

Message From Mayor Lagergren

June 2020



Summer officially begins on Saturday, June 20th and Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st! It's a big weekend with lots of reasons to celebrate. Enjoy the great weather - hot days and warm nights! What else are you looking forward to this summer?

S is for the Swimming Pool: We will be opening the West Carver Community Pool for Open Swim on Wednesday, June 24th with new hours. There will be additional changes to help protect our lifeguards and our guests. You will find more about these new protocols inside this newsletter! Thank you to our experienced and our new guards who are willing to put new COVID19 protocols in place to keep you safe!

U is for Unusually Warm: The Farmer's Almanac was an important resource for my parents and grandparents, so I did my research ... the 2020 Farmer's Almanac predicts this summer will be a scorcher with near normal precipitation. Sounds like the corn will be more than knee-high by the Fourth of July!

M and M is for More and More Businesses Opening: On June 5th, we heard the good news that the state is moving to Phase III in the Stay Safe MN Plan. That means our restaurants and bars moved to indoor service (at up to 50%) but continued to have the option of outdoor service (at up to 50%). In addition, our barbershops and hair/nail salons shifted from 25% to 50% of capacity. We continue to move forward in providing more opportunities for our local businesses! Thank you to those businesses for their flexibility and their willingness to keep us all safe!

E is for Enjoying the Outdoors: During Phase III in the Stay Safe MN Plan, the Department of Health also opened some opportunities for youth sports to participate in group practice. You will again see youth baseball and softball teams on our city fields. In addition, the Young America Cardinals has started exhibition and league games with guidance from the Minnesota Baseball Association. Thank you to our athletes and coaches for following safety protocols and keeping everyone safe!

R is for Road Construction: No surprise --- this will be a challenging summer as we see the changes to Highway 212 and CSAH 33. By this fall, you will see new updated stoplights at Faxon and Reform, a new Underpass along with a road closure on the south side of Morse Street, new trails along Hwy 212 within City limits and a new roundabout at CSAH 33 and Highway 5/25. Thank you to all our citizens for their patience during this road construction season! A special thank you to the citizens who live along Highway 212 and CSAH 33 --- we appreciate your ability to handle this additional stress!

Just three months ago, we felt like time was standing still and we were uncertain about what the future would look like. Now we are starting summer with more information about COVID19 and more creative ways to enjoy our time with neighbors and friends! Thank you for supporting and protecting your neighbors! Thank you for staying positive and optimistic! Thank you for living our vision: NYA is more than a place, it's our home!

Mayor Carol Lagergren

Vote by Absentee (Mail-in) Ballot!

The State of Minnesota is encouraging voters to use Absentee Voting for the 2020 elections. Absentee voting (aka "mail-in voting" and "by-mail voting") is conducted by mail-in ballot before the day of Election Day. The voter may return the ballot in person to the Carver County Elections Office or by mail.

To request an online Absentee Ballot, you must:

- Be eligible to register and vote in Minnesota
- Provide an email address
- Provide your identification number: MN-issued driver's license, Minnesota ID card or last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

Visit the MN Secretary of State Elections & Voting website at: www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/ or call Kendra Olson, Carver County Election Official at 952-361-1981 or email elections@co.carver.mn.us



City of NYA Elections

There will be two City Council seats and the Mayor seat open for election on November 3, 2020.

Applications will be available from July 28 to August 11 at NYA City Hall. There is a \$2 filing fee.

NYA Community Happenings

Willkommen Heritage Center is Open!

The Willkommen Heritage re-opened Thursday June 18th with their regular hours each week of Thurs–Saturday 10am–2pm. Please remember to practice Social Distancing and members encourage all visitors to wear a mask. Hand sanitizer will be available and surfaces will be wiped down after each visitor.

The new display's include; History of photography, and Photo Studio's that once were located in NYA, history of those businesses celebrating a landmark anniversary, and Stiftungfest. Hope to see you soon!



Arbor Day 2020

On Wed, June 10th, Parks Commissioner Jim Zellmann, Public Service Director Tony Voigt, NYA Resident Amber Orr and City Council Member Charlie Storms celebrated Arbor Day by planting eight new trees at Prairie Dawn Park. Amber Orr orchestrated our community becoming a "Tree City USA" in 2019. The City of NYA made an agreement to participate in annual tree plantings to beautify our parks and public places.

