

Message From The City Council

In 2021, Carver County Public Health launched the Community of Belonging Initiative in response to the isolation that occurred during the pandemic. The goal was to create communities where all people, at all times, feel welcome, safe and secure. Research shows that belonging benefits everyone individually and communities as a whole by creating stronger social and emotional ties. A sense of belonging creates a feeling of well-being, which makes communities safer, economically stronger and more resilient.

In Norwood Young America, we have always been proud of our reputation as more than just a place on the map. Our billboards celebrate our beautiful parks, welcoming neighborhoods and our amazing opportunities for businesses, both commercial and manufacturing. Recently city staff and council attended a Community of Belonging County meeting. By comparing ourselves to other communities in the county, we recognized the wonderful things already happening in NYA. This letter is an opportunity to share what's been happening behind the scenes in our city!

Communication: Many of you recognize the changing nature of print newspaper. The NYA Times disappeared and we now share the Sun Patriot newspaper with several neighboring communities. In response to this change, and because of the need for more frequent communication during the pandemic, NYA created its own monthly newsletter which is mailed to all residents in the zip code areas of 55368 and 55397. We have received great feedback on this initiative. Many of you also keep on top of city happenings through our city Facebook page. Did you know that an additional communication packet goes out to all new residents and businesses? It contains information on our community, from where to find local parks to how to join NYA civic and community groups. If you are new to the community and didn't receive a packet, please contact City Hall at 952-467-1800 to request one.

Community Gatherings: Norwood Young America is the home of Stiftungsfest, Minnesota's oldest continuous community Celebration. But there are many more opportunities to come together to visit with neighbors and friends. The most recent Springfest Artisan Fair was a huge success – it was an opportunity for local artisans to share their expertise—quilters, wood carvers, jewelry makers, home bakers, and more! That day also included great music by NYA's own Up South band and amazing food from several food trucks! In addition, many community members take time throughout the year to come together at District 108 Central Craft Sale (one of the largest in the state!), Music in the Park, Holiday Extravaganza, National Night Out, Arbor Day, town team baseball games, pancake breakfasts, fish fries, and more. This past month we had about 25 children help plant trees at Prairie Dawn Park for our Arbor Day Celebration. Thanks to city staff, they also had a chance to fly some kites and plant some flowers to take home.

Opportunities to Celebrate Summer: The West Carver Community Pool is now open for business - you have probably heard that it is the only outdoor pool in Carver County! In addition, our community garden plots are all planted and community members are maintaining their fruits, flowers, and vegetables. Thank you to Central Schools Shop classes who have built new garden plots each year as the Community Garden has expanded. If you need some quiet time with friends, consider walking the miles of trails within the city. Don't forget to check out the new murals completed by this Spring's High School Art students in the underpass! If you have small children, take some time to explore the playgrounds we have in city parks throughout the community. Finally, the Bongard's Farmer's Market had its grand opening last week in the Heritage Mall. We are so blessed to have community members who are willing to work together to create these amazing opportunities for citizens to celebrate the fruits and vegetables (and sourdough) of their labors. Look inside our newsletter for the upcoming dedication event for the New Updated Old Town at the annual baseball game between NYA's own two town teams, the Norwood Indians and the Young America Cardinals.

Clearly, Norwood Young America is a place where opportunities abound! Check out the most recent data from the Metropolitan Council's 2023 Annual Population Estimate for Norwood Young America:

As of April 1, 2023, the City of Norwood Young America had 1,722 housing units, 1,661 households, and 4,092 people (of whom 25 lived in group quarters facilities). Household size averaged 2.449 persons per household.

Our growth continues to be slow but steady! The word is out: **Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home and we are happy to welcome all into our home!**



Three West Carver Girl Scout troops and other children from the NYA area helped City staff plant 6 new trees along the trail at Prairie Dawn Park on Thursday, May 30th to celebrate Arbor Day.

NYA City Happenings & Info



Welcome A New Sheriff In Town

Deputy Sheriff Jesse Lee took over the Norwood Young America town deputy position earlier in the year. Lee has lead a career of public service starting with being a school district building maintenance employee, working corrections for Scott County, serving as a deputy in Sibley County, and most recently in the Waconia area. Lee shared that he has always liked working in a small town. "It's a good fit."

