

A Message From Mayor Lagergren

The first snow of the season is on the ground ... the first cold weather days are here ... IT'S NOVEMBER! If you have young children, it's the month of difficult questions: Snowpants or no snowpants? What happened to your hat and mittens — you just had them? If you have older children it is also a time of challenging questions: When is your holiday concert again? Are you sure you are ready to drive on ice and snow? But November is also the season of gratitude. Gratitude **helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships.** As a community, we have so much to be grateful for ...



T is for our THOUGHTFUL AND HARDWORKING STAFF. Have you noticed all the festive decorations popping up around town and the de-iced steps and doorways on public buildings. That is all thanks to our amazing staff! They are also the ones who respond (day or night) when we have a water main break. They answer the phones when you have questions about your water bill or help you when you are renting one of our rental buildings or support you with concerns about blight or nuisances. They are the friendly faces who help and support us every day. Thank you for your positive attitude and fabulous work ethic!

H is for our HEROES. Veterans Day is a special day to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Each year at the Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs, the band plays a special tribute to all the branches of the Armed Forces and they ask veterans to stand when their branch is recognized. It is a powerful reminder of how many men and women have served from this community. Today I honor those individuals and I also give special tribute to my father and uncles who served in the Korean War and my brother who served in Iraq. Thank you for your service!

A is for our ACTIVE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSIONERS. This past year has seen a whirlwind of activity around the city. Projects that have been on hold for a long time are now moving forward. Second Avenue was completed and the 2023 budget was approved that will include another street improvement project. The design for the new Old Town at Willkommen Memorial Park was approved at last week's Council meeting. The building will again resemble buildings from the original Main Street in Historic Downtown Young America. The Council also approved the next step in purchasing land for an expansion of the current Industrial Park. With several businesses ready to relocate to our community, this new location for manufacturing is very exciting! Finally, the Council approved a Waiver of Municipal Consent which shows the community's support of the Highway 212 expansion. For an image of the four lane expansion to Norwood Young America, you can view a rendering at the Carver County Public Works Building or visit the Benton Project's website. To our Council and Commissioners, thank you for your dedication and focus!

N is for our NEW (AND EXISTING) BUSINESSES. From restaurants to businesses that provide services - like hair salons, pet grooming, hardware stores, attorneys, financial consultants, service stations, plumbers, electricians, dentists, doctors and pharmacists - we are blessed to have so many options and opportunities within our community. And don't forget the 18 manufacturing businesses located in our community that provide jobs for so many of our citizens. To our local businesses, thank you for choosing Norwood Young America as your home - you have enriched our lives!

K is for KINDNESS. We live in a community where neighbors plow your driveway or shovel your sidewalk when you can't. We have volunteers who meet at City Hall on the first Friday of each month to pack groceries and place them in cars so approximately 300 families can feel supported during these times of high gas and food prices. When our new underpass was completed, it took one phone call to Central Schools and we had a teacher and students volunteering to create art to enrich our daily walk. Thank you for spreading kindness and caring to those in need!

S is for SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. This community has so many amazing individuals who donate their time and energy to making our community great! These groups have created parks, donated money to local projects, kept us safe and provided endless opportunities to get together and celebrate as a community. Thank you to the VFW Post 1783, the American Legion Edward Born Post 343, the Chamber of Commerce, the Norwood Young America Lions Club and West Carver Lions Club, the NYA Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Stiftungsfest Committee, and last but certainly not least, a big shout out to our local Fire Department. Thank you for volunteering. Thank you for serving. You make our lives better and our community stronger!



As we safely celebrate another Thanksgiving season, we will continue our focus on making our community better and brighter. Thank you for taking care of your family and your neighbors! Together, we can continue our good work because **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home! And we are so proud to say we live here!**

NYA Happenings



Donations Accepted

The City of NYA cannot solicit for funding of special projects, however, the City CAN accept donations! The latest park project is the new playground at NYA Legion Park. If you or your Civic Organization would like to make a charitable donation to the new playground, please contact City Hall at 952-467-1800.

