



## A Message From the Council

### A Love Letter to the Norwood Young America Community

Dear Residents,

As February unfolds, it brings with it the warmth of Valentine's Day, a time to celebrate love, and appreciation for those who make our lives special. In the spirit of this heartfelt occasion, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude and appreciation for each and every one of you.



*NYA Community Video*

### Embracing Our Welcoming Community

One of the things that makes Norwood Young America truly special is its residents' genuine friendliness and warmth. Check out the NYA Community Video that is used on the City website, local cable station, and in sharing to those outside our community (QR code). From the nods and waves on our streets to the acts of kindness shown to neighbors in need, your welcoming spirit embodies the essence of our community. Let's continue to be beacons of hospitality, making Norwood Young America a place where everyone feels at home.

### Celebrating Volunteerism and Civic Pride

Our City thrives because of the dedication and generosity of our civic groups and volunteers. Despite being a small community, the range of opportunities for volunteering is remarkable. Whether it's supporting local fundraisers or lending a hand in times of need, your contributions make a tangible difference in the lives of our residents. A special shoutout goes to the NYA Fire Department, whose unwavering commitment to keeping us safe is truly commendable. Thank you for all that you do!

### Honoring Our Commission Members

We sincerely thank our respected Commission members for your invaluable service. Your dedication to researching and discussing matters of importance, as well as your role in shaping the future of our City, does not go unnoticed. Thank you to the Planning & Zoning, Economic Development, Parks & Recreation, and Senior Advisory Commissions for all you do! We are grateful for your efforts in representing our community's interests across various domains.

### A Heartfelt Thank You and a Warm Welcome

Thank you to Alan Krueger for his three years of service to our City Council. His unique perspective and caring demeanor have left an indelible mark on our community, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors. We also warmly welcome Craig Heher, who returns to the Council to complete the remainder of Alan's term. Craig's experience and commitment to our city make him a valuable asset during this time of growth and progress.

### A Message of Hope and Unity

In the words of Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Let us continue to work together, hand in hand, to build a brighter future for Norwood Young America. Your dedication and passion are what make **Norwood Young America more than a place; it's a home**—filled with boundless possibilities.

Citizens of Norwood Young America, thank you for being the heart and soul of our vibrant community!

## Traffic Concerns

The City of NYA contracts with the Carver County Sheriff's Office for all emergency and non-emergency services. If you have a traffic complaint, please call the Carver County non-emergency line at 952-361-1231. If you are witness to a traffic accident or if someone is in danger, please call 911.





## Using sidewalk salt? Follow these tips!

**Carver County Water Management Organization—January 2024**

The warmer temperatures this year have made things slick at times. If you are using salt this year to prevent ice on walkways, follow these tips to protect lakes from salt pollution.

### What is salt pollution?

Also called chloride pollution, salt pollution occurs when the de-icing salt used on sidewalks, driveways, and roads, washes into lakes and rivers where it dissolves into chloride. Chloride is a permanent pollutant. High levels are toxic to fish, aquatic insects, and amphibians. Just one teaspoon of salt contains enough chloride to permanently pollute five gallons of water. Once in a lake or river, it's impossible to remove it safely and cost-effectively. The only way to reduce chloride levels in water is to use less salt.



So far, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has identified 54 lakes and streams in Minnesota with chloride levels high enough to harm fish and other aquatic life, and 75 more water bodies are approaching unsafe levels.

### Not just lakes and rivers

Salt is also corrosive, damaging parking lots, walkways, bridges, and buildings. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, maintenance, and repair of salt damage to roads, bridges, and automobiles in the U.S. costs around \$5 billion each year. In the landscape, chloride kills plants, trees, and lawns, and changes the soil chemistry so future plant growth is difficult. It can also harm our pets who may lick it off their paws or drink salty snowmelt.

### Salt smart

Using the right practices keeps us safe from slips and falls and reduces negative impacts from salt. Follow these steps to prevent ice and use salt properly.

### Shovel that snow

The best way to prevent ice is to shovel. Shovel early and shovel often. Remove the snow and there is less there to get compacted and turn to ice, thus reducing the need for salt.

