

Message From City Council

Brian Wilson, songwriter for the Beach Boys, wrote: *Summer means happy times and good sunshine.* With summer almost over, this is an opportunity to reflect on how you spent this summer – basking in the heat, hoping for rain, and/or spending quality time with family and friends.

With summer almost over, we want to thank the lifeguards and swimming instructors who made this another fabulous summer! We will miss hearing the joyful sounds of families splashing and playing in the water - enjoying special times together. Also, thank you to the high school students at Central Schools whose artwork was again displayed on the pool fencing, making our community more exciting and beautiful!

With summer almost over, you may have noticed that school supplies are ready for purchase at Target. As we anxiously watch the renovation of the Central School buildings, it is time to start preparing to hear the laughter and voices of children as they walk or bike to school, play on the playgrounds and participate in athletic events. And for those of you who enjoyed Music in the Park this summer, don't forget to consider enjoying our children's and youth's musical performances at local school events! These events are always free and open to the public! Look for information from Superintendent Schochenmaier on the progress of the renovations on Central School's Facebook page.

With summer almost over, you may wonder if we are almost done with road construction. The short answer is "Not yet." The Highway 212 workaround in Cologne is scheduled to finish by early November of 2023, but hopefully, most of the lane closures will be completed by late September. The Benton Township part of the Highway 212 expansion (the portion from Cologne to Norwood Young America) will begin in the Summer of 2024, and that work is scheduled to be completed in 2026. Within city limits, the reconstruction of Merger Street - the two blocks by the Post Office - is still expected to be completed this fall. You may have noticed that the seal-coating work has been finished on Wilson and Hill Street in preparation for this upcoming project. Thank you to our Public Works staff for their work throughout the summer on our streets and trails. Although sometimes inconvenient, it is so exciting to see the finished product when summer road construction ends.

With summer almost over, you may have noticed some updates to existing buildings' facades and new businesses opening around town. In 2023, we welcomed several new businesses: **TinRoof Powdering Coating, Silverthorn Photography, Bevens Creek Inn Stay Suites and Cooper Canyon Bar and Grill.** We look forward to many more new businesses opening in the future.

For many of us, Stiftungsfest marks the official end of summer! The special Thursday Family Fun Night will again provide many wonderful options for families to have fun together! Thank you to our local church groups who have planned and worked to create opportunities for unforgettable memories for our youth. Thank you to the members of the Stiftungsfest Committee for their planning and to all the community volunteers who will be working together to make the weekend a success! If you haven't yet signed up to volunteer, please visit the Stiftungsfest website at www.stiftungsfest.org. This is an excellent opportunity to visit with old friends, or if you are new to town, meet and make some new friends!

So many exciting things are occurring in our community, and it is always our pleasure to share them with you as a Council! **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home,** and we can be so proud of the great things happening here!



Thank you to the 2022-23 Stiftungsfest Ambassadors Kourtney Harms and Josie Beneke, and the Lil' Miss Stiftungsfest Ambassadors Ariya Luebke and Lydia Storms for representing the community of NYA and Stiftungsfest at countless local events, coronations, and parades! Well done!!

The 2023-24 Stiftungsfest Candidates are Josie Degn, Ayla Fox, Morgan Norman, Emily Stieve. The Lil' Miss Candidates are Deondra Alexandra, Brooklynn Hoen, Eiza Mendoza, Charlotte Delbow, Claire Kroells, Claire Storms. Stiftungsfest Coronation will be held Sunday, Aug 27th at 11:30am in the Big Musik Tent at Willkommen Memorial Park.

NYA City Happenings

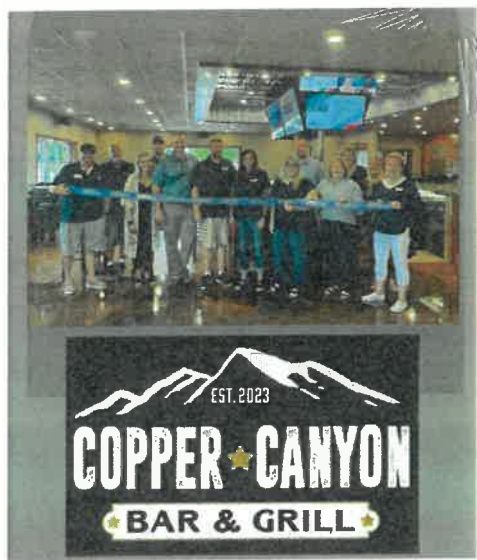


Roads Update

It's been a busy summer here in NYA! We've been busy with extensive city street and trail maintenance and continuous projects across the city. We're all looking forward to the Merger Street infrastructure project scheduled to start in late August or early September, with substantial completion of all work anticipated to be in mid-October. This year the city is trying out a 1" overlay test project on Oak Drive. These have been tried in surrounding communities with positive results, and they have been adding years to the life span of city streets, allowing the cities to put funds towards larger infrastructure projects and more maintenance to slow down the need for larger, more costly projects. Watch for updates!

