

Message From Mayor Lagergren

Did you know: Approximately 40% of Americans make New Year's Resolutions and less than 10% of those individuals actually follow through. My resolutions are often health related - exercise more, eat healthier or lose weight. However, another big goal area involves volunteering and charity work. We are so blessed in our community with the number of people who are already doing important volunteer work that provides needed financial, physical, and emotional support to others.



Civic Groups: These are non-profit groups within the city that bring together individuals who have similar goals and beliefs ... you can be a member of multiple groups! These groups are responsible for so many of the beautification efforts happening around our community as well as the support they provide to many. If you are interested in hearing more about the great work of the American Legion or VFW, the Legion Auxiliary or the VFW Auxiliary, the West Carver Lions or the NYA Lions, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, or the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts, please contact NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800.

Food Distribution Volunteers: The first Friday of each month (watch the newsletter for any changes to the date), volunteers come together to pack and distribute food to individuals and families throughout our community and the surrounding area. The number of people we have reached through this drive-through event has been amazing:

- January 2023 - 302 households and 862 individuals
- December 2022 - 313 households and 871 individuals
- November 2022 - 307 households and 811 individuals
- October 2022 - 279 households and 758 individuals

If you are interested in volunteering time to this awesome endeavor, please reach out at: 612-479-6409 or email chuiras@co.carver.mn.us

NYA Fire Department: Our NYA Fire Department is responsible for servicing 57 square miles of land (largest jurisdiction in Carver County!) while responding to approximately 300 calls a year. They are a dedicated and well-trained group of individuals who volunteer their time and skill to keep us safe. Currently, there are 26 volunteer firefighters but they are always looking for additional individuals who are interested in being trained to respond to medical and fire calls in the area. If interested, please contact Fire Chief Zumberge at 507-469-9145 or email nyafirechief@gmail.com.

City of NYA Advisory Commissions: City Councils deal with many items and it is difficult to research each one in depth. Advisory boards and Commissions assist the City Council by focusing on a particular area and making recommendations for the City Council's action. The City of NYA has four Commissions and a couple of them are looking for additional members: Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Economic Development Commission (two seats available) and Senior Advisory (five seats available). If you are interested in learning more, please contact 952-467-1810 or email economicdev@cityofnya.com.

Being a volunteer is an opportunity for you to connect with others **and** do good work! Eddie Jaku, a Holocaust survivor, shared this blessing: **May you always have lots of love to share, lots of good health to spare, and lots of good friends who care.** We have been so blessed in our community by those who show they care through volunteering - that's why we are so proud to say: **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home!**
Mayor Carol Lagergren



Council Members Brooke Allen (new) and Charlie Storms (incumbent), and Mayor Carol Lagergren (incumbent) took their Oath of Office to serve on the NYA City Council at the January 9, 2023, Council meeting. Welcome and thank you for your service to the community! #nyacommunity

Pictured left to right: Council Members Mike McPadden and Alan Krueger, Mayor Carol Lagergren, Council Members Brooke Allen and Charlie Storms



NYA City Happenings



Role of a City Commission

The City Council of Norwood Young America has established the following standing advisory groups:

The **Planning Commission** is required by Minnesota State Statutes and reviews issues of land use planning, zoning, subdivision regulations and requests for variances from existing regulations. The **Parks and Recreation Commission** reviews issues related to acquisition and development of parks and trails in the City. The **Economic Development Commission** advises the City Council on matters concerning commercial and industrial development within the city, as well as attracting new businesses and retaining existing businesses. The **Senior Advisory Commission** acts as a liaison for the senior community and advises the City Council on issues concerning senior citizens and to recommend appropriate solutions.

2022 Commission Accomplishments

At a recent City Council meeting, Council members reviewed and thanked the City Commissions for all the work they accomplished in 2022. Here are some of the highlights:

Planning Commission (1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm)

- ⇒ Reviewed and approved Central Public Schools transformation project, Greenwood Marina development, Yeager Machine expansion, Mill property PUD for a mixed used residential/commercial renovation.
- ⇒ Amended ordinances for Ground Mounted Solar Systems allowed in the I-1 Industrial zoning district with requirements and review of restrictions of kennels in the C-2 General Commercial District.
- ⇒ Rezoned 309/312 1st St NE to C-3 Downtown District to align uses for the area zoning
- ⇒ Requested Comp Plan amendment in preparation for industrial park expansion

