

Message From Mayor Lagergren

Valerie Jarrett, a business woman and government official, states: "When you are in local government, you are on the ground, and you are looking into the eyes and hearts of the people you are there to serve. It teaches you to listen ..." As a Council, we've been listening; and it's time for some answers to the questions you've been asking:



What are you doing about our streets? One of the biggest issues facing the city right now is improving the quality of our streets. Recently, the Council commissioned Bolton and Menk to create a five-year street Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The purpose of the plan is to review the condition of every street in town and determine the best options for improvement. Currently, the city budgets yearly for ongoing crack-sealing and seal-coating of our newest streets. This process extends the life of a street when completed early and consistently. After a certain amount of time, streets with more extensive problems require a mill and overlay. This is a street maintenance technique that requires the removal of the top layer (2") of a street by the grinding action of a large milling machine. After the top layer is removed, a new layer of bituminous pavement is put in its place. Unfortunately, when a street has reached its end of life, a reconstruct project is required. This is the most expensive option because it also includes work on water and sewer updates.

Is the Highway 212 expansion still moving forward? The current timeline is to start the Phase 2 (Benton Township Phase from Cologne to NYA) of the project in the spring/summer of 2024 to be completed in the fall of 2025. The project continues to meet its checkpoint timelines, although U.S. Highway 212 is a federal highway which requires additional approvals from the federal government. In the meantime, MnDOT will be completing Phase 1 this summer and working on bridge and road improvements along the four lane stretch around Cologne in 2023.

When will we get a grocery store? City staff continues to reach out to independent grocery store owners to highlight our community and share potential incentive options for opening a grocery store within city limits. Unfortunately, between the high cost of shipping, food shortages and the challenge of finding enough workers, 2022 is still not an ideal time for grocery store owners to risk expanding. However, city staff, as well as the West Carver Food Retail Committee are committed to bringing a grocery store to our community as soon as possible.

Are we still bringing new businesses to town? Five new businesses have recently opened in town! Each fills a unique niche in our community and we are so excited to welcome them:

Harvey Law (Main Street)
Floral Defined (Elm Street)
Laundromat Sauber (Heritage Strip Mall)
Seams Like a Good Idea (Mill Property)
Whispering Willow (Main Street)

Also exciting is the groundbreaking for the Central Public Schools project, recent opening of Modern Design Cabinetry, a new location for Valiant Insurance, as well as an upcoming celebration for the Greenwood Marina expansion to the Tacoma West Industrial Park. In addition, watch for new houses going up in the Meadows (Budahn) Second Addition. The Council will be reviewing the final plan for 35 single family homes and 39 villas in June for the most recent development in the Preserve.

Will we ever get a dog park? The Council recognizes that on average 35 to 40% of households have a dog and they need daily exercise. Our trail system is a great start, but the city is currently researching some city-owned property to determine feasibility for a future dog park.

Another personal favorite quote from Margaret Mead (an American anthropologist): "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Sometimes the wheels of government move slowly but they do continue to move forward. Together we are making a difference ... Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home. Thank you for helping us make our home better for everyone!

Mayor Carol Lagergren



Central Public Schools Groundbreaking Ceremony, Monday, May 23, 2022
Pictured left to right: School Board Members Kyle Strickfaden, Rich Schug, Sara Eischens, City Council Member Charlie Storms, Mayor Carol Lagergren, School Board Members Shelby Erickson, Nicole Evenski, Sarah Lehrke, Superintendent Tim Schochenmaier, City Council Members Craig Heher, Mike McPadden

NYA City Happenings



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

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

Historic Downtown Norwood/Elm Street

- 9 am – 3 pm: Artisan Fair
- 9 am – 3 pm: Local Organization booths
- 9 am – 3 pm: Historic Downtown Norwood Walking Tour - info at Chamber Booth
- 9 am – 3 pm: Food & Beverages from Local businesses/Food Trucks

Parking lot Entertainment

- 9 am – 3 pm: Yard games for all (Bean Bags, Yard Yatzee, Giant Jenga, etc.)
- 9 am – 12 pm: Youth Mosaic Chalk Art
- 11 am – 3 pm: UpSouth Band

