

## Message From Mayor Lagergren

Last month I shared with you how much I love the idea that "*April showers bring May flowers*". Well, according to the weather station in Chanhassen, we had approximately 5 inches of rainfall in April. (Fun fact ... that would have been almost 5 feet of snow!) If April was the month of showers, then this May will be full of amazing blooms! It is my pleasure to share what else, besides flowers, will be blooming around our community this spring:



**Big projects:** You will soon be seeing some big street reconstruction projects happening around town. Project #1 will occur on Oak Lane, which was annexed from Young America Township in 2013. At that time, a plan for adding the residents along this street to city water and sewer was developed. This summer, the final hookups to residents will become available. Project #2 will cover the first phase of the Second Avenue Reconstruction and Lift Station Replacement. This project will cover reconstruction from the five way stop to the north exit/entrance of Devonshire Drive.

**Lots of new lighting:** New lighting along the Hwy 212 trail on either side of the Underpass will soon be completed. The additional lighting will follow the trail along the south side of Highway 212 as well as the north trail which travels through school property. The lighting will be beautiful and a great addition to Kehrer Park and our new trails!

**Outstanding new displays of artwork:** The plan to place artwork from Central High School students along the underpass walls has been detoured. Final approval from MnDOT is still pending, so the art projects completed by students will be displayed along the fencing around the West Carver Community Pool at Legion Park. Look for these amazing teenage interpretations on the ideas of kindness, community and current events.!

**Opening of the pool:** At the May 10th Council meeting, lifeguards and WSIs (lesson instructors) were approved for this summer. As a Council, we are excited about the recent change in guidelines by the Governor ... new protocols have lifted the attendance limits at the pool this summer. We are also allowed to again offer lessons for our youngest citizens. We are so excited to be able to offer unrestricted access to the only outdoor pool in Carver County!

**Memorial Day:** Celebrating Memorial Day has been a longstanding tradition in my family. My father, a Korean War veteran, was a dedicated member of both the local VFW and American Legion posts, so I remember walking with the veterans on Memorial Day when I was young. I remember playing in the band at the annual Memorial Day Program as a high school student. I remember bringing my sons to the Memorial Day Program watching them stand with the Boy Scouts and later playing in the Band. I am so pleased that we will again be able to celebrate Memorial Day as a community and take an opportunity to honor the many veterans from our community!

There are so many exciting things blooming throughout our community and it is my pleasure to share some of the highlights with you each month! We are continuing to work together to prepare for a fabulous summer ... another chance to share that *Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home!* And what a beautiful home it is!  
Mayor Carol Lagergren



## Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Event

All Carver County residents are welcome to utilize these collections.

### Accepting from Residents:

Appliances  
Fluorescent Lamps  
Auto Fluids  
Other Household Chemicals

E-Waste  
Scrap Metal  
Paint  
Tires

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.

**Saturday, May 22, 2021**  
**8am—Noon**  
**Norwood Young America**  
**Central High School Parking Lot**  
**521 Morse St, NYA 55368**





**ELM STREET &  
UNION STREET**  
Norwood Young America

## THINGS TO DO... PLACES TO GO... PEOPLE TO SEE...

### Historic Downtown Norwood/Elm Street

9am – 3pm: Artisan Fair  
9am – 3pm: Historic Downtown Norwood Walking Tour - Info Booth by OnPoint  
9am – 12pm: Photography Contest Viewers Choice Voting - Inside OnPoint  
11am – 3pm: Food & Beverages from Local businesses/Food Truck  
12pm-3pm: Classic Cars/Bikes

### NYA Library

9am – 3pm: Quilt Show - inside display  
9am – 3pm: Book Sale - Outside in front

### Union Street Entertainment

12pm – 3pm: Up South

### Intersection of Elm & Union

9am – 3pm: Yard games for all (Bean Bags, Yard Yatzee, Giant Jenga, etc.)  
9am – 3pm: Local Organization booths  
9am – 12pm: Abstract Art Drop off

### Roy Clay Building

9am – 3pm: Featured Artist- Penny Kaspszak

Visit [www.nyachamber.org](http://www.nyachamber.org) or  
on Facebook @nyaspringfest

Event Sponsored by: NYA Area Chamber of Commerce,  
NYA Economic Development Commission & Local Businesses



## Poppies Around Town

Poppies are popping up all around town courtesy of the American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary! Look for them displayed at the local banks, businesses and City Hall. Donations are welcome! All monies received will be used to support veterans in our community and surrounding areas. For information on how you can become a member of these organizations, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800.

## 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, or Larry Panning 952-261-8632.



## Couple Garden Spots Available

The Central High School Industrial Tech Class and City Staff finished installing the eight new garden plots at the NYA Community Gardens off Reform Street. Another great partnership project!

There are a few garden plot spots available yet for the 2021 growing season! The rental fee is \$10.00 for the season. Call City Hall at 952-467-1800 for more information.



