



### A Message From the Council

After the 2020 census, Carver County was listed as one of the fastest growing counties in Minnesota. In 2021, Carver County Public Health started a new initiative called *Communities of Belonging* after "belonging and well-being" were identified as needs in the countywide Community Health Improvement Plan. Research shows that a community should be a place where people are truly connected and know each other, care about each other, and take care of each other - even if everyone does not agree on very many issues. The result of that interaction is a stronger and better community that benefits everyone living in it.

What does a Community of Belonging look like?

- A place where everyone feels welcomed, safe and significant, regardless of their differences.
- ♦ A place where all people are respected, even if they disagree.
- ♦ A place where people know each other, care about each other and take care of each other.
- ♦ A place where everyone works together to create a thriving, vibrant community and as a result, everyone benefits.



A Collective Journey Toward a Better Tomorrow

Creating a welcoming community has been a goal for Norwood Young America staff and City Council for a long time. From the signs welcoming visitors to our community—*more than a place, it's home*, to the high school murals within our underpass that depict an inclusive community. We have been committed to living our goal. Listed below are some of the initiatives the City has supported:

If you are new to our community, we hope you received our "Willkommen to Norwood Young America" welcome packet that shares information on our local schools, clinic, and amenities. It also includes contact information on our many civic groups if you are interested in joining and meeting some new people while giving back to our community. If you have not received a welcome packet, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800.

If you are an outdoor enthusiast, we have an amazing trail system that passes through several of our parks and playgrounds. Also, make sure to walk the 212 underpass which safely connects the north to south side of town! We are looking forward to the opening of the new Indoor Walking Track as part of the Central Public School's renovation project. It will be available to all members of the NYA community, free of charge, before and after school hours.

If you are a veteran, we hope you visit Veteran's Park on the east side of town (by Heritage Mall) and take a quiet moment to sit in the gazebo, appreciate the message of our Freedom Rock, and honor the men and women whose names are listed on the sidewalk pavers. If you are interested in purchasing a sidewalk paver in honor of a veteran, call City Hall for the contact information.

If you are a master gardener or just a dabbler, we have added (8) new plots to our Community Garden—for a total of 49! The Community Gardens are located just north of City Hall. Thank you to the Central Public School woods class and instructor Jim Mesik for constructing the new plots and City Staff for installing them.

If you are a Senior Citizen, we hope you visit our Senior Center for some conversations, cards, Bingo and lunch with friends. The Senior Center is open on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 10AM to 2PM at Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion. In addition, our Senior Advisory Commission plans periodic Lunch and Learns on topics important to our Senior population. Make sure to watch for information on the upcoming "Senior" Prom that is a multi-generational event to encourage senior citizens and youth to enjoy time together. Events are always advertised in our newsletter.

With Spring and Summer around the corner, watch for more information on our upcoming community celebrations - Springfest Artisan Fair (Saturday, June 1st), Music in the Park (starting on June 13th), and, of course, Stiftungsfest (starting on August 22nd with a free Family Night). These fun events are a great way to get out and meet people from the community.

Creating a sense of belonging in a community benefits everyone through stronger social and emotional ties and generates a feeling of wellbeing by living in that community. We are so proud of Norwood Young America - it's more than a place, it's a home where all are welcome!

# **NYA News & Updates**

### **Bongards Market Coming to NYA!**

Welcome the Bongards Farmers Market to the Heritage Mall lot in Norwood Young America!! Thank you to the organizers of the market for choosing NYA to continue the legacy of the Bongards Farmers Market - we are honored! The Bongards Farmers Market will run every Wednesday in June through September—3pm to 6pm.

#### Announcing Changes to the Bongards Farmers Market for 2024 Season

Posted on March 9, 2024, by St. John's UCC Bongards

PRESS RELEASE - March 9, 2024 - NYA, MN - Thank you so much
for all the support you have given our market over the years. Each
year, in late winter, the Bongards Market Team at St. John's has
looked forward to planning the next season of the market. Our

deepest thanks and gratitude goes to the St. John's Bongards Market Team: Vicki Moteelall, Larry Bachmann, Jeannette Bachmann, Sarah Schneewind, Cindy Henschen, Dave Henschen, Chris Wing, and Pastor Scott Siefert. The market would not be successful without our team, vendors, and the support of an amazing community.