Harm's Bar Building

- 9 am – 11 am: Photography Contest - Viewers Choice Voting
- 1 pm – 3 pm: Seltzer/Craft Beer Tasting

Elm Street/Union Street

- 11 am – 3 pm: Classic Car Roll-In

NYA Library

- 9 am – 3 pm: Quilt Show
- 9 am – 3 pm: Book Sale - Outside in front
- 9 am – 3 pm: Youth Craft Activity
- 10:30 am: Storytime

Roy Clay Building

- 9 am – 11 am: Painting Party - Festive Gnomes

**For more info on
Springfest, visit
www.nyachamber.org or Facebook
[@nyaspringfest](https://www.facebook.com/nyaspringfest)**

Look How We've Grown... Norwood Young America has had 25% growth in population since the merger!

	Total Population	Households
Census of 2000	3108	1171
Census of 2010	3568	1397
Census of 2020	3863	1478
Est. 2020 (Comp Plan)	4580	1900
Est. 2030 (Comp Plan)	7200	3030
Est. 2040 (Comp Plan)	9200	3900

Memorial Day Program

The NYA VFW and American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 30th at 10:00am at Central High School gym. All are welcome. Memorial Day Cemetery Services:

- 8:00am—St. Paul's Reform, Hamburg
- 8:20am—St. John's UCC, Bongards
- 8:40am—Mau Cemetery, NYA
- 9:00am—Forest Hill Cemetery, NYA
- 9:20am—Church of the Ascension, NYA

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

Thank you to Mr. Pat Pherson and the Central High School Industrial Tech Class for recently completed eight more garden plots! City Staff will be installing them soon at the NYA Community Gardens off Reform Street. Another great partnership project!

There are a few garden plot spots available yet for the 2022 growing season! The rental fee is \$10.00 for the season. Call City Hall at 952-467-1800 for more information.

Welcome New Businesses

The City of NYA, EDC and NYA Area Chamber held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wed, May 18th for both Lisa Valiant of **Valiant Insurance** (515 N Faxon Rd, Ste 3) at her new location and Wesley Harvey of **Harvey Law** (216 E Main Street) to welcome him to the Norwood Young America business community!



Attention Parents & Students!! SUMMER MEALS PICK-N-PACK

**Free Pop-Up Food Market
This Summer!**



- Choose from a variety of food options - fresh produce, dry goods, dairy products, and more
- No registration needed
- No personal information required
- Open to all students and families
- Food options vary each week
- Come as often as you want

CALL/TEXT 612-479-6409 WITH QUESTIONS

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21 MAIN STREET EAST, NYA

Volunteers needed. Learn more at
www.signupgenius.com/go/50b0c4aafab28a6f94-carver2

MONDAYS

3-5PM

**JUNE 13-
AUGUST 15
(CLOSED JULY 4)**

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2022 NYA Music in the Park Series

Events Held *Rain or Shine*
Thursdays at NYA Legion Park
320 Reform St S—6:30pm
All events are free of charge!

June 9th—Everett Smithson Band
June 16th—Paul Christian (NEW!!)
June 23rd—Czech Area Concertina
July 7th—Up South
July 14th—Castaways
July 21st—Jolly Ramblers

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

2nd Avenue Phase 2 Improvement Project – Construction Update 5/23/2022

Street construction for the second phase of the 2nd Avenue Improvement Project is underway. Construction crews have begun work within Stage 1, Devonshire Drive to Shady Lane, including pavement, curb and gutter, driveway and tree removals. Utility crews are currently installing storm sewer and watermain facilities which will continue over the next several weeks. Utility crews will generally work from south to north (Devonshire Drive to Shady Lane). Work within Stage 2, Shady Lane to Main Street, will be limited to pavement removal until Stage 1 utility work is complete. The Stage 1 project area, Devonshire to Shady Lane, is currently closed to thru traffic. Stage 2, Shady Lane to Main Street, is open to thru traffic but will be closed when utility construction begins in that area.



