



MAY  
2023

## Message From The Council

Commissioner John Fahey shared some highlights from the Carver County Board at a recent City Council meeting. As he reviewed the fantastic things happening in the county, it was an opportunity to review what we continue to accomplish as a city on the western edge of Carver County's borders.

**Population Growth:** As a county, the population has increased by 17.4% in the past ten years. During that same time, Norwood Young America experienced above-average growth and expanded by approximately 8%! As shared at the recent Small Business Seminar, Norwood Young America has had an 84% success rate for new business retention in the past five years, which is again above average, and is certainly something to celebrate!

**Highway 212 Expansion and Updates:** This summer, work will continue on 3.5 miles of Highway 212 as it passes through Cologne. This work will be focused on repairing concrete pavement, resurfacing and widening road shoulders, and bridge improvements ... AND ... thanks to the hard work of our Commissioners and Carver County staff, an additional \$10 million USDOT grant was awarded to the second phase of the Highway 212 Expansion. This newest grant will support the other overpass at Highway 51 (Bongard's crossing) costs. The final expansion is scheduled to begin in 2024 and finish in 2026.

**Focus on Going Green:** 27,000 county residents visited the Carver County Environmental Center last year. In our community, citizens continue to take advantage of the Railroad Street recycling center on West Railroad Street ... see posted hours and days of service on the fence. In addition, city residents continue to drop off leaves and branches at our local compost site on Tacoma Avenue and pick up black dirt and wood chips. This service is free to all citizens within the city limits. Finally, the local City-Wide Clean Up on April 29th was a HUGE success. This was an opportunity for our city residents to drop off, free of charge, large items that would typically require a drop-off or pick-up fee. Thank you to Waste Management and our Public Works Staff, Joel, and Rod, who helped the event run smoothly!

**Food Distributions:** Carver County Public Health provided needed food to more than 50,000 people at 39 food distributions throughout 2022 ... one of those events was in Norwood Young America. The monthly food distribution in the City Hall Parking Lot will continue through December 2023. (See details inside the newsletter.) Approximately 380 families are provided food from Second Harvest each month to supplement their families' food budget. In addition, the weekly Summer Meals for Kids program (every Thursday, now called the NYA Free Produce Market) restarted at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion on May 18 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. (See inside for additional details.)

So many great things are happening at the County and City level, and sharing them with you each month is a pleasure. At the recent Small Business Seminar, Mayor Lagergren shared the following story: *About two weeks ago, while attending ribbon cuttings of new businesses in town, I heard a similar message from both owners. At Bevens Creek Inn, the owner discussed a partnership with Alli B's Coffee Shop to provide a coffee coupon to those staying at the hotel. At Tin Roof Powder Coating, the owner talked about another business in the city that had been thinking about expanding its marketing and was hoping to work with Tin Roof on a big order. You've all heard "teamwork makes the dream work," but you may not have heard about the acronym TEAM - "Together everyone achieves more."*

**Did you know...** A vast ribbon of history runs through Norwood Young America. Many of you drive it every day, east to Waconia or west to Glencoe. You are driving part of the 3,719-mile-long Yellowstone Trail. The first coast to coast highway built for the northern tier of states in 1912. A small section of The Yellowstone Trail remains in NYA from the corner of Morse Street and Railroad Street West (also known as old 212) to behind Lano Equipment.

The Yellowstone Trail auto route ran from Plymouth, Massachusetts to Seattle, Washington. It was hoped you would stop along the trail and visit Yellowstone National Park in Montana. Sadly, by 1930 the Yellowstone Trail Association had disbanded due to the Great Depression.

