

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

City Council

City Hall

6:00pm 2nd and 4th Monday

Parks & Rec Commission

City Hall

4:45 3rd Tuesday

Planning Commission

City Hall

6:00pm 1st Tuesday

Economic Development Commission

City Hall

6:00pm 2nd Wednesday

Senior Advisory Commission

The Harbor / Oak Grove /

9:00am 3rd Thursday

**Check out the
community event
calendar at
www.cityofnya.com**



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Message From Mayor Lagergren



In the past two weeks, I've had three opportunities to share with strangers the amazing blessings that come with living in Norwood Young America. It is my favorite part of the job as Mayor! As I gathered and organized my thoughts, I was reminded of how truly lucky we are --- we have amazing opportunities at our fingertips and yet we have continued to maintain that friendly, small-town feel. Here's some of what I shared:

We are at the crossroads of everything: With the completion of the work on Highway 212 and the roundabout at Highway 5 and CSAH 33, we now have an updated safer highway system that can take us anywhere. We are just 45 minutes from Downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul - the home of great theater, museums and sporting events. But we also have amazing opportunities in our own community - spectacular amateur baseball games, the fascinating displays at our Willkommen Heritage Center, in addition to wonderful concerts, sporting events, and theater productions by the youth from our own community.

We have amazing opportunities to enjoy the outdoors: With the opening of the new Underpass and additional trails, we now have even more ways to take advantage of the healthy benefits of walking, running or biking. Despite the recent frigid temperatures, many people are outside enjoying the expanded trail system, skating at the community ice rink or heading 3 miles north to snowshoe and cross country ski at Baylor Park. For those of you who enjoy warmer temperatures --- we are only three months away from re-opening the Community Pool!

We value the fine arts: In the past year, we have added some beautiful new artwork to the outdoor canvas of our community. We are so fortunate to have one of the three Freedom Rocks in Minnesota at Veterans Park on the east side of town. In addition, the beautiful mural on the SLS Building on the south side of town reminds us that "all tracks lead home." Are you wondering what's ahead? Watch for more information on the Chamber of Commerce Springfest Artisan Fair (May), a cooperative agreement with Central Schools to display high school artwork in the underpass (May), a new mural on the north side of town (June/July) and Stiftungsfest 2021 (August).

We continued to grow even during the pandemic: We are so excited to welcome a new business to the north side of town - Advanced Training Systems! In addition, several other new businesses are in the process of finalizing purchase agreements on vacant buildings throughout our community. It is so exciting to know that our local businesses are doing well (despite the pandemic) and new businesses are again looking at our community to start or expand their dream. The returning growth of business and commercial sites is a perfect balance to the 22 new single family homes and 6 new townhomes that were built last year. We are looking forward to another great year in 2021 as strangers recognize what our citizens already know --- *Norwood Young America is more than just a place, it's our home and we love welcoming you to our home!*

COVID Vaccine Updates

How are vaccines allocated in Minnesota? Each week, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) determines the allocations of vaccine dosages for local public health agencies, including Carver County Public Health. CCPH continuously monitors and adjusts the vaccination plans in bringing additional priority groups into clinics as vaccine doses and appointments become available. Priority groups for vaccinations are based on guidance from MDH. Carver County Public Health's ability to plan and post clinics in advance is based on the number of vaccines they receive from the state. They will continue to post clinic information in a timely manner as much as possible. CCPH's goal is to ensure that all Carver County residents who want the vaccine can receive it.

Veterans Transportation Program now available! Carver County Veterans Services is transporting veterans to and from their VA Medical Center and VA Clinic appointments. While the program is similar to pre-COVID-19 operations, they have adjusted several aspects to ensure safety during the pandemic:

- Veteran Services staff will conduct health screenings to ensure safety for everyone.
- Rides are limited to one veteran per vehicle, with two vehicles operating per day. If allowed by a medical provider, veterans may request a guest to accompany them.
- Transportation to the Mpls VA Medical Center are: Monday—Thursdays (excluding holidays). On Wednesdays, veterans can make appointments for transportation to and from the Shakopee VA Clinic. Please schedule appointments between 8:00am—2:30pm if utilizing transportation services.

