

A Message From Mayor Lagergren

DID YOU KNOW ... On January 1, 2022, the City of Norwood Young America celebrated the 25th anniversary of its beginning! Having recently celebrated my own "milestone" birthday, I wondered how the tradition of birthday celebrations began. According to Jason DeRusha from WCCO-TV, birthday celebrations started with the Germans. "The Germans are credited with starting the kids' birthday tradition in the 1700s. They put candles on tortes for "kinderfeste," one for each year of life, along with some extras to signify upcoming years." Although the history of our community was recently shared in the June 2021 newsletter, it feels appropriate to revisit our past on this most important occasion.



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 Indian trails to what we know today as north Norwood Young America. Early businesses were a saw and grist mill and general mercantile. 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 did not 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 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 did not 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. 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 a 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 Saarloos, Dorothy Bohnen, John Noll and LaVonne Kroells. Based on the census of 2000, there were now 3,108 people living within the community.



What's next ... According to the City's Comprehensive Plan, the Met Council predicts that Norwood Young America will have approximately 9000 residents in 2040. Although that seems ambitious, it is hard to predict what the future will bring. With the recent approval of significant expansions to both Central Public Schools and Highway 212, the word will get out: **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's home.** At the start of this new year, it is time to celebrate the accomplishments of the last 25 years and look forward with excitement to what's next!

Mayor Carol Lagergren

(Information on our history from the Carver County Historical Society website - https://www.carvercountyhistoricalsociety.org/norwood_young_america.php)

Information on the history of birthday celebrations from CBS-Minnesota - <https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2011/01/24/good-question-how-did-birthday-traditions-start/>

Only Five Mayors in 25 Years

Since its beginning in 1997, the City of Norwood Young America has elected only five mayors, each serving two year terms! Thank you to the following individuals for their work as mayor and also for their ongoing dedication to our community:

- Mike McPadden, Mayor from 1997 to 2004
- LaVonne Kroells, Mayor from 2005 to 2008
- John Fahey, Mayor from 2009 to 2010
- Tina Diedrick, Mayor from 2011 to 2016 and 2019
- Carol Lagergren, Mayor from 2017 to the present

Hockey Rink is Open!

The South Park Ice Rink is OPEN! The warming house heat is on from 8am-10pm and lights on from 5pm-10pm daily. Thank you to the City Public Service Staff for getting this ready for the community!



Dog Licenses for 2022

NYA residents must have their pet licensed annually with the City. \$5/pet/year. Stop at City Hall with current vaccine papers.

ATV/Golf Cart Licenses for 2022

The 2022 licenses for ATV and golf carts are now available for \$10. This is an annual fee for those residents using ATVs or golf carts on city streets. Stop at City Hall with a current drivers license and insurance card for the vehicle.

NYA Happenings



What are the City Commissions up to?

The City of Norwood Young America has four different commissions: Parks & Recreation, Economic Development, Planning, and Senior Advisory. Each group has a specific focus and is made up of volunteers from the community who meet monthly to support the ongoing growth and development of our community. So much has been accomplished in 2021 and much more is planned for 2022!

Parks & Recreation Commission: As you drive around our community, you may have noticed upgrades to our trails and sidewalks and an additional 14 benches scattered around the community - places to rest and enjoy the view. In addition, you may have noticed some upgrades to the Hockey Rink and the Pavilion at Willkommen Park. In 2022, expect to see a new Pickleball Court at the tennis courts, a new playground at Legion Park and more discussion on an indoor walking track, public water access at Barnes Lake as well as a dog park.

Economic Development Commission: Have you noticed the seven new businesses and expansions in our community? The following businesses opened or expanded their current facilities: Advanced Training Systems, Balanced Life Wellness and Massage, Tin Roof Powder Coating, Modern Design Cabinetry, Floral Defined LLC, Union Street Market, The Pour House Pub and Kwik Trip. In addition, the last lots in the Tacoma West Industrial Park have been sold. Look for a groundbreaking ceremony for Greenwood Marina this spring and for future expansions to Yeager Machine and Sackett Waconia. In 2022, the EDC will support continued conversations with housing developers as well as opening a second Industrial Park in our community.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission held 23 public hearings in 2021 to support the needs of those 7 new businesses and expansions. In addition, they updated city code to allow private Sports Courts, and opened opportunities for businesses throughout the community. In 2022, they will continue to review city code to match opportunities allowed in neighboring communities.

Senior Advisory Commission: This past year, the Senior Advisory Commission celebrated bringing back opportunities for our seniors with the re-opening of the Senior Center on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, plus the return of weekly shopping trips by the NYA City Bus. In addition, they added twice monthly "out and about" trips. Look for those field trips returning in February for our senior population!

News from the NYA Library

The NYA Library is open its full schedule and here to serve you. In addition to offering books you can borrow, the library has a great selection of movies, books on CD, plus downloadable eBooks and eAudiobooks. And if you'd rather buy your books, the Friends of the NYA Library are expanding again the ongoing bookstore that offers a great selection of gently used books. The bookstore is open all hours the Library is open. The Library's wi-fi provides internet access for anyone bringing in their laptop or portable device with lots of study tables and comfortable seating. There are also a large number of desktop computers available for use.

For pre-K families - storytimes are back in session each week on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. 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 February 12.

