

Message From The City Council

Napoleon Hill, an author best known for his book *Think and Grow Rich*, stated: **"Two or more people actively engaged in the pursuit of a definite purpose with a positive mental attitude, constitute an unbeatable force."** As a City Council, we depend on the recommendations of our Advisory Commissions, groups of dedicated individuals with a positive mental attitude and a common purpose. These Commissions, made up of volunteers from the community, address the varied needs and issues of our citizens.

The **Planning & Zoning Commission** is required by Minnesota State Statutes and is a seven-member commission which conducts public hearings regarding all planning related activities, including but not limited to, amendments to the zoning ordinance, plat approval, variances, and conditional use permits. After conducting a public hearing, it is this Commission's responsibility to make formal recommendations regarding these issues to the City Council. Most recently the Planning Commission reviewed building and landscaping standards for the new Industrial Park expansion as well as options for solar panels in the Industrial Park. Thank you to our Commission members: Craig Heher (chair), Jerry Barr, Timon Dammann, Mike Eggers, Bill Grundahl, Paul Hallquist and Charlie Storms for their hard work and dedication to our community!

The **Economic Development Commission** is a nine-member commission composed of two City Council members, one Planning Commission member, five members from the local community representing local businesses and industries, and an NYA Area Chamber of Commerce representative. The Commission advises the City Council on matters concerning commercial and industrial development within the city as well as recommending marketing plans, programs and strategies to attract new businesses and retain existing ones. Recently, they have focused on a new Facade Improvement Loan Program (info coming out soon) as well as a Housing Study to attract new developers to our city. Thank you to our Commission members: Connor Smith (chair), Mike Eggers, Andrea Gerth, Carol Lagergren, Mike McPadden, and Jason Winters for their hard work and dedication to our community!

The **Parks and Recreation Commission** is a seven-member body composed of one City Council member, one Planning Commission member, one representative from School District 108 and four members from the local community. This Commission reviews issues related to the development of parks and trails in the City. Recently, they have made recommendations to the City Council on the new playground at Legion Park, the decommission of the Skate Park as well as the new plan for Old Town. They are currently working on details for a new Memorial Tree Program which will be introduced to the Council in August. Thank you to our Commission members: Brooke Allen (chair), Sharilyn Feltmann, Bill Grundahl, Karla Hormann, Bryan Rehnalt, Dan Stender and Jim Zellmann.

The **Senior Advisory Commission** acts as a liaison for the senior community and advises the City Council on issues concerning senior citizens, and also recommends appropriate solutions. Recently, this Commission has focused their energies on the NYA Senior Center, the Lunch and Learn Program, and sharing information via the city newsletter and NYA-TV about food and safety resources. Thank you to our Commission members: LaVonne Kroells (chair), Carolyn Durbin, Kay Hampshire, Alan Krueger, Elroy Latzig, Dawn Plummer, Lois Schultz, Betty Settegren, Tom Simmons, Mary Spille, and representatives from Peace Villa, the Harbor/Haven, Oak Grove Senior Center, Carver County Public Health, and the Carver County Sheriff Department for their hard work and dedication to the community.

These Commission members, working together with a common purpose and positive attitude, have recommended many amazing additions to our community that have enhanced our lives. They make a difference by volunteering their time and expertise to issues directly impacting all of us. If you wish to be a member of one of these important advisory groups, please contact City Hall at (952) 467-1800. Together we can ensure that **Norwood Young America is more than just a great place, it's our home.**



On June 20th, Mayor Lagergren met with Senior Webelo members from Pack 3361. They had questions about being an elected official --- what were the best and hardest parts of the job, why do people choose to run for public office, and who is eligible to serve as mayor. They also asked questions about city government --- how are decisions made, how are priorities determined, and what are some upcoming projects in the city. These future leaders will continue to make a difference in our community because they already know that **"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."** (Nelson Mandela)

NYA City Happenings



Save the Dates—Stiftungsfest 2023

Since 1861, Stiftungsfest has been Minnesota's Oldest Celebration. What started out as a one-day celebration has grown to be a four-day celebration as NYA's Fire Department's annual fundraiser—100% of the proceeds benefit the fire department. Monies earned have gone to help pay for training, equipment, and this last year...a new command vehicle.

One hundred sixty two years ago a German singing society in Young America began a music festival that has grown and evolved over the years to become an annual celebration that honors NYA's strong German heritage. Stiftungsfest, which means "Founders Day" in German, is host to one of Minnesota's best softball tournaments, over a dozen amazing bands, a local firefighter challenge, Stiftungsfest Ambassador Coronation, bean bag/kickball/3-on-3 basketball tourneys, FunRun, Car Show, Cribbage/Sheephead/Chess Tourney, paintball, and so much more. Area churches organize Thursday Night Family Night with FREE events for kids including Ninja Everywhere, Kids Pedal Pull sponsored by the VFW, and the movie Encanto sponsored by 2BContinued. New this year is a Puzzle & Guzzle Contest Friday night (see website for details) and a Kid's Sunday Funday with FREE bouncy house rides and facepainting sponsored by the America Legion. And don't forget the food! The famous Stiftungsfest burgers and brats will be served all weekend long with NEW food trucks, treats, and beverages.

