

## A Message From Mayor Lagergren



February is when we recognize those individuals who improve our lives. One of my favorite quotes is by Phil Jackson: ***The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.*** The City of Norwood Young America has a fantastic group of thoughtful, dedicated individuals we call our staff. This newsletter is a chance to celebrate their contributions.

**Administration:** City Administrator Andrea Aukrust is ultimately responsible for everything that happens throughout the city. She maintains the vision of the community — ***shaping a strong and diverse economy and quality neighborhoods through planned, economical, and sustainable growth.*** She is the liaison between the City Council and City Staff. Her job is all-encompassing. City Clerk Angela Brumbaugh is the official keeper of city

records and supports the City Administrator and City Council. She is responsible for posting all city meetings, maintaining council minutes, and signing all official documents. In addition, she serves as the city's head election official.

**Finance Department:** The City's Finance Director, Angela Brumbaugh (yes, she has a dual role), is responsible for maintaining the city's budgets, both revenues and expenses. Accounting Clerk Alicia Menzel is responsible for utility billing and accounts payable. She also serves as the face of city staff to the community, welcoming visitors to City Hall.

**Community and Economic Development:** The Community and Economic Development Director, Karen Hallquist, is the first point of contact for new business inquiries — residential, commercial, and industrial. She is also the individual who supports businesses that are looking to expand and grow. In addition, she working with the Parks and Recreation Commission to recommend changes and/or enhancements to the City Council. Another big part of her job is marketing — she is responsible for community engagement through the city newsletter, website and social media accounts, and representing the city with county, state, and federal representatives. Cristi Kinkel, her assistant, supports all the work done in the community and economic development department, as well as being another welcoming presence at the front desk of City Hall.

**Public Services:** The Public Works staff, Randy Clay, Mark Streich, Joel Decker, Sam Starke, and Nathan Roy, are responsible for maintaining our city streets, parks, and trails. This includes plowing, patching, mowing, monitoring, and trimming trees along the boulevards. They are also responsible for all city buildings, the City Pool, and the City Compost/Recycling sites. In addition, Public Works is responsible for maintaining the city's fleet of vehicles. Public Utilities staff Paul Dhoore and Rod Jaus maintain the city's wastewater and water treatment plants. They ensure that our water is safe to drink and that our wastewater is safe to release into the environment. They are also responsible for maintaining city infrastructure and hydrants — you may see city trucks around town flushing hydrants and jetting lines.

Our staff is amazing — not only are they responsible for the jobs listed above, but they also spend time cross-training to support their colleagues when things get challenging. These individuals truly are fabulous examples of a **TEAM** where ***Together, Everyone Achieves More.*** Without them, our community wouldn't be the fabulous, welcoming place where people say —

***Norwood Young America is more than a place; it's home!***  
Mayor Carol Lagergren



City Public Service Staff (left to right):  
Sam Starke, Paul Dhoore, Joel Decker, Mark Streich, Rod Jaus, Nathan Roy, Randy Clay



## Congratulations, Pretzel!

The NYA City Council and members of seven local fire departments recognized the retirement of Norwood Young America Fire Fighter Jason "Pretzel" Franck on his 29 years with the NYA Fire Department at the January 23rd Council meeting. Fire Chief Steve Zumberge and Mayor Lagergren congratulated and thanked Franck on his amazing dedication and service to the NYA and surrounding communities. Franck is one of two current members of the department who served on the fire department before the Norwood and Young America town merger.



# NYA News & Updates



## Carver County Announces Changes to the 2023 Spring Special Waste Collection

CHASKA, MINN. February 15, 2023 — Carver County Environmental Services announced that it will be changing the location of the 2023 Spring Special Waste Collection.

For nearly 30 years Carver County has successfully held a Spring Special Waste Collection event in the City of Norwood Young America at Central High School. Due to a major construction project at the High School, this year's collection event will be relocated to the Carver County Public Works Facility in Cologne, MN. Carver County hopes to return to Norwood Young America for a Special Waste Collection in the spring of 2024. Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, the 2023 spring collection will be open to Carver County residents at the Carver County Public Works Facility, 11360 US HWY 212, Cologne MN.

This event is a good opportunity for residents to dispose of unwanted items that should not be thrown in the trash. The event is open to all Carver County residents and accepts residential waste only, no business waste will be accepted.

**Items accepted:** tires, appliances, electronics items, scrap metal and household hazardous wastes (paints, cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent lamps, automotive fluids, etc.). A fee will be charged for disposal of some items (appliances, tires, televisions, computer monitors, gasoline powered equipment and bicycles). A full items listing and price list is available at: [www.recyclecarver.org](http://www.recyclecarver.org) search Event Collections.