The Mpls VA Medical Center recommends contacting your provider directly by calling (612)467-1100 to schedule medical appointments.



NYA City Happenings



New & Improved...

What's new? The NYA City Council has recently approved new safety and maintenance projects throughout the community:

- New warning siren installed in the Preserve/Meadows neighborhood
- Floors refinished in the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
- All new doors installed at Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
- Ditch cleaning at Friendship Park & Beven's Creek throughout NYA

Commission discussion has started or continues on the following:

- New playground equipment at NYA Legion Park
- West Carver Community Pool maintenance
- Civic signage at Friendship & Kehrer Park
- Industrial Park signage
- Historic Downtown Young America mural
- NYA senior resident survey
- Hockey rink lighting
- Old Town Buildings
- Trail lighting & benches
- Underpass artwork
- Skate Park improvements
- Painting Pavilion exterior
- Ceiling/Lighting at Willkommen Park Shelter



2021 Street Projects

At a recent Council meeting, two summer street projects were approved for 2021! Both projects are on the north side of town and have been talked about for quite some time. **The combined cost of the projects is approximately \$2.7 million, but there will be no additional tax impact on our residents! The exception will be citizens living or owning property along the project path who will pay a special assessment per city policy.** You have been extremely patient for the past five years as new street projects were put on hold while the Council waited for a reduction in current debt obligations. That wait has been rewarded ... since our debt obligations have been reduced, we are again able to add new street construction projects to our agenda!

Oak Lane: In 2013, the city annexed the Oak Lane properties into the city. At that time, an agreement was reached with the township stating that the Oak Lane properties would connect to the city sewer and water systems within 10 years (January 1, 2023). In order for this to occur the city must first provide sewer and water mains for these homes to connect to. An additional section of the agreement allowed property owners two years to connect once service was made available. These deadlines require completion of this project in the summer of 2021. Total cost of the project (including paving the road and utility work) is estimated at approximately \$900,000.

Second Avenue Lift Station and Street Reconstruction: The Second Avenue Lift Station is responsible for handling the wastewater of the majority of the northern part of our community. The Second Avenue Lift Station is at the end of its design life and needs to be replaced. This project is a high priority for the city, which involves replacing the old lift station to an upgraded one in the same location. The cost of replacement is approximately \$800,000. By doing the lift station work in conjunction with at least a portion of the Second Avenue Street project, the City would be able to minimize impacts and reconstruction costs. The Council approved moving forward with this project, to include reconstructing Second Avenue from the "five way stop" to the north entrance of Devonshire Drive, for this summer. The total cost of the project is \$1.8 million. The remainder of the Second Avenue reconstruction will be addressed in the near future.

Please call NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800 if you have any questions or comments.



Southwest Carver County Food Shelf

****Serving the communities of Norwood Young America, Hamburg and Cologne****

**** 10 1st Ave NE, NYA 55397 ** (952)467-1870 ****

Tuesdays 12:30-5:00pm & 1st Saturday of each month 10:00am-Noon

**INCREASE
FOOD ACCESS.
BUILD STRONG
COMMUNITIES.**



Donate to the local food shelf during the month of March! The Minnesota Food Share March Campaign provides a proportional match to all participating food shelves including the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf! For more information www.mnfoodshare.org.



**CITY-
WIDE
CLEAN
UP**

The City of NYA will be hosting the 3rd Annual

Spring Clean Up Day!

Saturday, April 24th

8am-Noon

CHS Parking Lot

(531 Morse Street, NYA)

NYA citizens who reside within city limits are encouraged to bring their "household junk" to dispose.

Paper Shredding Service

9am-Noon

Citizens State Bank will be offering a free paper shredding service at the event.

Watch for Signs!

Save the Dates!!!

