

## Message From Mayor Lagergren



I have always believed that **April showers bring May flowers** and the last couple of weeks have certainly provided enough rain (and unfortunately a few snow showers) to bring lots of beautiful flowers in our gardens and around our homes. April can be a month of preparation ... a time to prepare for exciting new possibilities. As a community that honors our heritage, I believe that this year we are preparing for the start of a "*good old summertime*" - a different summer from the pandemic year of 2020. Look for all the preparations happening around our community.

Our parks and trails are gearing up for summer walkers, runners and bikers. Ball fields throughout the community are being dragged and lined as spring baseball and softball season have started. In Friendship Park, the soccer goals are out and you may hear the excited shouts of children as they start practicing for upcoming games. In addition, the Council recently approved new Bollard lighting along the new Kehrer Park trail. As the temperatures warm, you can soon enjoy an evening stroll without worrying about your safety along a dark trail. Finally, if you want to sit and enjoy the beautiful sunset, look for some new donated benches appearing around the community.

In about a month, the West Carver Community Pool will again be open for swimming and lessons. Based on current guidelines, we can have 50% occupancy in our pool and it is our hope that, with safety guidelines in place, we will be able to offer lessons as well. To prepare for this exciting summertime favorite: routine cleaning and maintenance is being completed, lifeguards and WSI instructors are being hired, a fee schedule for 2021 will soon be approved by the Council and registration for lessons will open on May 1st.

This summer is the 160th Stiftungsfest Celebration and that means that it is also a parade year! To prepare for this exciting weekend, planning continues on multiple fronts. Ideas have been gathered for the new mural in Historic Downtown Young America. The Second Avenue Lift Station and Street Reconstruction project is moving forward. Finally, the Citywide Cleanup Day (April 24th) provides an opportunity for citizens who live within the city limits to "clean up" their yards and "clean out" their garages and sheds in preparation for the many visitors who come to celebrate another Founders' Day Festival with us.



H. Jackson Brown Jr. (American author) stated: **The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.** As a community working together, we are doing our best to prepare for a fabulous summer. Thank you for helping us put our best foot forward ... **Norwood Young America, more than a place, it's our home!** And what a beautiful home, it is!

Mayor Carol Lagergren

### Norwood Young America

**CITY-WIDE  
GARAGE  
SALE**

**Wed, April 21—24th**

Garage Sale address listings available at [www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) or at City Hall

**\*\*Watch for signs around town!\*\***

### West Carver Community Pool

- Tentative Opening date—Sat, June 5th
- Four (4) lesson sessions throughout the summer
- Additional lesson "Puddle Jumper" class for ages 2-4
- Extended Open Swim times
- New improvements in the pool building/restrooms
- Reduced lesson rates

More information available on the City website [www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) and Facebook page after **May 1st**!

### Enjoy gardening?

The NYACIP (NYA Community Improvement Program) gardeners are looking for volunteers to help with planting and maintaining flower beds around the NYA community. Contact City Hall at 952-467-1800 for more information.



# NYA City Happenings



## Scouts on a Mission

Troop 3361 hosted a Drive-thru Pancake Breakfast at Willkommen Memorial Park on March, 21, 2021. They served 241 meals raising money for camping outings. Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 3361 also participated in the annual Scouting for Food. Scouting for Food is a community service project where Scouts collect items for local food shelves. Scouting groups drop off labeled door hangers throughout neighborhoods a few days before they plan to pick-up the food, often the last Saturday in April, then return to collect the food that Saturday and deliver to our local food shelves. This year the Cub Scouts from Pack 3361 delivered the door hangers and bags on April 10th in NYA and the Boy Scouts followed on April 17th to collect the donations. Together the community donated a pickup truck of food for the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf. Thank you to everyone for your donations. Submitted by Aiden Gillett, Troop 3361 Scribe. For more information on events or how to get involved, visit @boyscouttroop3361 or email troop361scout-master@gmail.com

## All About the Poppies

- May is the month for remembering all of the men and women who lost their lives fighting for our freedom. It is a time when we honor our military forces.
- May is when our nation takes time to reflect on our heritage and celebrate our loyalty to our country.
- May is the month for wearing a poppy in remembrance of those who fought for our freedom and continue to fight for our United States of America!

