



## Message From Mayor Lagergren

August 2020

**What's New?** In a typical year, the last weekend of August is Stiftungsfest weekend --- a time when people come back to town to reconnect and visit about changes in the community and in the lives of their friends! So, my friends, let's talk about what's new in the community! Oh, and don't forget the highlights of this conversation because next year, a parade year, we will have twice as much to share!



**What's new with Highway 212, the Underpass and CSAH 33 Roundabout?** This has been a challenging summer of road construction and changing traffic patterns, but there is light at the end of the tunnel. The project is slightly ahead of schedule, which means soon we will be shifting our face-to-face driving to the south side of Highway 212. As you drive along Wilson Street, you might see the amazing work that's been happening on the Underpass. The biggest downside ... soon there will be a closure of Highway 5/25 between Central Avenue and Reform Street to allow road connection to the new roundabout. Remember, the majority of the Highway 212/Underpass/CSAH 33 Roundabout project will be completed by the end of October with the final finishing work completed in November. We're getting there!

**What new with construction and renovation?** Have you been noticing all the changes happening to our current businesses and rental properties? The city received a federal Small Cities Development Program Grant that offered commercial and rental properties in our historic downtown areas up to \$40,000 in grant monies to make improvement. This spring, the city approved an additional \$70,000 for commercial improvements to businesses outside the downtown areas. But there's more ... In addition to all the work in our commercial buildings, there has been a significant increase in building permits issued by the city. Homeowners are using their time telecommuting to finish some home improvement projects. The final big news, 13 new homes have received building permits for construction. In 2021, this community will look quite different to our visitors!

**What's new as you drive around the community?** You may have noticed shiny newly painted fire hydrants, newly paved trails and beautiful new signs welcoming you to our parks. The Public Works Department has been hard at work out in our community! Have you noticed all the changes to the Friendship Park Building? Watch for still more changes with the installation of new exterior doors at the Pavillion! But the biggest change has to be the beautiful new mural on the west side of the SLS Building in Historic Downtown Norwood. If you weren't able to watch as it was being painted, I hope you take an opportunity to drive by, or park and enjoy! It's just Phase I in a bigger plan to beautify our community through art ... there's even more to come in the year ahead!

As we move forward in this journey of COVID-19 together, we will continue our focus on making our community better and brighter. Thank you for taking care of your family and your neighbors! Together, we will come out of this pandemic in a better place because **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home! And we are so proud to say we live here!**

Mayor Carol Lagergren

## Well Done, Citizens of NYA!

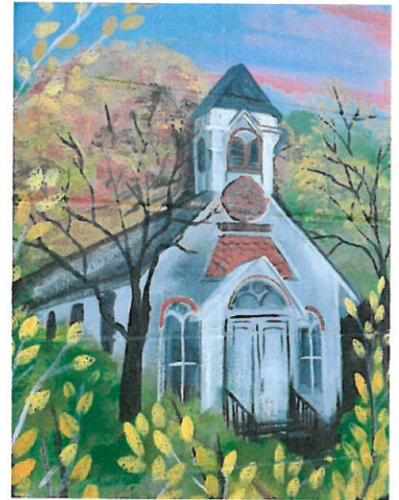
Out of the 2, 275 registered voters of Norwood Young America, there was 26.55% voter participation on the Primary Election day of Tuesday, Aug 11, 2020. County-wide voter participation was 24.75% .

\*\*City of NYA: 604 Total Ballots Cast  
(437 Primary Election day voters, 167 absentee voters)

Official Carver County Primary Elections results can be viewed at: <https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/property-finance/elections/election-results>  
**Absentee Voting hours are Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm at: Carver Co Elections & Licensing Department, 600 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN. To have an absentee ballot application mailed to you, call Carver County Elections at 952-361-1910 or email [elections@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:elections@co.carver.mn.us).**



