

Message From Mayor Lagergren

January 2021

It's a New Year and we already have lots of reasons to celebrate!

New Year, New Trails -

Have you had a chance to walk through the new underpass and use the new trails? After a summer of construction, the following safety features have been added: (a) repaved roads from Highway 212 between Highway 5/25 and County Road 36 in Cologne; (b) new trails along Highway 212 and a pedestrian underpass; (c) reduced conflict intersection at Tacoma Avenue; (d) Morse Street closure on the south side of Highway 212; (e) new roundabout at Highway 5/25 and County Road 33; and (f) updated signal lights, new turn lanes and updated ADA crossings to meet current standards. A video of the completed project is available at <http://tinyurl.com/hwy212>.

New Year, New Construction -

Have you driven through the community and noticed all the new homes being constructed? In 2020, the city issued building permits for 23 new single family homes and 6 new townhomes. That compares to 8 new single family homes and 4 new townhomes in 2019. Last year, we also welcomed two new businesses to the community: Balanced Life Wellness Center (next to Norwood Dental) and Remax Experience (formerly Fahey & Associates). In addition, there were two expansions to the current businesses at Pro Auto and Children of Tomorrow. Although we saw fewer new businesses open in our community during the pandemic, we are seeing a resurgence of interest in 2021. Look for further updates in upcoming issues.

New Year, New Look -

Have you noticed all the upgrades to businesses in town? The following businesses received grants from the NYA Market Enrichment Grant: CarQuest Auto Parts, ProAuto Transmission Repair, Home Solutions, Sinclair Oil & Gas, Xtreme Electric, NAPA Auto Parts. The money they received was used to upgrade both the inside and the outside of their buildings. Take some time to visit these businesses and check out the amazing work they completed!

New Year, New Council -

Have you watched the most recent Council meeting and noticed a new face on the screen? Alan Krueger is the newest member of the City Council. He and his wife, Joyce, have been together since they met at Stiftungsfest in 1988. He replaced Dick Stolz, who served as a Council Member since 2012. Thank you to Dick for his years of dedicated service and welcome to Alan!

Although our community continues to change and grow, we are blessed to have kept that small town feel that is such a strong part of our heritage. May 2021 be a year when we continue to live our vision - **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home!** Mayor Carol Lagergren



Welcome, New City Council Member Alan Krueger!

Tell the residents of NYA a little bit about yourself!

"I was drafted during the Vietnam War and served a tour as Chaplain Assistant. Subsequently, I served 33 years in the Army Reserves and achieved Master Sergeant. I used the GI Bill to study graduate work in History and Special Education; and served 10 years teaching. I have a German minor and study it daily; and have traveled Germany and Austria. I have worked in sales and collections. I am a member of the VFW, American Legion, the Augsburg Centennial Singers, All Saints Lutheran Church and the Fort Snelling National Cemetery Memorial Rifle Squad. My hobbies include chess, rugby, exercise, fishing, woodcarving, piano, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandson (soon). Pax!" Alan Krueger



New Deputy In Town

Corporal Jordan Voigt is the new Norwood Young America town deputy as of January 1, 2021. "Last year I worked in the City of Waconia and was told about a great opportunity to be the town deputy of NYA, so here I am! I grew up in NYA and lived in the area all my life. It's nice to give back to the community that means a lot to you. I am excited to be working in the NYA community, and also serve the communities of Cologne and Hamburg."



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Corporal Voigt has been a police officer for six years. In addition to the City of Waconia, Voigt has also worked with the Arlington Police Dept. for two and a half years.

NYA City Happenings



At a recent City Council meeting, Council members reviewed and thanked the City Commissions for all the work they accomplished in 2020. Here are some of the highlights:

Planning Commission...made recommendations to the Council and continued review of current zoning and code requirements, as well as working with conditional use, interim use, and nonconforming use applications. The Council gave special recognition of the work the Planning Commission did on creating an Accessory Dwelling Use Code Amendment which allows additional options for seniors in our community! The Planning Commission currently has one commission seat available. (1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm)

Economic Development Commission...made recommendations to the council regarding the Commercial Market & Retail Food Study, the update of the Elm Street Parking Lot including the new mural, the NYA Market Enrichment Grant, as well as the marketing outreach regarding COVID-19 and the Highway 212/Underpass project. (2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm)

