



Message From Mayor Lagergren

April 2020



During these unusual and challenging times it is exciting to see the traditional signs of spring (the time of rebirth and renewal) all around us. We often hear of the “new normal” that will be part of our culture and practice once the dangers of COVID-19 are a part of our history. But some things are still part of the “old normal” ...

Spring is the time for warmer weather and outdoor activities ...

During these past few weeks of social distancing and sheltering in place, many of our citizens have taken the opportunity to slow down and spend time as a family. I see parents and children practicing baseball or softball on one of our empty fields, playing soccer in an open area, biking or rollerblading, and walking with friends and/or loved ones. We are taking the time to get back to basics - unplugging from our devices and enjoying the beauty of the outdoors while still maintaining the requirements of social distancing.

Spring is the time for robins singing, trees budding and plants sprouting ...

It is wonderful to see all the possibilities of nature after those long winter months. As we walk through our neighborhoods, isn't it exciting to see robins looking for worms in the thawing ground and singing from the branches of trees? Isn't it exciting to see that the trees and lilac bushes in our yard survived another winter and have started budding? Isn't it exciting to see people starting to think about their flowerbeds and their garden plots as they wait for even warmer weather to plant new seeds?

Spring is the time for celebrations ...

It was awesome to see the Easter Bunny make an appearance on Saturday, just like when my sons were little! Unfortunately, the Girl Scout Easter Egg Hunt couldn't happen this year, but kudos to our creative community members who found a way for the Easter Bunny to still be seen in his very own “Wave Parade.”



We are blessed to live in a community where neighborhoods come together to support and help each other. It has been gratifying to see neighbors checking in on each other, making sure prescriptions and groceries are being delivered in a timely manner. It has been amazing to see the beautiful pictures and read the wonderful messages to our senior center residents through the coloring pages sent in our last newsletter. It has been inspirational to see the creative ways families are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries during these days of social distancing. Every day, we live our belief: Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home!

Thank you for being supportive! Thank you for staying positive! Together we can do this! **#NYAStrong #NYACommunityPride**
Mayor Carol Lagergren

Staying home will save lives.

Leave home only to:



Get essential items



Seek health care



Care for others



Spend time outside



Provide critical services

At the recommendation of the MN Department of Health, staying home will save lives by slowing the spread of COVID-19. During the stay at home order, leave home only to:

- Get food, medicine, and other essentials
- Seek health care
- Care for family, friends, and pets
- Spend time outside
- Go to work if you provide critical services



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If you need to leave your home, always stay at least 6 feet away from other people.

NYA Community Happenings



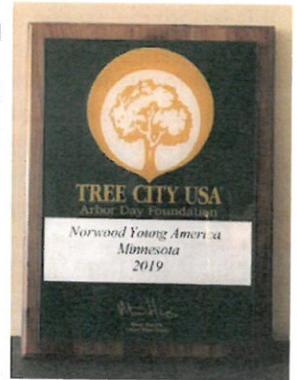
All four local athletic facilities within District 108—Willkommen Field (NYA), Zellmann Field (NYA), Hawk Field (Hamburg) and Fritz Field (Cologne), along with over 100 more athletic facilities in Minnesota participated in "Be The Light Minnesota" to honor and support the thousands of high school athletes who saw their seasons cut short or cancelled by the COVID-19 outbreak. The town ball teams turned on all of the field lights at 8pm last Friday, April 3, 2020 for 108 minutes in representation of District 108. (Photo credit to Scott Helland, SportsCentral)



Thank you to the West Carver Girl Scouts, Norwood Young America Fire Department and Stiftungsfest for bringing the NYA community some social distancing smiles with the Easter Bunny "Wave" Parade on Saturday, April 4th!
#NYACommunityPride

Tree City USA—Norwood Young America

Several years ago, Amber Orr, a young resident of our community, approached the city with the recommendation that we research the Tree City USA program. This March, with the support of the Parks and Recreation Commission and Public Service Department, Norwood Young America completed the requirements of the program and was awarded the designation Tree City USA.



The Tree City USA program has been greening up cities and towns across America since 1976. It is a nationwide movement of more than 3,400 communities. The purpose of the program is to provide the framework necessary for individual cities to manage and expand their public trees. The plaque is on display at NYA City Hall.

