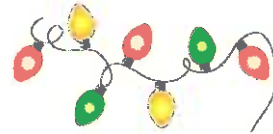


A Message From Mayor Lagergren

*"Yesterday is history ... tomorrow is a mystery ... today is a gift.
Go unwrap your present."*



Bill Keane used a version of this quote in his cartoon "The Family Circus" in the newspaper on August 31, 1994. Do you remember when the newspaper and 6 PM News were your connection to what was happening on the local, national and international stage? Today with 24-7 access to news feeds, it is easy to be distracted by worry and fear. During this holiday season, it feels appropriate to honor the message to stay present and be "in the moment" with family and friends.

Yesterday is history: This past year we have started to move forward through Year 2 of the pandemic. In our community, we completed the first road construction in five years with work on Oak Lane and Second Avenue. We welcomed one new single family home and seven townhomes. We also became the home to many new businesses and planned expansions:

- Advanced Training Systems (Old Post Office/Senior Day Care)
- Balance Life Wellness and Massage (Wilson Street)
- Tin Roof Powdercoating (Elm Street)
- Modern Design Cabinetry (former Econo Building)
- Floral Defined, LLC (Elm Street) - opening this January
- Union Street Market (Shared space with Shear Effects) - first occasional store
- Greenwood Marina (Tacoma West Industrial Park)
- The Pour House Pub (expanded seating/kitchen/restrooms)
- Kwik Trip (expanded kitchen/coffee bar)
- Yeager Machine (buying land for future expansion)
- Sackett Waconia (buying land for future expansion)



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the City of Norwood Young America Staff!

Back row: Mark Streich, Paul Dhoore, Rod Jaus, Randy Clay, Brian Schoewind, Tony Voigt, Mathew Schlechter; Front row: Karen Hallquist, Angela Brumbaugh, City Administrator Andrea Aukrust, Alicia Menzel, Eloise Swanson.

Tomorrow is a mystery: Our future looks bright with many projects in the works for 2022! City staff will continue to research the site of a new Industrial Park. Did you know that a new business has already met with staff to be the first manufacturer in our new park? We are so excited to share that several developers have contacted city staff to open new housing developments for single family, townhomes and/or twin homes. Finally, Phase 2 of Second Avenue is planned and ready to move forward (without adding to the tax burden of our citizens).

Today is a gift: The holiday season is full of opportunities to spend time with family and friends. Were you able to attend the Holiday Extravaganza and see Santa and Mrs. Claus light our community tree? Did you bring your children or grandchildren to Breakfast with Santa this past weekend? Was your family able to pick up a tree from the Lion's Lot near Carquest - I noticed they are already sold out! Were you able to pack up the family and either enjoy the lights of the Arlidazzle Parade last weekend or just drive through town enjoying the beautiful lit yards of your neighbors. And don't forget to check out the amazing displays at Willkommen Park and Veterans Park! Whatever you choose to do with family and friends, put aside everything else and use the time to make a beautiful memory! *Habitat for Humanity defines home as ... a safe haven and a comfort zone. A place to live with our families and pets and enjoy with friends. A place to build memories ... A place where we can truly just be ourselves. Aren't we lucky that Norwood Young America is more than just a place, it's the special place we claim as our home!*

Happy Holidays!
Mayor Carol Lagergren



NYA Happenings



Welcome, City Administrator Andrea Aukrust!

Hello, Norwood Young America! It is exciting to be here, and I am looking forward to being part of the exciting changes that are already in the works and what is yet to come very shortly. I grew up in southern Minnesota, and I currently live in New Ulm with my husband and three children. I attended Minnesota State University, Mankato and I hold a master's degree in Urban Planning and Local Government Management. I recently worked as the City Administrator in Hector, and I genuinely enjoy meeting new people and becoming part of the community that I serve.

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

On Monday, December 13th, the City Council will be having their yearly Truth in Taxation Hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to provide information to taxpayers about the potential impact of the proposed tax levy on individual properties and homeowners.

