



# June 2021

## Message From Mayor Lagergren

Usually, this newsletter focuses on the future --- what amazing projects and events are ahead for our community. This month, we will not only continue that tradition but add some perspective by reviewing where we've been. That was the focus of two recent Strategic Planning Retreats by the City Council and City Staff. When we examined the present in terms of our past and future, we found lots of reasons to celebrate!



**In the beginning ...** The City of Norwood Young America had a unique beginning, two small towns in the mid 1800's with only a mile separating them. Young America was founded first, in 1856 by James Slocum Jr. and Dr. R.M. Kennedy. Slocum came to St. Paul, MN in 1855; from there he took a steamboat to Carver and then followed native trails to what we know today as north Norwood Young America. Early businesses were a saw and grist mill, general mercantile and grain businesses. Slocum's first choice of a name was Young America. In 1879 it was changed to Teuteberg. They later adopted the name Young America. By 1880 the population of Young America was 151. About that time the Milwaukee Railroad was going to install tracks near Young America. Residents didn't want to pay a bonus to have tracks laid, so the rail line moved a mile south. The original depot, built in 1872, was called Young America Station. Sensing a business opportunity, Slocum and several townspeople re-established themselves near Young America Station. In 1874, Young America Station was incorporated through special state legislation and was renamed Norwood, after a friend and early settler of Slocum.

**25 years ago ...** In 1974 a referendum to merge the two cities passed in Norwood, but not in Young America. The issue came up again in 1976, but didn't have enough support to put it on the ballot. In 1992 the idea was resurrected by the Norwood Young America Chamber of Commerce and the West Carver Partnership. These two groups offered to fund a study by two students from the University of Minnesota. In 1993 the study showed that a merger would be a great benefit to both cities. Starting in 1995, committees were established to begin a merger process. The committees studied several areas; Fire Department, Public Works, Waste Water Treatment Plant, Post Office, City buildings, policing, etc. As committees had results, public meetings were held to inform the residents and get input. In September of 1995, both City Councils decided that a combined majority of votes between both cities would determine if the merger would pass, rather than counting votes separately in both cities as in the past. The question passed with the vote of 604 to 307. During 1996, the City Councils met as one unit in order to plan a smooth transition to one city for employees and residents. On January 1, 1997 the new City of Norwood Young America began under the leadership of Mayor Michael McPadden and Council members Robert Saarloss, Dorothy Bohnen, John Noll and LaVonne Kroells. Based on the census of 2000, there were now 3,108 people living within the community.



Stop by to check out the beautiful Community Gardens!  
If you are interested in reserving a garden for the 2022 season,  
please call City Hall 952-467-1800.

**Since then ...** Housing options saw a great expansion in 2002-2003 with the addition of the two housing developments in the Preserve and Brand Lake. The next big change happened in 2006-2007 with the opening of the Industrial Park and The Harbor, an assisted living option for our senior population. In 2009, the Oak Grove Senior Residence was added and in 2016, the Haven at Peace Village opened. As a community, we continue to grow and expand. In the past three years, we have welcomed 17 new businesses and 5 current businesses have expanded! In addition, we have added 41 new single family homes and 16 townhomes. We are so excited to see the continued growth in our community as people recognize that...

**Norwood Young America is more than a place ... it's our home** and we are so excited to share it with others!

Mayor Carol Lagergren

Information on our history from the Carver County Historical Society website - [https://www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org/norwood\\_young\\_america.php](https://www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org/norwood_young_america.php)



# NYA City Happenings



## #PurpleReigns

The City of NYA participated in the #PurpleReigns campaign starting on June 7th with the grand five-way stop tree lighting up in purple! Barb Hone and Janet Fahey, representatives from the Arts Consortium of Carver County, were present to share the story of #PurpleReigns and the tribute to the amazing music artist - Prince! His birthday (June 7) and life will be celebrated during the month of June by visitors from all over the world touring his hometown of Chanhassen and all of Carver County. What an amazing campaign by ACCC to recognize a musical leg-



## Express Yourself in Purple

Join the Arts Consortium of Carver County for the Artists' Reception and a special award ceremony on June 17th at the Chaska Community Center/ACCC gallery and theater to celebrate the contributing artists of Carver County and to posthumously honor—Prince—as the 2021 Honorary Member. Enjoy live music and refreshments throughout the evening on June 17th. Wear purple to the event for your name to be added for a special door prize!