Pool will be open June 4th - August 12th

NYA Legion Park, 322 Reform Street South

Open Swim Times

Monday - Thursday 1:00pm - 4:30pm
6:15pm - 8:30pm
Friday- Sunday 1:00pm - 7:00pm

****No Reservations necessary-- 100% occupancy allowed!****

Fridays are subject to change to 1:00pm - 4:30pm, 6:15pm - 8:30pm for lesson make up days (will be posted on Facebook page @West Carver Community Pool).

Pool Passes

Single Passes	\$60.00
Family Pass (up to 5, \$10 each additional)	\$140.00
Daily Rate	\$5.00
Twilight Rate (After 6pm)	\$3.00
Ten (10) Punch Card	\$35.00

Pool passes available for purchase at WCCP-- Cash or Check ONLY! 2021 passes are not accepted

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.cityofnyc.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.

Sump Pump Regulations

All sump pumps must be day-lighted into your yard or into the storm sewer—NOT into your neighbor's yard or a public sidewalk. Sump pumps should also not be connected into the sanitary sewer. Doing so results in the treatment of unnecessary amounts of water, putting additional strain on the treatment system and raising prices for everyone.

Home Improvements Projects

As you are preparing for spring improvements to your properties, make sure to check with the City at 952-467-1800 or email info@cityofnyc.com for any permitting or zoning requirements. Building Permits and Administrative Permits can be downloaded off the City's website at www.cityofnyc.com or picked up at NYA City Hall M-F 8am-4:30pm.

Building Permits

A building permit is required for most improvements such as construction of a deck, installation of a shed over 200 square feet, installing in-ground swimming pools, finishing a basement, water heater changeouts, re-roof, re-siding, new windows, etc. Please contact the City for determination if a building permit is required prior to commencing any work.

Administrative Permits

For some improvements that do not require a building permit, an Administrative Permit may be required. The purpose of an Administrative Permit is to ensure the improvement complies with the City's zoning ordinance. Examples of improvements that require an Administrative Permit include fences, sheds under 200 square feet, concrete or asphalt surfaces such as for patios or a parking stall off the side of a garage.

2021 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report

The 2021 Consumer Confidence Drinking Water Report is now available online at <https://www.cityofnyc.com/document-center/#DrinkingWaterReport> or a hard copy is available at City Hall.





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Employment Opportunities

The City of NYA is hiring for multiple positions.

- Public Service Technician: Streets/Parks—FT
- Seasonal Public Service Worker—FT/PT
- Lifeguards—PT

For more information, call City Hall or email cityclerk@cityofnya.com or visit www.cityofnya.com and search "Appy for a job."

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

May

Mon, May 30: Memorial Day Program @ CHS Gym 10:00am
Mon, May 30: NYA City Offices Closed

June

Fri, June 3: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 2-3:30pm
Sat, June 4: Opening day at West Carver Community Pool
Sat, June 4: Springfest Artisan Fair @ Historic Downtown Norwood
Tues, June 7: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, June 8: EDC @ City Hall @ 6pm
Thurs, June 9: Bandshell Dedication @ NYA Legion Park 5:45pm
Thurs, June 9: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm
Mon, June 13: City Council @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, June 16: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm
Tues, June 21: Parks & Recreation Commission @ City Hall 4:45pm
Thurs, June 23: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Thurs, June 23: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm
Mon, June 27: City Council/Work Session @ City Hall 5pm



Bandshell Dedication

Join members of the Willkommen Heritage & Preservation Society on Thursday, June 9th at 5:45pm for a dedication of the historic bandshell located at NYA Legion Park. All are welcome!

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.

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NYA Food Distributions through 2022

NYA City Hall Parking Lot
2:00-3:30pm

- Friday, June 3rd
 - Friday, July 8th*
 - Friday, August 5th
 - Friday, September 9th*
 - Friday, October 7th
 - Friday, November 4th
 - Friday, December 2nd
- (*changed due to holiday)

Drive-thru event while supplies last. Sponsored by CAP Agency, Carver Co Public Health, and City of NYA