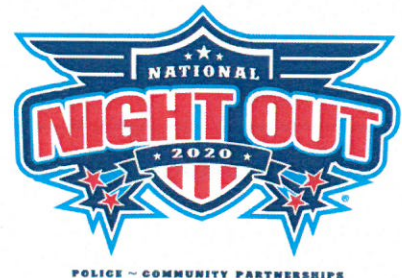
Music for the Mind

Teuby (2B) Continued is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in memory of Shelly Teubert who died by suicide on January 21, 2017. She is remembered for how she positively impacted many lives throughout her professional career as a mental health nurse and in her personal life. The Teuby Continued mission is: To increase awareness of suicide prevention, mental health and wellness through advocacy, education and outreach.

Teuby Continued representatives visited Oak Grove Senior Residence on June 12th. Residents on each side of the building enjoyed singing along with musician Allen James Carlson. Additional performers have visited the communities of Hamburg, Green Isle, Waconia and Watertown with singing telegrams and senior facility social distance music concerts. They are delighted to offer this community outreach as a way to promote mental wellness during these times with increased isolation & loneliness.

If you are interested in more information about 2B Continued, visit their website at www.teubycontinued.org, follow on Facebook @TeubyContinued or call (507)381-4082.

2B Continued does not offer any professional services. If you are in crisis or know someone in crisis, call the National Suicide Prevention Life-line at 1-800-273-TALK(8255) or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting TALK to 741741.



POLICE - COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out—Oct 6

National Night Out is an annual event that is historically celebrated on the first Tuesday in August. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, communities including Norwood Young America, will be celebrating National Night Out on Tuesday, October 6, 2020. This event is held at NYA Legion Park and organized by the NYA West Carver Lions. National Night Out allows neighbors, organizations and local law enforcement to build positive relationships in the community.

Improvements are Happening!

#NYAisOpen

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

For more information,
find us online: cityofnyc.com

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Norwood Young America

Who is doing all this work?

Valley Paving of Shakopee was awarded the construction bid for the Hwy 212 and Carver County Roundabout Project on CR 33/Hwy 5/25. They have announced their weekly work schedule to be Monday through Saturday from 6:00am to 9:00pm with the possibility of Sunday and overnight work due to unexpected weather delays.

Highway 212/Underpass/CSAH 33—How much?

With all the construction this summer, a question often asked is "How much is this going to cost us?" This project has been in the planning phase for several years, and that gave the city multiple opportunities to find funding sources that don't include tax increases.

This project has three components: (1) Highway 212 Reconstruct - the city's portion of the cost will be \$358,595, the majority required for new stoplights at Faxon Road; (2) CSAH 33 and Highway 5/25 Roundabout - the city's portion of the cost will be \$289,194; and (3) the new Underpass - the city's portion of the cost will be \$2,548,000. **The total cost of all three projects will be \$3,195,789!**

The good news is that the following contributions will be used to offset that total cost:

- The Safe Routes to School Grant contributed \$1,225,000.
- MnDOT will contribute approximately \$650,000.
- City of NYA will be contributing \$200,000 from a Capital Expense Fund.
- Carver County will contribute approximately \$300,000.
- KWIK Trip will contribute \$40,000 for updates along Reform Street.

With a final unexpected contribution of slightly over \$65,000, **the actual cost to the city for all three projects will be approximately \$715,000.** The city will bond for \$700,000 on a ten year repayment schedule. The yearly city payment will be covered by savings from a recent debt refinance --- **no tax impact to our citizens!**

2020 Construction Schedule (Tentative)

Stage 1

- Started June 11, 2020
- Build Reform Street Intersection south of Hwy 212—Closed about one month
- Build crossover west of Wells Ave (west on Hwy 212)
- Widen turn lanes from NYA to Cologne
- Closure of County Road 33 at Hwy 5/25 as of June 22 to start the Carver County Roundabout Project

Stage 1a

- Likely the week of July 6
- Full-closure Hwy 212—one week!
- Eastbound (south of NYA—CR 50) and westbound (284 in Cologne to Hwy 5) detours
- Pave Hwy 212 from Tacoma Ave to CR 36