A Red Poppy symbolizes the blood that was shed by those who fought in World War I. The poem "In Flanders Field" inspired the idea of the Poppy to be used. In 1920, the Poppy became the official flower of the American Legion and VFW.

The end of April and the month of May you will begin to see American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary Women of NYA out and about giving away a Red Poppy for you to wear proudly to show your patriotism. We do NOT sell the poppies! Although donations are welcome :) All donations received will be used to support veterans in our community and surrounds areas.



## Community Gardens Are Full!

The Central High School Industrial Tech class has been busy constructing eight (8) new garden plots for the NYA Community Garden. All thirty-three (33) of the garden plots have been reserved for the 2021 growing season!



## Springfest Artisan Fair

Join the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce and NYA EDC for the 2nd Annual Springfest Artisan Fair on Saturday,

May 15th starting at 9am on Elm & Union Street!

This event is to unite local painters, designers, authors, quilters, farmers and musicians together in a small-town setting to display their talents and wares with the ultimate intention of bringing awareness to the arts, along with history and celebration to Historic Downtown Norwood. For more information about Springfest Artisan Fair, check out the Facebook page @nyaspringfest or visit [www.nyachamber.org](http://www.nyachamber.org)



## Small Business Week

Support local business



## National Small Business Week

is May 3-9, 2020. Help celebrate the Norwood Young America area small businesses with your support by shopping local!!

## Memorial Day Program

The NYA VFW and American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 31st at 10:30am at Central High School gym. Lunch will be provided for veterans at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion following the program.

- Are you in need of medical equipment such as a wheelchair, crutches, walkers, knee scooter?
- Do you want to honor your veteran with an engraved paver at NYA Veteran's Park?
- Are you looking for a group to join to serve as a strong voice for maintaining veteran benefits?

The VFW and American Legion are looking for new members. For more information, contact: Ron Kroells 952-913-3496, Ron Smith 952-467-3142, Larry Panning 952-261-8632.



## NYA Spring Clean Up Day

This **FREE** event is for **NYA CITY RESIDENTS ONLY** who reside within the city limits — businesses are not included. This drop-off event is for non-hazardous household waste/junk. Participants will be asked to show proof of residency such as a driver's license and/or water bill. This drop-off event is for all residential dwellings including apartments and manufactured homes.

### ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE/JUNK—ITEMS FOR DROP-OFF

- ◆ Furniture items (couches, chairs, tables, lamps, mattresses, box springs, etc.)
- ◆ Small amounts of remodeling materials (carpet, siding, drywall, concrete blocks, bricks, etc.)
- ◆ Miscellaneous items such as kids toys, playground sets, doors, windows, toilets, etc.
- ◆ Participants are asked to bag and box the loose materials as much as possible

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- ◆ Regular household weekly garbage or recyclable items
- ◆ Vehicle tires, appliances, any electronics, batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, prescription drugs
- ◆ No hazardous waste such as paints, liquids, chemicals, asbestos materials, herbicides, pesticides, household cleaning products, lawn chemicals, lighter fluid, mothballs, lye, pool chemicals, nail polish remover, solvents, spot removers, stains and finishers, etc.
- ◆ No motor oil/filters, oil rags, petroleum products/containers, anti-freeze, brake fluid
- ◆ Fluorescent tubes/lights, incandescent light bulbs
- ◆ Cement, asphalt, large quantities of demo material
- ◆ No yard waste (grass clippings, shrubs, plants, tree limbs, leaves, garden waste)



The **Carver County Rural Recycling Drop-Off** Site in Norwood Young America is open to all residents and businesses year round for general recyclables—fibers, plastics, metal and glass.