**Items not accepted:** household garbage, furniture, mattresses, paper/carboard/plastic recycling, and oil or household hazardous waste in containers larger than 5 gallons in size.

If you have any questions please contact Carver County Environmental Services at 952-361-1809 or visit our website.

Contact: Michael Mrotz, Senior Environmentalist, Carver County Environmental Services, [mmrotz@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:mmrotz@co.carver.mn.us)



We might be buried under ten feet of snow, but exciting things are happening in Norwood Young America! The City has opened the bidding process for the new Old Town project! The information is on the City website at [www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) and building renderings are available for viewing at City Hall. Contractor bids are due to Kaeding Architecture by February 23rd, and local subcontractors are to be contacted by all bidders on the project. The project will get started as soon as the weather permits—exciting! Watch for updates on social media and future City newsletters.

## Welcome to NYA, Silverthorn Photography!

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce and City of NYA welcomed owner Anna Silverthorn of Silverthorn Photography at a ribbon cutting on Wed, February 15th. Silverthorn provides "portrait and branding photography" and is located at 223 W Elm Street. For more information on Anna's services, call 612-562-8231 or visit [silverthornphotographyllc.com](http://silverthornphotographyllc.com).



## Carver County News: How to Remove Stubborn Ice

Learn tips to remove ice while protecting waters—Carver County Water Management Organization Feb 15, 2022



Late winter can have lots of ice build up. If you have slippery or dangerous ice on your walkways, follow these tips to remove the ice using the right amount of salt.

1. Do not rely on ONLY salt to remove ice. Grab an ice chipper. These two together can make quick work of ice.
2. Wait for a warmer temperature day, high 20s to low 30s.
3. Sprinkle de-icing salt widely. Walk away for awhile and let it do its work. In warmer temperatures, it will work faster. Regular sodium chloride salt will not work below 15F.
4. When the salt has disappeared and dissolved into the ice, grab an ice chipper and chip and scrape the ice away.
5. Using just a bit of salt can loosen the ice for you to chip away and protects lakes and rivers from chloride pollution.





## Lunch & Learn Session Success

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission recently hosted a Lunch & Learn Session "Senior Chair Yoga" at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion. Health Coach Janelle Wilkens of OnPoint Nutrition shared the benefits of chair yoga. Thank you to Carver County Public Health and SHIP (State Health Improvement Program) for funding the complimentary Subway lunch!

Save the dates! The NYA Senior Advisory Commission will be hosting additional Lunch & Learn Sessions on Wednesday, May 24th and Wednesday, September 27th. Representatives from SMRLS (Southern MN Regional Legal Services) and MEJC (Minnesota Elder Justice Center) will be presenting the following important topics:

- Your Right to Stay: Assisted Living and Nursing Home Rights
- Social Security Tips for Seniors
- Know Your Rights: Health Care Directives & Powers of Attorney
- Tips to Avoid Probate

All seniors are invited to attend these free events. Watch for more details in future city newsletters.

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission meets the third Thursday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall. All NYA senior residents (over 55) are welcome to attend.



## 6th Annual Free Pizza & Fire Safety Delivery Night

On March 12th from 4-7pm, the NYA Fire Department and Waconia Unhinged Pizza will have the annual event to deliver pizzas and batteries to residence in the NYA Fire district. People will receive one free medium cheese pizza and batteries for their smoke detectors. To place an order, go online to Unhinged and select Waconia and enter "free cheese" in the comment section. You will also receive 15% off any additional food ordered online or call the store that night to place an order at 952-442-2030. Please message the NYA Fire Department on Facebook for any questions.



With  
Deputy Voigt



## Do you have a need for medication disposal?

Carver County has a medicine take back program called "Take It To The Box." The Take It To The Box program promotes the safe use, safe storage and safe disposal of unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications. This includes both human and animal medications along with illegal drugs.

- ⇒ Chanhassen City Hall (7700 Market Blvd) M-F 8am-4:30pm
- ⇒ Waconia City Hall (201 Vine St S) 7 days a week/24 hrs a day
- ⇒ Chaska Sheriff's Office (606 E 4th St) 7 days a week/24 hrs a day

### What do you do?

Leave medication in the original container. Remove your name or other identifying info. Leave the name of the medication. Drop medication into the disposal box opening at any of the three locations.

**Yes, they do accept:** Prescription medicines, controlled substances, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, supplements, pet medicines

**No, they do NOT accept:** Needles, sharps or syringes, medicines from: healthcare facilities, clinics, pharmacies, pharmaceutical reps, veterinary clinics, vaping devices or e-cigarettes.

To contact Deputy Jordan Voigt, please call 952-361-1248 or email [jvoigt@co.carver.mn.us](mailto:jvoigt@co.carver.mn.us). For a non-emergency event call 952-361-1231. When in doubt, call 911.