# NYA Community Happenings

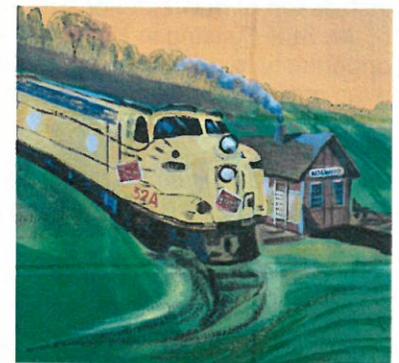
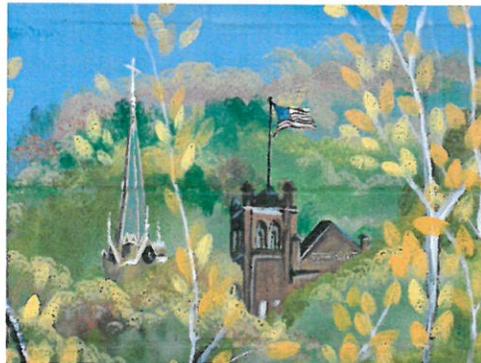
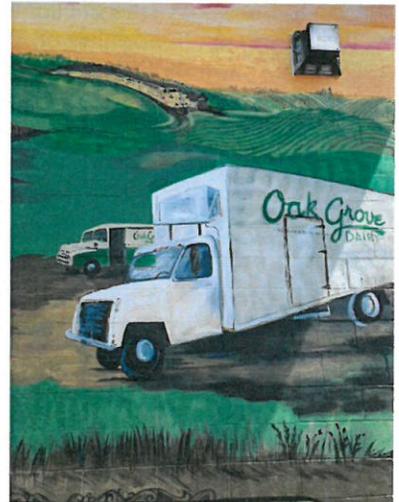


## All Tracks Lead Home

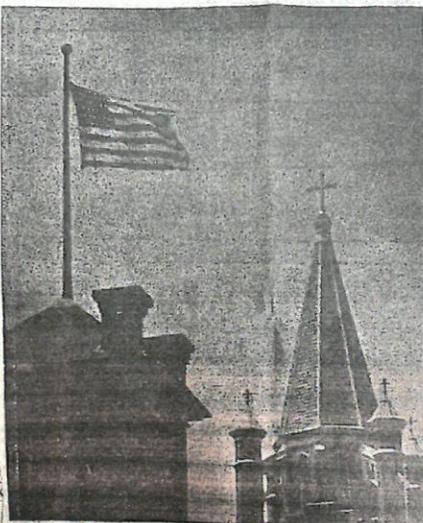
Artist Lana Beck of Lkb, etc. of LeSueur, MN completed the "All Tracks Lead Home" mural on Friday, July 31, 2020. Ms. Beck started Monday, July 27th. Forty-one hours of detailed work within five days gave the community of Norwood Young America some historical reminders to be proud of.

Many residents stopped by to observe which started conversations about the "I remember when's" and the "did you know's." Ms. Beck was able to use some of their details in her work. Former Oak Grove Dairy employee Dan Fritz was able to share stories and history about Oak Grove Dairy and the dairy trucks he once drove.

Ms. Beck shared that she even had young kids bike from the pool park to check out the mural. She said they reminded her of "Leave It to Beaver" with them biking down the hill and congregating to ask her so many questions about "our mural."



## Light of the World



NYA resident Dorothy Bohnen provided Ms. Beck with an old bulletin about the relationship of the flag on Old City Hall and the cross on St. John's steeple.

*"Old Glory, bravely standing out in the breeze, and the cross atop a house of worship, symbolize the "Light of the World."*

*The Flag, symbol of all that America and Americans hold dear, is the one to which all peace-loving nations of the world are not turning. For assistance in the form of war materials, manpower, and leadership, all United Nations look to America, and America is not failing them.*

*The cross, emblem of peace and comfort in worship of one's own God, symbolizes the freedom of worship for which dominated nations are battling so valiantly. The church, to which millions turn daily for solace, is a powerful force in the fight for freedom.*

*Together, the Flag and the Church, truly are the "Light of the World."*

(photo by Charles Mayer)

## The road switch is coming...

Watch for detour and road closure signs switching changing soon! South Hwy 212 will be open and north Hwy 212 closed in the beginning of September. According to MnDOT and Valley Paving, the construction season is going well due to favorable conditions and weather.