# West Carver Community Pool

**NYA Legion Park, 322 Reform Street S**



**Open for Memorial  
Day Weekend!!!**

Saturday, May 29 @ 1pm —Open Swim  
Sunday, May 30 @ 1pm—Open Swim  
Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day) @ 1pm—Open Swim  
June 1-4—Lifeguard Training—pool closed to public  
Saturday, June 5 @ 1pm—Open Swim  
Sunday, June 6 @ 1pm—Open Swim  
June 7-10—Lifeguard Training—pool closed to public  
Friday, June 11 @ 1pm—Open Swim  
Saturday, June 12 @ 1pm—Open Swim  
Sunday, June 13 @ 1pm—Open Swim  
Monday, June 14—starting of Session #1 Lessons  
and regular weekly pool schedule!

## Rates

Regular Swimming Lesson Session	\$35.00
Private (1 on 1 lessons)	\$90.00
Family Private (3 family members in similar levels)	\$60:00 each
Pool Passes - Single Pass	\$60.00
Family Pass (up to 5, \$10 each additional)	\$125.00
Daily Rate	\$5.00
Twilight Rate (evening open swim)	\$3.00
Ten (10) Punch card	\$35.00
Event Rental - (Reservation Required) (Sat & Sun ONLY 10:45am-12:15pm)	\$100.00

**For more information on  
swimming lessons, visit  
[www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com),  
select Community and  
West Carver Community Pool!  
Forms also available at  
NYA City Hall.  
Questions? Call 952-467-1800**

## Open Swim Times

Monday - Thursday 1:00pm - 4:30pm, 6:15pm - 8:30pm  
(7:45pm on private lesson days in July)

Friday - Sunday 1:00pm - 5:00pm, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

**\*\*Reservations for Open Swim are NOT necessary—100% occupancy allowed!\*\***



**Pool passes are now available for  
purchase at NYA City Hall.**

Check, cash or credit card available.  
A 5% service charge is added for all credit card transactions.

# Making some home improvements?

## Not sure if you need a permit?

**Building permits** are required for residential re-roofing, re-siding, same size window replacements, furnace/AC replacement, and signs that do not require footing installation. The building permit fee for these types of jobs is \$61.00 and can be issued the same day over the counter. For a water heater or softener, the fee is \$15.00. However, please check with the City to determine if any additional information will be required.

**Building permits** are required for most residential and commercial improvements. These permits require plan review by the Building Official and the fee is based on the value of the materials and labor for the project. Depending on the complexity of the plan review, building permits generally take 7-10 days for processing.

A building permit is required for the following projects, but is not limited to:

- Any type of commercial work
- New construction
- Home alterations
- Additions
- Unattached garage
- Finish basement
- Mechanical and Plumbing
- Porches
- Garages
- Decks
- Storage sheds over 200 square feet
- Masonry fireplace
- Chimneys
- Signs that require footings
- Demolition
- Moved-In Structures
- Installing an in-ground swimming pool



*The City utilizes the same Building Permit application for all of the above type projects.*

*The City utilizes Metro West Inspection Services for its building inspection services (763)479-1720*

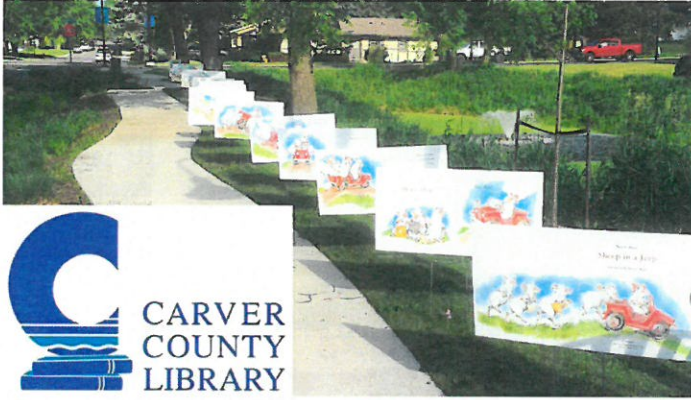
### Administrative Permits

For some improvements a building permit is not required but an Administrative Permit may. The purpose of an Administrative Permit is to ensure the improvement complies with the City's Zoning Code/Ordinance. An Administrative Permit is required for fences, sheds under 200 square feet, concrete, or asphalt surfaces such as for patios or a parking stall off the side of the garage. There is no fee for an Administrative Permit but is required to be obtained prior to commencing any work. A separate application is utilized for Administrative Permits.

If you are unsure whether the work you will be performing will require a permit, please contact City Hall at (952)467-1800.



# More NYA City Happenings



## Summer Programs at the Library

The NYA Library is gearing up for a busy summer with their June–August Summer Programs. Story times, crafts, puppet shows, "Take & Makes," artistry, dancing and so much more! Visit the website [www.carverlib.org](http://www.carverlib.org) for more information.



## Willkommen Heritage Center Open

Looking for something to do? Check out our town's history! The Willkommen Heritage & Preservation Society is open on Main Street! Center hours are Thurs/Fri/Sat from 10am–2pm.