NYA Fire Department Toy Drive

The NYA FD will be collecting toys for local children from now through December 13th at the following locations:

Citizens State Bank NYA
Old National Bank
Children of Tomorrow
Central Elementary Media Center
Xtreme Electric
Tanglez Salon
Schmidt Chiropractic Center
Bongards Creamery



The NYA FD partners with the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf to hold a Toy Distribution on December 15th. If you know of a family in need, please call the SWCC Food Shelf at 952-467-1830 to make an appointment. Regular food shelf hours are Tuesdays from 12:30-5pm by appointment. Location is 10 1st Ave SE, NYA.

2022 NYA Fire Department Calendars

The free NYA Fire Department Fire Prevention & Community Calendars will be showing up at your front door soon! Members of the Norwood Young America Fire Department will be out delivering calendars to all homes in the fire district. The calendars are sponsored by the NYA Fire Department and financially supported by local businesses. The calendars are intended to bring fire safety, prevention and awareness to our community residents along with fun reminders of community events and advertising of our amazing local businesses.



The West Carver Girl Scouts
Presents the 29th Annual
**Kids Only Craft Fair
& Bake Sale**
Sat, Dec 3rd
10am-1pm

Central Elementary Commons & Gym

****All items \$5 or less****

Sale for KIDS ONLY (14 & under) 10am-12:30pm

Sale Open to Public 12:30pm-1pm

****Concessions available****

Kids! Bring your shopping list and a "Elf" will help you shop!



**NYA West Carver Lions
presents
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, Dec 3rd
9:00am
Willkommen Memorial
Park Pavilion
Free Event**

2022 "Out & About" Trips

The City of NYA is offering all NYA senior residents "Out & About" Trips! Each special trip is \$5/person. Pick up and drop off is at Oak Grove, Peace Villa, or The Harbor/Haven. Limited seating available and first come, first served. To make a reservation for an "Out & About" Trip, please call 952-467-1810. There must be a minimum of 8 people to accommodate the trip.

Thurs, Dec 8	Kohls/Super Target/Goodwill Chaska 9:30am-2:00pm
Thurs, Dec 8	Waconia Light Tour 5:30pm-7:30pm
Thurs, Dec 15	Eden Prairie Mall Shopping 9:30am-2:00pm
Thurs, Dec 15	Cologne/NYA Light Tour 5:30pm-7:30pm
Thurs, Dec 22	Glencoe Light Tour 5:30pm-7:30pm

**MEALS
for KIDS**

****Free Pop-Up Food Market**
Program Extended through Dec 19th
Every Monday 3-5pm:
Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion**

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

Sponsored by a Better Society, City of NYA, Bountiful Basket Food Shelf, Gather and Grow Food Shelf, and Carver County Public Health

Holiday Extravaganza Willkommen Memorial Park

November 26, 2022 5-7pm

Fun Photo Opportunities inside & outside
Santa & Mrs. Claus * Red Truck * Princesses
Fire Pit * Hot Cocoa * Holiday Music
Kids Take Home Activities



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



Join our local businesses on Saturday, November 26th
in celebrating Small Business Saturday!
Support your local businesses like they support you!



Home Safety Survey

*Compliments of the NYA Fire Departments



Checks in the “No” column indicate items that are hazardous to you and your family. These hazards may cause a fire, injury or contribute to crime. You are urged to correct these at once for your own safety. If all items have been checked “Yes”, you are to be commended on your safety efforts

Yes	No	Room	Page 1
		Exterior	
		House numbers are visible from street <i>Recommendation- 6” best size, numbers are lit, and with contrasting color</i>	
		Dryer vent free from lint and flap closes completely when not in use	
		Gas and electric meter accessible, free from snow build up and bushes	
		Garage	
		Flammable liquids stored in safety containers and in a metal cabinet.	
		5lb ABC fire extinguisher – accessible near an exit	
		No accumulation of high fire load	
		Kitchen	
		Is making an attempt to attend all stovetop cooking	
		Stovetop/range area is free from things that can burn – 3 foot rule	
		Childproof safety latches or locks are on cabinets that contain cleaning materials and medications (if children)	
		Kitchen stove hood is clean and vented to outside-cleaned once a month	
		5 lb ABC fire extinguisher accessible near an exit	
		Resident knows how to extinguish a grease fire <i>Recommendation – Keep pan lid nearby when cooking</i>	
		Water temperature is under 120 degrees - Actual temperature	
		Escape Planning	
		_____ # of people participating in drill	
		Sleeps with the doors closed	
		Have a family meeting place	
		Bedrooms	
		Occupants sleep with door closed	
		Working smoke alarm <i>Recommendation – Change batteries every 6 months; entire alarm every 10 years</i>	
		Lamps and halogen lighting 3 feet away from combustibles	
		Flameless candles used.	
		Surge protectors used instead of extension cords <i>Recommendation – Protector labeled surge or transient voltage</i>	
		Bedroom Hallways	
		Working smoke alarms <i>Recommendation – Change batteries every 6 months; entire alarm every 10 years</i>	
		Bathrooms	
		Electrical circuits GFCI protected	
		Bathroom vent is free of lint and dust. Consider cleaning once a year <i>Recommendation – use during shower or bathing to reduce moisture accumulation.</i>	
Notes:			