## Improvements are Happening!

#NYAisOpen

**STARTING  
LABOR DAY WEEK:  
212 IS OPEN WITH HEAD-TO-HEAD  
TRAFFIC IN THE SOUTH LANES –  
REFORM STREET &  
TACOMA AVENUE  
REMAIN OPEN**



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*Norwood Young America*

## What is the purpose of the Roundabout at Hwy 5/County Road 33?

Carver County partnered with MnDOT and the City of Norwood Young America to conduct a transportation study for the State Highway 5/25, County Road 33/Reform Street, and US 212 area. This intersection is considered a priority in the County Highway Safety Plan. The study began in April 2018 and included the evaluation of intersection alternatives at the State Highway 5/25 and County Road 33 intersection to address the existing intersection safety issues. A roundabout option was identified as the preferred alternative. The study also looked at the surrounding area, specifically Reform Street North.

Additional evaluation was completed on the selected roundabout layout to consider how this project would interact with MnDOT's 2020 programmed improvements for US 212.

## What are the Goals & Objectives?

- Improve driver safety at the State Highway 5/25 and County Road 33 intersections
- Improve traffic flow at the State Highway 5/25, County Road 33 intersection as well as the State Highway 5/25, US 212 intersection
- Maintain adequate intersection and access spacing
- Plan for future growth in Norwood Young America



New curbing at the Reform/Hwy 212 intersection by Kwik Trip

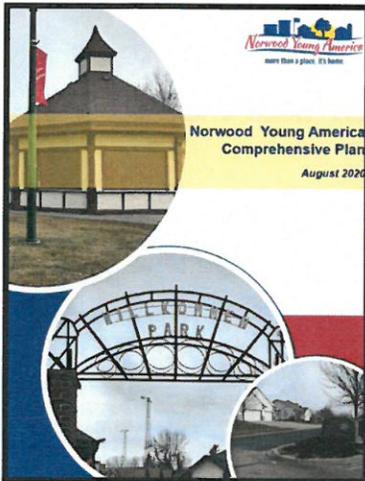


South view of the new underpass from Kehrer Park

# NYA City Happenings

## What does the NYA Planning Commission do?

The Norwood Young America Planning Commission advises the Council on land planning and use issues. Land planning issues impact the growth and redevelopment of the City. Zoning issues impact how individual properties may be used and what standards apply.



The Planning Commission recently recommended approval of the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan guides the overall course of development and growth over the next several years. The plan addresses planned growth areas and plans for housing, transportation, parks, and extension of city utilities. The Planning Commission has also been reviewing several requests from individual property owners involving annexation, variance, and conditional use requests. The Commission just completed a review of all existing conditional and interim use permits to ensure compliance and note those

that have expired, changed, or ceased. Looking ahead the Commission will be proposing updates to the City's Official Zoning Map to ensure it is consistent with the vision included in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission is responsive to citizen concerns. Recently the Commission worked with the City Council to provide for accessory dwelling units, often referred to as accessory apartments. The Commission began studying the issue after receiving input from a resident. The Commission spent several months reviewing potential language and met jointly with the Council to gain input. The Council placed language into effect earlier this year making it possible to have a 'mother in law' apartment in any detached single family home. This helps residents age in place, helps promote affordable housing, and helps respond to changing housing needs over a lifetime.

The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings or view them on the local cable access channel. Members of the Planning Commission who dutifully serve the community are: Jerry Barr, Mike Eggers, John Fahey, Bill Grundahl, Paul Hallquist, Bob Smith, and Chairperson Craig Heher.



## Welcome, Angela Brumbaugh!

The City of NYA welcomed new City Clerk/Treasurer Angela Brumbaugh to City Hall on August 12th. Angela was the City Treasurer for the City of Park Rapids, MN for almost 18 years. She is married to husband Joe and has two adult children Cody and Caitlin.

