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Message From Mayor Lagergren

July 2020



It's more than a place - it's home! Usually I end my article with our town motto, but as COVID-19 continues to disrupt our lives, I've been thinking about this phrase a great deal lately! When I think of home, I think of family and how families protect, support and respect each other, especially in times of crisis and stress. Many of our community members are feeling stress and frustration as the number of positive cases continues to rise in our state, in our county and in our community. How have we adapted to these challenging times?

Family members support each other. We continue to see and hear amazing examples of community members checking in on neighbors, picking up groceries and supplies for others, and visiting together while maintaining a safe social distance. One of the biggest challenges for our elderly population during this time has been the isolation. It is exciting to see that Peace Village, The Harbor and The Haven have now found safe ways for family members to spend time together! As many experts have shared ... this pandemic is a marathon, not a sprint. We will need to continue to find creative ways to minimize the isolation and maximize the protection of all our citizens.

Family members protect each other. As a community, we have continued to find ways to participate safely in both indoor and outdoor activities. Currently, our rental properties are available at 25% capacity (per MDH guidelines). In addition, our pool is operating at 50% capacity almost every day. Many of our restaurants and bars have now reopened under the new Phase 3 guidelines of 50% occupancy, both indoors and outdoors. Adult and youth baseball and softball are now playing on our community fields with safety protocols in place for athletes and spectators. How can we do more? On Wednesday, the Governor signed an Executive Order requiring masks in all indoor public places. To follow this directive, please wear your masks when you are out in the community. Both the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health (MDH) have shared that **"Cloth face coverings are one of the most powerful weapons we have to slow and stop the spread of the virus - particularly when used universally within a community setting."**

Family members respect each other. During these challenging times, difficult decisions have been made. Decisions to cancel or postpone local events and decisions to add safety protocols that change the traditions of the past. Each decision is made thoughtfully and with the best information available at the time. Unfortunately, in this pandemic we are being asked to anticipate the unpredictable, as we learn more about the COVID-19 virus and its impact on individuals and communities each week. Thank you to the groups and individuals who have had to make the tough calls! Thank you to the community members who have shared not only their disappointment but also their support!

As we move forward in this journey together, stand with me to protect, support and respect our neighbors and friends.

WE CAN DO THIS ... WE CAN DO ANYTHING ... IF WE DO IT TOGETHER!

Mayor Carol Lagergren

City Wide Clean-up Day a HUGE Success!

The 2020 Clean-up Day on May 30th showed record participation and, unfortunately, record wait time for our citizens. Thank you for your patience! Options to reduce the wait time for 2021 were discussed at the recent City Council meeting.

2020 Results	2019 Results
210 Vehicles participated	167 Vehicles participated
12 Dumpsters filled	8 Dumpsters filled
4750 pounds of paper shredded	3000 pounds of paper shredded
Total Cost: \$10,865	Total Cost: \$6,400


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NYA Community Happenings



A special shout-out to the NYA Public Service Department staff for repainting the park signs around the community including NYA Legion Park, Prairie Dawn Park and Friendship Park. They look great! Also, thank you to the Troop 361 Boy Scouts for weeding around the new NYA gateway signs along Hwy 212 and Hwy 5. Next project for the City is to paint the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion and gazebo.



Youth, Legion, and Town Team Baseball & Softball Games are being played at all City parks. Thank you to our community for setting a positive example on social distancing efforts to help keep NYA safe.



Over the course of three years, the Joint Commission, which includes the NYA City Council, Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission and Parks & Recreation Commission, Chamber of Commerce and Willkommen Heritage Center, worked together to develop a Downtown Redevelopment Plan. Short and long term projects were identified for each of the Commissions with the common goal to revitalize the two Historic Downtowns of Norwood and Young America. Projects include financial incentives for property owners with building development needs, connectivity improvements, ordinance review, and aesthetic enhancements for public spaces.

Accomplishments of the plan have included receiving a Small Cities Development Grant, offering a new NYA Market Enrichment Grant Program, purchasing new banners and holiday décor, maintaining sidewalk repairs, adding the annual Springfest Artisan Fair event, reviewing downtown ordinances, and creating a sidewalk/trail connectivity plan.

Starting the week of July 27th, artist Lana Beck (lkb, etc. in LeSueur) will be creating a custom mural on the side of the SLS, Inc. building at 214 Elm Street. The SLS, Inc. building was chosen for the mural because of its "blank canvas" in an underutilized parking lot which will also see changes in the coming months with traffic flow, lighting and landscaping improvements. A second mural has been discussed for the Historic Downtown Young America. Location and design are yet to be determined.

