

Message From Mayor Lagergren

Louis L'Amour, one of my Dad's favorite authors, wrote: **"There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning."** People often talk about a "new normal" after large and dramatic events. The "new normal" helps us balance what we've lost with the insight we might gain. It honors change and gives us hope! What are the changes we're experiencing as a community?



With summer almost over, the pool will be closing and we can celebrate an amazing season! Swimming lessons were back and daily attendance was up. It was again normal to hear the laughter of children and families enjoying time together splashing and playing in the water. Thank you to our lifeguards and WSI swimming instructors who gave us a summer of great memories!

As children start packing away their swimsuits, they are pulling out their backpacks and getting ready for a new school year. As we stop hearing the shouts and laughter of children in the pool, we will begin to hear the sounds of children's voices as they are walking to and from school each day (hopefully using our new Underpass), playing on the playgrounds at recess, and competing at athletic events (which will be broadcast on our local cable stations). For those of you who enjoyed Music in the Park this summer, where we had record attendance, don't forget to consider enjoying the musical performances of our children at local school events! These events are always free and open to the public.

For many of us, Stiftungsfest marks the official end of summer. The addition of Thursday Family Fun Night will again provide so many wonderful opportunities for families to have fun together! Thank you to our local church groups who have come together to create opportunities for families to make amazing memories. And, as I'm sure you've heard, it is a parade year...bigger and better than ever! Thank you to all those community members on Stiftungsfest Committees who have worked for almost two years to bring us this wonderful weekend festival. And while you are at Willkommen Memorial Park don't forget to check out the new mural - it is amazing!

As summer is ending and fall is beginning, what else is happening around town? The lights along the Highway 212 trail are almost completed. Thank you to Xtreme Electric for the work they have done to make our trails more safe. You will soon see trucks from Wm Mueller and Sons driving through town as they support the road construction on Oak Lane and Second Avenue. Several new businesses are coming to town --- you will see empty lots and empty buildings filling up --- something else we have been waiting for and can now celebrate. It is so exciting to think about what will be next!

Although the pandemic hasn't yet ended, we are seeing glimmers of hope. So many exciting things are occurring in our community and it is always my pleasure to share them with you. **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home** and we can be so proud of the great things happening here!

Mayor Carol Lagergren

"Reasons for Seasons"

The Art Tourism Committee of the Arts Consortium of Carver County worked with the County to have the latest barn quilt completed and installed at the Baylor Regional Park barn in Norwood Young America. We invited the public to participate in a naming contest to name this latest quilt. The winner, Jane Bauman of Excelsior, MN, was announced on July 20th during the Taste of NYA, and . Her winning entry was **"Reasons for Seasons"**. The public is invited to view the new barn quilt at Baylor Park, which was created by ACCC, local artist Suzanne Thiesfeld, of Carver MN!



A special thank you to the team who worked on bringing another work of art to our community; Suzanne Thiesfeld, local artist from Carver, who has designed and painted the majority of the 45+ barn quilts in Carver County; Barb Hone, an original ACCC committee member, Authors, and leader of this County-wide public art project; Kaarin Foede active NYA community resident and supporter, and Janet Fahey, ACCC Board Member and Tour Director of Barn Quilts of Carver County MN. An additional thanks to the Carver County Parks Commission for their support and approval, as well as the County Staff involved with the installation. Your work is recognized and appreciated!

Contact Janet Fahey, Art Tourism, arttourism@artsofcarvercounty.org to learn more.

NYA City Happenings



City Council Update

The City Council has already been busy planning for the new year! Early in September, the Council will approve a preliminary budget and property tax levy for 2022. Our goal is to be fiscally responsible as we continue our plans to reconstruct and repair roads within the community, as well as bring color and character to our town by updating the current Historic Downtown areas and the commercial corridor along Faxon Road. This budgeting and planning process for 2022 moves forward at the same time that we are working through the steps of hiring a new City Administrator. Our current timeline has a new administrator in place by the end of November.