Lee shared that thefts "Smash & Grabs" are prevalent in Carver County. Make sure to lock all doors and hide any purses or valuables within sight. Also, scams are everywhere! If you do not know who someone is—do not give them money.

To get in contact with Deputy Lee, call 952-361-1868 or email jlee@co.carver.mn.us.

Great Things Happening in NYA

The NYA City Council, Commissions, Administration and staff are excited to share the following events occurring in the next few weeks. There are great things happening in NYA and so much more to come...

Music in the Park

The City of NYA, Council, and Commissioners will be hosting the first night of District 108's Music in the Park summer series on Thursday, June 13th at 6:30pm. The entertainment that evening is "The Castaways." Thank you to the American Legion and VFW for financially sponsoring the series! Look at the newsletter insert for the full schedule.

Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2

On Tuesday, June 18th at 2:00pm, the City Council, Commissions, and Administration will be celebrating the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 Expansion with a Groundbreaking Ceremony at the construction site—south of the current industrial park off Tacoma Ave. Local elected officials and representatives, along with partnering consultants and contractors will also be in attendance. The public is welcome to attend.

Excavation efforts will start in the coming weeks. This expansion project is Shovel-Ready for interested businesses—the Phase 1 Environmental Study, wetland delineation with Carver County Water Management Organization, and Geotechnical Study have all been completed. For more information on the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2, please call 952-467-1810 or email economicdev@cityofnva.com.

New Old Town in the Park

It is with excitement that the City Council, NYA Parks & Recreation Commission, Young America Cardinals, and Stiftungsfest Committee celebrate the completion of the Old Town project. The Dedication of Old Town will be on Friday, June 21st, with events and concessions starting at 5:30pm, dedication at 6:30pm, followed by a fun game of town team baseball—Young America Cardinals vs. Norwood Indians. Let's Pack the Park!

5:30pm

Concertina Music by Dick Stolz
Old Town Display in Pavilion
Old Town Kids Coloring in Pavilion
Concessions— Young America Cardinals

6:30pm

Dedication Ceremony of Old Town

7:30pm

Young America Cardinals vs. Norwood Indians Baseball Game
**Free will offering for gate admission to game.
**American Legion and VFW Honor Guard presents for the Star Spangled Banner
**Prize drawings of Stiftungsfest and baseball items announced between innings!

**Come dressed
in your
German
attire!**



Springfest Artisan Fair— A Perfect Day

The 4th annual Springfest Artisan Fair was held on Saturday, June 1st from 9am-3pm on Historic Downtown Norwood. The event featured creative vendors, car show, live music, quilt show, photography contest, kid events and more! Springfest was organized and sponsored by the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.



For more information about the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce, visit www.nyachamber.org.



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Old Town in the Park Dedication

Friday, June 21, 2024

Willkommen Memorial Park
21 E. Main Street, NYA

Followed by...

Young America Cardinals

vs.

Norwood Indians BB Game

Come dressed in your
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2024 National Night Out

Norwood Young America

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

from 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**
- **Fire Trucks, Police, Music, Games, Princesses!**



We Serve

**Sponsored by the
NYA West
Carver Lions**

Next Fare for All at

All Saints Lutheran Church is

Thursday, July 11th

from 3:00-5:00 pm



Save the Date for the 163rd Stiffungsfest Celebration!!

August 22-25, 2024



Music, softball, Ambassador Coronation, car show, burgers, craft sale, kickball, Fun Run, Bingo, card & cribbage tourney, Puzzle & Guzzle, Beanbag tourney, and more! Watch for information on event registrations & locations, entertainment and music schedules at www.stiffungsfest.org



Anerkennung derjenigen, die einen Unterschied gemacht haben.
(Recognizing those that have made a difference!)

Started in 2023, Stiffungsfest annually recognizes a Gastgeber (host) of the festival during its opening ceremony. The Gastgeber symbolically welcomes everyone to Stiffungsfest! Last year's Gastgeber was previous Stiffungsfest President and community supporter Paul Lano.

Stiffungsfest is requesting submissions for the 2024 Gastgeber! Requirements for a individual to be considered for the Gastgeber honor include; a spirit for Stiffungsfest, a history of volunteering, a passion for the Norwood Young America community, lives or has lived in the District 108 School District, and is at least 21 years old.