**CITY-WIDE
NYA GARAGE
SALE**

Wed, April 21-24th

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

2021 Special Waste Collection Event

Saturday May 22, 2021

8 a.m.—12 noon

Central High School, 531 Morse Street, NYA



Saturday September 18, 2021

8 a.m.—12 noon

**Carver County Hollywood Garage
3480 County Rd 21, Hollywood**

Items Collected	Pricing	Attention Carver County Businesses
Car Tires (rims accepted)	\$3.00 each	<p>Except for the following materials, businesses are prohibited from participating in these Special Waste events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluorescent bulbs will be accepted for a fee. Please call for pricing specifics. Limit 50 bulbs per drop off. • Xcel Energy customers may dispose of their first ten fluorescent bulbs for no charge by showing their Xcel Energy statement. • For no charge, small businesses may also bring antifreeze, auto batteries, up to five oil filters, and up to 20 gallons of motor oil. Excess quantities of oil or oil filters will not be accepted. <p>Hazardous Waste Generators: receipts will be provided for reporting. VSQG's are encouraged to bring in the above wastes, but SQG's and LQG's are prohibited from the events without exception.</p>
Semi Truck Tires (rims accepted)	\$8.00 each	
Farm (Large >44") Tires	\$25.00 each	
Lawnmowers	\$5.00 each	
Bicycles	\$3.00 each	
Residential Electronics (TV's & Computer Monitors)	\$10.00 each	
Appliances (Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Dishwasher, Dryer, Freezer, Microwave, Refrigerator, Stove, Washing Machine, Water Heater, etc.)	\$10.00 each	
Fluorescent Bulbs	No charge	
Used Oil and Oil Filters	No charge	
Used Antifreeze	No charge	
Auto Batteries	No charge	
Scrap Metal	No charge	
Household Hazardous Waste	No charge	

NO FURNITURE, NO MATTRESSES, NO GARBAGE

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952-361-1800

www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-services/environmental-services





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UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

March

Tues, Mar 2—Red Cross Blood Drive @ Willkommen
Memorial Park Pavilion

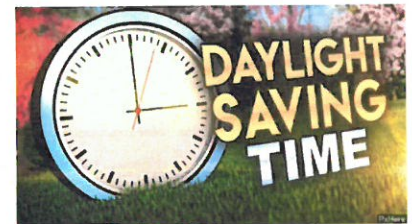
Wed, Mar 3—Outdoor Weather Warning Sirens Tested @
1:00pm

Sat, Mar 14—Daylight Savings—Spring ahead!!

Sun, Mar 14—NYAFD "Delivering Fire Prevention" 5pm-
8pm **order pizza from Unhinged Pizza and the
NYAFD will deliver plus change your smoke detector
batteries!

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@cityofnya.com.



160th Stiftungsfest Celebration preparation has started!

The 2020 Stiftungsfest celebration was not what anyone expected, however, 2021 is a New Year...
PLUS it's a parade year! Stiftungsfest MUST go on! The 2021 Stiftungsfest and Parade Committee
invite you to participate with the 160th Stiftungsfest Celebration on August 26-29, 2021. The "every
five year" Stiftungsfest Parade will be on Sunday, August 29th starting at noon.

Stiftungsfest will always respect the COVID-19 regulations as required. Just as in 2020, the committee
and fire department have and always will put the health
and welfare of our community first. With time and creative
minds, the committee has come up with solutions to bring
you the majority of the same events as in previous years -
music, softball, burgers, brats, beer, kickball tournament,
car show, craft show, basketball and bean bag tournament,
Thursday night Family Night (Aug 26th), ambassador
coronation, mini pedal pull, firefighter challenge and, of
course...the parade! Guests will be able to visit multiple
events in multiple locations throughout the community all
weekend long and still maintain safety guidelines. We are
hopeful!!



Continue to watch the Stiftungsfest Facebook page, newspaper, and website www.stiftungsfest.org.
for future updates. Questions? Call (952)467-1812 or email info@stiftungsfest.org.

