsfest, Minnesota's oldest consecutive celebration, will be held August 27, 28, and 29. Once again, all volunteers will receive a FREE Stiftungsfest T-shirt for helping.

Anyone interested in volunteering can go to www.stiftungsfest.org or call (952)467-2633 to sign up for a work shift.

The celebration starts Friday evening at 5:00 pm and goes until Sunday night at 9:00 pm with fireworks ending the celebration. Come meet up with some old friends, grab a famous Stiftungsfest burger, and enjoy some great music! See you at Stiftungsfest!

Rental License Renewal Deadline ~ Dec. 31

Property owners of rental housing units in the City are reminded that the deadline for renewing your license is Dec. 31st. Reminder letters, along with a rental license application, will be mailed out in the next few weeks to those rental property owners on record with the City, as well as those properties that have been flagged as potential rental properties. Please submit completed applications and fees to the City and schedule your inspection as soon as reasonably possible. Fees range between \$7.50-\$12.00 per unit, dependent on the number of units in the dwelling, with a minimum fee of \$36. A separate application and fee should be submitted for each building address.

*Updates to the rental housing ordinance are being considered by the City Council at the August 16th meeting. Please see "News and Notices" on the City's website homepage or contact City Hall at 467-1800 to see a copy of the proposed updates.

First Annual "Taste of Norwood Young America" will be held July 27th

More than 50 local businesses will participate in the First Annual Taste of Norwood Young America, hosted by the NYA Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at Willkommen Park & Pavilion on Tuesday, July 27 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Area food establishments will be offering samples of their menu items, a few of which are pizza, deli items, burgers, cheeses, sandwiches, desserts, beer-tasting, wine-tasting and other beverages.

Other businesses will sponsor activities for children and adults, along with two great bands. The always-popular Chuck Thiel & the Jolly Ramblers will perform from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. and the Cogley Sisters will perform their special blending of music and entertainment especially for kids from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Some of the fun activities will include bingo, storytelling, a bounce house, games for kids, chair massages, bingo, balloons, clowns, prizes and more.

Advance tickets are on sale through July 20 at Econofoods, KleinBank NYA, Citizens State Bank, Millstone Pantry, Camelot Café, KleinBank Cologne and State Bank of Hamburg. Advance ticket prices are \$8.00

for adults, \$4.00 for children 3-12; children 2 and under are free. After July 20, you may purchase tickets the day of the event at the gate for \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 for children 3-12, and children 2 and under remain free. Tickets are non-refundable and the event will be held rain or shine.



Please visit our website at www.nyachamber.org

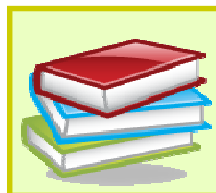
Library News

The library has many exciting programming opportunities for the summer that are posted on their website. For information on these activities and other events happening within the Carver County Library System, please visit their website at www.carverlib.org.

The library is located at 102 Main Street East. They will be in this location only until

October, when they will be making the move to the new Oak Grove

City Center located at 314 Elm St. W. Library staff can be reached during business hours at 467-2665.



Monday	1pm-8pm
Tuesday	10am-5pm
Wednesday	1pm-8pm
Thursday	1pm-6pm
Friday	1pm-5pm
Saturday	1pm-4pm
Sunday	closed

National Night Out is August 3rd

A National Night Out (NNO) celebration will be held again this year at Legion Park, 320 Reform Street, on Tuesday, August 3rd from 6:00-7:30 pm. Appearing at the celebration will be the Town Deputy, Fire Dept., Dairy Processes, NYA Royalty, Red Cross, Ronald McDonald and the Girl Scouts. There will be music and activities for small children.

The event, hosted by the West Carver Lions, is an opportunity to socialize with neighbors and fellow community members. However, the Committee also encourages neighborhoods to start their own celebration. LaVonne Kroells, one of the event organizers, stated, "The idea behind NNO is to get to know your neighbors. NNO reinforces the partnership of citizens and the police to combat crime." Residents interested in starting their own neighborhood celebrations are encouraged to call either Anne Keller 994-7020 or LaVonne at 467-3214 for ideas.