Car Cruise 2020

The Central Post Prom Committee invites the NYA community to watch the 1st, and probably only ever, 2020 Prom Car Cruise on May 2nd. The parade will begin at 2 pm and wind through the streets of Norwood Young America much like the Easter Bunny Wave Parade did! Watch social media for updates closer to the parade for final route.

Would be Prom-goers can decorate their cars and parade around the town on the day that would have been their Junior/Senior Prom. Special thanks to the NYA Fire Department, who will be escorting the parade. We will be awarding prizes to the best decorated cars, via judges around the parade route. Special thanks to the NYA Chamber for their prize donations!

This is a great way to get outside and support these kids as they try to make the best of the current social situation while maintaining the required social distancing. This parade, in addition to 25 nights of evening drawings for the prizes that would have been awarded to them at the Post Prom event, will serve as their prom memories in a truly historic time.



Thank you to all the Community Members and Businesses that so generously donated to this event, it is a true bright spot for these teens!
For more info call Jill at 952-373-9026.



Keep coloring!!

Drop off **ANY** coloring sheets, note cards, messages at the NYA City Hall DROP BOX and they will be delivered to either the Harbor, Haven, Peace Villa or Oak Grove Center in the weeks to come!



FREE Food

Michael Food in Gaylord, a local restaurant distributor, is giving away liquid eggs, hard boiled eggs and potato products to the our community this Saturday! Everyone is eligible. Drive up and a volunteer will hand you a bag or put in your trunk. No walk-ups allowed—One package per vehicle.

This Saturday, April 11th

8:00am—10:00am

NYA City Hall Parking Lot—310 W Elm Street

Follow Signs—NYA Fire Department will direct traffic

****Everyone is Eligible****

Residents who are homebound, call City Hall 952-467-1800

What is Closed?

- ◆ Norwood Young America Senior Housing facilities at The Harbor, The Haven and Peace Village remain in “no visitor” status. There are limited exceptions for compassionate care.
- ◆ Norwood Young America Senior Center (Lion’s Shelter) which meets the first and third Wednesday of each month will be closed until further notice.
- ◆ All Carver County Libraries, including the Norwood Young America Library, will be closed until May 3rd.
- ◆ Willkommen Heritage Center will be closed to the public until further notice.
- ◆ City Fire Stations will be closed to all non-essential personnel until further notice.
- ◆ City Offices will be locked to visitors until further notice. Staff will continue to be available M-F from 8am-4:30pm. All utility bills and correspondence should be mailed to: NYA City Hall, PO Box 59, NYA 55368 or put in the driveup Drop Box which is available on the north side of the building. Please call #952-467-1800 to schedule an appointment for building permits, pet licenses, cart registrations or face-to-face requests.
- ◆ County and city recycling centers will be closed until May 3rd.



NYA City Hall Drop Box
310 W Elm St (north side of building)

What IS Open??

- ◇ County licensing centers in Chanhassen and Chaska will be open to drive-through services only. Service will include motor vehicle title and registration, but **not** the processing of driver licenses or identification cards. Governor Tim Walz signed a bill into law on March 28 that provides an extension for Minnesotans whose driver’s licenses or ID cards expire during the peacetime emergency. The law extends the expiration date for any valid driver’s license, instruction permit, provisional license, operator’s permit, limited license, and farm work license that expires during the peacetime emergency. The expiration dates for these licenses will be extended for two months after the month the peacetime emergency ends.
- ◇ Norwood Young America Compost Site at 640 Tacoma Blvd is open Monday—Sunday, sunrise to sunset. The compost site is available for NYA Residents ONLY (Security cameras are now onsite)! There are also FREE wood chips for taking!
- ◇ Check out the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page @nyaareachamber or website www.nyachamber.org for a list of local establishments that are open for business via take out, curb side pick up or delivery! Make sure to call ahead. Marsden Pharmacy is also open and will do prescription deliveries. Thank you for supporting local businesses!



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What are you and/or your family doing to keep busy these days?

Have you found a new hobby? Drawing?