Parks & Recreation Commission...made recommendations to update buildings and landscaping at Willkommen Memorial Park, Friendship Park, Prairie Dawn and Legion Park. The Council gave special recognition for the sidewalk/trail plan for the City, especially with the new trails and Underpass that were added this summer. The Parks & Recreation Commission currently has two commission seats available. (3rd Tuesday of each month at 4:45pm)

Senior Advisory Commission...maintained oversight of the City bus and senior housing options in the community. In addition, the Council recognized the work the Senior Advisory Commission continues to do in communicating to and speaking for our senior residents when options are discussed and decisions are made at the city level. The Senior Advisory Commission is seeking more members and input from the local senior community! (3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00am)

All Council and Commission meetings are virtual Zoom meetings until further notice. Live links are available on the specific days/times of meetings. If you are interested in learning more about how you can be involved in City Commission's, email cityadmin@cityofnya.com or call 952-467-1800.

Bus Drivers Needed

- Are you looking for a rewarding job assisting local residents?
- Are you retired and looking for something to do on a part-time basis, maybe just one or two days a week?
- Are you a stay-at-home parent and looking for something to get you out of the house a few hours a week?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the City of Norwood Young America has a great opportunity for you!

We are accepting applications for part-time bus drivers. Drivers need to be 18 years of age or older and have a valid MN Driver's License (a special driver's license is NOT required). Training will be provided and the wage is \$13.86 - \$17.30 an hour.



Stop by City Hall for an application or visit our website at www.cityofnya.com. If you have questions, call Angela at 952/467-1807 or send an email to cityclerk@cityofnya.com.

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Currently, the supply of available vaccines in Minnesota remains limited and Carver County Public Health is vaccinating only those in Phase 1a. (see image) For everyone else, Carver County Public Health is recommending the following: **You do not need to get on a waiting list or make an appointment at this time. Updates will be communicated broadly when we are able to start vaccinating more people. We will provide more information at that time for how eligible people can get vaccinated.**

Although there is a new statewide Community COVID-19 Vaccine Pilot Program for residents 65+, pre-K-12 staff, and child care workers, a very small number of appointments are available at the nine pilot sites: Anoka, Brooklyn Center, Fergus Falls, Marshall, Mountain Iron, North Mankato, Rochester, St. Cloud, and Thief River Falls. Appointments will be available online or by phone at 612-426-7230 or toll free at 833-431-2053. To learn more or book an appointment, <https://mn.govt/covid19/vaccine/index.jsp>

COVID-19 Vaccinations: Who will be vaccinated first?

We Are Here

1a

Health care personnel & long-term care residents and staff

Adults 65+ years, people with underlying medical conditions & frontline essential workers

1b

Other essential workers not included in earlier groups

1c

While we patiently wait for the vaccine... Remember to:

- ⇒ Mask Up
- ⇒ Wash Your Hands
- ⇒ Maintain 6 ft Social Distancing



SO BUSINESSES CAN STAY OPEN

COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

Last updated January 8, 2021

When I can get the COVID-19 vaccine?

The COVID-19 vaccine will be given in phases. Federal and state health officials will determine who should be vaccinated first. The COVID-19 vaccine is currently being administered to individuals in Phase 1a first priority. This includes people living or working in long-term care facilities, hospital healthcare workers and certain first responders. These individuals are in high-risk settings and do not have the option to stay home and separate themselves from others.

Individuals that provide COVID-19 vaccinations or testing are also eligible to receive the vaccine now. Completing vaccinations for individuals in Phase 1a will likely take all of January and into February to complete. The next groups to likely receive the vaccine include:

- All other healthcare workers
- Residents and employees of assisted living facilities and group homes
- Hospital personnel
- Senior independent living housing

Are the COVID-19 vaccines safe?

The COVID-19 vaccines have followed the same testing protocols as all vaccines administered in the United States. There have been large clinical trials to make sure the COVID-19 vaccines meet all safety standards. Many people were recruited to participate in the vaccine clinical trials to see how the vaccines offer protection to people of different ages, races and ethnicities, as well as those with different medical conditions.

The COVID-19 vaccine was developed by utilizing existing scientific knowledge about coronaviruses and ground-breaking technology. This safe and effective vaccine results from unprecedented cooperation across business, science and government sectors worldwide.

Isn't getting sick with the COVID-19 virus better than getting the COVID-19 vaccine?

Getting sick with COVID-19 poses potential serious risk to you and your loved ones, and you could spread the virus to others. In addition, the potential exists for health issues to continue after initial recovery from COVID-19. People with continuing health issues are being called COVID-19 'long-haulers.'