After the 2023 season, with the knowledge of the pending TH212 road construction, the team made the difficult decision to look for a new host and sponsor for the market. We felt the construction timeline and removal of an accessible interchange at Co Rd 51 and Hwy 212 would be detrimental to the future of St. John's hosting the market at its current location.

Knowing how much the market means to the community, we started talking to members of our community to find a new host and sponsor. We'd like to introduce you to Alice Bunn, the owner of Alli B's Coffee Shop and Boutique. She will be heading a new Market Team, with a new location of the market at the Heritage Shopping Center at 640 Railroad Drive in NYA. Michelle Bachmann will be part of the new market team, as the webmaster for the website and social media contact.





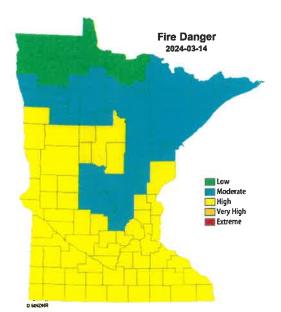
This year's vendor application and regulations are available online at <a href="https://bongardsmarket.com/become-a-vendor/">https://bongardsmarket.com/become-a-vendor/</a> Please feel free to share this information. You may also reach out to Alli at 952-233-7677 or <a href="mailto:allibsfarmersmarket@gmail.com">allibsfarmersmarket@gmail.com</a>. We look forward to a great 2024 market season.

### **Carver County in High Fire Danger**

Per the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in areas with high fire danger, wildfires can start easily and spread quickly. Please take the following precautions:

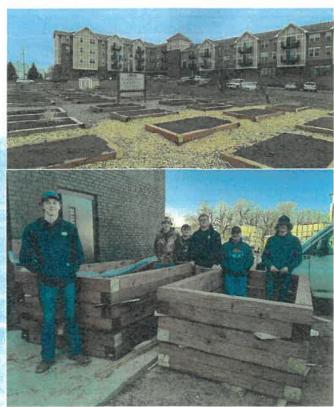
- Do not burn bruch or vegetative yard waste.
- Check any recent burning to ensure the first is out COLD!
- Be safe with ANY heat source that could cause a spark.

Follow statewide fire danger and current burning restrictions at www.mndnr.gov/burnrestrictions.



### Thank you!

The NYA Community Garden area is now officially maxed out at 49 spots! Thank you to the Central Public School's woods class for constructing the majority of all of plots since the beginning in 2012! Pictured are Central students: Ryan Moberg, Sawyer Wischnack, Trevor Neubarth, Reed Ziemer, Wyatt Noll, and Ethan Robinson.



# **NYA Events & Happenings**

### Springfest Artisan Fair-June 1st

Join the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce for the 5th Annual Springfest Artisan Fair on Saturday, June 1st from 9am to 3pm on Elm & Union Street!

This event is to unite local painters, designers, authors, quilters, car concierges, families and musicians together in a small-town setting to display their talents and wares with the ultimate intention of bringing awareness to the arts, along with history and celebration to Historic Downtown Norwood. For more information about Springfest Artisan Fair or how to be a vendor, check out the Facebook page @nyaspringfest or visit www.nyachamber.org.



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### PRESENTS:





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ARTISAN VENDORS
CAR SHOW
FOOD TRUCKS & COFFEE
LIVE MUSIC
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
QUILT SHOW
& MORE

EXPLORE & SHOP HISTORIC DOWNTOWN NORWOOD, ELM ST.

# MUSIC IN THE PARK SERIES

Legion Pool Park in Norwood Young America

JUNE 13
Traveled Ground

JUNE 20 Czech Area Concertina Club

JUNE 27 The Castaways

JULY 11
Jolly Pops — Children's
Music Entertainment

JULY 18 Jolly Rambiers

JULY 25
Rich and Friends

FREE for all, join us at 6:30 pm for a night of music.



## **Norwood Young America**



April 18-20, 2024

Email info@nyachamber.org to get on the garage sale location list!!