Submissions must be made by June 30th and should be sent to Stiffungsfest President John Trocke - jhtrocke@hotmail.com. Please include the name of the candidate, reasoning for consideration, and your contact information.



SPONSORED BY THE VFW AND AMERICAN LEGION

NYA MUSIC IN THE PARK

Thursdays

NYA Legion
Park

6:30 - 8:00 PM

June 13 - Traveled Ground

Hosted by the City of NYA Council and
Commissioners

June 20 - Czech Concertina Club

Hosted by Church of Peace

June 27 - The Cast Aways

Hosted by Stiftungsfest Board

July 11 - Jolly Pops (Children's
Concert)

Hosted by Haven, Harbor and Peace Villa

July 18 - Jolly Ramblers

Hosted by NYA Lions Club

July 25 - Rich Larson and Friends
Hosted by Schmidt Chiropractic



NYA Lions Club Pork Burger Drive Thru

At Willkommen Park

Thursday June 20th

Serving 4-7pm

Meal \$10

Pork Burger, Fancy beans, chips, pickle,
cookie and water

Extra burger \$4

All proceeds go to the community



Free Pop-Up Produce Market This Summer

- Choose from a variety of food: produce, dry goods, dairy, and more
- Food options vary each week
- Everyone is welcome
- No registration needed
- No personal information required
- Come as often as you want



FIND MORE INFORMATION AT
WWW.FINDFOODCARVERCOUNTY.ORG

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
531 MORSE ST.
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

MONDAYS
3:30-5 PM

JUNE 3 -
AUGUST 12



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WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/60B0C4AAFAB28A6F94-NYAFREE

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CARVER COUNTY FOOD SHELF



BONGARDS FARMERS MARKET AT HERITAGE SHOPPING CENTER

WEDNESDAYS - JUNE TO SEPTEMBER - 3PM TO 6PM



West Carver Community Pool Open Swim

Mon-Thurs: 1:00pm-4:30pm, 6:15pm-8:30pm

Fri-Sun: 1:00pm-7:00pm

Fridays are subject to change for lesson make-up days.

Swimming lessons and pool passes can be purchased at the
West Carver Community Pool. 952-467-1888

Arbor Day Tree Planting Fun

On Thursday, May 30th, City Council members, Park & Rec Commissioners, Girl Scouts, local kids, and City public service workers helped to plant new trees along the path Prairie Dawn Park. Kids enjoyed playing at the park, flying kites, and planting seeds.



Adopt-A-Park Success

Boy Scout Troop 361 have participated in the Adopt-A-Park Program at the NYA Legion Park for several years. On Saturday, May 24th, the troop and parents cleaned up the entire park with trimming bushes, picking weeds, and detailing every inch of the park. The Scouts did a great job! Many hands make light work! Thank you!



Southwest Carver County Food Shelf Remodel

After being open almost 25 years, the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf has recently received a face-lift! Stop in during their Open House on Sunday, June 23rd from 1-3pm. Organizers are very excited to share the new improved space. Normal hours of operation are Tuesdays from 12:30-5:30pm. To make an appointment, please call 952-467-1870. Address: 10 1st Ave NE, NYA 55397.

What Can I Burn? When Can I Burn?

What is considered a Recreational Fire? "Recreational Fire" shall mean a fire set with approved starter fuel, that is no larger than three feet in diameter by two feet in height, using dry, clean wood; producing little detectable smoke, odor or soot beyond the property line; for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation or social purposes; extinguished completely before quitting the occasion; and respecting weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans, and air quality so that nuisance, health or safety hazards shall not be created. No open burning is allowed except recreational fires within City limits. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers and propane or natural gas devices shall not be defined as recreational fires.

How can I start a fire? "Starter Fuels" can be used to start a fire: dry, untreated, unpainted kindling, branches, or cardboard, or charcoal fire starter. Paraffin candles and alcohols shall be permitted as starter fuels and as aids to ignition only.

What can I burn? NOT GARBAGE OR LEAVES! You CAN burn wood: clean fuel only such as twigs, branches, limbs, "presto logs," charcoal, cordwood or untreated dimensional lumber. "Wood" shall not include wood that is green, with leaves or needles, rotten, wet, oil soaked, or treated with paint, glue or preservatives, nor, leaves and needles.