### Water your Scatter

When applying salt, watch your scatter. Scatter the salt widely, leaving space between grains of salt. A coffee mug of salt is enough for 60-70 feet of sidewalk, or two parking spots. A hand or push spreader helps get the right scatter.

### Water the temperature

Rock salt (NaCl) is NOT useful when the temperatures are below 15°F. Even at 15°F it can take an hour to melt ice. Shovel and use a little sand for traction if needed during cold temperatures.

### Sweep up leftovers

Salt only works once it is dissolved. If you can see salt on your driveway hours after it has been applied, it isn't doing any work. Sweep it up and use it again next time. Otherwise, it will just blow away or wash into storm drains with the next melt.

Thank you for helping protect our waters!

## Welcome to NYA, Crown of Life Photography & Events!

Crown of Life Photography & Events celebrated their Grand Opening on Saturday, February 10th at their new location 232 Main Street E, in Historic Downtown Young America.

Owners, Kiah & James Switch are passionate about their mission from James 1:12. From their website [www.crownoflife112.com](http://www.crownoflife112.com): "Come and visit Crown of Life if you're looking for photography, an event rental space, a Christian bookstore, OR just a safe space to hang out and make memories with those you love!" Business hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 5pm-8pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Wed/Sun Closed.





# NYA Senior Happenings



## MoveMindfully Success

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission continues to host the MoveMindfully series at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion, 21 E Main Street, the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of February and March from 9:45am-10:15am.

MoveMindfully is about learning simple and accessible mind-body practices to relieve stress, manage anxiety, improve balance, and promote physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

There are three sessions remaining: Wed, February 28th, Wed, March 13th, and Wed, March 27th. All seniors are invited to attend these free events.

Interested in learning more about the NYA Senior Advisory Commission? The group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00am at City Hall. All NYA senior residents (over 55) are welcome to attend!



## "Remember When...Senior Prom" May 5, 2024

SAVE THE DATE!! One of the 2024 goals for the NYA Senior Advisory Commission is to create a multi-generational event to bring the senior citizen and youth communities together to interact and socialize.

The Senior Advisory approached Central Public Schools Prom Advisor Kelly Street and National Honor Society President/CHS senior Trey Gratz about a partnered event. After that, the theme "Remember When...Senior Prom" was created.

The "Senior Prom" will be held on Sunday, May 5th from 4:00pm-7:00pm...the day AFTER the Central High School Junior/Senior Prom (which is May 4th).

The premise of the Senior Prom was to have senior citizens of any fashion - grandparents, parents, singles, couples, neighbors, church members, etc. be able to gather for a fun social event to spend time with the younger generation—grandchildren, children, friends, students, or other senior citizens! The location of the event shares the beautifully decorated gym (all set up from the high school prom), plus a known community place where all feel welcomed. Central juniors/seniors are invited to attend AND wear their formal attire from the night before!

The Senior Prom will include dinner and a DJ for the entertainment/music. The committee is working with local civic organizations to sponsor the entertainment and free busing for seniors. Details on ticket pricing and purchasing will be announced in the March City newsletter and social media. The hope is to make the Senior Prom an annual event to hold the day after prom every year!

The 2024 Senior Dance Committee is Tom Simmons, LaVonne Kroells, Mary Spille (all from the NYA Senior Advisory), City of NYA representative Grace Ballow (Community & Economic Development Assistant), Kelly Street, and Trey Gratz.



## Take It To The Box—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.

- ⇒ **Chanhasen 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.

For a non-emergency event call 952-361-1231. When in doubt, call 911.





## American Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024  
Willkommen 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.



## Join Us!

**Saturday, June 1, 2024**

**9:00am—3:00pm**

**Historic Downtown  
Norwood on Elm Street**

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



[NYACHAMBER.ORG/SPRING-ARTISAN-FAIR/](http://NYACHAMBER.ORG/SPRING-ARTISAN-FAIR/)

Interested in being a vendor at Springfest? Have a quilt you  
would like to display? Own a car that you want to show?  
Email [info@nyachamber.org](mailto:info@nyachamber.org) for more information!