Economic Development Commission (2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm) **Two Commission Seats Open**

- ⇒ Approved Market Enrichment Grants totaling \$26,920.80 for three local businesses and partnered with NextStage (free business services at all stages of entrepreneurship) to provide a loan for a new local business through the EDA Revolving Loan Fund.
- ⇒ Applied for and was awarded a \$100,000 Community Growth Initiative Partnership Grant through the Carver Co CDA to help with acquisition costs of the industrial park expansion.
- ⇒ Organized the NYA Manufacturing Today event and hosted a Morning Mocha event for Small Businesses Week—both with efforts of networking businesses and workforce together.
- ⇒ Reviewed city-owned land for development, commissioned a Housing Study, and continued to market NYA as “More than a place...it’s home.”

Parks & Recreation Commission (3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:15pm NEW TIME)

- ⇒ Recommended architectural services to design the “new” Old Town. Bid packets to be sent out Winter 2023 with completion by Stiftungsfest 2023.
- ⇒ Completed Legion Park improvements including new playground, new edging/mulch and replastering of West Carver Community Pool.
- ⇒ Commissioned survey of community for two projects—Outlot A and Barnes Lake Nature Trail. Outlot A concept design to be completed in 2023.
- ⇒ Continued all-park assessment to identify all amenities and maintenance schedules.
- ⇒ Celebrated Arbor Day with tree plantings on Elm Street and reviewed Bench Program.

Senior Advisory Commission (3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00am) **Commission Seats Open for NYA Citizens 55+**

- ⇒ Organized weekly city bus shopping trips and monthly Out & About trips.
- ⇒ Hosted the NYA Senior Center twice a month from September-May at the Pavilion—average attendance was 27 people.
- ⇒ Reports provided monthly by Carver County Public Health and Carver County Sheriff Department.
- ⇒ Presentations given by representatives from: Encore Adult Day Services, Carver Co Community of Belonging, NYA Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, CAP Agency for Meals on Wheels, Southern MN Regional Legal Services (SMRLS).

If you are interested in learning more about how you can be involved in City Commission's, email

economicdev@cityofnya.com or call 952-467-1810.

Winter Reads at the Carver County Library

Winter Reads for adults (18+) runs January 1 through February 28. Register online at www.carverlib.org or at any branch of the Carver County Library. Book review forms are online or can be picked up and turned in at the library. Participants receive a prize for signing up (while supplies last), and for their first book review a coupon for a free book at any Friends of the Library book sale or bookstore. Everyone who submits at least one review is entered in the grand prize raffle with a chance to win a Barnes & Noble gift card or a Kindle Fire. Thank you to the Carver County Library Foundation for providing funding for the prizes in this program series. To learn more about our other services and view a schedule of programs for children and for adults, please visit the library website www.carverlib.org. Need more information? Call the Norwood Young America Branch at 952-467-2665. We look forward to seeing you this winter!



JANUARY & FEBRUARY
Winter Reads
WINTER READING FOR ADULTS

NYA Civic & Volunteer Organizations

American Legion Post 343 Edward Born

PO Box 343, NYA, MN 55368

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the month 7:30pm Roy Clay Building (327 W Elm St)

Phone: 952-261-8632

Facebook Page: American Legion Edward Born Post 343 in Norwood Young America, MN



American Legion Auxiliary Edward Born

Meeting: 1st Monday of the month 6:30pm Roy Clay Building (327 W Elm St)

Phone: 952-467-3534

Facebook Page: American Legion Auxiliary Edward Born Unit 343 in Norwood Young America, MN



Beyond the Yellow Ribbon

PO Box 92, NYA, MN 55368

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm at Roy Clay Building (327 W Elm St)

Email: nyabtyr@gmail.com

Website: nyabeyondtheyellowribbon.weebly.com

Facebook Page: @nyabtyr or Beyond the Yellow Ribbon in Norwood Young America



NYA Lions Club

PO Box 252, NYA, MN 55368

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30pm at NYA Lions Shelter (417 W Elm St)

Email: nyalionsclub@gmail.com

Website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/norwoodya/index.php

Facebook Page: @nyalions or NYA Lions Club



NYA West Carver Lions Club

PO Box 462, NYA, MN 55368

Meeting: 4th Tuesday of the month at St. John's School (27 1st St NW)