Scientists are still learning about the virus that causes COVID-19. We don't yet know if getting COVID-19 protects someone from contracting it again. It's also not known how long any protection might last.

Can the COVID-19 vaccine make my illness worse if I do end up getting COVID-19?

So far, we are seeing that the two-dose COVID-19 vaccines produce a more robust immune response than most mild COVID-19 illnesses. What we don't know yet is how long protection lasts from the COVID-19 vaccines, or for those who get infected with COVID-19 virus. What we do know is that COVID-19 can cause very serious illness and death for many people. If you get COVID-19, you also risk spreading it to loved ones who may get very sick. Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is the safer choice, and our best option right now to prevent getting seriously ill from COVID-19 and protecting you and your family.

What are the side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines?

The COVID-19 vaccines, like all vaccines administered in the United States, undergo large clinical trials to assess their safety. However, it does take time, and more people getting vaccinated helps us learn more about very rare or long-term side effects. This is why safety monitoring will continue. The CDC has an independent group of experts that reviews safety data and provides regular safety updates. If a safety issue is detected, immediate action takes place to determine if the issue is related to the COVID-19 vaccine and determine the best course of action.

If you have received a Tdap or Shingrix, expect a similar response the day of, or 2-3 days following. Each vaccine contains specific information and guidance about what to expect. You might experience some side effects, which are normal signs your body is building protection. They should go away in a few days. Common side effects include pain and swelling in the arm where you got the shot, fever, chills, tiredness, or a headache. These side effects have been reported to be more common following the second dose.

Following your vaccination, you will receive information about V-safe. V-safe is an app for your smartphone, which uses text messaging and web surveys from the CDC to check-in with vaccine recipients. Vaccine recipients can quickly report any side effects they are experiencing to the CDC, as well as receive daily check-in reminders. V-safe is one tool being used to monitor safety and has offered much comfort to individuals receiving vaccines. Participation in V-safe is completely voluntary.

Why do I need two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine?

Nearly all COVID-19 vaccines being studied in the United States require two shots. The first shot starts building protection, but everyone must return for a second shot a few weeks later to receive the full protection the vaccine offers.

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Carver County

9:30am–12:15pm

****Watch for registration information at**

www.local.extension.umn.edu/local/carver



American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE

Give Blood • Give Life

- Tuesday, May 2nd
- Wednesday, April 28th
- Tuesday, May 4th
- Wednesday, July 14th
- Wednesday, September 8th

Contact www.redcross.org
to sign up for these local
blood drives:

****All events held at the
Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
Main Street, NYA**

Save the Dates!!!

**NYA CITY-WIDE
GARAGE
SALE**

Wed, April 21—24th

*Email info@nyachamber.org to get on the garage sale site list

CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP



Saturday, April 24, 2021
More details to come!

FREE Food Distribution

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

NYA City Hall Parking Lot—310 Elm Street W.