## "K-C Fish Fry"

**Dine in or Drive-Thru Available**  
**No Seconds available**

**Friday, March 1st**

Church of the Ascension  
Norwood-Young America

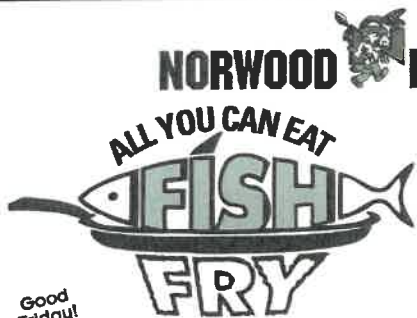
**11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.**

(or until the fish is gone)

Crispy Alaskan Pollock, baked potato,

bread, coleslaw, baked beans, water & cookies

Adults \$16.00, Kids 6-12 \$6.00, 5 & under FREE



**Friday, March 29, 2024**

Willkommen Park Pavilion

Serving from 4:00pm—8:00pm

Menu includes:  
Deep fried fish,  
Au Gratin potatoes,  
beans, cole slaw and  
all the fixin's!

Adults \$16.00  
5 & under FREE  
Drive-thru take out  
orders available.  
Watch for signs!

## BOOK SALE



**Friends of the  
Norwood  
Young America  
Library Book Sale**

Thursday, March 21 from 1:00 to 8:00pm  
Friday, March 22 from 10:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday, March 23 from 1:00 to 4:00pm

**SAVE THE DATES:** Saturday, June 1 from 9:00am-3:00pm  
(outdoors in conjunction with the Springfest Artisan Fair & Quilt Show  
\*\*Also accepting gently used book donations\*\*  
314 Elm Street W (952)467-2665

## Norwood Young America Lions Club Pancake and Omelet Breakfast

**Sunday, March 24th 8am—Noon**

Willkommen Park Pavilion

Free will offering

Made to order omelets, blueberry & plain pancakes,  
scrambled eggs, sausage, apple sauce, coffee, milk, OJ



Support Scouting!

## Boy Scout Troop 361

*Pancake  
Breakfast*

**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**Sunday, April 7th**

**8:30am-Noon**

Willkommen Park Pavilion

Free Will Donation

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs,

Bars/Pastries,

Coffee, Milk & OJ

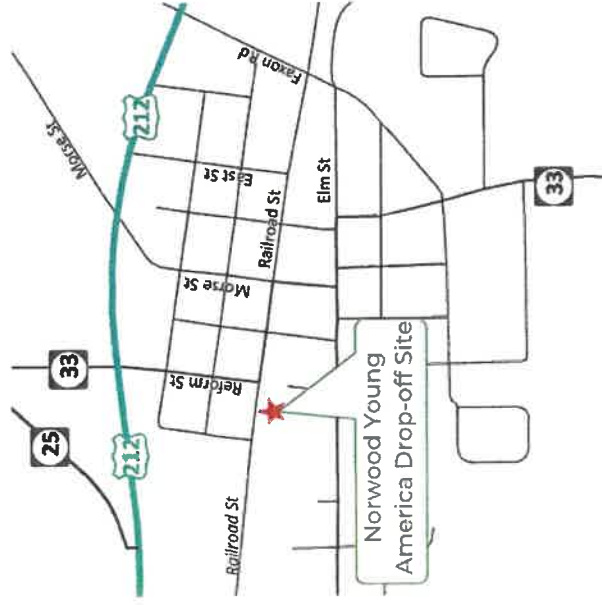




## LOCATION AND HOURS

421 Railroad St W  
Norwood Young America, MN 55368

Located in the gated area at the south west corner of Reform St and Railroad St.



April-November

Wednesdays

3pm to 6pm

Saturdays

8am to 12 pm

The site will be closed a limited number of days throughout the year due to holidays. Please visit [RecycleCarver.org](http://RecycleCarver.org) for a current schedule.