\*\*Watch for updates on FB\*\*



# Carver County Special Waste Drop-Off Event

Saturday, May 18, 2024 8am—Noon

Carver County Public Works 11360 US Hwy 212 Cologne, MN 55322



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



For a full list of available items, visit www.recyclecarver.org or call 952-361-1809.
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 Senior Center

10am-2pm

1st and 3rd Wed of each month (Sept—May) Willkommen Memorial Pavilion



Bingo, 500, Sheepshead, Cribbage and more! \*Free lunch served\*

All 55+ adults

welcome!!

Hosted by the NYA Senior Advisory Commission

Watch for upcoming info about summer 2024 lessons and open swim opportunities at the West Carver Community Pool in the April/May 2024 city newsletter!

# And more...





### **Norwood Young America Lions Club**

**Pancake and Omelet** 



**Breakfast** 

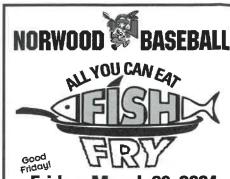
Sunday, March 24th 8am-Noon

Willkommen Park Pavilion

\*\*Free will offering\*\*

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





Friday, March 29, 2024

Willkommen Park Pavilion Serving from 4:00pm-8:00pm Menu includes:

Deep fried fish, Au Gratin potatoes, beans, coleslaw and all the fixin's!

Adults \$16.00, 5 & under FREE Drive-thru take out orders available. Drive-thru will be on 1st Ave SE off Central Ave Watch for signs!

### **Boy Scout Troop 361** Pancake Breakfast



### SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, April 7th

8:30am-Noon Willkommen Park Pavilion (21 E Main St) Free Will Donation Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Bars/Pastries, Coffee, Milk & OJ \*\*Take Out Available\*\*



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

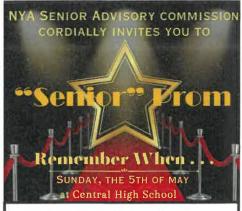
#### SAVE THE DATE:

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



Save the Date!! Sunday, May 5th 4:00-7:00pm Dinner & DJ

All Senior Citizens & CHS Students (10-12th grade) invited to attend! Ticket Sales starting April 1st at Citizens State Bank & Old National Bank

### **NYA West Carver Lions Club's Spring Plant Sale**

Proceeds generated from this fundraiser will be used for community projects!

Date: Saturday, May 11, 2024-Rain or Shine!!

Time: 7:30am until sold out

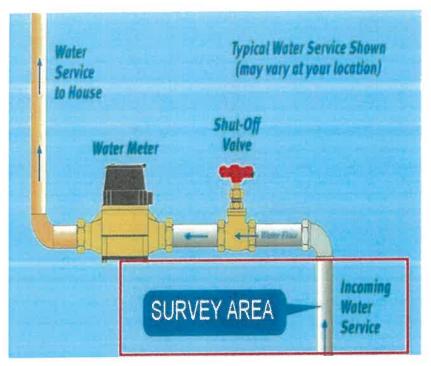
Where: Home Solutions Parking Lot (520 Faxon Rd N, NYA)

- Annuals, Perennials, More Baskets & More Pots!
- Kick off Spring with beautiful flowers!
- Enjoy Elephant Joe's Coffee Truck!
- Welcome bees, birds, and butterfliers to your garden!



The proceeds generated from this fundraiser will be used for community projects!





### City of Norwood Young America Lead-Safe Community Water Service Line Material Survey

URGENT REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NEEDED FROM EVERY BUILDING THAT RECEIVES NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA WATER SERVICE

The Environmental Protection Agency's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) require all buildings within city limits that receive water service to undergo an examination of its water service line to identify the presence of lead pipes. The US Environmental Protection Agency mandated the removal of 100% of lead service lines and collecting this data is part of this requirement. Water Departments must complete an inventory of the service lines in their system and report the information to the EPA.