Stage 2

- Traffic moved to westbound Hwy 212 one lane each direction
- Eastbound Hwy 212 closed from Wells Ave to Tacoma Ave
- Install temporary signals at Reform St and Faxon Rd

Stage 3

- Traffic moved to eastbound Hwy 212 one lane each direction
- Westbound Hwy 212 closed from Wells Ave to Tacoma Ave
- Continue using temporary signals at Reform St and Faxon Rd
- Build turn lanes at Hwy 212 and Hwy 5/25

Stage 4

- Pave Hwy 212 west of Wells Ave
- Final construction grading and paving
- Replace temporary signals with new ADA compliant signals at Reform St and Faxon Rd
- Tentative date of completion November 6, 2020



COMING SOON!

The City of Norwood Young America and the townships in our fire district recently approved the purchase of a 2018 Pierce Ascendant Ladder Truck for our Fire Department at a cost of \$758,000. This new truck will replace the current 1996 E-One Hurricane model and was a planned expense.

How will it be funded? The townships within the fire district will contribute 24.53% of the total cost based on the number of households served by the NYA Fire Department. By using monies currently available in the Capital Projects fund balance and delaying other equipment purchases, the city will only need to bond for \$300,000 on a short five year repayment schedule. The yearly city payment will be covered by savings from a recent debt refinance --- **no tax impact to our citizens!**

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Shop Local Bingo!

Participants are asked to make a BINGO, take a photograph of their card and then post it on social media, tagging NYAChamber #SHOPLOCAL or drop off your printed form at Norwood Young America City Hall. A PDF copy of the Bingo card can also be found on the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

Everyone who posts a Bingo will be eligible to have their name entered in a drawing. Five (5) winners will win \$50 each in Chamber Bucks. Names will be drawn on Monday June 29. Any questions, email info@nyachamber.org. Thank you for shopping local!

2020 Stiftungsfest

After much discussion, and with much sadness the Stiftungsfest Committee has decided to cancel the 2020 celebration. The Committee looked at many options and struggled immensely with this decision. The health and safety of our community, fire fighters, volunteers and vendors have always been our top priority. Other town, county and state celebrations/fairs have been cancelled for the safety of the communities and we, too, need to be part of the solution - not part of the problem. Thank you for your patience and support as we made this difficult decision. Any questions, email info@stiftungsfest.org. Watch for updates on our FB page and website as we concentrate on a bigger and better 2021 Stiftungsfest Celebration and Parade.



Taste of NYA & MN MinneRod Event

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce board has elected to cancel the Taste of NYA (July) and MN MinneRod Event (Aug) for this year. The board appreciates the support of the community for these events and hopes that residents understand how difficult it was to make the decision to cancel. The safety of our community is our number one concern. Please watch for updates on the NYA Area Chamber Facebook page and website at www.nyachamber.org. The Chamber looks forward to these events in 2021. Any questions, email info@nyachamber.org.

CHAMBER BINGO

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| Purchase a restaurant gift card to use at a later date | Write three positive social media reviews | Reach out to check on a local business owner | Order curbside pickup, takeout or delivery or eat in | Tell a store employee they are appreciated |
| Thank a healthcare professional | Share an uplifting business interaction | Find a local business with hearts on windows | Subscribe to a mailing list for a local business | Follow 3 businesses on social media |
| Participate in a virtual or live fitness class | Shop over the phone with a local retailer |  | Tip big | Donate to the local foodshelf |
| Purchase a gift card to a local salon | Invite 3 friends to like 3 local businesses on social media | Thank a firefighter or police officer | Pickup Food from a Food Truck | Go for a walk |
| Follow Chamber FaceBook Page | Make cards for Nursing Home Residents | Pickup a e-book or Book from the Library | Perform a random act of kindness for a neighbor | Buy someone you know flowers |

Name:

Phone Number:



Norwood Young America

CITY-WIDE



August 5-8 2020

**Who is ready for
Garage Sale Season?**

Contact
info@nyachamber.org
by July 18th to get on the
City Garage Sale Map!

Promoting Community Pride &
Partnership with Area Businesses &
Community Members

West Carver Community Pool

Is Open June 24th!

Exciting News!!