All residents of Carver County are welcome to join in the celebration during the month of June (Prince's birth month) by helping to "paint the County purple." Share your purple photos by submitting to #PurpleReigns. For more information, visit [www.artsofcarvercounty.org](http://www.artsofcarvercounty.org), call Barb at 612-799-8208 or email [purplereigns@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:purplereigns@artsofcarvercounty.org)



## Name the Barn Quilt at Baylor Regional Park, NYA

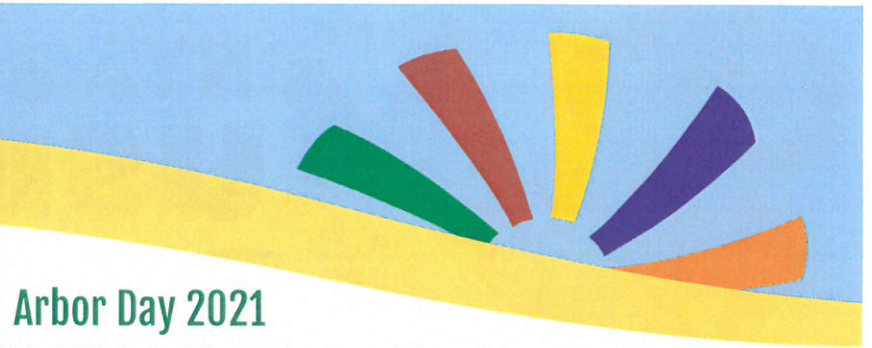
The Art Tourism Committee of the Arts Consortium of Carver County has been working with the County on a barn quilt for the Baylor Regional Park barn. This newest barn quilt will join the ever growing open air art gallery of 45+ barn quilts across the County. It is projected to be installed this summer.

The Arts Consortium and Art Tourism Committee is inviting the public to participate in a naming contest to "name" this latest new barn quilt. The winner will be announced this summer at the barn quilt installation ceremony.

Elements of the quilt include maple leaves to represent the seasons and maple syrup production. Other elements represent park activities such as cross country skiing, the beach on Eagle Lake and the heavily used camp grounds. The center image represents the popular Eagle Lake Observatory. The cow is a symbol to the park's agricultural history as a past working farm. Join the fun and help name this unique barn quilt! Send your suggested name by June 15th to [arttourism@artsofcarvercounty.org](mailto:arttourism@artsofcarvercounty.org). If you have questions, please contact Janet Fahey at 612-382-4512.

*Rendering of Baylor Regional Park Barn Quilt by Suzanne Thiesfeld Artists, Carver, MN*





## Arbor Day 2021

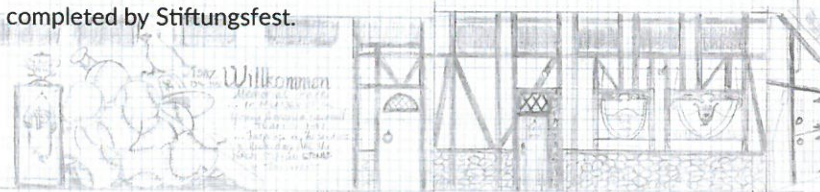
The NYA Parks & Recreation Commission celebrated the 3rd Annual City of NYA Arbor Day on Tuesday, June 8th. Trees were planted along the walking path on Park Circle and around both scoreboards at the Norwood Sports Complex in honor of longtime Central Raider bus driver and Raiders Softball Program's biggest fan Warren Flusemann. Warren's children, Chad and Heidi, were able to be present for the honor along with players and coaches from the 2019 Raiders State Softball Team.



## Beck is Back!

To further efforts of creating attractions and tourism in the community, the NYA Economic Development Commission contacted local artists to get their "artist's interpretation" design and quote for a mural on the grandstand at Willkommen Memorial Park. The mural was to reflect elements of Historic Downtown Young America. The NYA City Council, Parks & Recreation Commission, Stiftungsfest Committee, Young America Baseball and Willkommen Heritage & Preservation Society were all contacted to give input on the project.

The City Council awarded the bid and project to returning mural artist Lana Beck. Ms. Beck was the artist who painted the "All Tracks Lead Home" mural in Historic Downtown Norwood. Minor tweaks of the design will be suggested at the next EDC meeting with final design approval at the June 14th City Council meeting. The City will be preparing the site soon. Ms. Beck anticipates the project to take approximately 70 hours of painting. The entire project, including the application of an anti-graffiti sealer, will be completed by Stiftungsfest.