National Assisted Living Week is Sept. 13-17

Come celebrate National Assisted Living Week with The Harbor! Community events are scheduled throughout the week:

Monday, September 13 @ 12:30- Card Club, playing 500 in The Harbor dining room.

Wednesday, September 15 from 5:30-7:00 pm- Classic Car Show- come on out to the parking lot at The Harbor to see the area's best classic cars and for FREE root beer floats!

Thursday, September 16 from 1:00-3:00 pm- Community Bingo in The Harbor dining room with cash and other prizes for the winners.

Friday, September 17 @ 8:30 am- Coffee with the Community. Come on over for a cup of coffee and a muffin and catch up with old friends!

Farmer's Market Pondered for 2011

The City has received grant funding through an active living initiative with Carver County. The purpose of the funding is to encourage active living within your community through various measures, including policy changes and program development geared towards active and healthy lifestyles.



One of the ideas discussed was the development of a community Farmer's Market. Staff is looking for individuals who may be interested in serving on a committee to assist in developing this idea further, including site location, rules and regulations and vendor ideas. It is anticipated the committee would meet 3-4 times over the course of the next six months. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Chelsea Alger at 467-1806 or calger@cityofnyc.com. Thank you for your interest!

Summer Road Projects

The City has two roadways under construction this summer, Seventh Street SW and Reform Street.

The Seventh Street project started last week and includes reconstruction of a portion of the roadway, between Morse St. and the ditch just north of the school bus garage. The remainder of Seventh Street, out to County Road 33, will be an overlay. Substantial completion is expected by October 15th.

The Reform Street project will include a Railroad crossing, providing direct access from the stop light to the Elm St. downtown area. With this project, the crossing currently located at Union Street will be closed. This project is expected to start on or around August 1st, at which time the Union Street crossing will be closed, and completed by late October. Signs directing traffic to downtown businesses will be posted on Railroad Street at Reform and Union Streets. Questions may be directed to City Hall at (952) 467-1800.

Community Enhancement ~ Take Pride in Your Property

The City's code enforcement program is in place to encourage and/or enforce property owners to abate nuisance violations. The purpose of this program is to foster pride in property ownership, cultivate a positive neighborhood sense of place, and advance community wide property beautification ~ working together to continually enhance the image of our community. There are a number of ordinance regulations to support these efforts:

- Dogs must be on a leash when off of the owner's property. Always clean up after your dog and take the necessary steps to prevent excessive barking, whining or crying.
- Grass must be kept less than six (6) inches at all times.
- The accumulation of junk and trash on your property is prohibited. This can include, but is not limited to garbage, machinery and parts, unused appliances, tires and discarded building materials.
- If you have vehicles that are inoperable, unlicensed or otherwise considered junk, they may not be stored on your property unless they are completely within a structure. In no instance may they be parked on the street or any other public or private property.

The City receives numerous nuisance complaints each year. Please help ensure your property and belongings are not creating a nuisance and help support community enhancement in your neighborhood.

Violation of these ordinances (found in Chapters 5, 6, and 7 of the City Code) may result in citations, fines, court appearances, and/or other assessments. Questions? Please contact Chelsea Alger, (952) 467-1806 or calger@cityofnyc.com.

Hydrant Flushing Still Planned for Late Summer/Early Fall

Due to the increased priority of other utility projects, the flushing of fire hydrants that was to take place in June has been delayed most likely to late summer. Please watch the City's website for further information on the flushing schedule. The Public Utilities Department will also be posting signs around the community when the project commences.



Residents are asked to check water quality when flushing is occurring in their area, as it can affect water clarity, causing the water to be cloudy or otherwise colored in nature. To prevent staining of laundry, water quality should be checked prior to running any loads.

Questions regarding hydrant flushing may be directed to the Public Utilities Department at (952) 467-1861.