Just a reminder...

City staff will continue to be trimming
trees throughout the community this
winter. Loose or overgrown limbs
hanging over the roads are dangerous
for large trucks and snow plows who are
maintaining the roads.

**NYA City Code 670.01 Private vs. Public
Tree Ownership.** All trees within the
public right of way shall be maintained by
the City, and the City shall have the right
to trim or remove any tree within the
right of way regardless of who was
responsible for the planting of the tree.
All trees upon private property shall be
the responsibility of the property owner.



Be Active!

Ideas to stay active during COVID and the winter blues!!:

- * Skate at the hockey rink
- * Walk the new trails
- * Find a local yoga class
- * Join a local fitness center
- * Snowshoe at Baylor Park
- * Join a local civic group
- * Join a dance class
- * Sign up for a sewing class
- * Snowblow your neighbor's driveway
- * Check out the new underpass!
- * Visit Veteran's Park to see the Freedom Rock

Food Retail Survey

9 Questions, Front & Back Sides of Page

This is the same Survey that was dispersed at the Free Food Distribution Event in Norwood Young America on 2/3/2021. If you have already submitted this Survey, we THANK YOU for your help, but ask you not to submit another.

The **West Carver County Food Retail Committee** (a new Minnesota nonprofit) is asking for public reaction as we explore new grocery options for Norwood Young America. The Committee is made up of Carver County residents who are investigating starting a locally-controlled grocery, while the City of Norwood Young America continues to seek a grocery business to move into Norwood Young America. ****The West Carver County Food Retail Committee is not associated with the City of Norwood Young America nor with Carver County****

Please complete and mail this Survey to:

West Carver County FRC

P.O. Box 642

Norwood Young America, MN 55368

OR

Complete online through Google Forms:

<https://forms.gle/RePqysrV3pFu3V6P8>

(please complete and submit this survey only once)

All responses are anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact: westcarvercountyfrc@gmail.com. Thank you for your time and feedback!

- West Carver County Food Retail Committee

1) Where do you currently purchase the majority of your groceries?

- ☐ Aldi ☐ Cub Foods ☐ Family Dollar ☐ Dollar Fresh ☐ Home delivery service
☐ Coborn's ☐ Mackenthun's ☐ Target ☐ Convenience store ☐ Other: _____

2) How important are the following factors in determining your food purchases?

	Very Important	Moderately Important	Slightly Important	Not Important
Location of store	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Store hours	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of specific brands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of products from local farmers/vendors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery/Curbside pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of ready-to-eat/pre-packaged meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3) If a grocery store returned to Norwood Young America, I would most likely:

- ☐ Not only shop there, but be willing to invest time/energy into making the business a success
☐ Shop there exclusively to keep money in our local community
☐ Shop there weekly, but shop sales at other stores as well
☐ Still shop elsewhere to get the most competitive prices
☐ Not change my shopping routine, as I am happy with my current grocery option

4) What additional thoughts do you have about bringing a new retail grocery option to Norwood Young America?

(OVER)

5) On average, how often do you purchase the following items?

	More than once a week	Once a week	Twice a month	Once a month	Less than once a month
Fresh fruits & vegetables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fresh baked goods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meat/Poultry/Seafood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dairy Products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grocery items (canned goods, cereal, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Frozen foods	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deli or ready-to-eat meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6) If you purchase ready-to-eat/pre-packaged meals, what is the main reason you purchase these items?

- ☐ Convenience ☐ I do not cook
- ☐ No alternate options available ☐ I do not purchase ready-to-eat or pre-packaged meals

7) What are barriers to purchasing the food you/your family want to eat? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Lack of a local grocery store offering the foods I want to purchase ☐ Mobility issues ☐ Lack of time ☐ I don't have any barriers
- ☐ Lack of reliable transportation ☐ Lack of options supporting local farmers/vendors ☐ Finances ☐ Other: _____

8) What is your age range?

- ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65+

9) What is your residential zip code? _____

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