Email: nyawestcarverlions@gmail.com

Website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/westcarver/index.php

Facebook Page: @WestCarverLions or NYA West Carver Lions



VFW Post 1783 Auxiliary

11 Central Ave N, NYA MN 55397

Meeting: 4th Monday of the month 7:00pm at Midtown Restaurant (123 W Railroad St)

Phone: 952-467-3767

VFW Post 1783 Young America

PO Box 5, NYA, MN 55368

Meeting: 3rd Thursday of the month 7:00pm North Fire Station (23 3rd Ave NE)

Phone: 952-913-3496



VFW AUXILIARY

UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

NYA Civic & Volunteer Organizations

Town Team Baseball Clubs

Norwood Indians Baseball

Home Field: Zellmann Field at NYA Sports Complex
417 W Elm St, NYA, MN 55368

Contact: Corey Storms or Corey Herrmann

Phone: 952-454-2021 or 952-454-2021

Website: www.ballcharts.com/norwoodindians

Facebook Page: Norwood Indians Baseball



Young America Cardinals

Home Field: Willkommen Memorial Park
21 E Main St, NYA, MN 55397

Contact: Nic Franck or Brandon Stender

Phone: 952-466-5793 or 612-599-6597

Website: www.ballcharts.com/yacardinals

Facebook Page: Young America Cardinals Baseball



Stiftungsfest

Minnesota's Oldest Celebration! Honors our strong German heritage.
Held at Willkommen Memorial Park the last full weekend of August.
Fundraiser for the City of NYA Fire Department.

PO Box 133, NYA, MN 55368

Email: info@stiftungsfest.org **Website:** www.stiftungsfest.org

Facebook: Stiftungsfest Norwood Young America

Minnesota's Oldest Celebration

Interested in being a Committee Member? Meetings are the 3rd Monday of each month at the North Fire Station.



NYA Community Improvement Program

Maintains seasonal garden projects in the downtowns and parks throughout the year. Contact City Hall at 952-467-1800 for more information.

Willkommen Heritage Preservation Society - 102 E Main St, NYA, MN 55397 Phone: 952-467-4227

This all-volunteer society preserves the history of Norwood Young America and the area surrounding our community with displays of historical significance and relics of the past. Free Admission, Open Thur-Sat 10am-2pm

NYA Area Chamber of Commerce - PO Box 292, NYA, MN 55368

Phone: 952-777-0782 Promoting Community Pride & Partnership With Area Businesses & Residents **Website:** www.nyachamber.org



Southwest Carver County Food Shelf - 10 1st Ave NE NYA, MN 55397 Phone: 952-467-1870

Open Tuesdays 12:30 - 5:00 p.m., by appointment if possible. Website: www.southwestcarvercountyfoodshelf.com

Boys Scouts Troop 361

Phone: 612-965-2282

E-mail: troop361scoutmaster@gmail.com

Facebook Page: Boy Scout Troop 3361



West Carver Girl Scouts

Service Unit Manager: Amy Mueller

Phone: 612-716-6767

E-mail: amyslite@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.girlscoutsrv.org>



NYA Events



Carver County Dairy Expo 2023

Monday, February 20, 2023

9:30am—3:15pm

Central High School

\$15/person (includes meal)

**UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
EXTENSION**



**American Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Give Blood • Give Life

- Tuesday, February 28, 2023
- Tuesday, May 2, 2023
- Wednesday, July 12, 2023
- Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Contact
www.redcross.org
to sign up for these
local blood drives:

****All events held at the**
Willkommen Memorial Park
Pavilion
21 Main Street E, NYA

Fare For All Coming to NYA

The non-profit organization "Fare For All" has partnered with All Saints Lutheran Church to bring quality, nutritious foods at discount and budget-friendly prices to NYA. Fare For All follows a co-op model, so the more people who shop, the better the discounts. They buy fresh produce and frozen meat in bulk from wholesalers, manufacturers, and growers. Volunteers bundle it into \$10-\$30 packages that are sold at sale locations across Minnesota. NO pre-registration is required... cash and cards are accepted. Anyone and everyone can shop at Fare For All across 30+ pop up sites in the Twin Cities and Greater MN. For more information on schedules and the organization, visit www.fareforall.org.



