



Message From The Council

After a very dry winter, April felt like the month of showers that should bring May flowers. As you drive around town, you may notice the first tulips blooming as well as the first community flower sales. According to the weather station in Chanhassen, we had approximately 3.4 inches of rainfall this April. After the winter that was not, this past month of showers should bring a May that is full of amazing blooms! It is our pleasure to share what else, besides flowers, will "bloom" around our community this spring:

Big projects: You will soon see some big street reconstruction projects around town. Project #1 will occur on Railroad Street -the original Highway 212 – and Yellowstone Trail! This project is a complete reconstruction from Faxon Road to Morse Street and then from Reform Street to Progress Street. The middle section of that street is owned by Carver County and received its update several years ago. Project #2 begins the final Highway 212 Benton Township Project from Cologne to Norwood Young America. This long-awaited upgrade will bring additional opportunities to our community for new businesses and housing development. Project #3 will include the utility and pavement work for the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 Development. It will be so exciting to welcome new industrial, manufacturing and trades businesses to our community starting this fall.

Lots of new businesses: Did you know that since COVID, Norwood Young America has seen twenty-six new small businesses open their doors in our community? We are excited to celebrate the following businesses that have opened within city limits in the past two years: Tin Roof Powder Coating, Silverthorn Photography, Bevens Creek Inn, KJS Laundromat, Copper Canyon Bar and Grill, Farmers Market Insurance, Travers Wellness, Orr Contracting, 212 Tobacco and Crown of Life Bookstore. Another exciting new seasonal outdoor business in our community, the Bongards Farmer's Market, will operate from the Heritage Strip Mall this summer!

Outstanding new displays of artwork: Starting the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>, Central High School Art students will create additional murals along the underpass walls. Look for fantastic new teenage artwork interpretations of "kindness, community, and current events."

Opening of the pool: The West Carver Community Pool is scheduled to open on June 1st. We are so excited to have many of our awesome lifeguards and swimming instructors returning, and so pleased to introduce the fabulous new lifeguards you will meet this summer! Do not forget to sign your children up for swimming lessons!

*Memorial Day:* Celebrating Memorial Day has been a longstanding tradition in Norwood Young America. Many families take part of this time of remembrance each year. We are so proud to celebrate Memorial Day and to take this opportunity to honor the many veterans from our community. The Memorial Day Program will start at 10am on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at Central Public Schools. We hope to see you there!

So many exciting things bloom throughout our city, and it is our pleasure to share some of the highlights with you each month! We continue collaborating with staff to prepare for a fabulous summer...another chance to share that *Norwood Young America is more than a place; it's our home!* And what a beautiful home it is!



**Memorial Day Program** 

The NYA VFW Post 1783 and American Legion Post 343 will be hosting a Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 27th at 10:000am at Central Public Schools. All are welcome. Memorial Day Cemetery Services will be held at the following:

- 8:00am-St. Paul's Evangelical Reform, 15470 CR 31, Hamburg
- 8:20am—St. John's UCC, 12980 CR 51, NYA
- 8:40am—Mau Cemetery, 201 5th Ave NE, NYA
- 9:10am—Forest Hill Cemetery, 888 Elm Street W, NYA
- 9:30am—Church of the Ascension, 323 Reform Street N, NYA

The VFW and American Legion are looking for new members. For more information, contact: Ron Kroells 952-913-3496, Ron Smith 952-467-3142, or Larry Panning 952-261-8632.



## **NYA City Happenings**



### 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.

### **Greetings, Rental Property Owners!**

The City's Rental Dwelling Renewal Period is fast approaching. If you own a property within the City and use it as a rental, it is required per City Code Section 350 – Rental Housing Licensing to be licensed and inspected. The purpose of this ordinance is ensuring health and safety standards, and public welfare by regulating and controlling the use and occupancy, maintenance and repair of all buildings and structures within the City. We conduct our rental licensing tri-annually with the next period being 2025 through 2027. The fees for Rental House are as follows: 1-4 units: \$95.00/unit, 5+ units: 1-4 =\$380.00 +\$55.00/unit.