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Yes	No	Room
		Living and Family Room
		Chimney clean & inspected (according to owner) <i>Recommendation for gas fireplaces- maintain per your manual</i>
		Basement
		Basement door kept closed and no tripping hazards on steps
		Two ways out and clear paths to exits
		Windows large enough for egress
		Laundry Room
		Dryer vented to exterior & cleaned in four areas according to owner: 1. lint trap 2. interior base of dryer-consider professional assistance 3. behind the dryer 4. interior of vent from the dryer to outside
		Metal dryer vent
		Furnace Room
		Electrical circuits GFCI protected
		Bathroom vent is free of lint and dust. Consider cleaning once a year <i>Recommendation – use during shower or bathing to reduce moisture accumulation.</i>
		All household areas
		Carbon monoxide (CO) detector (if you are symptomatic and the detector is alarming, get outside and call 911) <i>Recommend placement of digital CO in high traffic area, within 10ft from bedrooms, away from furnace and fresh air intake. Replace detector every 5 years; battery every 6 months</i>
		Family member knows CPR and “home has basic 1st aid materials.
		Radon checked by homeowner
		Fall prevention steps are in place (exercise, medication checked, lighting in hallways, eyes checked, rugs with backing, grab bars in shower, handrails on stairs)
		Special Considerations for Manufactured Homes
		Heat tape is has been inspected by homeowner or qualified person.
		Skirting is in place around the home
		Special Considerations for Apartments
		Chimney clean & inspected (according to owner) <i>Recommendation for gas fireplaces- maintain per your manual</i>
		Misc.
		Basement door kept closed and no tripping hazards on steps
		Two ways out and clear paths to exits
		Windows large enough for egress

Notes:

NYA Snow Announcements

Ticket & Towing

The City will be once again enforcing 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, 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 and Food Mart 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 need to have up-to-date license and registration.

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). The two designated parking spots within city limits are the north side of the Elm Street Municipal Parking Lot and the north side of Old City Hall/ Food Shelf building. Watch for signs.

City Code "Parking"

Subd.1 Snowfall. "Snowfall" shall mean any accumulation of two or more inches of snow on a street when snow is falling or has fallen within the previous twenty-four hours.

Section 720.04 Restricted Parking During Snowfall and Blowing Snow. No person shall park or leave a motorized vehicle on any street within the City during or after a snowfall or a period of blowing snow until the snow has been removed from the street. Parking may be prohibited or restricted following snow removal as provided by City Code or State Law.

City Code "Sidewalks"

800.04 Removal of Snow Required. The owner of any lot or parcel of land within the City shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after a snow fall or otherwise accumulate upon any sidewalk designated by a resolution of the city Council as a part of the sidewalk thoroughfare program in front of or adjoining such lot or parcel of land, remove or cause the snow to be removed from the sidewalk.

800.05 Removal of Snow by City; Assessment. In case the owner of any lot or parcel of land within the City shall fail to remove any snow that has fallen or otherwise accumulated upon any sidewalk as required by Subsection 800.04, it shall be the duty of the street commissioner of the City to cause the snow to be removed from the sidewalk at the expense of the owner and the expense incurred in the removal thereof may be recovered against the owner in a civil action, or be assessed upon the lot or parcel of land from in front of which the snow shall be removed, and returned, collected and enforced as City taxes.

City Code "Mail Receptacles"

Subd. 1. Mailboxes in the Public Right-of-way. H. The City shall not be responsible or liable for any damages to mail receptacles not in compliance with this ordinance or damages to mail receptacles from snow thrown or moved as a result of snow plowing.