Welcome to NYA!

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce, NYA Economic Development Commission and City Council welcomed Derek & Katie Jensen, owners of Copper Canyon Bar & Grill to NYA. Copper Canyon is located at 425 Merger Street. Hours of business: Mon-Fri 10am-11pm, Sat & Sun 9am-11pm.



Old Town Update

After many years of research and discussion, the NYA City Council approved the bid for \$813,244.00 to RAM General Contracting, Inc. for the Old Town project at the June 26, 2023, Council meeting. The contract with RAM begins August 30, 2023, with a completion date of June 30, 2024. The Young America Cardinals and Stiftungsfest Committee are supporting the project by asking organizations, businesses and individuals for donations. More information will be available in a future newsletter.



Did you know....

162 years ago the Stiftungsfest (Founders Day Festival) Minnesota's oldest celebration was born. One inspired German immigrant, Carl Bachmann founded the Pioneer Maennerchor (men's chorus) in 1861.

The early year celebrations took place in Vogeler Woods near present day Shady Lane, then Singers Hall. In 1900, the Willkommen Pavilion was built for the community. By 1911 most members of the Pioneer Maennerchor had died, and remaining members only sang at the Stiftungsfest celebration.

The growing celebration was turned over to the Young America Fire Department in 1938. In 1956, Stiftungsfest became a three-day celebration and held the first parade. The parade is now held every five years.

1981 was the first year a band from Germany participated in the Stiftungsfest celebration. German music and local bands entertained throughout the weekend celebration. When the cities of Norwood and Young America merged in 1997, a group from the fire department and city volunteers became Stiftungsfest Incorporated.

A lot has changed in 162 years! The Big Tent, Heritage Tent, Craft Sale, Car Show, Mini Tractor Pull, Family Night Thursday and contemporary bands keep things fresh and new. It also takes over 300 dedicated volunteers to keep Stiftungsfest going. Who knows what the next 162 years will bring, but we will still raise our glass and shout, Zicke, Zacke, Zicke, Zacke, Hoi, Hoi, Hoi!



162nd Stiftungsfest

August 24-27, 2023

For information on event registrations & locations, entertainment and music schedules visit www.stiftungsfest.org or check out the

Stiftungsfest Norwood Young America Facebook page! Schedules are also available at local businesses and City Hall.



Carver County Citizen Alert System

From Carver County Emergency Management: "Your safety is our utmost concern. That's why Carver County wants to make sure you know about emergencies and incidents as they happen. By opting into the **Carver County Citizen Alert System** you'll be informed before, during, and after incidents that could impact your safety.

The Carver County Citizen Alert System, powered by Everbridge, will allow us to send you messages about situations as they happen across multiple devices, including your home phone, mobile device, email and more.

For this system to be a success, we need your contact information so we can reach you in the event of an emergency. Please know that we will never sell or share your personal information with any third-party organizations."

To Opt-In, visit www.co.carver.mn.us, call 952-361-1125, or forms are available at NYA City Hall.



NYA Senior Center

Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
21 E Main Street, NYA

**1st & 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
Starting September 20, 2023
10:00am—2:00pm**

- *Bingo, Sheephead, Cribbage, Dominos
- *Socializing with other seniors
- *Lunch provided

****ALL ARE WELCOME!!****

NYA Senior Center is organized by the NYA Senior Advisory Commission and financially supported by local organizations.

Senior Rights Lunch & Learn Session

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission invites all local seniors to attend another Lunch & Learn Session at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 11am-1pm**. The session topics include "Social Security Tips for Seniors" and "Assisted Living and Nursing Home Rights." Presenters include Laura Orr, staff attorney with the Minnesota Elder Justice Center, Ben Kaufman, staff attorney with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS), and Rachael Funk, staff attorney with SMRLS. Lunch is funded by Carver County Public Health and SHIP.

All About Those Lions

The NYA Lions and NYA West Carver Lions have been busy roaring around town the last few weeks.

- The annual Corn Feed at NYA Legion Park was yet another successful event with over 1,000 ears of sweetcorn given away, 650 burgers sold, and great night of Music in the Park performed by the Jolly Ramblers and organized by District 108 Community Ed.
- The NYA West Carver Lions would like to thank all who attended National Night Out on August 1st! It was a great night to celebrate the NYA Community. A BIG thank you to those organizations and businesses that contributed to make this event a success! Did you know that NYA is home to a Lion in Lederhosen??
- The NYA West Carver Lions put together a 16,000 piece Stiftungsfest mailing in 2.5 hours! They are experts at mailings as they put together a 2,500 piece city newsletter mailing every month! July 2023 was their 3rd year of helping!
- The Stiftungsfest Craft Sale and park gate workers are organized by the NYA West Carver Lions. They also participate in the Adopt-A-Park Program at Willkommen Memorial Park and clean up the park every year in preparation for the celebration. The NYA Lions also take care of the NYA Sports Complex for the Adopt-A-Park Program.