Ms. Beck researched with Willkommen Heritage Center President LaVonne Kroells, NYA EDC, and the City Council and came up with the theme of "All Tracks Lead Home" which will artistically express the historical connectivity of the communities of Norwood and Young America. The mural will be approximately 22'x29'. Beck plans to complete the mural (weather dependent) within one week. Visit Lana Beck's Facebook gallery at <https://www.facebook.com/lanakaybeck/>







































































West Carver Community Pool Update

The West Carver Community Pool has been running at 50% capacity and has met that capacity on most days! The City of NYA wants to thank the amazing staff of managers and lifeguards for this summer. They have adapted to new protocols this summer with extra disinfecting responsibilities, reservations, masks and social distancing measures all while keeping our swimmers safe. The pool will continue to be open Mon-Sun 1pm-8pm at \$5/day. The pool season will come to an end on Friday, August 14th.



COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

vs. Flu, Cold & Allergies

	 Cough	 Fever	 Body Aches	 Chills/ Chills with Shaking	 Fatigue	 Headache	 Diarrhea	 Sore Throat	 Shortness of Breath	 Loss of Taste or Smell	 Chest Pain	 Runny Nose	 Sneezing	 Watery Eyes
COVID-19														
FLU														
COLD														
ALLERGIES														

 Frequently
  Sometimes
  Little
  Rarely
  None

www.co.carver.mn.us/covid-19



10 things you can do to manage your COVID-19 symptoms at home

If you have possible or confirmed COVID-19:

1. **Stay home** from work and school. And stay away from other public places. If you must go out, avoid using any kind of public transportation, ridesharing, or taxis.



6. **Cover your cough and sneezes.**



2. **Monitor your symptoms** carefully. If your symptoms get worse, call your healthcare provider immediately.



7. **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



3. **Get rest and stay hydrated.**



8. As much as possible, **stay** in a specific room and **away from other people** in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available. If you need to be around other people in or outside of the home, wear a facemask.



4. If you have a medical appointment, **call the healthcare provider** ahead of time and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19.



9. **Avoid sharing personal items** with other people in your household, like dishes, towels, and bedding.



5. For medical emergencies, call 911 and **notify the dispatch personnel** that you have or may have COVID-19.



10. **Clean all surfaces** that are touched often, like counters, tabletops, and doorknobs. Use household cleaning sprays or wipes according to the label instructions.



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www.cityofnysa.com or sign up with MnDOT at: dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy212nysa/

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Stage 2 = Beginning of August

- ⇒ Traffic moved to westbound Hwy 212 one lane each direction
- ⇒ Eastbound Hwy 212 closed from Wells Ave to Tacoma Ave
- ⇒ Temporary signals at Reform St and Faxon Rd
- ⇒ Continued Roundabout construction



Underpass Construction
(view from Keher Park
at Wilson St)



South Reform Street
(view from Wilson St)



Westbound Hwy 212 future
Acceleration Lane at Reform St
(view from Kwik Trip)



Hwy 5/CR 33 Roundabout
(view from North CR 33
toward Hwy 212)

Construction Begins on Highway 5/25 Green Isle to Highway 212 on July 20 with Detour Starting in August

The detour consists of Sibley County Roads 15 and 9/McLeod County Road 1 and Highway 212 to the west or Highway 25, Sibley County Road 14/Carver County Road 53 and Highway 212 to the east.

The project, which should be complete in October, includes resurfacing the roadway, repairing multiple culverts throughout the project, adding centerline and shoulder rumble strips and extending turn lanes at various locations.

STAY SAFE MN

How masks work

- The virus which causes COVID-19 is thought to be mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough or sneeze. Wearing a mask stops these droplets from spreading to others. This is extra important because 30-45% of people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still spread the virus.
- Wearing a mask does not mean people who are sick should be in public. Stay home if you are sick unless you need to seek medical care.

Who should wear a mask

- Everyone who can wear a mask should.
- Even if you've had COVID-19, you should still wear a mask because we do not know if people can get sick with COVID-19 again.
- Do not put masks or face covers on children under age 2.
- Do not put masks or face covers on anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, or unable to remove the mask without help. People with disabilities or special health needs may not be able to wear a mask.

How to Safely Wear Your Mask



Step 1: Wash or sanitize your hands.