Minimum Requirements for Recreational Fires:

- Recreational fires must be at least 25 feet from all buildings, structures, and combustible materials.
- Combustible materials are things such as wood, paper, and plastics.
- Conditions which could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.
- Recreational fires must be constantly attended until the fire burns out completely or is extinguished.
- A minimum of one portable fire extinguisher complying with Minnesota State Fire Code or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, or garden hose shall be readily available at all times until the fire is extinguished.
- Recreational fires must be immediately extinguished if they pose a fire safety risk, if they are not in compliance with the above, or when directed to do so by a law enforcement officer, firefighter, fire warden, or DNR officer.

When can I burn? No recreational fire or open burn shall be permitted when the city, county, DNR, or local designated authority has officially declared a burning ban due to potential hazardous fire conditions or when the MPCA has declared an Air Quality Alert. Information regarding burning bans shall be obtained from the local fire department, DNR, or the MPCA before starting a permitted fire. Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment.





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.**

Commission seats are available on
the NYA Economic Development
Commission and
Parks & Recreation Commission.
For more information,
contact City Hall at 952-467-1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

June

Thurs, June 13: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm
Tues, June 18: Groundbreaking Ceremony TWIP2 2pm
Tues, June 18: Parks & Recreation Commission @ City Hall 5:30pm
Thurs, June 20: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Thurs, June 20: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm
Fri, June 21: Old Town Dedication 6:30pm, events start at 5:30pm
Sun, June 23: SWCC Food Shelf Open House 1-3pm
Mon, June 24: City Council/Work Session @ City Hall 5pm
Thurs, June 27: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

July

Tues, July 2: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, July 4: NYA City Hall Closed
Mon, July 8: City Council @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, July 10: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30-1:30pm
Wed, July 10: Economic Development Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, July 11: Fare for All @ All Saints 3-5pm
Thurs, July 11: Music in the Park 6:30pm
Tues, July 16: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 4:45pm
Thurs, July 18: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Thurs, July 18: Music in the Park 6:30pm
Thurs, July 18: NYA Lions Corn Feed @ NYA Legion Park 5pm
Mon, July 22: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm
Thurs, July 25: Music in the Park 6:30pm

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NYA Food Distributions

2024

NYA City Hall Parking Lot

12:30-1:30pm

- Wednesday, June 12th
 - Wednesday, July 10th
 - Wednesday, August 14th
- Drive-thru event while supplies last.
Event supported through the
CAP Agency, MiCasa, and
Carver Co Public Health.

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.

Friendly Reminders

Toilet Paper Only Please!!

Flushable wipes are NOT flushable! These wipes do not break down or disintegrate. They can actually cause sewer backup into resident's homes along with clogging pumps with city sewer equipment—which is costly to taxpayers. Please do not flush wipes—throw them away.

Sump Pump Regulations

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

Love them. Leash them. License them.

Dogs continue to be a welcome site on the trails and in the parks throughout our community. However, city code bans dogs from athletic fields and playgrounds (defined as the space covered by wood chips in our parks). This allows our ballfields and playgrounds a cleaner space for people to enjoy. A few more

pet-owner reminders:

- ⇒ You must have your pet licensed annually with the city—\$5/year per pet. Bring in a copy of up to date vaccine papers.
- ⇒ Always have your pet on a leash or restraint when walking.
- ⇒ Please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after them!

Any complaints about barking dogs, animals running at large, and other pet nuisances, please review City Code Chapter 5. Animals. Do not call City Hall with a pet nuisance. Call the Carver County non-emergency line at 952-361-1231. The City of NYA contracts with the Carver County Sheriff Department to send out CSO (Community Service Officers) to remedy nuisance situations.



NYA Water Service Line Survey

The Environmental Protection Agency is requiring all municipalities to identify water service lines to ensure the safety of our drinking water. The City of Norwood Young America Lead-Safe Community website provides you access to the Water Service Line Inventory results, additional guidance on how to determine if you have a lead service line, and any action the City of NYA needs to take. If your house was built before 1990, please visit the NYA Lead-Safe Community website at <https://arcg.is/1TOTSr>.