The 2023 "162nd Stiftungsfest" is Thursday, August 24th through Sunday, August 27th at Willkommen Memorial Park. For more information on how you can participate with Stiftungsfest—volunteering, event registrations, or entertainment schedules—visit www.stiftungsfest.org, Facebook @stiftungsfest.norwoodyoungamerica, email info@stiftungsfest.org, or call 952-913-5705.



NYA Adopt-A-Park Program

The NYA Adopt-A-Park Program is a great stewardship opportunity in the community. Families, groups, or businesses take responsibility to clean up a park a minimum of twice per year—spring & fall—and make note of any maintenance or landscaping needs. The city provides garbage bags (and will dispose of them), safety vests if in the right-of-way, and equipment (gloves, shovels, etc.) if needed. The city also funds a sign for placement in the park identifying the group that adopted the park.

Thank you to the following groups for adopting these parks:

- ◆ Friendship Park—Kids Co (since 2012)
- ◆ NYA Legion Park—Boy Scout Troop 361 (since 2012)
- ◆ Willkommen Memorial Park—NYA West Carver Lions (since 2012)
- ◆ South Park—Lord Family (since 2013)
- ◆ NYA Sports Complex—NYA Lions (since 2014)
- ◆ Veteran's Park—NYA Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (since 2017)

The city is looking for a couple of groups to care for Prairie Dawn Park, Kehrer Park, and the Butterfly Garden at Friendship Park. If you are interested, please contact City Hall at 952-467-1800 or email office@cityofnya.com.



Thank you to Gus & Julie Wischnack for your donation of painting two Pickleball courts at the Friendship Park tennis courts!

Merger Street Project

The Merger Street project bid was awarded to Wm Mueller & Sons of Hamburg at a June City Council meeting. Residents will have access to the businesses along Merger Street at all times. The project is set to start in September.



2023 National Night Out

Norwood Young America
Tuesday, Aug 1, 2023
6:00pm-7:30pm

NYA Legion Park, 320 Reform Street
****Free Food & Fun!****

- **Build a healthier and safe community**
- **Get to know your neighbors**
- **Strengthen community/police relations**



Sponsored by the NYA West Carver Lions

Next Senior Lunch & Learn—September 27th

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission will be hosting another Lunch & Learn Session for area senior citizens on Wed, September 27th from 11am-1pm at the Willkommen Memorial Pavilion. This session will focus on assisted living and nursing home rights, and social security tips for seniors. The presentation will be given by representatives from the Elder Justice Center and SMRLS Southern MN Regional Legal Services. Look for more detailed info in the August newsletter.

Did You Know....

It's Town Ball summer and you can catch the action of not one, but two Town Ball teams in Norwood Young America! Watch the Norwood Indians (NYA Sports Complex Zellmann Field) and the Young America Cardinals (Willkommen Memorial Park Ballfield) play in one of Minnesota's finest amateur baseball leagues, The Crow River Valley League (CRVL).

Both the Norwood and Young America team's began to play baseball in the late 1890's. Organized teams began in Young America in 1904 and 1906 in Norwood. Teams would invite other teams to town to play in tournaments for prize money. Teams were allowed to hire other ballplayers, usually pitchers, to stack their team.

State Tournament play began in 1924. Norwood became a member of the CRVL in 1931. There was a player shortage due to WWII and the CRVL did not resume play until 1946. Young America became a member of the CRVL in 1946 and Norwood rejoined in 1949. The Indians and the Cardinals have won numerous CRVL titles, Regional titles and both have reached the State Tournament.

Amateur baseball played in Minnesota exists nowhere else. "Town Ball" as it is known here provides a great summer pastime for players and fans. So, get out to the ballpark soon, enjoy a beverage and burger and cheer on the boys of summer!

For more information on the NYA Town Ball teams and other local NYA history, visit the Willkommen Heritage Center Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm. Also, make sure to stop at the Center during Stiftungsfest to view displays that feature the history of local gas stations and garages and Stiftungsfest. The Center is located on the corner of Main Street and 1st Ave SE across from Willkommen Memorial Park.



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An Emergency...Who Do You Call...and When?

Sometimes it's hard to know who to call when there is an emergency...or maybe it isn't an emergency? The City of Norwood Young America contracts with the Carver County Sheriff Department for emergency and non-emergency services. Regardless of the situation, there is help for you to reach out to when you need it.