**Today...** The Yellowstone Trail Association has been revived to urge travelers to get off the interstates and drive the scenic routes of America. You can travel "A Good Road from Plymouth Rock to Puget Sound." The Willkommen Heritage Center is where to begin your adventure on the Yellowstone Trail in Minnesota. Stop by to pick up your Yellowstone Trail Guide Folder and follow the trail to collect wooden tokens along the way. The cost is only \$5 dollars. Happy Travels! - Information provided by Willkommen Heritage Center



# NYA City & Carver County Happenings



## Memorial Day Program Presenter — Major Emily Cano

Major Emily Cano (pronounced Con-o) serves as the 34th Infantry Division Assistant G1. She joined the MN Army National Guard in March 2008. After Basic Combat Training and Officer Candidate School she became qualified in the Adjutant General branch, which is the equivalent of the Human Resources department. She served as the Strength Manager for the 34th Combat Aviation Brigade and then as the Battalion S1 for 2-147th Assault Helicopter Battalion with a tour in Kuwait. In 2015 she transferred to the Regional Training Institute in the role of Senior Instructor for Minnesota's Officer Candidate School. Then in 2018 she returned to the 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade for another deployment to Kuwait and Iraq, this time as the Brigade S1. After this deployment she transferred to the 34th ID and participated in State Active Duty during the period of civil unrest.

Major Cano's awards and honors include 3 Meritorious Service Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, MN Service Ribbon, MN State Active Duty Ribbon, Combat Action Badge, Army Physical Fitness Badge, and the Adjutant General's Commandant's List.

Outside the military, Emily works full time at Crown College in St. Bonifacius. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Crown and has worked there since 2002 in various roles in the School of Online Studies and Registrar's office. Currently, she's the Director of PSEO and Veterans where she serves 500 high school students and 60 military-connected students.

Emily lives in Lester Prairie with her husband Joey, also a MN National Guard Soldier, and her three children. She's a member of the American Legion Post 601 (New Germany) and Living Rock Church (Norwood Young America).

## Memorial Day Program

The NYA VFW and American Legion will be hosting a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 29th at 10:30am at NYA Legion Park. 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
- 9:10am—Forest Hill Cemetery, NYA
- 9:30am—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.



## Highway 212 in Cologne

MnDOT will repair approximately 3.5 miles of Hwy 212 as it passes through the city of Cologne and portions of Benton and Dahlgren townships.

### Location

Hwy 212 between just west of the western Co. Rd. 36/Hwy 212 intersection in Benton Township and about a half-mile east of the eastern Co. Rd 36/Hwy 212 intersection in Dahlgren Township.

### Summary of Work

- Repair concrete pavement and resurface roadway shoulders
- Repair two bridges over the railroad
- Install cable median barrier and update guardrail
- Widen U-turn shoulders at the Reduces Conflict Intersections

### Traffic Impacts

Motorists can expect lane closures with head-to-head traffic on one side of Hwy 212 during the entire project. A temporary signal will be placed at Hwy 212 and the western Co. Rd 36/Hwy 212 intersection. Hwy 212 access and crossing at Hwy 284 and county roads 53, 41, and 36 (east junction) will be closed or limited with detours.

### Benefits

- Improve drainage
- Improve safety
- Preserve pavement structure
- Smoother ride
- Improve accessibility
- Repair bridges

### Schedule

Construction: On or around June 12th through fall 2023

### Cost

- \$14.9 million

For more information or to sign up for notices, visit: [mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy212cologne/](https://mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy212cologne/)  
Contact: Mark Olson, Metro Communications/Community Liaison: 651-335-2435; [mark.olson@state.mn.us](mailto:mark.olson@state.mn.us)



# NYA Events



## 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



**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/Craft Vendor booths
9 am – 3 pm:	Historic Downtown Norwood Walking Tour
9 am – 3 pm:	Food & Beverages from Local businesses/Food Trucks

### Parking lot Entertainment by the Mural

9 am – 3 pm:	Yard games for all (Bean Bags, Yard Yatzee, Giant Jenga, etc.)
9 am – 11 am:	Youth Art Project
11 am – 3 pm:	Steel Bridges Band

### On Point Nutrition Building

12 pm – 2 pm:	Kids Fitness Activities
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### Silverthorn Photography Building

9 am – 2pm:	Photography Contest Viewing
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### Elm Street/Union Street

11 am – 3 pm:	Classic Car Roll-In
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### NYA Library

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

### Event Sponsored by:

NYA Area Chamber of Commerce,  
City of Norwood Young America & Local Businesses

Scan QR Code  
for more info



## Prairie Dawn Park Thursday, June 1, 2023 9am—11am

Join the NYA Parks & Recreation  
Commission, NYA City Council,  
Boy Scouts Troop 361,  
and West Carver Girl Scouts  
in a fun event of planting trees  
in celebration of Arbor Day!