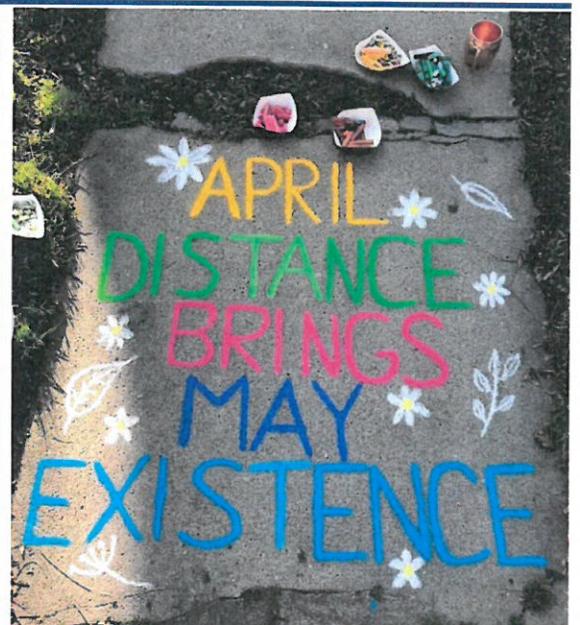
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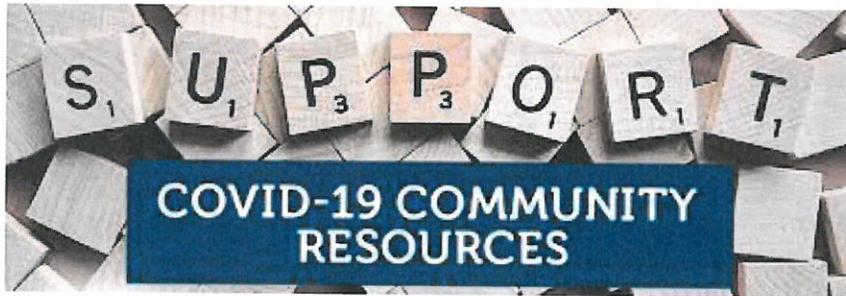
Take up gardening? Sewing? Cooking? Baking?

What is your kids favorite outside activity? New game? New dance?

Have you discovered a new talent that you are willing to share?

Submit your stories, pictures, new game suggestions, fun outside adventure ideas to info@cityofnya.com. Post on social media with #NYAStrong because we are all in this together!



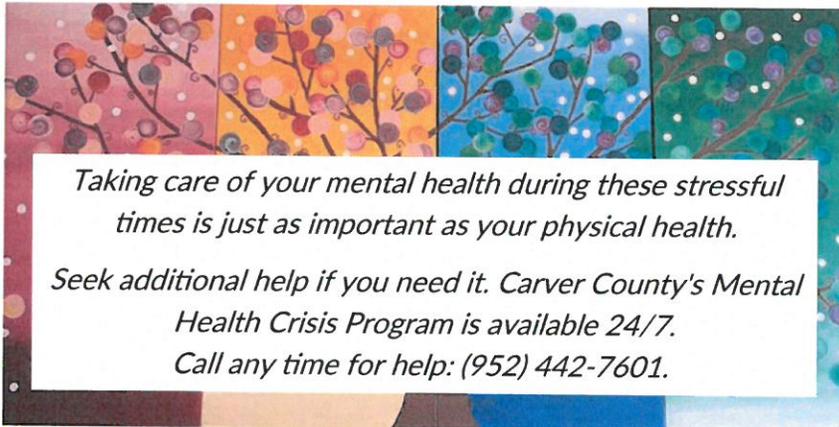


If you or a loved one need help finding resources, please call the Carver County Help Line. They can help connect you to a wide variety of community resources.

Carver County Help Line: (952) 361-1559

Hours: Monday-Friday from 9 AM-3 PM

Email: communityresponse@co.carver.mn.us



Additional Resources...

Local Businesses

Small businesses are critical to Carver County's economy, and the upcoming days and weeks hold uncertainty for all of us. However, as a small business owner, there are a lot of resources out there to help you navigate some of this uncertainty. Visit the Carver County Community Development Agency (CDA) at www.carvercda.org/small-businesses-are-critical-to-carver-countys-economy/ to find the latest resources available through the federal and state. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to the NYA Area Chamber (info@nyachamber.org), NYA City Hall (economicdev@cityofnyamn.com 952-467-1810) or the Carver County CDA (elised@carvercda.org 952-556-2778).