## Senior Advisory looking for more members

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission is looking for more members and input from the community. The Senior Advisory Commission was established for the purpose of providing senior citizens an opportunity to effectively communicate the social, economic, recreational, cultural, and personal needs of seniors in the City of Norwood Young America. The committee is advisory only and will make recommendations to the City Council for the establishment and/or funding of various programs and services needed by the senior population. Additionally, the committee will also promote a public understanding of both the needs and the many contributions made by older citizens.

- Are you 55+ and looking to be more involved in the community?
- Do you want to learn more about activities available for our senior residents?
- Do you have ideas or concerns about local senior services?

Come check out the NYA Senior Advisory Commission on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall. For more information contact 952-467-1810.



## What is that rock at Veteran's Park all about?

On September 16, 2020, Ray "Bubba" Sorenson II will be painting Norwood Young America's own "Freedom Rock." Sorenson started painting the Freedom Rock in 1999 as a tribute and Thank You to all Veterans to honor their service to our country. He has painted Freedom Rocks in all 50 states. Sorenson's three goals for the 50 State Freedom Rock Tour:

1. Honor America's Veterans
2. Promote tourism in each state and across America
3. Make a living and provide for his family

VFW Commander Ron Kroells explained, "Our rock will have all five branches of the military represented on it, in addition to a flag draping the top."

For more information on Sorenson and the 50 State Freedom Rock Tour, visit his website at [www.thefreedomrock.com](http://www.thefreedomrock.com)



# NYA MarketPlace

Saturday's—Sept 12th & 26th, Oct 10th  
710 Faxon Rd N  
(old Econofoods parking lot)  
9:00am-Noon

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce is organizing a local farmers market for this coming fall season! Looking for shoppers and vendors who can provide: fruits/veggies, canned goods, jams, candles, baked goods, flowers, plants, soaps, sewn goods, jewelry, woodwork, etc. For more information on becoming a vendor, email [info@nyachamber.org](mailto:info@nyachamber.org).

*Promoting Community Pride & Partnership with Area Businesses & Residents*



**Southwest Carver County Food Shelf**  
Tuesday's 12:30pm—5:00pm  
1st Saturday of each month 10:00am—Noon  
10 1st Ave NE, Norwood Young America

**Call ahead for an appointment 952-467-1870**

Make sure to visit the City of NYA Community Calendar at [www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) for all City Council & Commission meeting dates/times. Watch for city, community and construction posts on our social media outlets:



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### **OOPS!! Misprint!**

(See page 1) Carver County Elections 952-361-1941

(See page 7) Girl Scout donations: Karla Hemmann 952-913-6023

## **Small Business Emergency Assistance Program**

Small businesses are critical to both the City of Norwood Young America and the Carver County economy, many of which have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The City of NYA has committed \$155,000 to the Small Business Emergency Assistance Program, which will be administered by Carver County staff. The committed \$155,000 will stay local and go directly back to NYA businesses. We encourage you to apply if your business meets the minimum requirements outlined below.

Businesses with less than 40 employees, \$2M in annual revenue, and have seen at least a 10 percent loss of revenue since March 15, 2020 are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 in funding. Funds will be available to assist with expenses such as payroll, rent, utilities, payments to suppliers, and more as outlined in the program guidelines.

Applications will be accepted online only from August 17-September 4. If eligible applications exceed funds available, then a randomized selection process will be used. Approved applicants will be notified by mid-September if they have been accepted.

This program is a joint program between the Carver County CDA and Carver County cities.

For more information, and a link to the application, visit the Carver County CDA's website at [www.carvercda.org](http://www.carvercda.org). Select Menu, News & Events, then Housing & Business Support Programs.

Have questions or need assistance? Please contact one of the following agencies:

Elise Durbin, Carver County CDA, 952-556-2778 or

[elised@carvercda.org](mailto:elised@carvercda.org)

NYA Area Chamber of Commerce, 952-737-7403,

[info@nyachamber.org](mailto:info@nyachamber.org)

## **Housing Stability Program**

Help, up to \$5000, is available for qualified Carver County renters and homeowners who are unable to pay their rent, mortgage, homeowners association dues, and utilities including gas, electric and sewer. This assistance includes current month and past due bills back to March 1, 2020. Residents must show a loss of income due to COVID-19.