For 2022, the City Council set a preliminary levy at 3.5%. Most taxpayers within city limits should see a minimal impact on the city portion of their Proposed 2022 Property Tax Statement. The exception would be property owners who saw a significant increase in their property value, perhaps due to a recent renovation project. If you have any questions about the process or your personal tax statement, please attend the Public Hearing on Monday, December 16th at 6 PM at City Hall.

Holiday Extravaganza Success

The 2021 Holiday Extravaganza was held on Saturday, November 27th at the Willkommen Memorial Park. Families enjoyed taking pictures with Santa & Mrs. Claus, the "Little Red Truck" display, llamas, WhoVille, and the festive holiday candy canes and lights in the park. There were also holiday wreaths decorated by local businesses and organizations displayed in the pavilion. Congratulations to the NYA-Beyond the Yellow Ribbon organization for winning "Viewers Choice!" Thank you to all businesses who supported this event with financial contributions, gift donations, and volunteers. A special thank you to the NYA Fire Department and Lano Equipment for helping with the haywagon rides. Holiday Extravaganza is held in conjunction with Small Business Saturday and organized by the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce.



Willkommen Memorial Park

NYA Senior Resident Updates



NYA Senior Center is Open

The NYA Senior Center—at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion— is now open the first and third Wednesday's of each month from September through May. From 10am-2pm, come enjoy cribbage, 500, sheephead, Bingo and a complementary lunch! All NYA senior residents (age 55+) are encouraged to join in with fun games and visit with old (and meet new!) friends. Do you know someone who would be interested in participating? The City of NYA bus route will also pick up residents at Oak Grove, Peace Villa, The Harbor and The Haven starting at 9:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm and drop off at 2:00pm. NYA residents who live in their home who need a ride, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800.

In case of inclement weather, call NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800 to check if the NYA Senior Center will be open.

The NYA Senior Center is organized through the NYA Senior Advisory Commission and financially supported through the City of NYA, American Legion and VFW. A special thank you to St. John's Lutheran Church who approved a \$1,000 Thrivent Grant to the NYA Senior Center.

Interested in coming to an NYA Senior Advisory Commission meeting? Join us the third Thursday of each month at NYA City Hall at 9am (coffee provided!). Current members: LaVonne Kroells, Carolyn Durbin, JR Hoernemann, Kay Hampshire, Cathleen Williams, Lois Schultz, Tom Simmons, Elroy Latzig, Mary Spille, Bill Hart, Alan Krueger (City Council); Advisors: Laurie Hilgers (Harbor), Ranemma Walker (Haven), Brenda Schmitz (Peace Villa), AnneMarie Stolp (Oak Grove), Deputy Jordan Voigt (CC Sheriff Dept), Dawn Plummer (CC Public Health), Karen Hallquist (NYA City Staff)



City of NYA Bus Update

Weekly Tuesday AM "Shopping" Trips are available to all senior NYA Residents. In-town trips are FREE, while Glencoe and Waconia trips are \$2/person.

Please call SmartLink at 952-496-8341 ext 2 to reserve your seat. A seven (7) day notice is required.

- ⇒ 1st Tuesday - Waconia Mackethun's & Dollar Store
- ⇒ 2nd Tuesday - Coborn's Glencoe
- ⇒ 3rd Tuesday - Waconia Aldi's and Target
- ⇒ 4th Tuesday - NYA Kwik Trip, Family Dollar, & Marsden
- ⇒ 5th Tuesday - Coborn's Glencoe

There are NO "Out & About Trips" scheduled for January 2022. They will start up again in February.



Check out the white and purple lit tree at the 5-way stop! Thank you City Public Service Staff!

COVID-19 Testing Continues at Lake Waconia Event Center

Carver County Public Health continues to offer free, COVID-19 saliva (PCR) tests at the Lake Waconia Event Center, with no appointments required. Testing is available Wednesdays from 12-4 pm and Friday from 10 am-2 pm.

Vaccination & Booster Opportunities

There are approximately 1,100 vaccine providers in pharmacies, health-care providers and smaller state-run sites across the state of Minnesota. Any resident, age 5 years and older, can receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Federal health officials have now authorized Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 booster shots. According to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) guidance, Minnesotans age 18 and older who got the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine should get a booster shot at least six months after their initial series. All Minnesotans age 18 and older who got the Johnson & Johnson vaccine should get a booster shot at least two months after their initial vaccine.