## Facilities Taskforce for Central Public Schools

Central Public Schools is putting out a public call for community members, business owners, staff, parents, senior citizens, and students to partner with the school board to join a "facilities task force" which will engage community members to develop a master facilities plan that supports our Districtwide needs. This is information and feedback the school board will use to guide their decisions.

The district is looking to have about 100 citizens on the taskforce. They will meet Sunday evenings from 6-8pm on June 27, July 11, and July 18 at Central High School. If you are interested in joining the taskforce, please email or call Tim Schochenmaier, Superintendent, at [tschochenmaier@isd108.org](mailto:tschochenmaier@isd108.org) or call 952-467-7000.

**Keep your eyes open for more art at the West Carver Community Pool! Central High School Arts Instructor Ashley Williams and Students created 4x4' murals that will be displayed on the fencing at the pool! Their theme was "kindness, community and current events."**



# NYA Music in the Park 2021 Series

**Thursday, June 3**  
**Phyllis Hummel**  
Co-sponsored by NYA Senior Advisory Board, The Harbor and the Haven

**Thursday, June 10**  
**Everett Smithson Band**  
Co-sponsored by NYA Chamber

**Thursday, June 17**  
**Mary Guentzel Jazz Quintet**  
Co-sponsored by Paul McBride Funeral Chapel

**Thursday, June 24**  
**Czech Area Concertina**  
Co-sponsored by Church of Peace

**Thursday, July 8**  
**Up South**  
Co-sponsored by Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

**Thursday, July 15**  
**Jolly Ramblers**  
Co-sponsored by NYA Lions and West Carver Lions Club

**Thursday, July 22**  
**Happiness Emporium**  
Co-sponsored by 2020 Stiftungsfest Committee & Ambassadors

**Thursday, July 29**  
**Castaways**  
Co-sponsored by St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed RCUS

**Thursday, August 5**  
**Mitchell Hall and the Outlaws**  
Co-sponsored by Schmidt Chiropractic

**Thursday, August 12**  
**Wondercure – Yacht Rock**  
Co-Sponsor Walter Family

**These FREE Events are Held Thursdays at NYA Legion Memorial Park (Pool Park) Rain or Shine - 6:30 p.m.**

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

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## Vendors Wanted!!

# STIFTUNGSFEST

## 48TH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

**August 28, 2021 | 9 AM - 3 PM**  
Historic Downtown Young America  
E Main St. & SE 2nd Ave.

**Forms and instructions**  
Visit: [www.stiftungsfest.org](http://www.stiftungsfest.org)  
Email: [nyawestcarverlions@gmail.com](mailto:nyawestcarverlions@gmail.com)  
Phone: 952-807-3136

**STIFTUNGSFEST OH-It's ON!**

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## West Carver Community Pool

NYA Legion Park, 322 Reform Street S

## The Pool is Open for the Summer!!

**June 11-Aug 14**

### 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

**\*\*No Reservations necessary—100% occupancy allowed!\*\***

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

Pool passes available for purchase at WCCP—Cash or Check ONLY! 2020 passes are not accepted.



# Senior Citizen Resources for the Norwood Young America Community



## Food Resources

### **Southwest Carver County Food Shelf: 952-467-1870**

- Open Tuesday's 12:30-6:15pm – Please schedule an appointment
- Open first Saturday of each month 10:00am-12:00pm – Walk-In's welcome
- No proof of income needed
- NYA, Cologne and Hamburg residents only

### **Meals On Wheels (through CAP Agency): 952-496-2125**

- County wide program
- Frozen meals delivered once per week



## Health & Wellness Resources

### **Alzheimer's Association: 952-830-0512**

- Provides support and information regarding care for people with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions

### **CAP (Community Action Program) Agency: 952-496-2125**

- Will assist with chores, heating assistance, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Benefits

### **Carver County Social Services: 952-361-1600**

- Social workers to help with Medical Assistance and financial questions

### **Encore Adult Day Services: 952-442-7660**

- Licensed adult day service program
- Helps adults in need of assistance, support and monitoring
- Provides respite and community support group for care providers

### **Senior Linkage Line: 1-800-333-2433**

- Assists with information on local resources and senior care options

### **Vulnerable Adult Intake Line: 952-361-1600**

- Help for seniors who may be neglected or mistreated



MINNESOTA'S LINK TO A LOCAL EXPERT

## Transportation Resources

### **City of NYA Bus (SmartLink): 952-496-8341**

- Available for service appointments, grocery trips and medical appointments
- Wheelchair accessible