Although there is a temporary moratorium on evictions and in some cases foreclosures, and utility companies are being asked not to shut off utilities, payments are still due when those restrictions are lifted. Now is the time to get caught up.

There is no application deadline; however, funding is available on a first come, first serve basis before November 1, 2020. Once you apply, someone from Carver County CDA will contact you.

For more information and a link to the application, visit the Carver County CDA's website at [www.carvercda.org](http://www.carvercda.org). Select Menu, News & Events, then Housing & Business Support Programs. Have questions, need assistance, or would like a paper copy of the application? Call 952-556-2776 or email [reception@carvercda.org](mailto:reception@carvercda.org)

**Coming this October to NYA!**  
**Second Harvest Free Food**  
**Distribution Event**  
**NYA City Hall Parking Lot**  
**Date/Time—TBD**

# Willkommen!

Thank you for supporting  
Your local businesses!



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with Area Businesses & Residents



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4.0 School Services  
Advanced Electrical Services, Inc.  
All Saints Lutheran Church  
Ameriprise Financial Services  
Bongards Creameries  
Bruesehoff Seed Inc.  
CarQuest Auto Parts  
Carver County Arts Consortium  
Carver County CDA  
Carver County Public Health  
Casualty Assurance  
Central Public Schools  
Chameleon Salon  
Children of Tomorrow  
Church of Peace  
Church of the Ascension  
Citizens Asset Strategies  
Citizens Insurance Services  
Citizens State Bank of NYA  
City of Hamburg  
City of Norwood Young America  
Creative Hair  
Edward Jones Investments  
Fahey & Associates, Inc.  
Farmers Union Insurance Agency  
Fireman's BBQ  
Floral Defined  
Gemma Floral & Gifts  
Good Time Liquors  
Home Solutions  
Image Graphics Premier  
Applicators, Inc.  
Jim's Excavating LLC  
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KGLB Radio 1310AM  
King Pin Pub  
KNUJ Radio  
Kohls Foam Systems, Inc.  
Kwik Trip  
Lakeview Clinic  
Lano Equipment of Norwood  
Last Call  
Lazy Loon Lanes  
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Marsden Health Mart Pharmacy  
McBride Funeral Chapel  
Melchert Hubert Sjodin  
Midtown Family Restaurant  
MRCI  
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Northside Grill  
Norwood Dental Associates  
Norwood Veterinary Clinic  
NYA Friends of the Library  
NYA-Beyond the Yellow Ribbon  
Campaign  
NYA Lions  
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Old National Bank-NYA  
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### 2020 Chamber Board



Karen Hallquist (City of NYA Representative), Jason Lueth (Prime Insurance Experts), Jamie Smith (Tanglez Salon), Joe Butler (Good Time Liquors), Janelle Wilkens (On Point Nutrition), Mona Platt (SLS, Inc.), Laura Herrmann (Citizens State Bank NYA), Julie Wigfield (Executive Director)

**Chamber Bucks**  
Can be Redeemed at All  
NYA Area Chamber Member  
Businesses!



**Purchase Chamber Bucks at  
NYA City Hall  
310 Elm Street W, NYA, MN 55368**

## 2020 Chamber Sponsored Community & Business Events

Oct 5-9th: **Manufacturer's Week**    Nov 9-13th: **Veteran Business Owner Week**  
Nov 28th: **Small Business Saturday & Holiday Extravaganza**

## Sharing More Creativity in NYA

Two 8th Grade Cadette Girl Scouts—Keira Hemmann (daughter of Brandon & Karla Hemmann) and Chloe Knopik (daughter of Buffy Knopik)—both from Troop 16580, painted inspirational quotes and artwork at Central High School as one element of their Silver Award. Prior to their work on August 20th, the girls researched the impact of mental health and how the arts could bring joy and happiness to their school.