In other news ... the Council and City Staff continue to work diligently on bringing new businesses and residents to the community. As we fill up our empty spaces, we continue to search out new areas for commercial and residential development, which may include annexing additional property into the city limits in the future. Finally, as we work through the pandemic, we continue to partner with the county, state and federal government to use the America Relief Funds to best support the community. As new monies become available, we will use these funds to focus on creating a safer and healthier community for all.



City of NYA Newsletter News

The City of NYA has been sending out monthly newsletters to all residents of 55368 and 55397 since March 2020 (previously it was seasonal). The City Council chose to produce it monthly starting in March 2020 due to needing to share information about COVID-19 and food related resources pertaining to that time. Now the newsletter serves as a consistent connection for local city and community happenings to the NYA citizens.

In June 2021, the NYA West Carver Lions volunteered to take on the assembling of all 2,400 newsletters that are mailed out each month. With inserts, the mailing takes about 3 hours to assemble! The Lions have two teams that are scheduled to volunteer each month. Thank you, NYA West Carver Lions! City staff is very grateful for your help!

A Facelift at Willkommen Memorial Park

There have been lots of improvement projects happening at Willkommen Memorial Park this spring/summer:

- The Parks & Recreation Commission budgeted in 2021 for the Pavilion to be painted. Thank you to the Living Rock Church group for scraping and priming the pavilion and Peter Flint for doing an amazing job with painting and trim.
- City Public Service staff worked with Brandon Stender and the YA Cardinals baseball team to install steel sheeting and updated lighting on the ceiling of the open shelter at Old Town. This project looks great and will help keep the area clean.
- Lana Beck has completed the Historic Downtown Young America Mural on the north and east sides of the grandstand. Memories of the past are shown in her German-flared artwork including baseball, Singer's Hall, and Stiftungsfest. Thank you to Xtreme Electric for allowing Beck to utilize the scissor lift!
- City Public Service staff did a paint touch up on the Old Town buildings in preparation for Stiftungsfest. Conversations about structural issues are continuing to happen at the Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. The Commission has requested assistance from two local construction companies for suggestions on necessary improvements including deterioration and drainage issues.
- More benches! City Public Service staff will be installing a few more benches in Willkommen Memorial Park. Thank you to those local citizens who have donated these benches. If you or your family are interested in learning how to purchase and donate a bench, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800 or email tvoigt@cityofnya.com.



#NYACommunityPride

Summer Flowers

Have you noticed all of the beautiful summer flowers throughout the NYA community? Thank you to all of the businesses, residents, churches, gardeners and city staff that have maintained their flowers this summer—it sure does show visitors to NYA how amazing our community really is.



NYA Marketplace

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce has organized the NYA Marketplace for this coming fall. The farmers/vendor market will happen in the greenspace by CarQuest off of Faxon Road on Saturday, Sept 11th & 25th, October 9th & 23rd. The Chamber is looking for vendors who can provide: fruits/veggies, canned goods, jams, candles, baked goods, flowers, plants, soaps, sewn goods, jewelry, woodwork, etc. For more information on becoming a vendor, email Julie at info@nyachamber.org.

MN MinneRod Pull

Saturday, August 21st starting at Noon
Main Street of Historic Downtown Young
America—Bring your earplugs!

After the pull...
**Community Bean Bag
Tournament**
3pm

Street Dance on Main
featuring "Full Throttle"
5-9pm

Organized by the NYA Area Chamber of
Commerce and local businesses

Stiftungsfest

Craft Fair

Saturday, August 28, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

E. Main Street &
S.E. 2nd Avenue (North of 212)
Norwood Young America
Rain or Shine!



*Vendor Space Still
Available*

*Another Project by the NYA
West Carver Lions*

NYA Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

Friday, Sept 10th

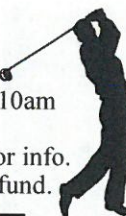
18 hole 4-person scramble

Check in 9am, Shotgun Start 10am

Glencoe Country Club

Email info@nyachamber.org for info.