Step 2: Make sure the top of the mask is over your nose and the bottom is under your chin.



Step 3: Place the mask over your nose and mouth before you use the ear straps or tie it behind your head.



Step 4: Move the mask around so it covers nose, mouth, and chin completely.



Step 5: The tops of some masks can bend. Press your fingers on the top of the mask to make them fit tight around your nose.



Step 6: Do not touch the mask while wearing it. Use the mask ear straps or ties if you need to make it fit better.



Step 7: Use the mask ear straps or ties to take it off. Do not touch the front.



Step 8: Throw away if mask is disposable.



Step 9: Wash your mask by machine or by hand before you use it again.



Step 10: Wash or sanitize your hands again.



For more information on protection, prevention and testing for COVID-19, please visit the Minnesota Department of Health at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/index.html> (651)201-5000 or Carver County Public Health at <https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/health-human-services/public-health> (952)361-1329.

Norwood Young America

City Wide Garage Sales

August 5-8, 2020

580 Shoreview Lane
1085 Lakewood Court
845 Lakewood Trail
715 Lakewood Trail
860 Fox Court
960 Barnes Lake Dr
875 Barnes Lake Dr
735 Barnes Lake Dr
960 Preserve Blvd
684 Preserve Blvd
580 Preserve Blvd
875 Meadows Blvd

440 Meadow Lane
422 Meadow Lane
510 Devonshire Drive
302 Shady Lane
313 5th Avenue NE
102 1st Street NW
319 Oak Drive
306 7th Street SW
510 N Faxon Road
514 Faxon Road
11 Central Ave S.
(Sunshine Inspiration)

512 Casper Circle
210 Oak Street South
315 Oak Street
124 Hill Street E
415 West Elm Street
524 Elm Street W
817 W Elm Street
410 Emma Street
415 Emma Street
430 Emma Street
460 Emma Street
9625 Zebra Ave

Check out local business sales including Sidewalk Sales!

Hungry? Need Coffee? Thirsty?

The Quilting Grounds & Coffee Shop (224 W Elm St)

Midtown Family Restaurant (123 E Railroad Street)

The Pour House (325 W Elm Street)

Subway (404 N Faxon Rd)

OnPoint Nutrition (210 W Elm Street)

Unhinged Pizza (425 Merger Street)

Last Call Bar (118 E Main Street)

Northside Grill (105 E Main Street) * Temp Closed due to COVID

Resto Espresso (310 Hwy 212) * Temp Closed due to COVID

DOWNTOWN SOCIAL

Historic Downtown Norwood

August 8th 10am-3pm

Food Trucks & Local Entertainment

Union Street & Elm Street Municipal Parking Lot

Promoting Community Pride & Partnership with Area Businesses & Residents



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NYA Area Chamber of Commerce,
visit www.NYACHamber.org or
email info@nyachamber.org



more than a place, it's home.

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Just a few reminders...

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.

Lawn Maintenance & Pet Litter

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. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up their pet's litter on private and public property and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner.

Compost Site

The NYA Compost Site is available to citizens who reside within the city limits of Norwood Young America. There is no charge for disposal of yard, garden and tree waste. The site located at 640 Tacoma Blvd (located within the industrial park).

Recycling

The NYA Recycling Drop-Off Site is located at 421 W Railroad Street (SW corner of Railroad & Reform). Materials accepted are cardboard, plastics, metal and glass. Hours of operation are Wednesday's 11am-6pm and Saturday's 8am-12pm.

The Carver County Environmental Center is now open at 116 Peavey Circle, Chaska. For information on accepted items and fees, visit their website at <https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-services/environmental-services/environmental-center> or call 952-361-1835.

What's New on Our Trails?

If you've been walking on the city trails recently, you may have experienced the peace and quiet of being outdoors. You also may have had a chance to see some wildlife quietly passing by --- squirrels, rabbits, deer, wood ducks and geese (OK, the geese probably weren't so quiet). Watch for new Doggy Clean Up Stations! Also, a new change to City policy was adopted at the July 13th City Council meeting.

What has changed?

Slow-moving golf carts with displayed handicap stickers ARE ALLOWED on city trails. Drivers will be honoring the tradition of staying on the right hand side and will be making sure to leave enough room for walkers and bikers.

What hasn't changed?

All other motorized vehicles, including ATVs and golf carts without handicapped stickers, are NOT ALLOWED on city trails.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the city offices at (952)467-1800.