The City of NYA is excited to announce that the West Carver Community Swimming Pool will be open starting on Wednesday, June 24th for open swim only. Swimming lessons, including private lessons, will not be offered at this time.

To keep our lifeguards and visitors safe, the City has several new safety measures in place based on Minnesota Department of Health guidelines. Please read all the information provided and call the City office at (952)467-1800 with any additional questions.

New Hours: 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM and 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM every day Monday through Sunday.

- The pool will be disinfected before, during and after each open swim time.
- The pool will close every day from 4:30-5:00pm to allow time for disinfecting—all guests will be required to leave the pool and pool house at this time.
- The pool will be closed on Saturday, July 4th!

Pool Capacity: No more than 40 swimmers will be allowed in the pool at one time.

- To limit capacity to the required 50%, every swimmer MUST CALL the pool before coming (952)467-1888. This is a new requirement for all guests and will be strictly enforced!
- If there is a waiting list for the pool, we may limit guest swim time.

Safety Protocols: Several new guidelines will be enforced to keep you safe.

- Lifeguards will be wearing masks at all times.
- Every guest will need to register at the desk along with answering a series of questions about their current health.
- Visitors (who are not in the pool) are encouraged to wear masks.
- Lifeguards will disinfect all hard surfaces three times a day (opening, mid-shift, closing).
- Social distancing is encouraged in the pool - no wrestling or rough-housing allowed.
- There will be three guards on duty around the pool at all times.
- There will be a separate entrance and exit - follow the signs!
- Hand sanitizer will be provided throughout the pool deck area.

Cost: Individual day rates will be offered as well as a punch pass. No season passes this year.

- Day rate = \$5 per person.
- Ten visit punch pass = \$35 per person—these can be purchased at City Hall or at the pool house.
- At this time, the pool will not be open for any rental events.



Who Plants Those Flowers?

The Norwood Young America Community Improvement Program has been around for decades. Some of the projects they have raised money for in the past were Old Town buildings, playground equipment at Willkommen Memorial Park and NYA Legion Park, Butterfly Garden at Friendship Park, five-way stop landscaping, holiday decorations in the Pavilion, Roy Clay and Lions Building.

During the spring/summer months, the NYACIP plants and maintains the flowers and ferns around town and at each of the parks. Thank you to Cheryl Hedtke, Lori Trocke and Kay Diers for planting this year! If you are a gardener and interested in helping, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800.





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****Watch the City of NYA social media or cable channel for the Young America Cardinal Baseball schedule!**



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.cityofnya.com.

Just a few reminders...

Licenses Required for Peddlers & Solicitors

The City of NYA City Code requires any business seeking to take orders or sell products door-to-door to obtain a Peddler/Solicitor License at City Hall. These businesses are allowed to solicit from 9:00am to 7:00pm. Homeowners have the right to ask the peddler/solicitor for proof of the City license. If they cannot show evidence of the license, please call City Hall at 962-467-1800 immediately.

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are required to be at least 25 feet from all buildings, structures or combustible materials such as wood, paper or plastics. A fire should be no larger than three feet in diameter by two feet in height, using dry, clean wood; for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation or social purposes. Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or extinguished by either an on-site fire extinguisher, dirt, sand or garden hose. These must be readily available at all times until the fire is extinguished.

Golf Cart/ATV Permit

Chapter 7 of the NYA City Code allows for a person to drive a Golf Cart or Class 2 ATV on City streets as long as a permit is obtained and the operator has a valid driver's license. There is an annual permit fee of \$10.00 for these recreational vehicles. Applications can be filled out right at City Hall or found on the City website at www.cityofnya.com.



Lawn Maintenance

Yard grass must be maintained at no higher than 6 inches. 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. Watering is encouraged only on an odd/even schedule from 5pm to 10am daily.



The NYA West Carver Lions

volunteers cleaned up the flower beds and grounds at Willkommen Memorial Park—Thank you for adopting and caring for the park!

NYA Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organization

called out to the community of NYA for donations for the Minnesota National

Guard at the beginning of June. Within an eight hour time period, NYA City Hall was overflowing with donations of Gatorade, water, pop, snacks, hand sanitizer and more. Volunteers with the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Organization delivered all of the supplies to Coon Rapids on June 1-2. Thank you to everyone who donated!
#nyacommunitypride