Proceeds benefit scholarship fund.



The West Carver Community Pool's
last day open will be Saturday,
August 14th. Thank you to everyone
who enjoyed the pool this summer!
We wish the 2021 lifeguard team best
wishes as they head back to school
this week!



160th Stiftungsfest

August 26-29, 2021

For information on event registrations & locations, music schedule and
parade details, visit www.stiftungsfest.org or check out the
Stiftungsfest Norwood Young America Facebook page!

Take a picture of the code with your
smartphone and click the link!



Scan for
Stiftungsfest Schedule



more than a place, it's home.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

August

Thurs, Aug 19: Ice Cream Social & Meet the Stiftungsfest Candidates @ NYA Legion Park
Sat, Aug 21: MN MinnErod Event, Beanbag Tourney & Street Dance @ Main Street
Historic Downtown Young America

Thurs, Aug 26-Sun, Aug 29: 160th Stiftungsfest Celebration
Sun, Aug 29: Stiftungsfest Parade @ Noon

September

Mon, Sept 6: Labor Day—City office closed
Wed, Sept 8: Bloodmobile @ Willkommen Memorial Park
Sat, Sept 11: NYA Marketplace @ CarQuest lot
Sat, Sept 18: Caver Co Special Waste Collection @ Hollywood Public Works 8am-noon
Wed, Sept 22: Let's Talk Food @ Willkommen Memorial Park 6-8pm (watch for info on
www.cityofnyc.com and Facebook @cityofnyc)
Sat, Sept 25: NYA Marketplace @ CarQuest lot

Check out the online Community Event Calendar at www.cityofnyc.com!



With
Deputy Voigt



* Thank you to the NYA West Carver Lions and everyone who participated in National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3rd. The night was a huge success with representation from the NYA Fire Department, City of NYA, Carver County among many others. It was a great event for the community.

*Please remember to keep your car/truck doors locked during the day and night. It is very easy for someone to walk by and grab purses, wallets, and valuables when no one is watching!

*Do you know what "washing checks" is? It is the process of using basic solvents to simply erase details from checks to allow them to be rewritten for criminal purposes. Mailing bills from your own home mailbox with the red flag pick up signal is literally a "big red flag" for criminals to grab your outgoing mail for criminal purposes. When mailing a check, try to make sure you drop it off right at the local post office mail box.

*There are many local events coming up in the next few weeks including the start of school. Please make sure when driving through town to watch carefully for pedestrians!! Oh...and slow down.

To contact, Deputy Jordan Voigt, please call 952-361-1248 or email jvoigt@co.carver.mn.us. For a non-emergency call 952-361-1231. When in doubt, call 911.

Friendly Reminders

Watering Restrictions

There is a city-wide watering restriction daily from 10am-5pm. Watering will be permitted on an odd/even schedule from 5pm-10am. Sprinkling ban violations may result in monetary offenses.

Updated Dog/Pet Ordinance for City Parks

According to Spots.com (a subsidiary of Amazon.com), 54% of Minnesotans own a dog. That statistic holds true in Norwood Young America. To support local pet owners, the city has set up dog waste stations along our trails and is hoping to establish a Dog Park within the next year. Dogs continue to be a welcome site on the trails and in the parks throughout our community. However, updated city code now bans dogs from athletic fields and playgrounds (defined as the space covered by wood chips in our parks). Due to recent complaints from our citizens, this new update will help keep our ballfields and playgrounds a cleaner space for people to enjoy. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner!

NYA Compost Site

The NYA compost site at 640 Tacoma Blvd is open from dusk to dawn seven days a week. This service is available to NYA City Residents ONLY. Please do not dump flower pots or plastic bags. Much appreciated!

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