Subd. 1. Mailboxes in the Public Right-of-way. I. The City is not responsible for snow removal on or around the mail receptacles. It is the responsibility of each resident user of the mail receptacle to remove snow or other obstructions from around the mail receptacle



Cold Weather Driving Tips

It's that time of year again and driving in snowy conditions can be a challenge! Please be prepared for cold weather driving:

- * Keep at least half of a tank of gas in your car at all times.
- * Talk to your mechanic to make sure your tires are properly inflated and have a good tread.
- * Do not leave your car unattended when it is warming up!
- * Keep an emergency supply kit in your car—blankets, snacks, water, etc.
- * Slow down :) Leave extra distance between you and the car in front of you.

Mental Health Services

If you or a loved one is experiencing or affected by a mental health, substance use, or suicidal crisis, please **call or text '988'** (or chat online on 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline's website) for free, confidential, and immediate help.

To contact Deputy Voigt: 952-361-1248, jvoigt@co.carver.mn.us

KEEP'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it accessible this winter:

DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS



SUMP PUMP REMINDER

Sump pumps may not be discharged into the storm sewers between November 1st and April 1st. Doing so results in dangerous ice conditions on the City streets. Should you need to discharge your sump pump during this time, please do so on your own property, away from City streets, alleys and sidewalks.

24 Hour Snow Removal Required for City Sidewalks

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



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November

Sat, Nov 26: Small Business Saturday—Shop Local!!
 Sat, Nov 26: Holiday Extravaganza @ Willkommen Memorial Park
 Mon, Nov 28: City Council Workshop 5pm/6pm

December

Sat, Dec 3: Kids Only Craft Sale @ Central Elem 10-1pm
 Sat, Dec 3: Breakfast with Santa @ Pavilion 9am
 Tues, Dec 6: Planning Commission Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
 Wed, Dec 7: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10-2pm
 Mon, Dec 12: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
 Wed, Dec 14: EDC Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
 Thurs, Dec 15: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am
 Thurs, Dec 20: Parks & Rec Commission Mtg @ City Hall 4:45pm
 Wed, Dec 21: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10-2pm
 Fri, Dec 23: City Hall Closed—Christmas Eve Observed
 Sat, Dec 24: Christmas Eve
 Sun, Dec 25: Christmas Day
 Mon, Dec 26: City Hall Closed
 Sat, Dec 31: New Year's Eve

Local Election Results

The NYA City Council canvassed the election results on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Office of Mayor (two year term):	Total Votes	Percent of Votes
Carol Lagergren**	1,364	96.74%
Write-In	46	3.26%
Office of Council Member	Total Votes	Percent of Votes
Brooke M Allen**	698	29.63%
Craig Heher	567	24.07%
Charlie Storms**	1,071	45.46%
Write-In	20	.85%



The "New" Old Town

Stop by NYA City Hall to view the improvements and finishes for the "new" Old Town. Demolition and construction will start in Spring 2023.

Serving Those in Need

The Young America VFW Post 1783 and Norwood Legion Edward Born Post 343 have crutches, walkers and wheelchairs available for anyone in need. Equipment may be used at no cost and returned when no longer needed. For more information, call Ron Kroells 952-913-3496 or Larry Panning 952-261-8632.

A Special Gift for the Holidays

Looking for a special gift to honor a veteran you know? The Young America VFW Post 1783 and Norwood Legion Edward Born Post 343 are looking for additional engraved pavers to fill the walkway at Veteran's Park. Engraved pavers are \$150. To obtain an order form, please contact Ron Smith 952-467-3142, Ron Kroells 952-913-3496 or Larry Panning 952-261-8632.



'Tis That Time of Year

Thank you to the NYA Public Service Department for preparing the community for the holidays with the festive decorations around town! Another big thank you to the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce for funding the seasonal flower pots throughout the community! The NYACIP (NYA Community Improvement Program) sure did a great job "sprucing" them up!

NYA Food Distributions through 2022 NYA City Hall Parking Lot 2:00-3:00pm

- Friday, December 2nd
 Drive-thru event while supplies last.

Thank you to the CAP Agency and Carver Co Public Health for approving Food Distributions through all of 2023.

- Friday, January 6, 2023
- Friday, February 10, 2023
- Friday, March 3, 2023

A huge THANK YOU to those local citizens who served as election judges at the General Elections on November 8th! The City of NYA thanks you for your service!