\*Shade\* Natural Beauty\*  
\*Clean Air\*

\*Bring gloves and a shovel  
\*Games & Activities

\*Free Sapling! (while supplies last)

**All are welcome!**



# 162nd Stiftungsfest

**August 24-27, 2023 \* Willkommen Memorial Park**

Watch for information on event registrations & locations, entertainment and music schedules at  
[www.stiftungsfest.org](http://www.stiftungsfest.org) or check out theStiftungsfest Norwood Young America Facebook page!



## NYA City Bus Weekly Schedule

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tues – Waconia (Mackenthun's, Dollar Store)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues – Glencoe Coborn's
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues – Waconia (Aldi, Target)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tues – Hutchinson (Walmart, Cash Wise)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tues – Glencoe Coborn's

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed – NYA Senior Center (Willkommen Pavilion – Sept-May only)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed – NYA Shopping Day (Kwik Trip, Family Dollar, Marsden Pharmacy)
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**\*\*\$3.00 per rider in NYA\*\***

**\*\*\$5.00 per rider out of town shopping trips\*\***

**\*\*Limit of two (2) reusable shopping bags per rider\*\***

**\*\*All NYA Senior residents are welcome to utilize the City Bus trips\*\***  
**\*\*9:00am pickup time from Oak Grove, Peace Villa, and The Harbor/Haven,  
followed by individual addresses\*\***

**\*\*For a reservation, call SmartLink at (952)496-8341 ext 2\*\***





# West Carver Community Pool 2023 Swimming Lessons

Welcome to the West Carver Community Pool – Summer 2023!  
We are looking forward to a fun season of swimming and learning!

## Session #1 (Monday – Thursday)\*

June 12 – June 23

- A. 10:00am – 10:45am (Levels 1-2 only)
- B. 10:55am – 11:40am (Levels 3-6)
- C. 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Level 1-4)

## Session #2 (Monday – Thursday)\*

June 26 – July 7

- A. 10:00am – 10:45am (Levels 1-2)
- B. 10:55am – 11:40am (Levels 3-6)
- C. 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Levels 1-4)
- D. 5:55pm – 6:40pm Puddle Jumpers

## Session #3 (Monday – Thursday)\*

July 10 – July 21

- A. 10:00am – 10:45am (Levels 3-6)
- B. 10:55am – 11:40am (Levels 1-4)
- C. 11:50 am – 12:35pm (Level 1 and Puddle Jumpers)
- D. 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Levels 1-4)

## Session #4 (Monday – Thursday)\*

July 24 – August 4

- A. 10:00am – 10:45am (Levels 1-2)
- B. 10:55am – 11:40am (Levels 3-6)
- C. 5:00pm – 5:45pm (Levels 1-4)

## Open Swim Hours

Monday – Thursday 1:00pm – 4:30pm, 6:15pm – 8:30pm

Friday – Sunday 12:00pm – 7:00pm

## Swimming Lesson Levels

1. Intro to Water Skills
2. Fundamental Aquatic Skills
3. Stroke Development
4. Stroke Development
5. Stroke Refinement
6. Swimming & Skill Proficiency

P. Puddle Jumpers (ages 2-4;

Parent required to participate in the pool with their child)

\*Fridays are make-up days

## Rates

Regular Session	\$45.00
Pool Passes – Single Pass	\$60.00
Family Pass (up to 5, \$20 each additional)	\$140.00
Daily Rate	\$5.00
Twilight Rate (after 6pm open swim)	\$3.00
Ten (10) Punch card	\$35.00

\*No refunds unless lessons must be canceled due to lack of instructors or participation.