Interested in learning more about how you can serve the community? Attend one of their meetings:

- NYA Lions Club—3rd Tues ea month 6:30pm at NYA Lions Shelter (417 Elm St W) or email nyalionsclub@gmail.com.
- NYA West Carver Lions Club—4th Tues ea month 6:30pm at St. John's School (27 1st St NW) or email nyawestcarverlions@gmail.com.



Lano Retires After 32 Years on the FD

The NYA City Council and NYA Fire Department recognized Paul Lano for his 32 years of service on the fire department. Lano is the last member of the original Norwood Fire Department. Thank you for your service, dedication, and volunteerism to the NYA community!



Paul Lano



more than a place. it's home.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

August

Thurs, Aug 17: NYA Community Fund Mtg @ Pavilion 7pm

Thurs, Aug 24: Stiftungsfest Family Fun Night @ Willkommen Memorial Park 5-9pm

Fri, Aug 25—Sun, Aug 27: 162nd Annual Stiftungsfest celebration @ Willkommen Memorial Park

September

Mon, Sept 4: Labor Day—City office closed

Tues, Sept 5: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm

Wed, Sept 6: Bloodmobile @ Willkommen Memorial Park

Wed, Sept 6: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30pm

Mon, Sept 11: City Council @ City Hall 6pm

Wed, Sept 13: EDC Commission @ City Hall 6pm

Tues, Sept 20: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:15pm

Thurs, Sept 21: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am

Mon, Sept 25: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm

Friendly Reminders

Watering Restrictions

Yes, there is still a city-wide watering restriction daily from 10am-5pm. Watering will be permitted on an odd/even schedule from 5pm-10am. Sprinkling ban violations may result in monetary offenses.

NYA Compost Site

The NYA compost site at 640 Tacoma Blvd is open from dawn to dusk seven (7) days a week. This service is available to NYA City Residents ONLY. Please do not dump flower pots or plastic bags.

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Postal Customer
NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

NYA Food Distributions through 2023

NYA City Hall Parking Lot

12:30-1:30pm

- 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

AUTOMATIC BILL PAY

No need to worry about forgetting to pay your monthly utility bill - sign up for automatic bill pay! For more info call 952/467-1800 or email at accounting@cityofny.com.



NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA Community Fund

The Purpose of the Norwood Young America Community Fund

The Norwood Young America Community Fund (NYACF) exists to bridge the past, present, and the future to strengthen Norwood Young America's sense of community. The mission of NYACF is to engage people, connect resources, and build community!

What the Norwood Young America Community Fund Will Do

The NYACF will work alongside as many local partners as possible to provide organizations, families, and individuals a trusted place to fulfill their philanthropic goals at a local level.

How Can You Support the Norwood Young America Community Fund

Come alongside us and be a donor in our inaugural fundraising campaign as we build the NYACF to create positive change in our community.

The NYACF is a fund held within the Community Foundation for Carver County (CFCC). The CFCC is a Community Giving partner foundation that seeks to link donors with the needs of our community.



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You are invited to attend
the Norwood Young
America Community Fund
Kick-Off Meeting

**Thursday, August 17th
7:00pm**

Willkommen Memorial
Park Pavilion
21 East Main Street, NYA

NYACF Advisory Board

- Lori Trocke
- Dan Aisleben
- Mark Lagergren
- Jessica Klaustermeier

Want to learn more on how you can be a part of our inaugural campaign?

Scan the QR code!



www.communitygiving.org/NYACF

Follow us on social media!
@NYACommunityFund

16th Annual Harvest Moon Food & Wine Extravaganza "WANTED: Wild West"

Friday, October 27, 2023
5:30-8:00pm

Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion

****Prize for Best Dressed Western Theme!**

\$25 per ticket on sale now at GTL -Must be 21 years old.

A Community Project Fundraiser Presented by the NYA West Carver Lions



City Bus Trip to Stiftungsfest

Saturday, August 27th—1:00-5:00pm

****\$3.00 round trip****

Entertainment during this time include:

Craft Sale, Car Show, Mitchell Hall & the Tennessee Trio, Mollie B & Squeezebox, and lots of great food!

Pick Up/Drop Off Locations:

Oak Grove Senior Ctr, Peace Villa, The Harbor/Haven

Drop Off/Pick Up Locations:

Willkommen Memorial Park—West Playground gate

City residents who need a ride, call SmartLink 952-496-8431, ext 2