### **SmartLink Transportation: 952-496-8341**

- Serves Carver and Scott Counties
- Two-day advance reservation required
- Available for service appointments and medical appointments
- Wheelchair accessible

### **Waters Edge Transportation: 952-442-7022**

- Private transportation company that accepts insurance and credit cards
- Wheelchair accessible





## Senior Housing in NYA

### **Oak Grove Senior Residence: 952-373-2200**

- 55+ market rate apartment building with 50 apartments

### **Peace Villa: 952-467-2167**

- Independent senior community living with 61 apartments
- Rent based on income

### **The Harbor: 952-467-9683**

- Assisted living senior community building with 36 apartments
- County financial assistance accepted
- Staff available 24/7 for most health care needs

### **The Haven: 952-467-9683**

- 25 assisted living apartments and 12 memory care apartments
- Staff available 24/7

Information sheet provided by  
The Harbor/The Haven and the  
NYA Senior Advisory  
Commission.

For more information on how  
you can be a member of the  
NYA Senior Advisory  
Commission, please call City  
Hall at 952-467-1800 or visit  
one of their meetings – the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at  
9:00am at NYA City Hall.

## Educational Resources

### **Norwood Young America Library: 952-467-2665**

- Can assist with informational needs (i.e. learning to use a computer)
- Offers area Book Mobile

## Financial Assistance

### **Medicare: 1-800-633-4277**

- Support for all questions concerning Medicare

### **Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213**

- Support for all questions concerning your social security
- Phone number available 24 hours/day, "Live" operators 7am-7pm

### **Veteran Benefits: 952-442-2323**

- Support for all questions concerning veteran benefits and veteran spouse benefits



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**When do I call 911? What constitutes an emergency?** Please follow the following advice from  
Norwood Young America Fire Chief Steve ZumBerge when it comes to emergency situations:

- **Who do I call if I fall?** If you are injured, call 911. If you are not injured, and need assistance, call 911. If you are on a prescription blood thinner, you may have internal bleeding, so call your doctor's office.
- **Who do I call if my spouse falls?** If your spouse is injured, call 911. If your spouse is not injured, and you need a lift assist, call 911. If your spouse is on a prescription blood thinner, they may have internal bleeding, so call their doctor's office.
- **What constitutes an "emergency"?** A serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.
- **Do I have to pay for the Fire Dept to come and help me?** At this time, the Norwood Young America Fire Department does not charge for services. With that said, we do like cookies 😊
- **I do not want to inconvenience anyone.** Please, rest assured that when you call 911, you are not inconveniencing anyone!
- **If the ambulance shows up, do I have to go?** You can refuse transport. The ambulance service will require you to sign a transport refusal waiver. If you refuse a transport, no one will be charged.
- **Do I have to pay for ambulance service?** The ambulance services are private companies, so they do charge for transports. In many cases, this fee will be covered by insurance.

**\*\*When in doubt, CALL 911\*\***



# NYA Celebrating New & Old



## Balance Life Healing & Wellness



Balance Life Wellness is focused on providing relaxation, therapy and healthy alternatives to help you achieve balance and wellness in your life. The team at Balance Life is a group of wellness professionals offering massage therapy, yoga and pilates studio classes, acupuncture and reflexology. NEW! They also have TWO locations! Balance Life is located in Waconia at 138 South Olive Street across from the Mocha Monkey and opened a second location in Norwood Young America at 218 E. Wilson Street. Call 952-442-2288 now to schedule your appointment or book online <https://balancelifewaconia.com> Welcome to NYA, Balance Life!

## The Pour House Pub



Congratulations to The Pour House Pub on your expansion!! The Pour House Pub has completed major renovations and restoration over the last year. They restored wood floors from 1905 that had been covered for 80 years, added food to their menu with additional seating, game space and bathrooms. They are open seven days a week from 11am-2am 952-467-2112. The Pour House Pub, along with other qualifying businesses/rental units in the Historic Norwood and Young America downtown areas, received a Small Cities Development Program Grant to financially assist with matching funds in building improvements and ADA compliance updates.