# NYA Events



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood Drive**  
Tuesday, February 28, 2023  
Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion  
21 E Main Street, NYA

Sponsored by Legion Auxiliary  
Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit  
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: NYA

Maximize your blood donation. Help more patients!  
If you are an eligible type O, B- or A- donor,  
consider making a Power Red donation.  
Red blood cells are the most commonly transfused blood component.

For questions, please contact LaVonne at 952-467-3214.



**"K-C Fish Fry"**  
Inside Seating & Drive-Thru Available  
No Seconds available

**Friday, March 3rd**

Church of the Ascension  
Norwood-Young America

**11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

(or until the fish is gone)

Crispy Alaskan Pollock, baked potato,  
bread, coleslaw, baked beans, water & cookies

**Cost per meal \$15.00**



## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic

February 24, 2023 | 1:30 pm-4:30 pm  
Lakeview Clinic - Norwood Young America  
(406 N Faxon Rd, Norwood Young America, MN)

- Clinic for individuals age 6 months+
- Primary series and bivalent boosters of Pfizer and Moderna vaccine available
- Questions? Call (952) 361-1559
- Walk-ins welcome or register now!



View upcoming vaccine clinics & register at  
<https://bit.ly/3BVYp7e>

## NYA FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION DELIVERY FOR OLDER ADULTS

New delivery program for older adults (65+) who are homebound, have mobility issues, and/or lack transportation. Must live in 55339, 55367, 55368, or 55397 zip codes. Must be at home to receive the delivery.



### Upcoming dates and order deadlines:

Feb. 10 (order by Feb. 6)  
March 3 (order by Feb. 24)  
April 7 (order by March 31)

To order, contact Shelly at  
952-243-0883 or sign up at  
[forms.gle/FIXLhauQ5muWdkm86](https://forms.gle/FIXLhauQ5muWdkm86)



for more information, go to  
[www.findfoodcarvercounty.org/delivery](http://www.findfoodcarvercounty.org/delivery)

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## BOOK SALE



## Friends of the Norwood Young America Library Book Sale

Thursday, March 16 from 1:00 to 8:00pm

Friday, March 17 from 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday, March 18 from 1:00 to 4:00pm

**SAVE THE DATES:** Saturday, June 3 from 9:00am-3:00pm  
(outdoors in conjunction with the Springfest Artisan Fair & Quilt Show  
October 26-28, 2023

\*\*Also accepting gently used book donations\*\*



**PRESENTS:**



[WWW.NYACHAMBER.ORG](http://WWW.NYACHAMBER.ORG)

**ARTISAN VENDORS**

**CAR SHOW**

**FOOD TRUCKS & COFFEE**

**LIVE MUSIC**

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

**QUILT SHOW**

**& MORE**

**EXPLORE & SHOP HISTORIC  
DOWNTOWN NORWOOD, ELM ST.**



# NYA Clean Up/Clean Out Opportunities



## 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 these 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.

## NYA Compost Site

640 Tacoma Blvd

(located within the Tacoma West Industrial Park)

The NYA Compost Site is available to citizens who reside within the city limits of Norwood Young America.

The site is open dawn to dusk. There is no charge for disposal of yard, garden and tree waste. Watch for specific areas for dropping off your yard waste. Please do not dump any garbage at this site!



## Norwood Young America COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE April 26-28, 2023



## NYA Spring Clean Up Day

This **FREE** event is for **NYA CITY RESIDENTS ONLY** who reside within the city limits only — businesses are not included. This drop-off event is for non-hazardous household waste/junk. Participants will be asked to show proof of residency such as a driver's license and/or water bill. This drop-off event is for all residential dwellings including apartments and manufactured homes.

### ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE/JUNK—ITEMS FOR DROP-OFF

- ◆ Furniture items (couches, chairs, tables, lamps, mattresses, box springs, etc.)
- ◆ Small amounts of remodeling materials (carpet, siding, drywall, blocks, bricks, etc.)
- ◆ Misc. items such as kids' toys, playground sets, doors, windows, toilets, etc.
- ◆ Participants are asked to bag and box the loose materials as much as possible

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- ◆ Regular household weekly garbage or recyclable items
- ◆ Vehicle tires, appliances, any electronics, batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, prescription drugs
- ◆ No hazardous waste such as paints, liquids, chemicals, asbestos materials, herbicides, pesticides, household cleaning products, lawn chemicals, lighter fluid, mothballs, lye, pool chemicals, nail polish remover, solvents, spot removers, stains and finishers, etc.
- ◆ No motor oil/filters, oil rags, petroleum products/containers, anti-freeze, brake fluid
- ◆ Fluorescent tubes/lights, incandescent light bulbs
- ◆ Cement, asphalt, large quantities of demo material
- ◆ No yard waste (grass clippings, shrubs, plants, tree limbs, leaves, garden waste)



## Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Event

Saturday, May 21, 2023 8am—Noon  
Carver County Public Works  
11360 US Hwy 212, Cologne, MN

All Carver County residents are welcome to utilize these collections.