## City Wide Spring Clean Up Day Results

The NYA Spring Clean Up Day was once again a success! Thank you to Central Schools for the use of the parking lot and City staff and NHS volunteers who kept the junk moving!

Number of vehicles dropping off junk:

2021 = 184  
2020 = 210  
2019 = 167

Average wait time to dump junk:

2021 = 0 to 5 minutes  
2020 = 1 to 2 hours  
2019 = 15 to 30 minutes

Paper shredding truck:

2021 = 3,500 lbs. shredded  
2020 = 4,750 lbs. shredded  
2019 = 3,000 lbs. shredded



## 2021 NYA Music in the Park Series

Events Held *Rain or Shine* on Thursdays at Legion Park (Pool Park) Shelter, 320 Reform Street South, NYA – 6:30 p.m.  
All events are free of charge.

June 3	Phyllis Hummel	Co-sponsored by the NYA Senior Advisory Commission, The Harbor, and The Haven
June 10	Everett Smithson Band	Co-sponsored by NYA Area Chamber of Commerce
June 17	Happiness Emporium	Co-sponsored by Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel
June 24	Czech Area Concertina	Co-sponsored by Church of Peace
July 8	Up South	Co-sponsored by NYA-Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Campaign
July 15	Jolly Ramblers	Co-sponsored by the NYA Lions Club and the West Carver Lions Club
July 22	Mary Guentzel Jazz Quintet	Co-sponsored by 2021 Stiftungsfest Committee & Ambassadors
July 29	Castaways	Co-sponsored by St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed RCUS
August 5	Mitchell Hall and the Outlaws	Co-sponsored by Schmidt Chiropractic
August 12	Wondercure – Yacht Rock	Co-Sponsored by the Wolter Family

These activities have all been organized by Dist. #108 Community Education with a different local business sponsoring each week. Please call 952-467-7391 if you have any questions about any of these activities.

"This activity is funded, in part, by the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriation by the MN State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of MN"



## 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.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) for more information.

## Friendly Reminders

### 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 City 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.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.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.



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Rod Jaus - Public Utilities  
Debbie Bipes - Custodial  
Kay Diers- Custodial  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

### May

Sat, May 15: Springfest Artisan Fair—Historic Downtown Norwood 9am-3pm  
Sat, May 22: Carver County Special Waste Drop-off @ CHS south parking lot 8am-Noon  
Sat, May 29: Opening Day of West Carver Community Pool 1:00pm  
Mon, May 31: Memorial Day Program @ CHS Gym 10:30am  
Mon, May 31: NYA City Offices Closed

### June

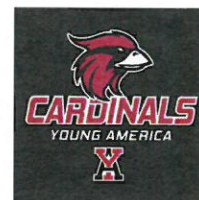
Thurs, June 3: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm  
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Fri, June 4: CHS Graduation  
Thurs, June 10: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm  
Thurs, June 17: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm  
Thurs, June 24: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

Check out the online  
Community Event Calendar  
at [www.cityofn्या.com](http://www.cityofn्या.com)!

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Check out the YA Cardinals game schedule on  
Facebook at "Young America Cardinal Baseball" or  
[ballcharts.com/yacardinals](http://ballcharts.com/yacardinals)

## What can I burn? When can I burn?

**What is considered a Recreational Fire?** Recreational Fire" shall mean a fire set with approved starter fuel, that is no larger than three feet in diameter by two feet in height, using dry, clean wood; producing little detectable smoke, odor or soot beyond the property line; for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation or social purposes; extinguished completely before quitting the occasion; and respecting weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans, and air quality so that nuisance, health or safety hazards shall not be created. No open burning is allowed except recreational fires within City limits. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers and propane or natural gas devices shall not be defined as recreational fires.

**How can I start a fire?** "Starter Fuels" can be used to start a fire: dry, untreated, unpainted kindling, branches, or cardboard, or charcoal fire starter. Paraffin candles and alcohols shall be permitted as starter fuels and as aids to ignition only.

**What can I burn?** NOT GARBAGE OR LEAVES! You CAN burn wood: clean fuel only such as twigs, branches, limbs, "presto logs," charcoal, cordwood or untreated dimensional lumber. "Wood" shall not include wood that is green, with leaves or needles, rotten, wet, oil soaked, or treated with paint, glue or preservatives, nor, leaves and needles.



### Minimum Requirements for Recreational Fires:

- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings, structures, and combustible materials. Combustible materials are things such as wood, paper, and plastics.
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Minnesota State Fire Code or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or garden hose shall be readily available at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, if they are not in compliance with the above, or when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, fire warden, or DNR officer.

**When can I burn?** No recreational fire or open burn shall be permitted when the city, county, DNR, or local designated authority has officially declared a burning ban due to potential hazardous fire conditions or when the MPCA has declared an Air Quality Alert. Information regarding burning bans shall be obtained from the local fire department, DNR, or the MPCA before starting a permitted fire. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment.