

A Message From the Council

Writer Anita Krizzan is correct! Spring is in the air ... the sun is shining again, the birds are singing again, and the grass is showing again. It's time to talk about all the wonderful opportunities and amenities available in our community.

Trail System: Did you know that the City of Norwood Young America has approximately 13 miles of side-walks/trails throughout the community? These sidewalks and trails are designed to ensure that citizens can travel throughout the community safely and effectively by walking, jogging, or biking.

Spring Clean-up Day: This year's spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 29th from 8-10am at a new location—**Central Elementary Parking Lot**. Friendly reminder - you must live within city limits to participate in this free event. More information available inside the newsletter.

West Carver Community Pool: We are blessed to be the only community in Carver County with an outside pool. With school ending early this year, it's time to start thinking about signing your children up for swimming lessons. Don't forget we have a "Puddle Jumpers" course for toddlers. More information on schedules will become available in May.

Springfest: Kudos to the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce for recognizing the need for community members to come together to celebrate great food, great music, and amazing arts and crafts. Springfest Artisan Fair will be held on June 3rd in Historic Downtown Norwood on Elm Street. We hope to see you there!

Music in the Park: Thanks to Central Schools Community Education Department, Music in the Park will again be a part of our summer schedule. The first concert will be on Thursday, June 15th by Norwood Young America's hometown band "Up South."

Road Construction: We are again starting the Road Construction season. This summer, look for updates to the railroad crossings at Faxon Road and Tacoma Avenue. Look for a reconstruction of Merger Street (on the west side of the Post Office) and look for new sealcoating on Wilson and Hill Streets. In addition, the supplies have now become available for our public works staff to start filling in the potholes around town. Thank you for your patience as we continue to update our streets.

Spring will come and so will happiness ... Happiness is living in Norwood Young America because it's more than a place, IT'S HOME!



Each month the City of NYA newsletter will be sharing a "Did You Know..." about some sort of history of the Norwood Young America community. Interested in learning more? Visit the Willkommen Heritage Center at 102 Main Street E, Historic Downtown Young America. Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm.

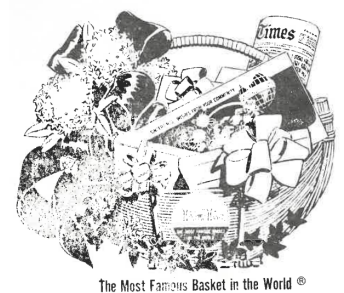
Did You Know...

The communities of Norwood and Young America participated in "The Welcome Wagon," the original formalized greeting service (which was known for having the "most famous basket in the world,"), established in 1928 in Memphis, Tenn. The community participated from July 1977 to at least January 1981. In that time, 288 newcomers were welcomed with The Welcome Wagon basket. The business community noticed new homes and new people coming into the area at a rapid rate and sponsored the baskets and visits. A call was made to the newcomer, the Welcome Wagon host paid a visit with the full basket of goodies which included information from the business sponsor along with civic information on local services.

Today...

Starting May 1, 2023, the City of NYA will be sending out "Willkommen to Norwood Young America" packets to all new residents of Norwood Young America. These packets will include information about local amenities, parks, schools, local healthcare, the business community, civic organizations, non-profit organizations, worship centers, utility communications, Stiftungsfest and more. The packets will also be used for marketing purposes with potential businesses and developers. Copies of the packets will also be available to pick up at City Hall after May 1st.

THE WELCOME WAGON





Happenings at the NYA Library

After 26 years of wonderful service at the Carver County Library and most of that time at the Norwood Young America branch, Kathleen McDonald has announced her retirement. The Library will be hosting an open house for Kathleen at the Norwood Young America Library on Friday, April 21st (her last day) from 3-5 pm. Please join us in wishing Kathleen well on her retirement journey. Cake and refreshments will be served.

A Financial Assistance Specialist is available at the Norwood Young America Library on the second Tuesday of the month from 10 am-12 pm and on the fourth Tuesday from 1 to 3 pm to help with your current assistance benefits (SNAP, Cash, & Health Care), applying for benefits, and answering general questions.

Storytime for pre-K children is every Tuesday and Friday morning at 10:30 am at the NYA Library with many other programs for children of all ages throughout the month. For more information, visit www.carverlib.org.



NYA Skate Park Update

In the early 2000's, a neighborhood watch group proposed a skate park to the City as they were passionate about bringing the sport of skateboarding to the NYA area. The City formalized an agreement with Central Public Schools to lease the land (behind the Dairy Queen) for \$1 to install equipment and features for a skate park.

The NYA Parks & Recreation Commission has been working on a detailed All-Parks assessment. Discussions include health and safety concerns, and "quality parks over quantity." At the review of the NYA Skate Park, it was determined the features and equipment have been used to their maximum capacity and unsafe. To improve the park to its original caliber, the investment would not be worth the return given the change in outdoor recreational sports throughout many decades. The City Council was presented the recommendation at their March 27, 2023, meeting and approved the decommission the NYA Skate Park as a City park. As of May 1, 2023, City staff will have disposed of the weathered equipment and features. The current pavement and fences will remain as Central Public Schools is working on plans for the outdoor recreational sport area.

NYA Senior Advisory Commission Lunch & Learn Session – Senior Rights!

"Know Your Rights: Healthcare Directives and Powers of Attorney" and "Tips to Avoid Probate"

Join the NYA Senior Advisory Commission on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, from 11am-1pm at the Willkomment Memorial Pavilion, as they welcome staff attorney's Laura Orr (MEJC) and Rachael Funk (SMRLS). This is a FREE event with a complimentary lunch funded by SHIP and Carver County Public Health.

Laura Orr is a staff attorney with the Minnesota Elder Justice Center (MEJC). MEJC works to prevent and alleviate abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older adults and vulnerable adults throughout the state. Laura joined MEJC after serving clients for nearly ten years as part of SMRLS' Legal Advocacy for Older People. As a staff attorney, Laura provides advocacy and legal services to individuals seeking to regain personal autonomy and end abusive treatment.

Laura will lead the "Know Your Rights: Healthcare Directives and Powers of Attorney" presentation focusing on powers of attorney and healthcare directives as different tools for empowering another person to make decisions for you if you cannot. Learn what each document does and how to create or change one.

Rachael Funk is a staff attorney in the Legal Assistance for Older People project at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS). SMRLS provides free legal services to people in social and economic need in 33 counties of Minnesota. Prior to her work at SMRLS, Rachael was a Senior Staff Attorney at New York Legal Assistance Group in the Disability Advocacy Project for over 3 years. She handled Social Security disability cases and non-disability termination issues.

Rachael will lead the "Tips to Avoid Probate" presentation which will focus on what probate is and the legal process for settling the estate of a person after death. An estate includes the property the person owns and the debts they owe. A person may plan ahead to transfer property or money after death without needing probate. Learn about the options during this presentation.



**Call Cristi at
City Hall at
952-467-1800 if
you are interested
in a garden plot
for the 2023
growing season!
There are still a
few spots left!**



SAVE THE DATE!

**Memorial Day
Program
Monday, May 29th
10:30am
NYA Legion Park
Lunch to follow for
all Veterans.**



NYA West Carver Lions Club's Spring Plant Sale

Proceeds generated from this fundraiser will be used for community projects!

Date: Saturday, May 13, 2023—Rain or Shine!!

Time: 7:30am until sold out

Where: Home Solutions Parking Lot (Faxon Rd N, NYA)

- Annuals, Perennials, More Patio Pots & More Baskets!
- Kick off Spring with beautiful flowers!
- Enjoy Elephant Joe's Coffee Truck!
- Welcome bees, birds, and butterflies to your garden!



Music in the Park Series (Thursday evenings at 6:30pm) NYA Legion Park

June 15, 2023	UpSouth
June 22, 2023	Czech Area Concertina
June 29, 2023	Castaways
July 13, 2023	Everett Smithson Band
July 20, 2023	Jolly Ramblers
July 27, 2023	Swinging Country

Free for all!
Organized by Dist 108 Community Ed



PRESENTS:



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CAR SHOW

FOOD TRUCKS & COFFEE

LIVE MUSIC

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

QUILT SHOW

& MORE

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



FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION
DISTRIBUCIÓN DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS

ALL ARE WELCOME
TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS
DRIVE-THRU, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST
MIENTRAS HAYA PROVISIONES

**NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA
CITY HALL: 310 ELM ST. W.**

12:30-1:30 PM

MAY 3, JUNE 7, JULY 12

new dates

Want to volunteer? Sign up at: www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c4aafab28a6f94-carver1

Sponsored by CAP Agency/Esperanza, City of Chaska, City of Norwood Young America,
St. John's Lutheran Church and Carver County

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:

April 7 (order by March 31)
May 3 (order by April 26)
June 7 (order by May 31)

To order, contact Shelly at
952-243-0883 or sign up at
forms.gle/F1XLhauQ5muWdkm86

for more information, go to
www.findfoodcarvercounty.org/delivery





Small Business Basics: "10 Things You Need to Know"

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
21 E Main Street, Norwood Young America

NextStage is a local non-profit corporation focused on providing support, training, and financing assistance to Twin Cities metro area entrepreneurs through their planning, start-up, and growth phases. Lee Hall, NextStage founder and Scott/Carver County business advisor, has worked in the entrepreneurial development space for over 20 years, providing FREE one-on-one coaching to thousands of early-stage entrepreneurs and growing small business ventures.



5:00 p.m. Networking Social

6:00 p.m. Presentation

Lee Hall, Owner/Business Advisor NextStage
Local Small Business Panel "How did they do it?"



Mike Herrmann, Owner Carquest NYA
Tricia Mackenthun, Owner Floral Defined, LLC
Erin Allard, Owner Seams Like a Good Idea
Alice Bunn, Owner Alli B's Coffee & Boutique

Want to start your own business?

Is your house becoming too small for your business?

Looking to expand and not sure how?

The NYA Economic Development Commission and NYA Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes new, existing, and home-based entrepreneurs to this FREE event who are looking to take the next step in advancing their business!

Please RSVP to economicdev@cityofnfa.com or call 952-467-1810.

NYA Senior Center

10am—2pm

1st and 3rd Wed
of each month

(April 19, May 3, May 17)

Willkommen
Memorial Pavilion



Bingo, 500, Sheephead,
Cribbage and more!

Free lunch served

All 55+ adults
welcome!!

Hosted by the
NYA Senior Advisory
Commission



162nd Stiftungsfest

August 24-27, 2023

SAVE THE DATES!!

Watch for information on event registrations & locations, entertainment and music schedules at www.stiftungsfest.org or check out the Stiftungsfest Norwood Young America Facebook page!



www.stiftungsfest.org

NYA Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

18 Hole—4 Person Scramble

Friday, May 19, 2023

Check-in: 9am Shotgun Start: 10am
Glencoe Country Club, 1325 1st St E, Glencoe MN

50/50 Raffle * Longest Drive * Par 3 Contests * Closest to the Pin

Questions? Email finnertyryan@smn.com

Registrations available at www.nyachamber.org

(Chamber Membership Not Required)

Proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund.





NYA Spring Clean Up Day

This **FREE** event is for **NYA CITY RESIDENTS** 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, wall, concrete blocks, bricks, etc.)
- ◆ Miscellaneous items such as kids toys, playground sets, dows, 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 guishers, 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)

Saturday, April 29th
8:00am—10:00am

****NEW LOCATION****

Central Elementary Parking Lot 655
7th St SW (map on back page)

Please Note!!
NEW Location dry-
for this event! disposal
Central Elem Parking
Lot—See Map on Back
No paper shredding services
are available this year.



The **Carver County Rural Recycling Drop-Off** Site in Norwood Young America is open to all residents and businesses year-round for general recyclables—fibers, plastics, metal and glass.

Location: 421 W Railroad Street, NYA(SW corner of Railroad & Reform)

Hours: April—November: Wednesday 3pm–6pm; Saturday 8am—12pm



Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Event

Saturday, May 20, 2023

8am—Noon

Carver County Public Works
11360 US Hwy 212
Cologne, MN 55322

**All Carver County residents are welcome to
utilize these collections.**

Accepting from Residents:

Appliances	E-Waste
Fluorescent Lamps	Scrap Metal
Auto Fluids	Paint
Other Household Chemicals	Tires



For a full list of available items, visit www.recyclecarver.org or call 952-361-1809. 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.

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.

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!





2023 NYA Residential Spring Clean Up Day

This FREE event is for **NYA CITY RESIDENTS** who reside within the city limits ONLY. ID's will be checked.

**Exit 7th St SW
to CR 33**

7th Street SW

Central
Elementary
School

Junk Drop Off

Kwik Trip

Central High/Middle School

Morse Street

**Enter Morse Street
from Hwy 212**

Watch for signs!

Please stay in your car—a volunteer will assist with unloading.

212

Morse St N

East St N

Faxon Rd

Central Ave S

5th St SW

Valhalla Dr

Webster St W

3rd Ave SW

son St W

Clean up after your pets!

Carver County Water Management Organization—April 2023

Always make sure you're picking up after your pets, whether on a walk or in your own backyard! Your dog's poop can directly contribute to poor water quality and human health issues. In fact, pet waste is one of the leading causes of pollution in urban watersheds.

The Environmental Protection Agency classifies dog poop as a pollutant, and for good reason! As carnivores, dogs have diets rich in nitrogen and phosphorus. Nitrogen is commonly used as a fertilizer for our plants, but the concentration of nitrogen in dog poop is so great that it can damage plant roots and stunt their growth! If dog poop gets into water systems, the high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus can also cause algae blooms, which suffocate other aquatic life and make our lakes, streams, and ponds unhealthy and unenjoyable.

Pet waste is also a haven for dangerous pathogens and parasites, including *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Staphylococcus*, *Giardia*, round worms, and tapeworms. Dog poop may also contain antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can spread to humans and are much more difficult to treat!

Pet waste left behind can make its way into storm drains during rain. Pet waste does not go to wastewater treatment facilities for decontamination! Anything that gets into stormwater runoff has a direct path to our waterways, including all those excessive nutrients and nasty pathogens!



**Opening Date
Coming Soon!**

**Pool passes are now
available for purchase
at NYA City Hall.**

5% service charge added credit card transactions.

Rates

Daily Rate	\$5.00
Twilight Rate (evening open swim)	\$3.00
Pool Passes - Single Pass	\$60.00
Family Pass (up to 5, \$10 each additional)	\$140.00
Ten (10) Punch card	\$35.00
(2022 passes not accepted, No Refunds)	

****Swimming Lesson dates/
times coming soon!!!**

Watch FB, City website & May newsletter

Regular Swimming Lesson Session	\$45.00
Private (1 on 1 lessons)	\$110.00
Family Private (3 family members in similar levels)	\$65.00 each



**With
Deputy
Voigt**



Park Reminders

Hope you are all enjoying the great weather we have been having! Just a few friendly reminders when visiting one of our many local parks this spring:

- ⇒ Parks are open dawn to dusk.
- ⇒ All pets must be on a leash.
- ⇒ Dogs and cats are allowed in the parks of the city, but NOT on athletic fields or in the children's playground equipment areas.
- ⇒ Pet owners are required to pick up and dispose of all litter and/or feces left by the dog or cat.
- ⇒ Carver County Curfew for Juveniles:

Age	Weekdays	Fri & Sat
Under 12	Home by 9pm	Home by 10pm
Age 12-14	Home by 10pm	Home by 11pm
Age 15-17	Home by 11pm	Home by midnight

Solicitor Permits

Spring is also that time of year for solicitors to be out knocking on doors. Soliciting is legal...IF they have physical proof of a Solicitor's License signed by City of Norwood Young America administrators. If someone comes to your door offering to sell something, they MUST have the License with them at all times. If they do not, you are welcomed to report the incident to the Carver Co Non-Emergency Line at 952-361-1231. Carver County Attorney's Office 952-361-1400 Deputy Jordan Voigt 952-361-1248

It's Poppy Season!