\*\*All passes/punch cards are good for 2023 season. No refunds are given on passes/punch cards\*\*

**\*\*Please fill out one form per child per session. Return to NYA City Hall, 310 Elm Street W, NYA 55368 or West Carver Community Pool if submitting after June 12th. \*\***  
Cash, check, or credit card (with 5% service charge) accepted for payment.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Session \_\_\_\_\_ Level \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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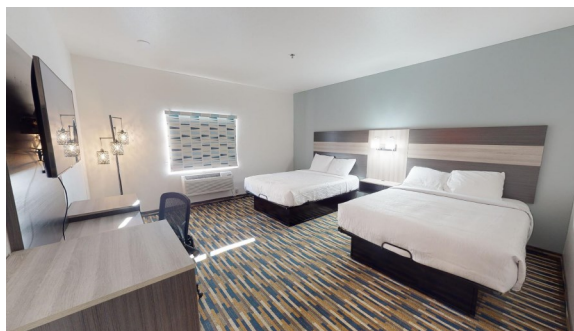
Cash/ \_\_\_\_\_ Check #/ \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initials \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome New Businesses to NYA!

The City of NYA, EDC and NYA Area Chamber welcomed both Tin Roof Powder Coating and Bevens Creek Inn on Wed, April 19, 2023.

**Tin Roof Powder Coating** (221 W Elm Street) is owned and operated by Tom Christensen. He specializes in industrial, automotive, ATV, hobby & personal projects, large runs, and one-offs when it comes to powder coating and sandblasting. For more information on services, contact Tom at 952-207-8486, email [tinroofpowdercoating@gmail.com](mailto:tinroofpowdercoating@gmail.com), or visit [www.tinroofpowdercoating.com](http://www.tinroofpowdercoating.com).

**Bevens Creek Inn** (640 Railroad Drive, Heritage Strip Mall) is a one-of-a-kind lodging establishment offering the comfort and convenience of a modern and contemporary 10-room hotel. Fun Fact! Bevens Creek Inn is the only hotel located on Hwy 212 in Carver County! For more information on reservations, visit [www.bevenscreekinn.com](http://www.bevenscreekinn.com) or call 952-467-6897.



## CFCC Award in Philanthropy Nomination Form

The Community Foundation for Carver County (CFCC) is seeking nominations for its annual Award in Philanthropy, which will be presented at the foundation's annual dinner in September. The Award in Philanthropy recognizes an individual or a couple who have significantly contributed to the field of philanthropy in the county either through their personal philanthropy, their work as a volunteer, or their works as a professional advising their clients about philanthropy. CFCC is giving this award to honor those working to build a better community and inspire the next generation of philanthropic leaders. Nominations will also be accepted for businesses in the community that stand out in their support of our community and its nonprofits.

Complete the nomination form in the link: <https://www.communitygiving.org/cfcc-award-in-philanthropy-nomination-form/>

- What are some specific ways the nominee has used his/her/their talent and financial resources to benefit the local community?
- Which charitable organizations have benefited from the nominee's contributions?
- How has the nominee encouraged others to share their time, talent, and treasure?
- Share a story that exemplifies the nominee's spirit of philanthropy and leadership.

To request additional information, email [cfcc@communitygiving.org](mailto:cfcc@communitygiving.org) or call 320-257-9719.



## Want healthier soil, cleaner water, and happier wildlife? Carver County News—May 2023

Add native plants to your yard. **What plants are considered native?**

**Native plants** are those that are local to Minnesota, those that were growing here when European immigrants first arrived. They are adapted to our climate and soils, are drought tolerant, and disease resistant. Most native plants do not require fertilizer or even water once established, and they tolerate our extreme Minnesota weather. As a result, they typically thrive with less care than non-native species. Common native plants in Minnesota include Red Osier Dogwood, Purple Coneflower, Sensitive Fern, Compass Plant, Black Eyed Susan, and Butterfly Milkweed. It is important to increase native plant populations to protect lakes and rivers, soil health, and wildlife.