December-March

Wednesdays

3pm to 5pm

Saturdays

8am to 12pm

The NYA site is staffed by the City of NYA. Please ask for help if you need assistance or if you have questions.

## PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP TO THE RECYCLING SITE



**BREAK DOWN AND  
FLATTEN CARDBOARD  
BOXES**

**BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU  
TO HELP LIFT HEAVY  
CONTAINERS/MATERIALS**

**KEEP IT LOOSE IN YOUR  
BIN, NO PLASTIC BAGS**

**STORE MOTOR OIL IN  
CONTAINERS  
5 GALLONS OR LESS**

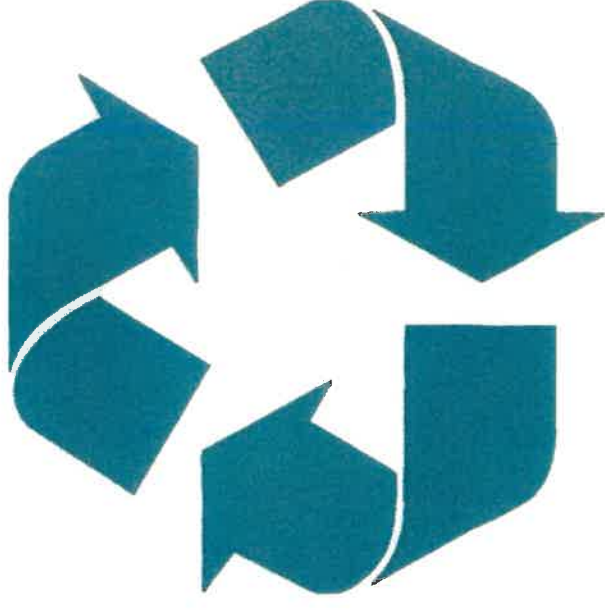
**REMOVE OIL FILTERS FROM  
CARDBOARD BOXES**



Carver County  
Residential Recycling  
Drop-Off Sites

# NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

Recycling Site



[www.RecycleCarver.org](http://www.RecycleCarver.org)  
952.361.1800

## Single Stream Recycling Accepted



### Fibers

- Brown grocery bags
- Beer & soda cases
- Cereal & snack boxes
- Cardboard (non-waxed)
- Catalogs & magazines
- Office / school paper (all colors)
- Newspaper, junk mail & inserts
- Soft cover books
- Pizza boxes
- Cartons

### Plastics

- Berry containers
- Juice containers
- Milk jugs
- Water bottles
- Food containers #1, #2, #5
- Beverage containers #1, #2, #5

### Metal & Glass

- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans
- Beer & wine bottles
- Other food and beverage containers made of glass or metal

## Materials Not Accepted



### Not Accepted

- Appliances
- Automotive, window & mirror glass
- Batteries
- Ceramics
- Diapers
- Dishware
- Drinking glasses
- Electronics (TVs, Phones, etc.)
- Extension chords & Christmas lights
- Food waste/ organic materials
- Glass bakeware / cookware
- Household garbage
- Hazardous chemical containers
- Light bulbs & fluorescent bulbs
- Medical waste
- Microwave trays
- Needles & syringes
- Packing peanuts / foam
- Paper products with food residue
- Plastic / canvas tarps
- Plastic / wood clothes hangers
- Porcelain
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Tires
- Wax lined / double lined cardboard & paper

## Special Waste Materials Accepted



### Accepted

- Antifreeze
  - Plastic bags, film & wrap
  - Motor oil
- (empty containers must be taken home and thrown in the trash)
- Oil filters (remove from packaging & throw packing in trash)
  - Scrap Metal (metal ONLY)

**Please keep all special waste materials separate from other materials**





NYA Fire Department & NYA Unhinged! Pizza



# FREE PIZZA AND FIRE SAFETY DELIVERY EVENT

## 2024 Election Cycle

**March 5th: Presidential Nomination Primary**

August 13th: State Primary

November 5th: General Election

Norwood Young America City Residents Vote at

**NYA City Hall**

**310 W Elm Street, NYA**

**7:00am-8:00pm**

## NYA Fire Safety Event

The NYA Fire Department and Unhinged Pizza are teaming up again! NYA residents who order online from the Waconia Unhinged on March 10th between 4pm and 7:00pm will get your pizza delivered by NYA firefighters in a fire truck!