Officials also authorized 'mixing and matching' COVID-19 vaccine boosters, meaning anybody who is eligible to get a booster shot can get any of the three currently authorized or approved vaccines (Pfizer, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson) – regardless of what product they received for their primary series. Minnesotans can direct questions about mixing and matching doses to their health care provider. To find a COVID-19 vaccine/booster location, visit <https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/locations/index.jsp> or contact your local health care provider or a local pharmacy.



'Tis That Time of Year... for Scams

The holiday's are supposed to be the time of the year for cherishing time with family and celebrating with friends. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year for bad people to take advantage of good people. Please let these simple tips serve as friendly reminders when approached with situations that "just don't seem right."

- The IRS will NEVER call you for personal information. Do not give out any personal information about your address, birthday, social security number, banking accounts, or credit card details to anyone!
- If you receive a phone call from someone saying "Your grandchild is in jail and needs help" - it is NOT true. Make sure to never say your grandchild's name during this conversation—the scammer will use that personal information to further the conversation! Never give them bank account information or credit card numbers. Hang up immediately and call your grandchild or family member directly to tell them about the phone call you received.
- If you are taking a vacation over the winter or are lucky enough to be a "snowbird," try to remember to have your mail forwarded or halted until you get back, arrange for someone to shovel your driveway/walkway to make it look like someone is home, and put timers on lights to insinuate you are home. You are also welcome to call the Carver County Non-Emergency line at 952-361-1231 to request extra patrol presence in your neighborhood while you are gone.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Oh, and please slow down and allow extra driving time during snow events! Thanks! Deputy Jordan Voigt



NYA Library News

The NYA Library has something for all ages during December and January. On Thursday December 30 from 11:30 – 12:00 we will host our popular Noon Years Eve party for younger children. As we countdown to NOON there will be music, dancing, and more! Read, Stay, Play! Is a new program series on the 2nd Saturday afternoon of each month with family reading activities, crafts and toys for younger families. Each month is a different theme! This new program series will next be at the Norwood Young America Library from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday January 8. Please note that the weekly storytimes will take a break during the weeks of Dec 20 – Jan. 8 and resume again on Tuesday Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Adults ages 18 and older should mark their calendar for the beginning of the annual Winter Reads series starting January 1. Sign up and participate at www.carverlib.org or stop by the Library to register and pick up book review forms. With thanks to the Friends of the NYA Library and the Library Foundation, we will be raffling Kindle Fire tablets, Barnes & Noble gift cards, free books, and a prize for signing up (while supplies last). A complete calendar of all library programs and events can be found at www.carverlib.org

EVERYMEAL is fighting child hunger. Families can pick up nutritious non-perishable food at the NYA Library through December and into January while supplies last. These meal bags containing a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, proteins and entrees are free for any family, no qualification requirements and no contact information is collected. See www.everymeal.org for more information about this program that is working in partnership with the Carver County Library. For more information, contact Paul Ericsson 952-856-4503 pericsson@co.carver.mn.us

Stray Dogs and Cats Addressed by City Council

Have you noticed a stray or lost animal in your neighborhood? Based on a recent decision by the City Council, the Carver County CSO (Community Service Officer) can now address this issue. At that meeting, the Council approved 4 Paws Animal Control of Savage as their official Impound Center for stray animals.

The process for dealing with stray animals within city limits includes the following steps:

- Citizens should immediately call the non-emergency line of the Sheriff's Department at (952)361-1231 and report the location of the stray animal.
- The Carver County CSO will respond to the location and contact 4 Paws Animal Control if an animal is taken into custody at that location.
- 4 Paws Animal Control will attempt to contact the owner if the animal is chipped. If not chipped, they will hold the animal for 5 to 7 days. During that time, 4 Paws will post information on the impounded animal at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOf4PawsAnimalControl/>.
- After 7 days, 4 Paws will work with a Rescue Agency to have the animal made available for adoption.