**Location:** 421 W Railroad Street, NYA(SW corner of Railroad & Reform)

**Hours:** April—November: Wednesday 11am–6pm; Saturday 8am–12pm

**Saturday, April 24th**

**8:00am—Noon**

Central High School South Parking Lot  
531 Morse Street (map on back page)

### FREE Paper Shredding!

Citizens State Bank, in partnership with the City of NYA, will provide an on-site paper shredding truck from 9am–noon.  
No binders accepted—four(4) box limit.



## Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Event

**Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**8am—Noon**

Norwood Young America

Central High School Parking Lot

521 Morse St, NYA 55368

All Carver County residents are welcome to utilize these collections.

### Accepting from Residents:

Appliances  
Fluorescent Lamps  
Auto Fluids  
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 \***

Recycling items will not be accepted. Recycling items can be dropped off at Carver County's Recycling Site located at 421 Railroad St. W.

## NYA Compost Site

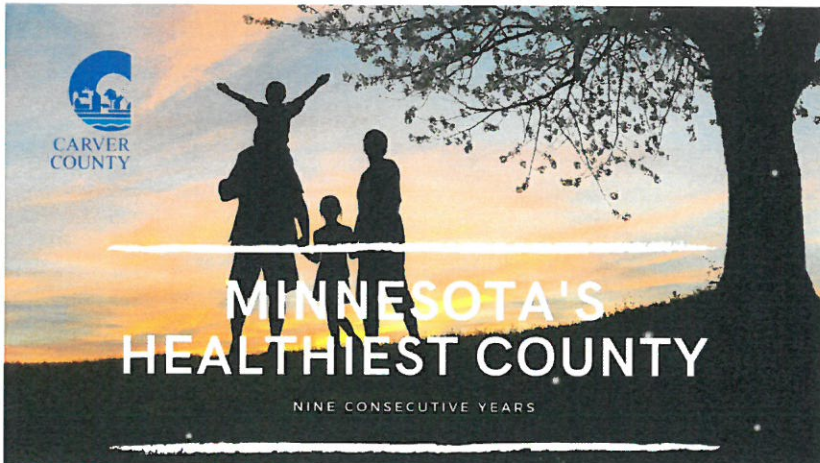
640 Tacoma Blvd  
(located within the Tacoma West Industrial Park)

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. Watch for specific areas for dropping off your yard waste. And please do not dump any garbage at this site!



# Carver County Ranked Healthiest MN County



03/31/2021: 2021 County Health Rankings Report Released—CHASKA, Minn.—For the ninth consecutive year, Carver County ranks first among all Minnesota counties in the annual County Health Rankings report, released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute (UWPHI). The County also ranked second in health factors.

The County Health Rankings provide an easy-to-use snapshot that compares counties within states, and show where you live influences how well and how long you live. The local level data makes it clear that good health is influenced by many factors beyond medical care, including education, jobs, housing, access to healthy foods, and more.

Carver County regularly scores well on health behavior measures, such as low teen birth rates and access to exercise opportunities.

Additionally, Carver County ranked first out of all Minnesota counties on social and economic factors, such as high school completion rates and low unemployment rates.

“The 2021 County Health Rankings reflect the diligent efforts of our partner organizations in advancing health in our community,” said Dr. Richard Scott, Deputy Division Director for Health Services. “While we celebrate the collective progress we made, we recognize that many of our residents are still in need of support and opportunities to maximize their health and wellbeing. We are committed to working together to better understand these challenges and improve access and utilization of the wealth of resources in our county.”

The data used to calculate the 2021 County Health Rankings are from 2019 and earlier, and therefore, do not yet reflect the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact. The County Health Rankings do show differences in health and opportunity by place, and highlight health barriers disproportionately impacting communities of color and families with lower incomes, which were likely worsened by COVID-19. The impact of COVID-19 will begin to emerge in the 2022 County Health Rankings data.