Employees of Businesses

If a worker has been affected by COVID-19, they can apply for unemployment benefits through the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Program. Visit www.unfi.org and apply online. For additional support, visit Minnesota Department of Labor at www.dli.mn.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/MN_worker_protections_related_to_COVID_19.pdf and the Carver County CareerForce at www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/health-human-services/income-support/careerforce-in-chaska or call 952-361-1711.

Veterans

Carver County veterans should contact their County Veterans Service Officer (County VSO) for eligibility requirements and assistance with the MN Department of Veterans Affairs Disaster Relief Grant application process at (952) 442-2323 or email vso@carver.co.mn.us.

SOUTHWEST CARVER COUNTY FOOD SHELF

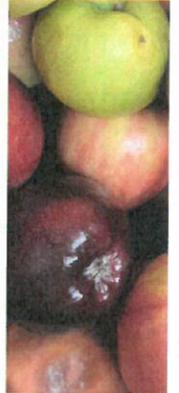
**NOW OPEN EVERY FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
10:00-12:00 PM
WALK-INS WELCOME**

**OTHER HOURS INCLUDE:
TUESDAYS- 12:30-6:15 PM**

**TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL:
(952)-467-1870**

WWW.SOUTHWESTCARVERCOUNTYFOODSHELF.COM/

Southwest Carver County Food Shelf



The Southwest Carver County Food Shelf is accepting food donations at NYA City Hall (basket outside) M-F 8am-4:30pm. Specific needs will be posted on the City Facebook page @cityofnyamn, NYA City Instagram page @cityofnyamn and www.CityofNYA.com. Want to give a monetary donation? Use the NYA City Hall drop-off box in the north parking lot at Oak Grove Center. Label the envelope "SWCC Food Shelf."

Need assistance with picking up your groceries? Medications? Laundry? A ride? Call NYA City Hall at (952)467-1800. The NYA City Bus is available for you!

Have basic COVID questions? Call Carver County Help Line 952-361-1559, Mon-Fri, 9 am-3 pm.

Family Financial Assistance

Families needing financial assistance during these challenging times can pick up an application for support from Carver County at the NYA Family Dollar. The application will cover support for the following programs: SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), CASH (food and financial assistance for vulnerable adults), and Emergency Support (cash for short term emergency financial needs). In addition, applications for MNSure and Child Care Assistance are available. If you have additional questions, please contact City Hall at 952-467-1800.



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West Carver Community Pool

The West Carver Community Pool swimming lesson schedule and rates are available at www.cityofnyc.com.

- Tentative Opening date—Friday, June 5th
- Additional lesson “Puddle Jumper” class for ages 2-4
- Extended Open Swim times
- New improvements in the pool building/restrooms
- Reduced lesson rates
- New evening “Twilight” fees

National Small Business Week

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, “For more than 50 years, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation announcing National Small Business Week, which recognizes the critical contributions of America’s entrepreneurs and small business owners.

More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

As part of National Small Business Week, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories. Every day, they’re working to grow small businesses, create 21st century jobs, drive innovation, and increase America’s global competitiveness.”



National Small Business Week is May 3-9, 2020. Help celebrate the Norwood Young America area small businesses with your support by shopping local!!

Just a reminder...

Sump Pump Regulations

All sump pumps must be day-lighted into your yard or into the storm sewer—not into your neighbors yard or a public sidewalk. Sump pumps should also not be connected into the sanitary sewer! Doing so results in the treatment of unnecessary amounts of water, putting additional strain on the treatment system and raising prices for everyone.

Grass Clippings

Please ensure your grass clippings do not blow onto the street. The clippings cause the storm sewer to clog, which may cause flooding in your home or your neighbor’s home.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing is planned for May; 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 Public Services at 952-467-1830.

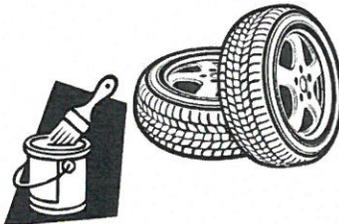


Animal Licenses

Pet licenses were due January 1st. To renew your license or obtain a new one, please stop by City Hall. All dogs and cats over 6 months are required to be licensed. Pet licenses are \$5.00 per animal; rabies certificates are required to obtain pet licenses.