**Church in the Maples Methodist Church (163 years):** In 1858 the country surrounding Norwood was sparsely settled. There were a few Methodist families who were on the circuit of Reverend Black, who used homes for religious services. Services continued in private homes until about 1873, at which time the local schoolhouse was secured as a place of worship. In 1876, a church building was built on Hill Street. In 1881, James Slocum presented the church with a bell which bears the inscription: "Presented by James Slocum, Jr., to the M.E. Church of Norwood, Minnesota, 1881." This bell is now at the memorial site of the original Methodist Church Building, which was destroyed by a fire in December of 2018.



**St. Johns Lutheran Church (156 years):** In 1864, services for 30 Lutheran families were regularly conducted in homes by the Reverend C.H. Sprengeler of Hamburg. Very quickly, a log building was built to be used for worship services. As time passed, more families joined the congregation and soon the log building could no longer accommodate the number of worshipers. In 1877, a frame church was completed and dedicated, although the original log building remained in use for instruction of the confirmation class.

**Church of the Ascension (141 years):** The first Catholic settlers in the township came in 1855. Their number was augmented by new arrivals in 1860. The Catholic newcomers were not as yet organized into a parish. Shakopee was the only town that had a resident priest whose missionary field extended over Scott, Carver and McLeod counties. Whenever a priest came to the area, a courier notified the scattered Catholic settlers that religious services were to be held at one of the homes. The organization of the Catholics in Young America into a parish took place in 1859. In 1880, the Bishop approved moving the parish from Young America to Norwood. The new Church of the Ascension building was blessed in November of 1880.

**Church of Peace (125 years):** The beginning of worship for the Evangelical and Reformed Church occurred in 1896 when public worship was held in the Methodist Church in Norwood. After a failed attempt to purchase the Methodist Church building, pastors from the County Line and Plato churches conducted services in homes in the afternoons until the new church was completed. In 1897 plans were made for a church to be built. This church remained the worship center for years until the current church building was completed in 1964. June 2021 is their 125th Anniversary!



**Old National Bank (121 years):** The official organization of the State Bank of Young America took place on February 9, 1900. The bank opened for business on July 2, 1900. The doors have not been closed in financial distress, not even during the Depression and bank moratorium when many banks closed completely or for a period of time. Since its beginning, the State Bank of Young America has changed hands and locations, moving from the original building on Main Street in Historic Downtown Young America to its present location on Faxon Road. It has been known as State Bank of Young America, Klein Bank and is now recognized as Old National.

**Citizens State Bank (107 years):** Citizens State Bank of Norwood opened for business on June 20, 1914. Peter Effertz was the first owner and first president of the bank. There have only been five owners of the bank and Perry Forst, the current president, is only the sixth president of the bank. Citizens State Bank has a long legacy of innovation and stability. The bank has only had two locations - Elm Street in Historic Downtown Norwood and its current location on Faxon Road.

*Information provided by the Centennial books of Norwood and Young America. For more information, visit the Willkommen Heritage Center.*





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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

### June

Thurs, June 17: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

Thurs, June 24: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

### July

Thurs, July 8: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

Thurs, July 15: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

Tues, July 20: Taste of NYA @ Willkommen Memorial Park 5:30pm

Thurs, July 22: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

Thurs, July 29: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

### August

Tues, August 3: National Night Out @ NYA Legion Park

Sat, August 21: MinnERod Event & Bean Bag Tourney—Historic Downtown Young America

Thurs, August 26: Stiftungsfest Family Fun Night @ Willkommen Memorial Park

Friday, August 27-29: 160th Stiftungsfest Celebration @ Willkommen Memorial Park

Sunday, August 29: Stiftungsfest Parade @ Noon

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**Check out the Community Event  
Calendar on the City website  
[www.cityofnyc.com](http://www.cityofnyc.com).**

**Have a city event happening?  
Email the information to  
[economicdev@cityofnyc.com](mailto:economicdev@cityofnyc.com)**

### 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 email [accounting@cityofnyc.com](mailto:accounting@cityofnyc.com)

## Friendly Reminders

### Watering Restrictions

There is no watering allowed from 10am to 5pm odd/even days unless maintaining new sod.

### 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.

### Drinking Water Report

The Norwood Young America 2020 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report is available on the City of NYA website at <https://www.cityofnyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2020-Consumer-Confidence-Report-NYA.pdf>



## 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 part-time custodian. Please contact Angela at City Hall at 952-467-1800 or [www.cityofnyc.com](http://www.cityofnyc.com) for more information.