1:00—2:30pm

Each household will receive a box of dairy products and produce

Event is drive-thru and contact-free

No walk-ups allowed

****Watch for signs—Carver County Sheriff's & NYA Fire Department will direct traffic****

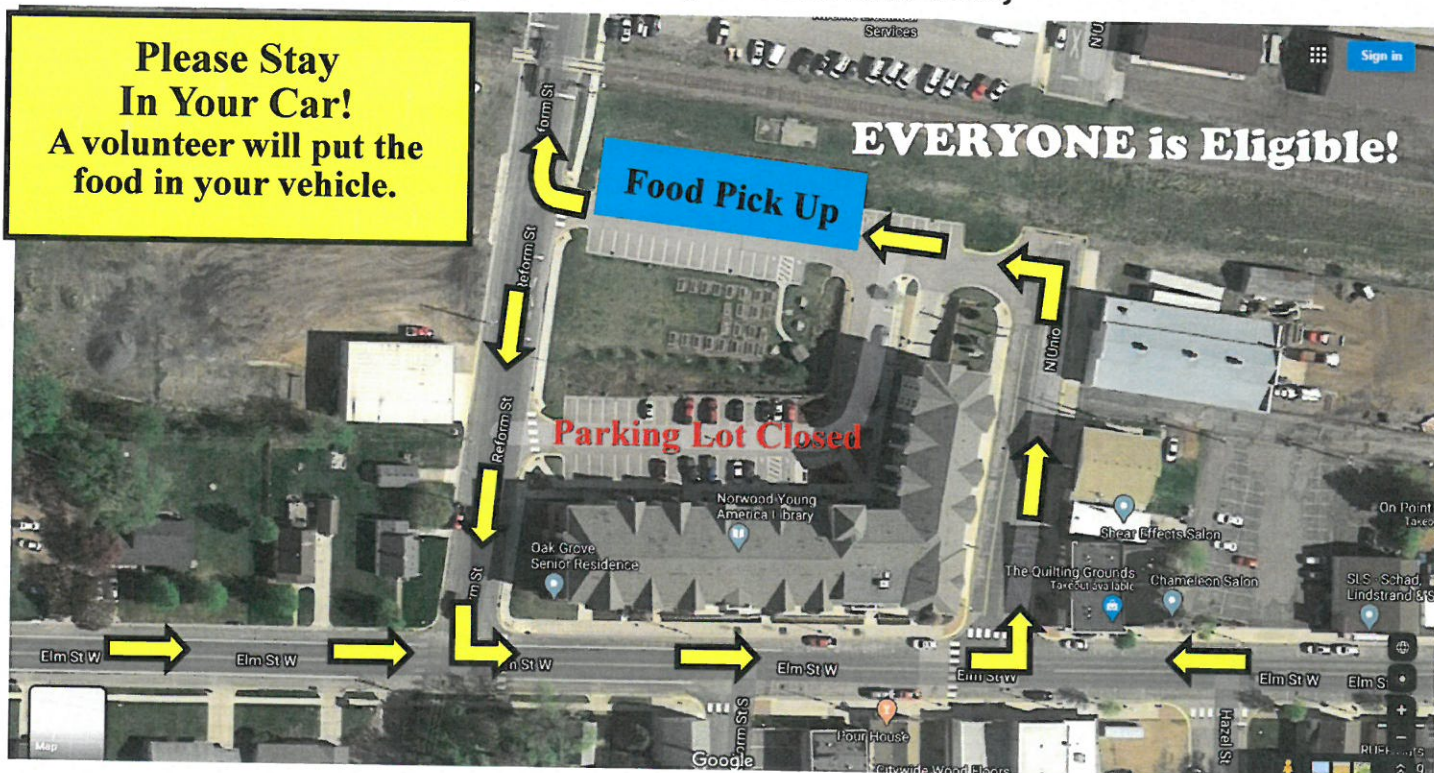
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City of Norwood Young America & Carver County**

**Please Stay
In Your Car!**
A volunteer will put the
food in your vehicle.

EVERYONE is Eligible!

Food Pick Up

Parking Lot Closed





more than a place. it's home.

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Just a few reminders...

Hockey & Skating Rink

Due to unseasonably warm weather, City staff continues to work on flooding and building up the ice at the hockey and skating rink at South Park on South Street. City staff have adjusted schedules to try to accommodate the colder evening temperatures. The warming house is open with limited capacity.

Pet Reminders

- You must have your pet licensed annually with the City—\$5/year per pet. Stop at City Hall with up-to-date vaccine papers M-F 8am-4:30pm.
- Always have your pet on a leash or restraint when walking around town.
- Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after them! Make sure to note the new doggie waste stations along the trails

Love them.

Leash them.

License them.



NYA-TV Guide

Broadcasting Sunday through Monday

The NYA-TV local access channel shows are broadcast on MediaCom Channel #8 and Jaguar Communications Channel #901 every day. Public Service Broadcasts include a variety of cooking shows, MN music artists, wellness workshops, and more. After each show, the NYA Bulletin Boards show City and community events and announcements.

2:00am — All Saint Lutheran Church or Freidens CountyLine Church

3:00am — Emanuel Lutheran Church Service

4:00am — St. Paul's Reform Evangelical Church Service

5:00am — St. John's Lutheran Church Service

6:00am — Central Public Schools—School Board Meeting

7:30am — **Public Service Broadcast Show**

8:00am — All Saint Lutheran Church or Freidens CountyLine Church

9:00am — Emanuel Lutheran Church Service

10:00am — St. Paul's Reform Evangelical Church Service

11:00am — St. John's Lutheran Church Service

12:00pm — **City Council or NYA Commission Meetings**

1:30pm — **Public Service Broadcast Show**

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3:00pm — Emanuel Lutheran Church Service

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5:00pm — St. John's Lutheran Church Service

6:00pm — **City Council or NYA Commission Meetings (Sun/Wed/Fri)**

- **High School Sports (Mon/Tues/Thurs)**

- **Public Service Broadcast Show (Sat)**