You'll also get 10% OFF your online order, a FREE medium cheese pizza with any order . . . plus FREE BATTERIES for your smoke and CO detectors and installation help if needed. Last year we handed out over 500 batteries.

To order, go to [UnhingedPizza.com](http://UnhingedPizza.com) and select "Order Online". Select the Waconia location, and build your delivery order. Remember - all NYA orders get a free medium cheese pizza with each order so no need to add that to your order ... we'll know ;) **NEW THIS YEAR:** Do you ONLY want a cheese pizza and batteries? You can pre-order a FREE medium 'take & bake' cheese pizza by calling or texting Jesse at 612-743-9174 with your name and delivery address any time between now and March 10th. We'll deliver it to you during the event - along with your batteries - and you can cook your pizza at home whenever you'd like!

## NYA Clean Up/Clean Out Opportunities



## Norwood Young America COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE

**April 18-20, 2024**

Email [info@nyachamber.org](mailto:info@nyachamber.org) to get on the garage sale location list!!



## Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Event

**Saturday, May 18, 2024 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.



## 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)

**Saturday, April 27th**

**8:00am—10:00am**

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



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

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call 952-769-7284.



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NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

## Save the dates!

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

## February

Mon, Feb 19: Carver County Dairy Expo @ Central Elementary  
Mon, Feb 19: City Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents Day  
Tues, Feb 20: Parks & Rec Mtg 5:30pm City Hall  
Tues, Feb 27: Blood Drive @ Pavilion  
Wed, Feb 28: MoveMindfully for Seniors 9:45-10:15am Pavilion

## March

Fri, Mar 1: KC Fish Fry 11am-7pm Ascension Church  
Tues, Mar 5: Presidential Nomination Primary Election 7am-8pm  
City Hall Council Chambers (NYA City Residents only)  
Wed, Mar 6: NYA Senior Center 10am-2pm Pavilion  
Wed, Mar 6: Planning Commission Mtg 6pm City Hall  
Thurs, Mar 7: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm  
Mon, Mar 11: City Council Mtg 6pm City Hall  
Wed, Mar 13: MoveMindfully for Seniors 9:45-10:15am Pavilion  
Wed, Mar 13: NYA Food Distribution 12:30pm  
Wed, Mar 13: EDC Mtg 6pm City Hall  
Tues, Mar 19: Parks & Rec Mtg 5:15pm City Hall  
Thurs, Mar 21: NYA Library Book Sale 1-8pm  
Thurs, Mar 21: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg 9am City Hall  
Fri, Mar 22: NYA Library Book Sale 10am-5pm  
Sat, Mar 23: NYA Library Book Sale 1-4pm  
Mon, Mar 25: Workshop/City Council Mtg 5pm City Hall  
Wed, Mar 27: MoveMindfully for Seniors 9:45-10:15am Pavilion  
Fri, Mar 29: Norwood Baseball Fish Fry 4-8pm Pavilion

## 2024 Lifeguards

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

## Dog Licenses for 2024

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 2024

The 2024 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.

## NYA Food Distributions

2024

NYA City Hall Parking Lot

12:30-1:30pm

- Wednesday, March 13th
  - Wednesday, April 8th
  - Wednesday, May 8th
- Drive-thru event while supplies last.  
Event supported through the  
CAP Agency, MiCasa, and  
Carver Co Public Health.



## 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 responsible for responding to emergencies in parts of the surrounding townships of: Hancock, Camden, Young America, Waconia and Benton.

### Minimum Requirements:

- \* Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- \* High School Diploma or GED
- \* Valid Minnesota Drivers License
- \* Must live within reasonable time of fire station

Informational Session: Tuesday, February 27th at 7PM  
North Fire Station, 23 SE 3rd Ave.

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.cityofny.com](http://www.cityofny.com).