Winter Reads is in full swing for adults ages 18 and older. Simply tell us about what you are reading and be eligible for incentive prizes. 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). Sign up at www.carverlib.org and enter your brief book reviews online, or stop by the Library to register and pick up book review forms. A complete calendar of library programs and events for all ages can be found at www.carverlib.org

EVERYMEAL is fighting hunger. Families can continue to pick up nutritious non-perishable food at the NYA Library through the winter 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. Contact: Paul Ericsson 952-856-4503 pericsson@co.carver.mn.us

Recycling Drop-Off Site Information

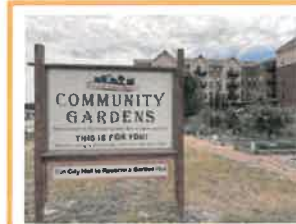
On the corner of Railroad Street and Reform Street, the city has a recycling drop-off site open to all residents of Carver County. The following materials are accepted at this site:

- Automobile batteries
- Motor oil
- Plastic Bags
- Cardboard
- Paper, plastic and cans and glass
- Scrap metal



Please follow the following guidelines when visiting the site: break down and flatten cardboard boxes; bring someone with you to lift heavy containers and materials, keep recycling loose and not in plastic bags or boxes, store motor oil in containers of 5 gallons or less and take the containers back home with you.

The recycling drop-off site is open on Wednesdays from 3PM to 5PM and on Saturdays from 8AM to noon. The site will follow the calendar of Carver County Environmental Services and will be closed on holiday weekends.



Interested in a garden plot for the 2022 growing year? Call City Hall to reserve your spot—952-467-1800

PT Recycle Center Assistant Needed

This non-benefit grant position will be through 12/31/2022 with potential to be extended on an annual basis. Hours include: Wednesdays (December - March) 3pm-5pm, Wednesdays (April - November) 3pm-6pm, Saturdays (Year Round) 8am-12pm. Site closed on 01/01, 01/15, 01/19, 04/16, 05/28, 09/03, 11/26 and 12/24. Pay is \$15 per hour. Perfect part-time job for someone who is retired or looking to supplement their income.

Please stop at City Hall, 310 Elm Street West to pick up an application or click below. Please contact Angela at 952-467-1807 or email cityclerk@cityofnya.com with any questions.



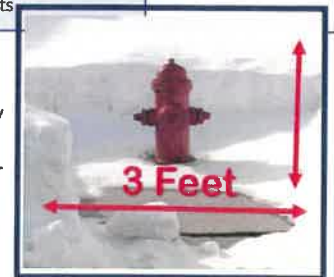
NYA-TV Guide—Programming for February

** 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	Public Programming	High School Event/ Sports	All Saints Church	Central Public School Board Meeting	Public Programming	All Saints Lutheran Church
2:00pm	Countyline Church	Public Programming	High School Event/ Sports	Countyline Church	Central Public School Board Meeting	Public Programming	Countyline Church
2:30pm	Countyline Church	Eat Well Be Happy	Eat Well Be Happy	Countyline Church	Eat Well Be Happy	Eat Well Be Happy	Countyline Church
3:00pm	St. John's Lutheran Church	Health & Wellness Programming	Health & Wellness Programming	St. John's Lutheran Church	Health & Wellness Programming	Health & Wellness Programming	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
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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 with 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 & Tow-



more than a place. it's home.

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Save the dates!

(add them to the NYA Fire Department Calendar!
Extra calendars available at City Hall)

Wed, Jan 19—NYA Senior Center @ pavilion 10-2pm
Thu, Jan 20—NYA Senior Advisory 9am
Mon, Jan 24—NYA City Council 6pm
Sun, Jan 30—St. John's School Chili Feed
Wed, Feb 2—NYA Planning Commission 6pm
Wed, Feb 2—NYA Senior Center @ pavilion 10-2pm
Wed, Feb 9—NYA EDC 6pm
Mon, Feb 14—NYA City Council 6pm
Tue, Feb 15—NYA Parks & Rec 4:45pm
Wed, Feb 16—NYA Senior Center @ pavilion 10-2pm
Mon, Feb 21—Carver County Dairy Expo @ CHS

Carver County Dairy Expo 2022
Monday, February 21, 2022
9am-3:15pm

Central High School
531 Morse Street, NYA

*Educational sessions, trade show and
networking opportunities for farmers,
dairy farmers, students, ag professionals,
and anyone related to the ag industry.*

\$10.00 per person (includes meal)
No Pre-Registration Required.

For more info, contact Colleen Carlson, U of M Extension
Office 507-521-3640 or email trax1042@umn.edu

Know Where to Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine and Test

COVID-19 Testing

**Location: Lake Waconia Event Center,
8155 Paradise Lane, Waconia, MN**

- Free, no insurance required, no appointment required
- Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 12 noon - 4 pm

**Check with your healthcare provider
and local pharmacy about testing
availability**

**The State offers several free commu-
nity COVID-19 testing sites, including
rapid tests, in the metro region**

Learn more:
www.co.carver.mn.us/covid19testing

COVID-19 Testing



COVID-19 Vaccine

Use State's Vaccine Locator

Call your healthcare provider

**Check with pharmacies throughout
Carver County**

**Public Health strike team
(for those with barriers)**

- Appointments in our office, curbside or at your home
- Call (952) 361-1559 or email public-health@co.carver.mn.us

Learn more:
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