The definition of an emergency is "An urgent, sudden, and serious event or an unforeseen change in circumstances that necessitates **immediate action** to remedy harm or avert imminent danger to life, health, or property." Here are some examples of who to call and when to call for both emergency and non-emergency situations:

Call 911:

- ⇒ Medical need
- ⇒ Auto accident
- ⇒ Fire/smoke
- ⇒ Active shooter
- ⇒ Crime (in action)
- ⇒ Kidnapping
- ⇒ Harm to a life
- ⇒ An active suspicious situation
- ⇒ Gas leak/down power line

Call the Carver Co Non-Emergency Line (952)361-1231:

- ⇒ Noisy party
- ⇒ Barking or stray dog
- ⇒ Neighbor dispute
- ⇒ Solicitor with no permit
- ⇒ Graffiti or vandalism
- ⇒ Fraud
- ⇒ Theft (with no suspect present)
- ⇒ A suspicious situation (with no imminent threat)

Other situations:

Watermain break—City of NYA Emergency Line (952) 769-7284
Smell of natural gas—CenterPoint Energy (612) 372-5050
Power outage or down power line—Xcel Energy (800) 895-1999
Property blight—NYA City Hall (952)467-1800 or www.cityofnya.com/Report a Concern

Always remember that if you just are not sure who to call...call 911.

Deputy Jordan Voigt's contact info: 952-361-1248 or jvoigt@co.carver.mn.us





more than a place, it's home.

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

**The NYA Economic
Development Commission
is looking to fill two
commissioner seats.**

For more
information, contact City Hall
at 952-467-1800.

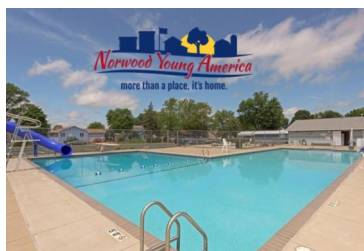
UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

July

Mon, July 24: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm
Thurs, July 27: Produce PopUp @ Pavilion 3:30-5pm
Thurs, July 27: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

August

Tues, Aug 1: National Night Out @ NYA Legion Park 6-7:30pm
Tues, Aug 1: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Aug 2: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30-1:30pm
Thurs, Aug 3: Fare for All @ All Saints 3-5pm
Thurs, Aug 3: Produce PopUp @ Pavilion 3:30-5pm
Thurs, Aug 3: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm (last one)
Wed, Aug 9: Economic Development Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, Aug 10: Produce PopUp @ Pavilion 3:30-5pm
Mon, Aug 14: City Council @ City Hall 6pm
Tues, Aug 15: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:15pm
Thurs, Aug 17: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Thurs, Aug 17: Produce PopUp @ Pavilion 3:30-5pm (last one)
Thurs, Aug 24: Stiftungsfest Family Fun Night @ Willkommen
Memorial Park 5-9pm
Fri, Aug 25: Sun, Aug 27: 162nd Annual Stiftungsfest
Mon, Aug 28: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm



The last day of the West Carver Community Pool is Friday, August 12th! Thank you to all of the swimmers and families who attended the pool!

A special Thank You to the amazing lifeguards! Best wishes in your 2023 school year!

Watering Ban

The City of NYA is under a watering ban from 10am to 5pm daily. Odd/even watering is allowed from 5pm to 10am. What does that mean? If your address is 123 Main Street, you can water on odd numbered calendar days (August 21, 23, 25...). If your address is 124 Main Street, you can water on even numbered calendar days (August 22, 24, 26...). Thank you for your help with keeping our water supply safe!

NYA Compost Site—640 Tacoma Blvd

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



Meals on Wheels from the CAP Agency: Any adult over the age of 60 is eligible for senior nutrition regardless of income. A donation of \$5 per meal is suggested, but not required. No senior is denied a meal service.

To apply:

- ◆ Contact CAP Agency Senior Nutrition for a meal reservation at 952-442-5478
- ◆ Reservations must be made 7 business days in advance
- ◆ Fill out the registration form with staff by phone

CAP Agency Senior Nutrition is funded through the Federal Older Americans Act by a contract with Trellis—Area Agency on Aging, state appropriations, CAP Agency, and participant contributions.

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NYA Food Distributions through 2023 NYA City Hall Parking Lot 12:30-1:30pm

- Wed, August 2nd
- Wed, September 6th
- Wed, October 4th
- Wed, November 1st
- Wed, December 6th

Drive-thru event while supplies last. Sponsored by CAP Agency, Carver Co Public Health, and City of NYA

Visit www.cityofnya.com
website to view the
NYA Community Calendar
for more updates!