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
571 MERGER ST.
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA,
MN 55368

THURSDAY
FEB 2, 2023
3-5 PM

Open to Everyone!

fare for all
a program of the food group

2023 Dates & Times:

- Thurs, February 2, 2023: 3-5pm
- Thurs, March 2, 2023: 3-5pm
- Thurs, March 30, 2023: 3-5pm
- No April event
- Thurs, May 4, 2023: 3-5pm
- Thurs, June 1, 2023: 3-5pm
- No July event
- Thurs, August 3, 2023: 3-5pm
- Thurs, September 7, 2023: 3-5pm
- Thurs, October 5, 2023: 3-5pm
- Tues, October 31, 2023: 3-5pm
- Tues, November 28, 2023: 3-5pm
- No December event

****All events at All Saints****



Sign up for menu reminders @ fareforall.org.

FIX-IT Clinic

Saturday March 18th 2023
12:00pm - 4:00pm
1453 Park Rd Chanhassen, MN 55317

Bring an item you'd like to have fixed
or volunteer to help fix things.

To register visit:
www.co.carver.mn.us and search "fix-it clinic"
Call: (612) 567-1005 or (952) 361-1800
Find: RecycleCarver or A Better Society on Facebook



**a better
society**



What to bring:

- Bicycles
- Vacuums
- Clothes
- Lamps
- Small Electronics
(No smart phones or computers)
- Small Engines
- Radios and Stereos
- Toys
- Small Appliances



Scan here to check out the
Facebook event page!



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Artisan fair
JUNE 3
Historic Downtown Norwood



**Norwood
Young America**
AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Join Us!

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

9 AM - 3 PM

**Historic Downtown
Norwood on Elm Street**

**A DAY OF SHOPPING, LIVE MUSIC, A CAR
SHOW & QUILT SHOW ON
HISTORIC ELM STREET.**

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more than a place, it's home.

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Norwood Young America, MN 55368
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nyafirechief@gmail.com

After hours City emergency
(i.e watermain break, sewer backup),
call 952-769-7284.

January

Sun, Jan 29: St. John's School Chili Feed & Silent Auction
10:30am-1pm

February

Wed, Feb 1: NYA Senior Center 10am-2pm Pavilion
Thurs, Feb 2: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm
Tues, Feb 7: Planning Commission Mtg 6pm City Hall
Wed, Feb 8: EDC Mtg 6pm City Hall
Fri, Feb 10: NYA Food Distribution
Mon, Feb 13 City Council Mtg 6pm City Hall
Wed, Feb 15: NYA Senior Center 10am-2pm Pavilion
Thurs, Feb 16: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg 9am City Hall
Mon, Feb 20: City Hall Closed (Presidents' Day)
Mon, Feb 20: Carver County Dairy Expo @ CHS 9:30-3:15pm
Tues, Feb 21: Parks & Rec Mtg 4:45pm City Hall
Mon, Feb 27: Workshop/City Council Mtg 5pm City Hall
Tues, Feb 28: Bloodmobile @ Pavilion

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NYA Food Distributions

2023

NYA City Hall Parking Lot

2:00-3:00pm

- Friday, February 10, 2023
 - Friday, March 3, 2023
 - Friday, April 7, 2023
- Drive-thru event while supplies last.
Event supported through the CAP
Agency and
Carver Co Public Health.

Save the Dates!!!

CITY-WIDE
**NYA GARAGE
SALE**

Wed, April 26-28th
info@nyachamber.org



Just a few reminders...

Hockey & Skating Rink

Due to unseasonably warm weather, City staff continues to work on flooding and building up the ice at the hockey and skating rink at South Park on South Street.

Pet Reminders

You must have your pet licensed annually with the City—\$5/year per pet. Stop at City Hall with up-to-date vaccine papers M-F 8am-4:30pm. Always have your pet on a leash or restraint when walking around town. And please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after them!

ATV/Golf Cart Licenses for 2023

The 2023 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.



With
**Deputy
Voigt**



Winter Reminders

Anyone else tired of the white stuff everywhere? Here are just a few friendly reminders about dealing with snow and ice:

- Turn your lights on! It is a State Law to have your lights on during inclement weather.
- Leave early! Make sure to leave early when traveling—allow that extra time for icy roads or foggy conditions.
- In an emergency, the fire department response time has a lot to do with accessibility. Do you have a fire hydrant on your property? During future snow events, and as a courtesy to the fire department, shovel the snow 3 feet all the way around the hydrant.

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