CARVER COUNTY



Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Events

Saturday, May 16, 2020
8am—Noon

Norwood Young America
Central High School Parking Lot
521 Morse St, NYA 55368

Saturday, September 12, 2020
8am—Noon

Carver County Hollywood Garage
3480 County Rd 21
Hollywood

All Carver County residents are welcome to utilize these collections.

Accepting from Residents:

Appliances	E-Waste
Fluorescent Lamps	Scrap Metal
Auto Fluids	Paint
Other Household Chemicals	Tires

Disposal fees apply to certain items. Please contact Environmental Services for pricing specifics and information on management of business waste.

No Furniture * No Mattresses * No Garbage

Recycling items will not be accepted. Recycling items can be dropped off at Carver County’s Recycling Site located at 421 Railroad St W.

****Please note the NYA site is currently closed as requested by Carver County.****



more than a place. it's home.

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952/467-1800

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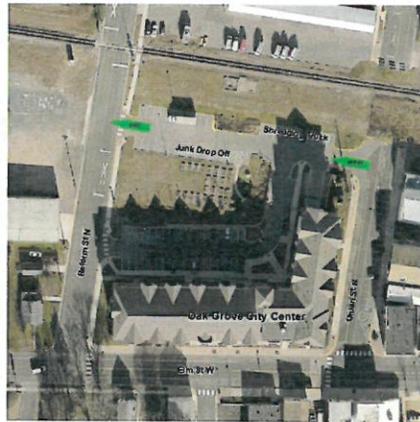
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UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

May

- May 2: CHS Post Prom Car Cruise 2020 Parade @ 2pm
- May 3-9: Small Business Week
- May 9: Minnesota Fishing Opener
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 12: MnDOT Open House—Final plans for Hwy 212 @ City Hall 5-7pm
- May 16: Carver County Special Waste Drop-off @ Central High School parking lot
- May 30: NYA Clean-Up Day @ Oak Grove City Center parking lot

Check out the "new" NYA-TV local access channel on MediaCom #8 and Jaguar Communications #901. NYA-TV Schedule is posted on both channels and city website www.cityofn्या.com.



NYA Clean Up Day

This event is for **NYA CITY RESIDENTS ONLY**, businesses are not included. This drop-off event is for non-hazardous household waste/junk. Participants will be asked to show proof of residency such as a driver's license and/or water bill. This drop-off event is for all residential dwellings including apartments and manufactured homes.

Saturday, May 30th
8:00am to Noon

Oak Grove City Center Parking Lot
310 Elm Street West—Enter off Union Street

ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE/JUNK—ITEMS FOR DROP-OFF

- ◆ Furniture items (couches, chairs, tables, lamps, mattresses, box springs, etc.)
- ◆ Small amounts of remodeling materials—carpet, siding, drywall, concrete blocks, bricks, etc.
- ◆ Miscellaneous items such as kids toys, playground sets, doors, windows, toilets, etc.
- ◆ Participants are asked to bag and box the loose materials as much as possible

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- ◆ Regular household weekly garbage
- ◆ Vehicle tires, appliances, any electronics, batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, prescription drugs
- ◆ No hazardous waste such as paints, liquids, chemicals, asbestos materials, herbicides, pesticides, household cleaning products, lawn chemicals, lighter fluid, mothballs, lye, pool chemicals, nail polish remover, solvents, spot removers, stains and finishers, etc.
- ◆ No motor oil/filters, oil rags, petroleum products/containers, anti-freeze, brake fluid
- ◆ Fluorescent tubes/lights, incandescent light bulbs, cement asphalt large quantities of demo material
- ◆ No yard waste (grass clippings, shrubs, plants, tree limbs, leaves, garden waste)

Recycling items will not be accepted. Recycling items can be dropped off at Carver County's Recycling Site located at 421 Railroad St W, Open every Wednesday noon-4pm and Saturday 8am-noon.



FREE Paper Shredding!

Citizens State Bank, in partnership with the City of NYA, will provide an on-site paper shredding truck from 9am-noon. No binders accepted—four(4) box limit.

AUTOMATIC BILL PAY

No need to worry about forgetting to pay your monthly utility bill - sign up for automatic bill pay! For more info call Alicia at 952/467-1800 or send her an email at accounting@cityofn्या.com.