

Here are some of the exciting new features to come from the road improvements:

- 1 NEW ROUNDABOUT**
This updated feature will channel traffic efficiently and safely from CR 33 and Hwy 5/25, reducing accident risk.
- 2 UPGRADED INTERSECTIONS**
Intersections will feature new turn lanes and clearly marked crosswalks to allow for easier access onto and off of Hwy 212.
- 3 PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS**
The new lighted underpass will allow pedestrian access to the other side of Hwy 212 without walking across the highway.
- 4 MODIFIED J TURN**
This new intersection at Tacoma Ave will enable drivers to safely enter and exit Hwy 212 with reduced chance of accidents.
- 5 WIDENED INTERSECTIONS**
Wider intersections at 33/5/25 and 7th Street / Kwik Trip will better handle truck traffic.
- 6 CHANGES TO MORSE ST.**
To increase driver safety, Morse St. will merge right onto Hwy 212 on the north side, and will be a closed dead-end on the south side.
- 7 NEW WALKING TRAILS**
Beautiful and convenient walking trails will be added along Hwy 212, making it easier and more safe to get around town!

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dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy212nya/

And the cherry on top....

Highway 212 Road Construction starting this summer!



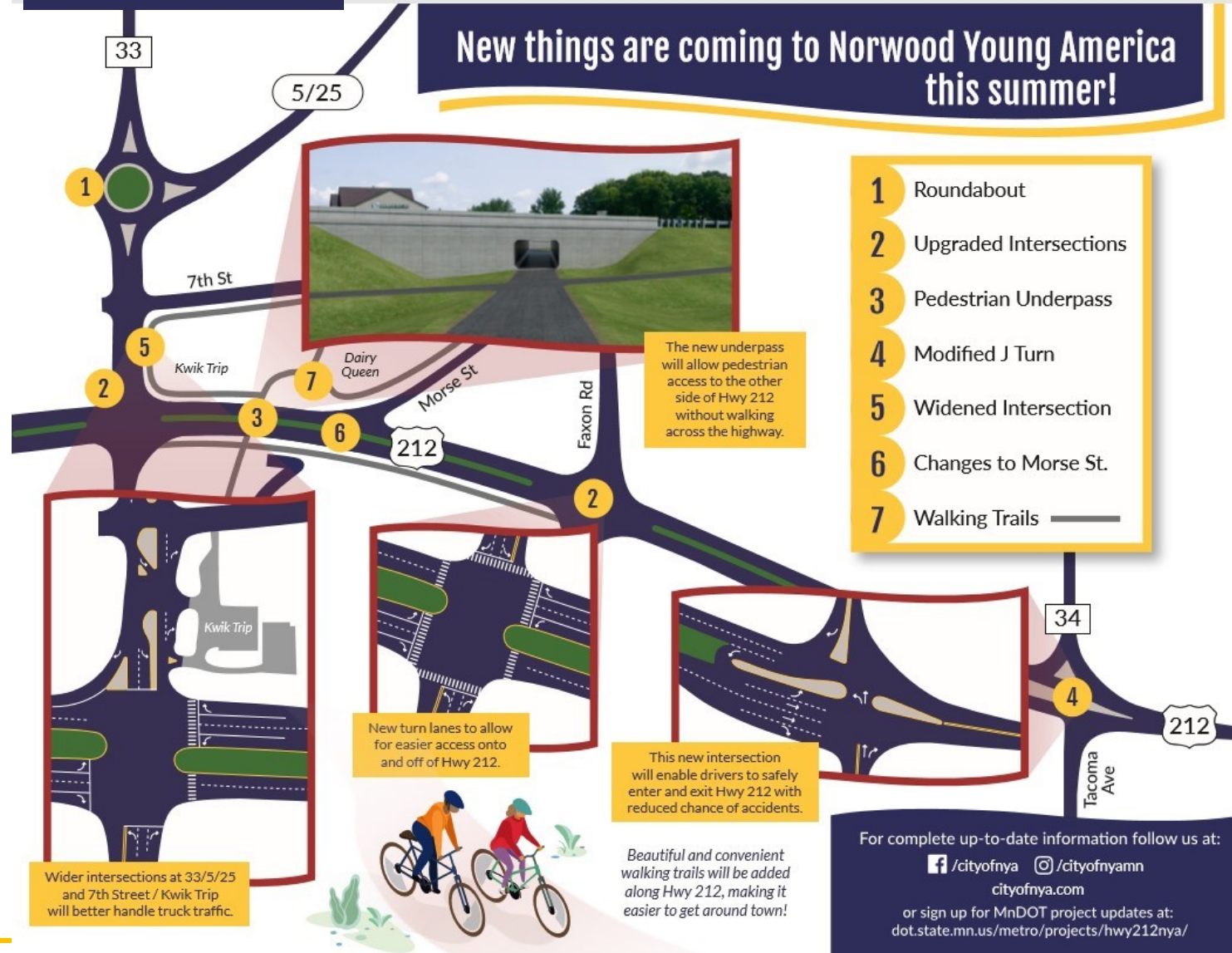
Norwood Young America and western Carver County will see lots of road changes and major improvements starting this summer. Hwy 212 between Hwy 5/25 and County Hwy 36 in Cologne will be repaved, new pedestrian underpass and trail system within city limits, Reduced Conflict Intersection at Tacoma, and new signal lights and turn lanes at Reform and Faxon. All of these improvements will give commuters a smoother ride, restore much needed pavement and drainage issues along with improving the overall safety of those who travel on Hwy 212.