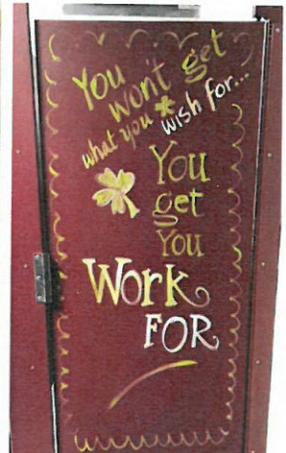
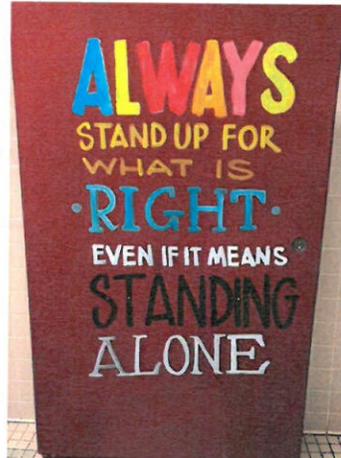
The girls had this project planned, however, had no idea of the surprise they would find to assist them in making it happen! Karla Hemmann, mom of Kierra, "This woman was painting the mural when I was driving Chloe and Keira out and about to seek in-kind donations for their Silver Award projects. We parked in the parking lot where she (Lana) was painting to enter SLS to ask them for donations when we noticed this woman painting this beautiful mural and I said to the girls, "We should talk to her and see if she'd help us." Artist Lana Beck was working on the "All Tracks Lead Home" mural on the SLS, Inc. building when the two parties started the conversation. The deal was struck while Lana was painting and standing up on the scaffolding. "She (Lana) is a wonderful strongly-spiritual artist who took time to not only paint the designs and quotes our Girl Scouts choose for each stall, but to actually teach these girls painting techniques during their 7.5 hours with her."



Chloe Knopik, Keira Hemmann and Artist Lana Beck—creating mini murals at Central Schools.

Keira and Chole's ultimate goal was to make sure Central students know they are worth so much more to those around them!! Over 40 mini-murals are painting throughout the Central High Schools restroom stalls. A special "Thank you" to Eric Dietel at Home Solutions for donating the paint!

Keira and Chole's other two Silver Award projects are "Kindergarten Welcome Bags" and a "Little Library" which will be permanently placed by the "Senior Rock" in the front of CHS this coming Spring. If you or your business are interested in donating items (i.e. school supplies, stickers), please contact Karla at 952-913-6023.



Save the Date!  
**National Night Out 2020**  
 Tuesday, October 6, 2020  
 5:30-7:00pm  
 NYA Legion Park, 320 Reform Street NYA

Join the NYA West Carver Lions, NYA Fire Department, Carver County Sheriff's Office, NYA Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Group, Stiftungsfest Ambassadors and more for an evening of **FREE Food & Fun!**

- \* Build a healthier & safe community \* Get to know your neighbors \*
  - \* Strengthen Community & Law Enforcement Relations \*
- National Night Out is sponsored by the NYA West Carver Lions





more than a place. it's home.

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## Just a few reminders...

### Compost Site

The NYA Compost Site is available to citizens who live within the city limits of Norwood Young America. There is no charge for disposal of yard, garden and tree waste. The site is 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.

### NEW Dog Waste Stations

The Public Service Department installed four Dog Waste Stations along the trails throughout Norwood Young America. Thank you for keeping our trails clean and beautiful! (Pictured: Public Service Seasonal Staff Worker Kyle Peterson)



## 2020 Special Waste Drop-Off Event

CARVER  
COUNTY

Saturday, September 12, 2020  
8:00am—Noon

Carver County Hollywood Garage  
3480 County Rd 21, Hollywood

\*\*All Carver County residents are welcome to utilize these collections.\*\*

### Acceptable waste from residents:

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

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**

Carver County  
Environmental Services  
952-361-1800  
[www.recyclecarver.org](http://www.recyclecarver.org)