### How do native plants help water and wildlife?

Native plants help reduce water pollution. They have deep roots that allow rainwater to soak well into the ground. Rain that does not soak into the ground flows off lawns and pavement and into storm drains where it is carried away to nearby ponds, lakes, and streams. This rain runoff brings with it many pollutants such as bacteria, sediment and phosphorus. Native plants soak up that rainwater and filter pollutants leaving less runoff and less water pollution to cause problems. Have a soggy spot in the yard? Create a small native plant garden there. The plants will soak up and use the extra water. Native plants improve soil health. The roots help decrease soil compaction, stabilize the soil, and reduce erosion. Plants in the legume family, such as purple prairie clover or wild indigo, take nitrogen from the air and put it in the soil, building up your soil's nutrients. Native plants are relatively maintenance free. Their long roots allow them to find their own water, even during droughts and they do not need mowing, fertilizers, or pesticides. Native plants provide nectar, berries, seeds, and shelter that birds, pollinators and other wildlife rely on. Lots of grass or non-native plants in a landscape can create a "food desert" for Minnesota wildlife species that have evolved with and need native plants. For example, the common blue butterfly and many birds rely on the Red Osier Dogwood. The Monarch and many other butterflies need milkweeds including Butterfly Milkweed which is one of the few native bright orange flowers. Many pollinators rely on asters, such as New England Aster, for late season food. Asters typically bloom August through October and can add a pop of color to your yard as other plants settle down for winter.

### Funds are available to help

Several programs provide funding to residents to put native plants in their lawn. Carver County hosts two programs that provide funds to install native plants, one focuses more on pollinator habitat and one on water quality improving projects. Visit [www.co.carver.mn.us/water](http://www.co.carver.mn.us/water) and click on "Get Involved" for information. Lawns to Legumes is a state funded program designed to get more pollinator habitat in residential areas. Eastern Carver County is in a priority area for the program. You can find more information and apply at [www.bluthumb.org](http://www.bluthumb.org)



more than a place, it's home.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

### May

Mon, May 29: Memorial Day Program @ NYA Legion Park 10:30am  
Mon, May 29: NYA City Offices Closed

### June

Thurs, June 1: Arbor Day Tree Planting @ Prairie Dawn Park 9-11am  
Sat, June 3: Springfest Artisan Fair @ Historic Downtown Norwood  
Tues, June 6: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm  
Wed, June 7: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30-1:30pm  
Mon, June 12: City Council @ City Hall 6pm  
Wed, June 14: EDC @ City Hall @ 6pm  
Thurs, June 15: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am  
Thurs, June 15: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm  
Tues, June 20: Parks & Recreation Commission @ City Hall 5:15pm  
Thurs, June 22: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm  
Mon, June 26: City Council/Work Session @ City Hall 5pm  
Thurs, June 29: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

## 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](http://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.

### Stagnant Water and Mosquitos

Please do your part to keep mosquitoes under control. Stagnant water is a haven for mosquitoes and violates the City Code. Any property found to violate the City Code will result in daily aggregated administrative fines that will be invoiced to the property owner until the violation is remedied. Should the invoice not be paid, it will be assessed on the property owner's taxes. *City Code 600.02 Public Nuisances Affecting Health. Subd. 1 The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health: C. All ponds or pools of stagnant water.*

### 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.

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## NYA Food Distributions through 2023

### NYA City Hall Parking Lot

**12:30-1:30pm**

- Wed, June 7th
- Wed, July 12th (\*)
- Wed, August 2nd
- Wed, September 6th
- Wed, October 4th
- Wed, November 1st
- Wed, December 6th

(\* changed due to holiday)  
Drive-thru event while supplies  
last. Sponsored by  
CAP Agency, Carver Co Public  
Health, and City of NYA



## Free Pop-Up Produce Market This Summer

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



FIND MORE INFORMATION AT  
[WWW.FINDFOODCARVERCOUNTY.ORG](http://WWW.FINDFOODCARVERCOUNTY.ORG)

WILLKOMMEN MEMORIAL PARK  
PAVILION  
21 MAIN ST. E.,  
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

THURSDAYS  
3:30-5 PM

MAY 18 -  
AUGUST 17



SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER:

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## Spreading Some Cheer

The NYA West Carver Lions planted geranium pots with residents from Peace Villa in early May. Flowers were shared with residents of the Harbor and Haven.