### Accepting from Residents:

Appliances  
Fluorescent Lamps  
Auto Fluids  
Other Household Chemicals

E-Waste  
Scrap Metal  
Paint  
Tires



Disposal fees apply to certain items. Please contact Environmental Services for pricing specifics and information on management of business waste.

**\* No Furniture \* No Mattresses \* No Garbage \***

Recycling items will not be accepted. Recycling items can be dropped off at Carver County's Recycling Site located at 421 Railroad St W.

Saturday, April 29th  
8:00am—10:00am

Central Elementary School South Parking  
655 7th Street SW (watch for signs)

## FREE Paper Shredding!

Citizens State Bank, in partnership with the City of NYA, will provide an on-site paper shredding truck. No binders accepted—four(4) box limit.



Norwood Young America  
310 Elm Street West - PO Box 59  
Norwood Young America, MN 55368  
952-467-1800

## City Council

Mayor Carol Lagergren  
952-467-2376

Council Member Brooke Allen  
218-404-6172

Council Member Mike McPadden  
952-467-3994

Council Member Alan Krueger  
952-467-3317

Council Member Charlie Storms  
952-467-2014

Email: [Info@cityofnya.com](mailto:Info@cityofnya.com) for any  
comments or questions.

## City Hall Staff

City Administrator Andrea Aukrust

Clerk-Finance Director  
Angela Brumbaugh

Community & Economic Dev Director  
Karen Hallquist

Accounting Clerk Alicia Menzel

Community & Economic Dev Admin.  
Assistant  
Cristi Kinkel

Fire Chief Steve ZumBerge  
507-469-9145

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## Save the dates!

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

### February

Mon, Feb 20—Carver County Dairy Expo @ CHS  
Tues, Feb 28—Blood Drive @ Pavilion

### March

Thurs, Mar 2: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm  
Fri, Mar 3: NYA Food Distribution 2-3pm  
Tues, Mar 7: Planning Commission Mtg 6pm City Hall  
Wed, Mar 8: EDC Mtg 6pm City Hall  
Mon, Mar 13 City Council Mtg 6pm City Hall  
Wed, Mar 15: NYA Senior Center 10am-2pm Pavilion  
Thurs, Mar 16: NYA Library Book Sale 1-8pm  
Thurs, Mar 16: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg 9am City Hall  
Fri, Mar 17: NYA Library Book Sale 10am-5pm  
Sat, Mar 18: NYA Library Book Sale 1-4pm  
Tues, Mar 21: Parks & Rec Mtg 5:15pm City Hall  
Mon, Mar 27: Workshop/City Council Mtg 5pm City Hall  
Thurs, Mar 30: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm

Sign up for automatic Direct Pay for  
your monthly water/sewer bill. Visit  
[www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) for the Direct  
Payment Authorization form or  
stop by City Hall to pick up a form.

### NYA Food Distributions 2023

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

- Friday, March 3, 2023
  - Friday, April 7, 2023
  - Friday, May 5, 2023
- Drive-thru event while supplies last.  
Event supported through the CAP  
Agency and  
Carver Co Public Health.

**Interested in a garden plot for the 2023 growing year?**  
**Call City Hall to reserve your spot—952-467-1800**

## 2023 Lifeguards

The City of Norwood Young America is currently seeking  
Lifeguards and/or WSI Certified Lifeguards for the 2023 Sum-  
mer Season. Applications will be accepted until the positions  
are filled. Applications are available at City Hall or visit  
[www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com) (select How Do I, Apply For a Job). Please  
contact Angela at 952-467-1807 or email  
[cityclerk@cityofnya.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofnya.com) with any questions.



## Dog Licenses for 2023

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 2023

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.

## Norwood Young America Fire Department wants you!

The Norwood Young America Fire Department is a paid-on-call fire department that  
provides emergency response services for the City of Norwood Young America. The  
department is also currently responsible for responding to emergencies in parts of the  
surrounding townships of: Hancock, Camden, Young America, Waconia and Benton.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
minimum of 18 years of age  
ma or female  
License  
of fire station



- \* Must be a  
High School Diplo-
- \* Valid Minnesota Drivers
- \* Must live within reasonable time



If you would like to be considered for a  
position with the NYA FD, contact Fire Chief ZumBerge at NYA City Hall at 952-467-  
1800 or visit the city website at [www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com).