The unique intersection at State Hwy 5/25 was identified as an ideal area for a roundabout which will improve traffic flow, driver safety, maintain adequate intersection and access spacing and help with the planning of future growth of Norwood Young America.

One more area road improvement will be the resurfacing of Hwy 5 from 5th Street in Green Isle to Hwy 212. This construction project is planned to start late summer 2020 to provide a smoother road surface, improved drainage and safer rural intersections.

For more information on all of these projects—and to sign up for up to date email alerts—visit <https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy212nya/> or look for posts on www.cityofnya.com and [@cityofnya](https://twitter.com/cityofnya).

New things are coming to Norwood Young America this summer!



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NYA is Family NYA is Neighborhood *NYA is Community*
 NYA is Small Town NYA is Tradition NYA is Business NYA is Friendship
NYA is Opportunity NYA is Support
 NYA is Unity NYA is Pride
NYA is more than a place, it's home

COVID-19—What is it?

According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention...

Why is the disease being called coronavirus disease 2019, COVID-19?
 On February 11, 2020 the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan China. The new name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19. In COVID-19, 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease. Formerly, this disease was referred to as "2019 novel coronavirus" or "2019-nCoV".

There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses. COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans. The name of this disease was selected following the World Health Organization (WHO) best practice external icon for naming of new human infectious diseases.

How does the virus spread?
 The virus that causes COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading from person-to-person. Someone who is actively sick with COVID-19 can spread the illness to others. That is why CDC recommends that these patients be isolated either in the hospital or at home (depending on how sick they are) until they are better and no longer pose a risk of infecting others.

How long someone is actively sick can vary so the decision on when to release someone from isolation is made on a case-by-case basis in consultation with doctors, infection prevention and control experts, and public health officials. Considerations involve specifics of each situation including disease severity, illness signs and symptoms, and results of laboratory testing for that patient.

What are the symptoms of COVID-19?
 Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever¹, cough, and difficulty breathing. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

How can you protect yourself from the virus?

Clean your hands often	Avoid close contact	Stay home if you are sick	Cover coughs and sneezes	Wear a facemask if you are sick	Clean and disinfect
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash your hands Use a hand sanitizer that contains least 60% alcohol Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid close contact with people who are sick "Social distancing" Put distance 3-6 feet between yourself and other people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Stay in touch with your doctor Avoid public transportation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cover your mouth and nose with tissue or inside of your elbow Dispose used tissues Wash your hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear a facemask around other people if you are sick or going to the doctor You do not need to wear a mask if you are not sick. Save them for caregivers and healthcare workers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily—tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks. If surfaces are dirty, clean them

Don't panic—just prepare! More info at www.cdc.gov

Senior Facilities

Norwood Young America Senior Housing facilities at The Harbor, The Haven, Peace Village and Oak Grove City Center are engaging in multiple preventative measures.

According to an AARP article updated on March 14, 2020 by Sarah Elizabeth Adler, AARP Representative - *Why Coronaviruses Hit Older Adults Hardest*, "Researchers have learned that older adults may be particularly susceptible to the respiratory illness, which can cause pneumonia and symptoms such as fever, cough and shortness of breath." It goes on to say, "two main reasons for older adults' increased susceptibility to coronaviruses. The first: They are more likely to suffer from underlying conditions that hinder the body's ability to cope with and recover from illness, such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. The second has to do with how our immune response changes with age."

Effective March 16, 2020 all visitors were restricted from entering The Harbor and The Haven. In addition, access between The Harbor and Peace Villa has been closed. At this time, all outside entertainment and events have been cancelled and will be replaced by more frequent in-house activities. ECUMEN postings read: To protect our residents and care teams from COVID-19, our Restricted Access & Activity Protocol is in effect in adherence with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) recommendations:

- Restricting all visitors, effective immediately, with limited exceptions for compassionate care—must call ahead
- Restricting all volunteers and nonessential health care personnel and other personnel
- Restricting all vendors, including parcel delivery

Peace Villa and Oak Grove City Center managers are also requesting no visitors at this time and asking residents to use social distancing if they need to leave.