One new measure featured in this year’s County Health Rankings is broadband access, which is the percentage of households with broadband internet connection. As we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, broadband access is a digital lifeline to everything from education, employment and healthcare opportunities, to fostering social connectedness.

In Carver County, 91 percent of households have broadband internet access. This means nearly one in ten households in Carver County do not have any broadband internet access. Moreover, some broadband internet may not be fast enough to meet the needs of the household. To address this issue, Carver County used grant and Federal funding to secure mobile Wi-Fi hotspots residents could checkout if they were lacking sufficient broadband internet access. Public school districts also needed to be creative to ensure their students had internet access to participate in distance learning. The pandemic placed a spotlight on a resource many of us don’t think much about during our regular, pre-pandemic day-to-day activities.

Carver County has worked hard with numerous community partners to help residents navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Some key initiatives developed and launched during the COVID-19 pandemic include:

- Carver County Public Health has partnered with multiple agencies and cities to distribute food to residents that have been impacted by the pandemic. These partnerships were vital to make these events happen, and reach our residents who may have the greatest need.
- Carver County’s Mental Health Crisis Team offered a virtual “Challenging Times” support group during spring and summer 2020. This offered a space for individuals to discuss their thoughts and concerns with others. The support group was led by a licensed mental health provider.
- Carver County used CARES Act funding to purchase a mobile clinic trailer, in partnership with Ridgeview, to help support vaccination efforts. The mobile clinic trailer will be used after the pandemic to offer health services in the community.
- Carver County Public Health has partnered with smaller clinics and pharmacies in the community to ensure equitable vaccine distribution. Additionally, Public Health has created a Vaccine Strike Team that has held small vaccine clinics for specific hard-to-reach populations, such as our immobile seniors.

While these and many strategies were implemented to support residents during the pandemic, the impact of COVID-19 will begin to emerge in the 2022 County Health Rankings data. You can view the detailed [2021 County Health Rankings report](#).

Carver County Public Health works to promote and protect the health of all residents, in order to make Carver County a place to live for a lifetime of good health.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

### April

Wed, April 21-24: Citywide Garage Sales

Sat, April 24: NYA Clean Up Day @ CHS south parking lot

### May

Sat, May 1: CHS Prom Parade 3pm (north side of town)

Wed, May 5: Small Business Seminar & Breakfast @ Pavilion

Sun, May 9: Mother's Day

Sat, May 15: Carver County Special Waste Drop-off @ CHS south parking lot

Sat, May 15: Springfest Artisan Fair—Historic Downtown Norwood

Mon, May 31: Memorial Day Program @ CHS Gym

## 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 is 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.

### Sump Pump Regulations

All sump pumps must be day-lighted into your yard or into the storm sewer—not into your neighbors yard or a public sidewalk. Sump pumps should also not be connected into the sanitary sewer! Doing so results in the treatment of unnecessary amounts of water, putting additional strain on the treatment system and raising prices for everyone.

### 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.cityofnnya.com](http://www.cityofnnya.com).

### Lawn Maintenance

Yard grass must be maintained at no longer than 6" high. 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.

### Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing is planned for May; residents are asked to check water quality when flushing is occurring in their area, as it can affect water clarity, causing the water to be cloudy or otherwise colored in nature. To prevent staining of laundry, water quality should be checked prior to running any loads. Questions regarding hydrant flushing may be directed to Public Services at 952-467-1830.



## Employment Opportunities

### BUS DRIVERS

The City of NYA is currently 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.

### LIFEGUARDS

The City of NYA is currently accepting applications for lifeguards for the 2021 summer season. Applicants must have lifeguard certification. The City will offer classes to get your certification if interested. Lifeguards must be able to maintain swimmer safety, monitor water conditions along with guest behavior, enforce safety rules and observe swimmer activities.

### CUSTODIAN

The City of NYA is currently accepting applications for a parttime custodian. Please contact Angela at City Hall at 952-467-1800 or [www.cityofnnya.com](http://www.cityofnnya.com) for more information.