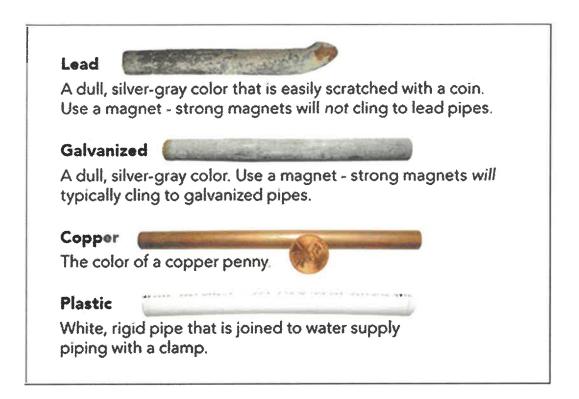
To be successful, the City of NYA needs your help by completing the **Water Service Line Material Survey** to identify the type and size of your service line. **Please use the following guidelines as a reference to satisfy the minimum requirements required of the LCRR lead service line inventory.** 

- 1. Locate your water meter (usually in the basement) and look for the pipe entering the house from outside that connects to the water meter.
- 2. **Take a picture of the Water Service Line**. If this has paint or corrosion, scrape or remove such coverings for a clear identification of the service line material prior to the picture. If the material of the service water line looks gray, use a magnet on the clean surface. If the magnet sticks, please show in picture. (Note: Lead pipes are non-magnetic and easily scratched with a coin).
- 3. Choose (1) one of these ways to share your Water Service Line information:
  - a. Access the Water Service Line Material Survey by visiting <a href="https://arcg.is/1nqf5v">https://arcg.is/1nqf5v</a> or snap a photo of the QR code and fill out the requested information:
  - b. If you cannot access the survey, please submit pictures to:
     <u>ReportMyInfoNYA@gmail.com</u>. When submitting pictures, include your physical address in the Subject Line. (i.e. Water Service Pics, 123 Main Street).
  - c. If you are unable to take a picture of your water service and meter, please call NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800 to make an appointment for a City Public Works Employee to enter your home to assist you. The appointment will take no longer than 10 minutes.

Safe drinking water is our top priority. 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. Visit the Lead-Safe Community website at https://arcg.is/1TOTSr.

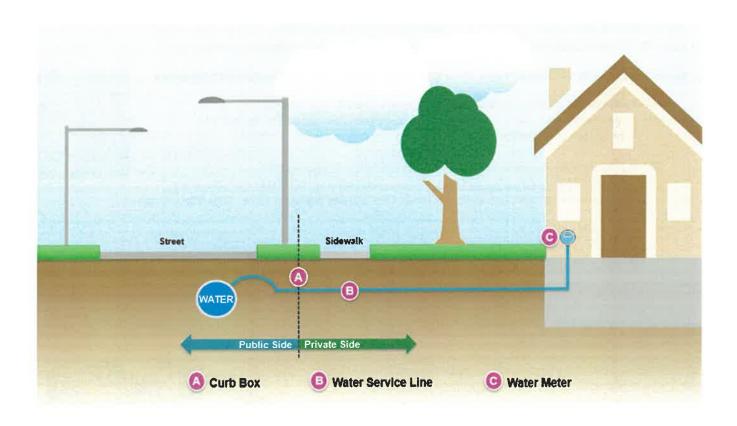
All Water Service Line buildings must be reported to the EPA by October 2024. Homeowners with any questions can call NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800.





### What is a service line?

The service line connects the water main to the property. The water utility owns the utility-owned portion of the service line, and the customer owns the customer-owned portion of the service line.





Saturday, April 27th 8:00am—10:00am

Central Elementary Parking Lot, 655 7th St SW (map below)

#### The NYA Spring Clean Up Day is a FREE event is for NYA CITY

RESIDENTS 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.

FYI-ID's will be checked.

#### 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, concrete blocks, bricks, etc.)
- ♦ Miscellaneous 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

# Central Elem Parking Lot—See Map Below

No paper shredding services are available this year.



### **NYA Recycling Center**

The Norwood Young America Recycle Center is open to all residents and businesses year-round for general recyclables—fibers, plastics, metal, and glass. **Location: 421 W Railroad Street, NYA** (SW corner of Railroad & Reform) **Hours:** *April—November*: Wednesday 3pm-6pm and Saturday 8am—12pm.