Do you need assistance with picking up your groceries? Please reach out to any area church or call City Hall at (952)467-1800.

Refill of medications? Call Marsden Pharmacy at (952)467-2100—they deliver!

At this time the City of NYA bus is available for resident pickup to take to and from area stores and appointments. If you need a ride, please call City Hall at (952)467-1800.



Local Churches

All local churches have cancelled their in-house Wednesday and Sunday worship services until at least March 29, 2020. Here are alternative ways of participating in your church services:

- ◆ All Saints Lutheran Church—Broadcasting on Facebook and Youtube with links available at www.allsaintsnya.org. Call (952)467-3388
- ◆ Church of Ascension—Call (952)467-3351 Watch Facebook and www.ascensionnya.org/ for updates
- ◆ Church in the Maples—Call (952)467-3302
- ◆ Church of Peace—Office open Tues/Wed AM. Call Donna 952-467-2847 or for Pastoral Care, call (952)297-6694—Watch Facebook for updates
- ◆ Living Rock Church—Broadcasting on website www.livingrockchurch.com and Facebook Call (952)467-2498
- ◆ St. John's Lutheran Church—Broadcasting on local access channel (MediaCom 8, Jaguar 901), Watch Facebook at www.stjohnsnya.org for updates.

What about my pets? Are they safe?



According to the CDC, there have been no reports received of any pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19. Here are some tips for continuing to keep your pet safe!

- Wash your hands before and after handling animal food, waste or supplies
- Practice good pet hygiene and clean up after your pet properly
- Take your pets to the veterinary clinic regularly

If you have any questions or concerns about your pet's health, please contact your local veterinarian.

School Updates

Central Public Schools will be closed for students from March 16th - March 27th.

- Instruction will resume on Monday, March 30th. It is possible that the instruction will be distance learning.
- Student activities and athletics along with all Community Ed practices, enrichment classes, Early Childhood and preschool classes are suspended at this time.
- Beginning the week of March 23rd, Kids' Company will only be open for emergency workers, including: health care staff; first responders; firefighters; correctional services; essential court personnel; MN State Veterans Home staff; state and local public health agency employees; MNSure Navigators; County financial/eligibility workers; county case managers; or any county staff in emergency management or health and human services.

For more information, call (952)467-7000 or visit the website www.raiders.central.k12.mn.us.

St. John's Lutheran School will be closed for students from March 16th - March 27th. Students will be participating in blended distance learning and e-learning. Information has been shared with all families.

For more information, call (952)467-3461 or visit the website www.sjsnysa.org.

Support Local Businesses We Are In This Together

The CDC has issued guidance to eliminate all gatherings of more than 50 people for the next eight weeks. MN government has issued a temporary closure of all restaurants, bars, theaters, fitness centers and more. Restaurants and bars have the option of take-out, curb-side pickup or delivery only. Wonder what you can do to help during these crazy times?

Here are some creative tips for supporting our small local businesses:

- ⇒ Order carry out or delivery (No cooking! Delivery to your door—and no dishes...)
- ⇒ Buy gift cards (Buy now, use later!)
- ⇒ Shop their online stores (Check out local retailers/salon websites to purchase products or package deals!)
- ⇒ Buy local produce (Know a local farmers? Betcha they are still working...)
- ⇒ Encourage #shoplocal and #NYAisOpen (Doors may be closed but small business owners are still working and preparing for when this crisis is over!)
- ⇒ Like, Share, Post & Repost on Facebook (Show local businesses that you have their back!)
- ⇒ Consider a donation (Our local business owners donate to so many organizations...the least we could do is return the gesture—make a meal, pay a water bill, donate via Venmo a "virtual tip," send THEM a gift card)
- ⇒ Call them, email them, message them (Ask them how you can help!)
- ⇒ Say 'THANK YOU' (If it were easy, everyone would do it—owning your own small business is the hardest and most rewarding thing in the world.)



Central Schools Offer Breakfast and Lunch to ALL Students Living in District 108



Central Schools is providing bag lunches for students during the school closure due to COVID-19. Whether you attend Central, or not, if you LIVE in District 108; your child/children are welcome to get Bag Breakfast and a Bag Lunch EVERYDAY from one of the pick up sites from 7AM-9AM Monday-Friday.

Pick up sites include:
 Kurious Kids in Cologne
 Hamburg Fire Hall in Hamburg
 Central Elementary in Norwood Young America.