Please note: The City of Norwood Young America will be charged for each animal impounded. The City reserves the right to invoice the pet owner for all costs associated with the impound process.



NYA-TV Guide



Programming for December–January

** MediaCom–Channel 8 ** MetroNet–Channel 901 **

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00am	All Saints Lutheran Church	All Saints Lutheran Church	All Saints Lutheran Church	All Saints Lutheran Church	All Saints Lutheran Church	All Saints Lutheran Church	All Saints Lutheran Church
7:00am	Countyline Church	Countyline Church	Countyline Church	Countyline Church	Countyline Church	Countyline Church	Countyline Church
8:00am	St. John's Lutheran Church	St. John's Lutheran Church	St. John's Lutheran Church	St. John's Lutheran Church	St. John's Lutheran Church	St. John's Lutheran Church	St. John's Lutheran Church
9:00am	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg
10:00am	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg
11:00am	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting
12:00pm	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting	City/Commission Meeting
1:00pm	All Saints Church	Holiday Programs	Veteran's Day Program	All Saints Church	Central Public School Board Meeting	Holiday Programs	All Saints Lutheran Church
2:00pm	Countyline Church	Holiday Programs	Veteran's Day Program	Countyline Church	Central Public School Board Meeting	Holiday Programs	Countyline Church
2:30pm	Countyline Church	Eat Well Be Happy	Eat Well Be Happy	Countyline Church	Central Public School Board Meeting	Eat Well Be Happy	Countyline Church
3:00pm	St. John's Lutheran Church	Yoga	Yoga	St. John's Lutheran Church	Yoga	Yoga	St. John's Lutheran Church
4:00pm	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Senior Programming	Senior Programming	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Senior Programming	Senior Programming	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg
5:00pm	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	Music Programming	Music Programming	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	Music Programming	Music Programming	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg
6:00pm	All Saints Church	City/Commission Meeting	Central Public School Board Meeting	All Saints Church	City/Commission Meeting	High School Event/Sports	All Saints Lutheran Church
7:00pm	Countyline Church	City/Commission Meeting	Central Public School Board Meeting	Countyline Church	City/Commission Meeting	High School Event/Sports	Countyline Church
8:00pm	St. John's Lutheran Church	Veteran's Day Program	Holiday Programs	St. John's Lutheran Church	High School Event/Sports	High School Event/Sports	St. John's Lutheran Church
9:00pm	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	Veteran's Day Program	Holiday Programs	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	High School Event/Sports	High School Event/Sports	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg
9:30pm	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	High School Event/Sports	High School Event/Sports	Emanuel Lutheran Church Hamburg	High School Event/Sports	High School Event/Sports	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg
10:00pm	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	High School Event/Sports	High School Event/Sports	St. Paul's E & R Church Hamburg	High School Event/Sports	High School Event/Sports	

NYA-TV Input—Any Suggestions?

The NYA-TV channel currently shows city and commission meetings, church services (within the franchise viewing area), school events, community events and public programming. All of the public programming shows are actually produced in Minnesota! We are looking for additional ideas, themes, content for the public programming. Have any suggestions? Email info@cityofnya.com. Also, we apologize for the NYA-TV "bulletin board" post (Taste of NYA) that has been constantly running between programming. Staff is working with the Comcast network to get this fixed.



City of NYA Community Calendar December—January **Google Calendar available to download at www.cityofnya.com**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 NYA Council Mtg 6pm	12 -City Bus Shopping - Glencoe 9am Food Shelf Open 12-5pm	15 NYA Senior Center Open 10am-2pm @ Pavilion	16	17	18
19	20	16—Food Shelf Open 12-5pm Parks & Recreation Commission Mtg 4:45pm @ City Hall City Bus Shopping—Waconia 9am	22	23 -City Hall Closed "Out & About" Trip—NYA/Cologne Light Tour 5:30-7:30pm	24 Christmas Eve City Hall Closed	25 Christmas Day
26	27 NYA Council Mtg 6pm	23 Food Shelf Open 12-5pm City Bus Shopping—NYA 9am	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day
2	3	4 Food Shelf Open 12-5pm City Bus Shopping—Waconia 9am	5 NYA Senior Center Open 10am-2pm @ Pavilion	6	7	8
9	10 NYA Council Mtg 6pm	11 Food Shelf Open 12-5pm City Bus Shopping - Glencoe 9am	12 EDC Mtg 6pm Joint Commission Mtg 6pm	13	14	15
16	17 City Hall Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 Food Shelf Open 12-5pm City Bus Shop—Waconia 9am Park & Rec Mtg 4:45pm	19 NYA Senior Center Open 10am-2pm @ Pavilion	20 Senior Advisory Mtg 9am	21	22
23	24 NYA Council Mtg 6pm	25 Food Shelf Open 12-5pm City Bus Shopping—NYA 9am	26	27	28	29
30	31					