### **NYA Compost Site**

The NYA Compost Site is available to citizens who reside within the city limits of Norwood Young America. There is no charge for disposal of yard, garden, and tree waste to NYA city residents. Watch for specific areas for dropping off your yard waste. Please do not dump any garbage at this site! If you see a non-resident or business utilizing this site, please call the Carver County non-emergency line at 952-361-1231 and report the illegal dumping, a license number and description of the vehicle. Location: 640 Tacoma Blvd (located within the Tacoma West Industrial Park) Hours: Dawn to Dusk.

### **Sump Pump Regulations**

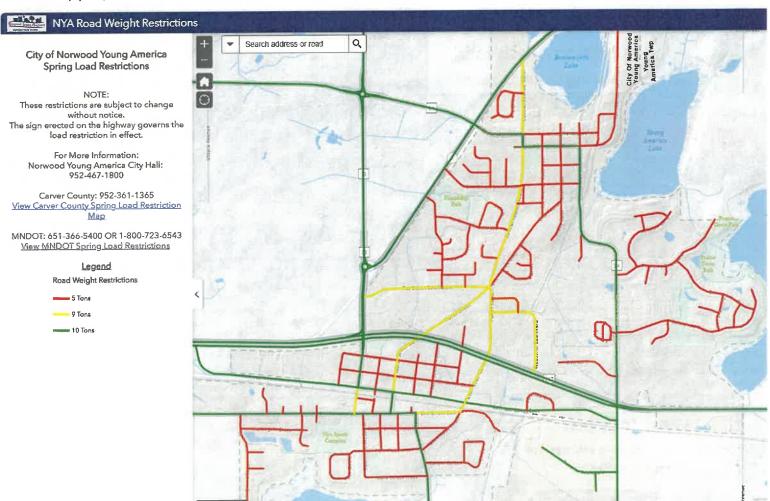
All sump pumps must be day-lighted into your yard or into the storm sewer—NOT into your neighbor's yard or a public sidewalk. Sump pumps should also not be connected into the sanitary sewer. Doing so results in the treatment of unnecessary amounts of water, putting additional strain on the treatment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

### **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.

### **NYA Road Weight Restrictions**

In order to protect and prolong the service life of the roadways, road weight restrictions are imposed during the spring thaw every year, when the roadbeds are most susceptible to damage (due to the weakened subgrade).

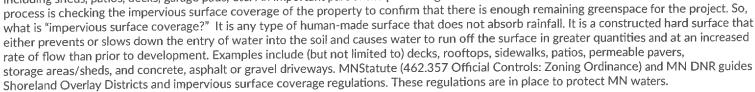


### Welcome to NYA, 212 Tobacco!

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce, City Council, and NYA Economic Development Commission welcomed owner Syed Mahmood and 212 Tobacco with a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 13th. The Tobacco shop carries a variety of products from cigarettes at state minimum, premium cigars, CBD products, incense candles, and tobacco accessories. Business hours starting in April will be 9am to 9pm, open 7 days a week. For additional information, call (612) 457-5941 or visit them at the Heritage Mall at 640 Railroad Drive, NYA.

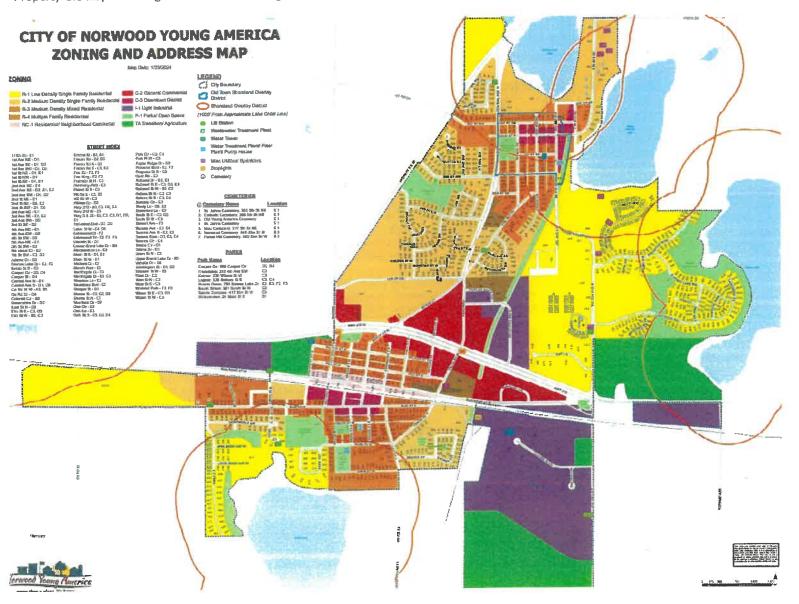
### What is Impervious Surface Coverage?