The end of April and the month of May you will begin to see American Legion Auxiliary and VFW Auxiliary Women of NYA out and about giving away a Red Poppy for you to wear proudly to show your patriotism. They do NOT sell the poppies! Although donations are welcome :) All donations received will be used to support veterans in our community and surrounds areas.



Prom at the Willkommen Heritage Center

Stop by the Willkommen Heritage Center on Saturday, April 22nd from 10am-2pm to view over 40 prom dresses and accessories from the decades! A free lunch and punch will be served. All ages welcome!

102 Main Street E





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Norwood Young America, MN 55368
952-467-1800

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



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Save the dates!

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

April

Thur, Apr 20: Senior Advisory Commission 9am
Sat, Apr 22: Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Banquet—Pavilion
Mon, Apr 24: City Council @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Apr 26-28: NYA City Wide Garage Sales
Sat, Apr 29: NYA Spring Clean Up Day - Central Elem. 8-10am

May

Tues, May 2: Red Cross Bloodmobile 12pm Pavilion
Tues, May 2: Planning Commission 6pm City Hall
Wed, May 3: NYA Food Distribution 12:30-1:30pm
Wed, May 3: Small Business event 5pm Pavilion
Fri, May 5: Central High School Graduation 7pm
Mon, May 8: City Council Mtg 6pm City Hall
Wed, May 10: EDC Mtg 6pm City Hall
Sat, May 13: Lions Plant Sale 7:30am Home Solutions Parking Lot
Tues, May 16: Parks & Rec Mtg 5:15pm City Hall
Thurs, May 18: Senior Advisory Commission 9am City Hall
Fri, May 19: Chamber Golf Scramble
Mon, May 22: Workshop/City Council Mtg 5pm City Hall
Wed, May 24: Senior Advisory Lunch & Learn 11am-1pm Pavilion

NYA Food Distributions 2023

NYA City Hall Parking Lot

12:30-1:30pm

NEW DATES/TIME!

1st Wed of each Month

- Wednesday, May 3rd
- Wednesday, June 7th
- Wednesday, July 12th
(2nd Wed due to holiday)

NEW dates and time to accommodate
Second Harvest food delivery changes.
Drive-thru event while supplies last.
Event supported through the CAP
Agency and
Carver Co Public Health.

2023 Lifeguards Wanted

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



Custodial Position Available

The City of NYA is currently accepting applications for a part-time custodian (potential nights and weekends). Please contact Angela at City Hall at 952-467-1807 or www.cityofnyc.com for more information.

Commission Seats Available

The NYA Economic Development Commission (meetings 2nd Wednesday each month at 6pm) has two commission seats available. Applicants must live or own a business within the city limits of Norwood Young America. Contact economicdev@cityofnyc.com if you are interested.

Dog Licenses—Love them. Leash them. License them.

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

Sump Pump Regulations

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

Golf Cart/ATV Permit

Chapter 7 of the NYA City Code allows for a person to drive a Golf Cart (from April 1st to November 1st only) or Class 2 ATV on City streets as long as a 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.

2022 Consumer Confidence Report

The 2022 Consumer Confidence Report for NYA will not be published or mailed, but is available at <https://www.cityofnyc.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2022-Drinking-Water-Report.pdf>
To request a paper copy, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800.

Sign up for automatic
Direct Pay for your monthly
water/sewer bill. Visit
www.cityofnyc.com for the
Direct Payment
Authorization form or
stop by City Hall
to pick up a form.