NYA Happenings



Lions Bring Holiday Cheer

Both the NYA West Carver Lions and the NYA Lions have been busy the last few weeks bringing holiday cheer to the community!

The NYA Lions opened their Christmas tree lot next to CarQuest on November 26th with Mayor Lagergren purchasing the first tree. They had a record setting year by selling out on December 5th! All proceeds of the tree sales go back to the community.

The NYA West Carver Lions hosted the 32nd Annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4th at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion. Santa & Mrs. Claus greeted 225 children (plus all the parents and grandparents!) with each child being presented with a bag breakfast, gift from Santa and toy from the Lions. A huge THANK YOU to the over 50 local businesses who support this free community event with their financial and gift donations!

On November 30th, the Lions club's worked together to deliver over 150 beautiful poinsettias to the senior facilities in the NYA community.

If you are interested in learning more about the local Lions, visit: NYA Lions: @nyallions, nyallionsclub@gmail.com—Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm

NYA West Carver Lions: @westcarverlions, nyawestcarverlions@gmail.com—Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm



Willkommen Heritage Center presents... A Tour of Christmas Trees



Thursdays—Saturdays
10:00am—2:00pm
(thru December 23rd)
102 E Main Street
Historic Downtown
Young America

The Willkommen Heritage Center has prepared a unique display of decorated Christmas trees—field & stream theme, vintage cookie cutters and more!

For more info call
952-467-4227.

Off the Rails Entertainment Presents:
STAND UP COMEDY
Join the NYA Lions for a "ROARING" good time!

Headliner:

Jason Schommer

Featuring:

Jodie Maruska
Hosted by

Dan Hinnenkamp

Saturday January 15th 7:00pm
Willkommen Pavillion - 21 Main St E
Norwood Young America

Tickets: \$20 in Advance \$25 at the door 18+
Doors open: 6:00pm 50/50 Raffle Cash Bar

Tickets Available at:
CarQuest Auto Parts Citizens State Bank
Good Time Liquors Old National Bank
Four House Pub NYA Lions Members
or at www.offtherailsent.com





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24 Hour Snow Removal Required for City Sidewalks

Ticket & Towing

This winter the City will be stepping up its ticketing and towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking on city streets during a snow event which is the accumulation of two (2) or more inches of falling or blowing snow. Vehicles parked on a city street during a snow event will be ticketed, and if not moved within four (4) hours, and/or towed. All fines for tickets are to be paid wot the Carver County Court Administrator's Office. Vehicles that are towed will be towed to Smith Oil in Norwood Young America. Prior to getting their vehicle back, the vehicle owner will be required to pay all towing fees, show proof of vehicle ownership, proof of vehicle insurance, and a valid driver's license. The vehicle will also have to have up-to-date license plates.

Designated Parking Areas

New for this snow season are designated parking areas for residents who do not have off-street parking available. Parking in the designated parking areas will be enforced from 2am-6am. The parking restrictions follow our city street parking ordinance as stated above (Ticket & Towing). Look for designated parking signs in both the Elm Street Municipal Parking Lot and Old City Hall parking lot (1st Ave SE & 1st Street NE).

**Questions about
Ticket & Towing?
Call City Hall at 952-467-1800**



2022 Calendars

Thank you to the NYA Fire Department for delivering over 2,600 Fire Prevention & Community Calendars to every household in the NYA fire district! Additional copies can be picked up at NYA City Hall.