The favorable weather has started to spur many home improvement projects including sheds, patios, decks, garage pads, etc. An important part of the permitting



What does that mean for Norwood Young America residents? NYA is surrounded by five bodies of water. According to MN Statute, Shoreland Overlay Districts restrict lot coverages within 1,000 feet of a body of water to 25% impervious surface coverage (properties within the orange areas below). Why? Too much impervious coverage leads to unnecessary erosion, drainage concerns, and potential flooding. Residents who do NOT live within the Shoreland Overlay Districts are allowed a 35% impervious surface coverage. Downtown Districts are exempt from the Shoreland Overlay Districts as they can have up to 100% lot coverage due to the nature of the use of the property/location.

If you are preparing for a house project, you can measure your lot coverage and impervious surface coverage by going to the Carver County Property GIS map and using their online measuring tools. You can also call City Hall at 952-467-1800 or email office@cityofnya.com for help.





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



NYA Community Video



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Postal Customer NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

#### Save the dates!

#### March

Thurs, Mar 21: NYA Library Book Sale 1-8pm

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Fri, Mar 22: NYA Library Book Sale 10am-5pm Sat, Mar 23: Easter Egg Hunt @ Legion Park 9:30am

Sat, Mar 23: NYA Library Book Sale 1-4pm

Sun, Mar 24: Lions Pancake/Omelet Bfkst @ Pavilion 8am-Noon 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

#### April

Tues, Apr 2: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm Wed, Apr 3: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10-2pm

Sun, Apr 7: Boy Scout Pancake Bkfst @ Pavilion 8:30am-Noon

Mon, Apr 8: City Council @ City Hall 6pm

Wed, Apr 10: Free Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30pm Wed, Apr 10: Econ Dev Commission @ City Hall 6pm Tues, April 16: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:30pm

Wed, Apr 17: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10-2pm Thur, Apr 18: Senior Advisory Commission 9am Wed, Apr 18-20: NYA City Wide Garage Sales Mon, Apr 22: Workshop/City Council @ City Hall 5pm Sat, Apr 27: NYA Spring Clean Up Day @ CES 8-10am

#### NYA Food Distributions 2024 NYA City Hall Parking Lot 12:30-1:30pm

- Wednesday, April 8th
- Wednesday, May 8th
- Wednesday, June 12th
   Drive-thru event while supplies last.
   Event supported through the
   CAP Agency, MiCasa, and
   Carver Co Public Health.



### **Home Improvements Projects**

As you are preparing for spring improvements to your properties, make sure to check with the City at 952-467-1800 for any Permitting, zoning requirements, including impervious surface coverage.

#### **Building Permits**

A building permit is required for most improvements such as the construction of a deck, installation of a shed over 200 square feet, installing in-ground swimming pools, finishing a basement, water heater changeouts, re-roof, re-siding, new windows, etc. Please contact the City for determination if a building permit is required prior to commencing any work.

Administrative/Zoning Permits

For some improvements that do not require a building permit, an Administrative/Zoning Permit may be required. The purpose of an Administrative /Zoning Permit is to ensure the improvement complies with the City's zoning ordinance. Examples of improvements that require an Administrative/Zoning Permit include fences, sheds under 200 square feet, concrete or asphalt surfaces such as for patios or a parking stall off the side of a garage. A permit is required to be obtained prior to commencing any work.

Building Permits and Administrative/Zoning Permits can be downloaded off the City's website at www.cityofnya.com or picked up at NYA City Hall M-Th 7:30am-4:30pm or Fri 7:30am-1:30pm. For any questions, please call 952-467-1800 or email office@cityofnya.com.

### 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.cityofnya.com (select How Do I, Apply For a Job). Please contact Mitchell at 952-467-1807 or email cityclerk@cityofnya.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.