If you are a previous rental property owner, expect to be receiving a renewal application within the next couple of months. If you are new to having a rental property, you will need to fill out an application, pay the fee and then schedule your inspection. Please contact Grace at City Hall at 952-777-0274 or gballow@cityofnya.com for more information.

### Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 Update

Citizens will be noticing excavation efforts at the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 (TWIP2) 60-acre lot yet this spring. The City Council approved the final plat of TWIP2 this winter, followed by approving the infrastructure project to Northwest Asphalt, Inc. The City applied for and was awarded two significant grants to aid in funding this project - MN DEED Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure (TEDI) grant in the amount of \$900,000, and Carver Co CDA Community Growth Partnership Initiative Development Program grant in the amount of \$100,000. These awards totaling \$1,000,000 will come right off the top of the \$5.6M infrastructure project. 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@cityofnya.com.

### It's Poppy Season!

The end of April and the month of May you will begin to see VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Auxiliary of NYA out and about giving away a Red Poppy for you to wear proudly to show your patriotism. They do NOT sell the poppies! Although donations are welcome:) All donations received will be used to support veterans in our community and surrounds areas.

### LIGHTS, CAMERA, SENIORS: NYA'S GLITZY HOLLYWOOD 'SENIOR' PROM

Central Public Schools—May 2024 News, Andie Franck, District 108 Administrative Assistant

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission set an ambitious goal for 2024: to host a multigenerational dance, a throwback to the pre-COVID era's Spring Fling and Fall Balls. Unsure of where to begin, they reached out to Christine Ludford, the National Honor Society (NHS) Advisor at Central High School, for assistance. Though NHS Vice President Trey Gratz had already met his quota for volunteer hours, he eagerly joined the effort. With Prom Advisor Kelly Street's collaboration, the idea of a Senior Citizen Dance took shape, utilizing the school's resources and decorations post-prom.

The committee included various community members and leaders who worked diligently to bring the event to fruition. Local organizations like the American Legion, VFW, NYA West Carver Lions, and NYA Lions generously contributed, keeping costs low and ensuring the success of the event. Additionally, free transportation was provided through the NYA City Bus.

Reflecting on the event, some committee members expressed concern about the uncertainty of planning a new event, but the community's response surpassed expectations. "A new event is hard to plan for –

especially how to get the word out and worrying about how many people will participate. It's one of those situations where we had to try it to see if it did or didn't work" said Karen Hallquist Community & Economic Development Director for the City of NYA.

"The Senior Dance Committee was hopeful of selling 30 tickets," Hallquist said, "We were so pleasantly surprised when ticket sales came back at 61!" With ticket sales exceeding hopes, attendees enjoyed an evening reminiscent of the familiar memories of school dances of the past, complete with the infectious joy of the Chicken Dance. "When the music started it was kind of like a middle school dance – who would go first? Then the Chicken Dance came on – they were all good to go after that." Positive feedback flooded social media and is already building excitement for next year. Continued...



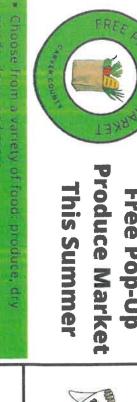






## **Produce Market** This Summer Free Pop-Up







# Save the Date for the 163rd Stiftungsfest Celebration!!

August 22-25, 2024

Music, softball, burgers and more! Watch for information on locations, entertainment and music schedules at event registrations &

www.stiftungsfest.org



# **NYA City Bus** Weekly Schedule

2<sup>nd</sup> Tues - Glencoe Coborn's 1st Tues - Waconia (Mack's, Dollar Store)

3<sup>rd</sup> Tues - Waconia (Aldi, Target)

4th Tues - Hutchinson (Walmart, Cash Wise)

· Come as often as you want

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. No registration needed

Everyone is welcome

. Food options vary each week

goods, dairy, and more

Peace Villa, and The Harbor/Haven, followed by individual addresses\*\* \*\*For a reservation, call SmartLink at (952)496-8341 ext 2\*\* THE PARTY AND

\*\*All NYA Senior residents are welcome to utilize the City Bus trips\*\* \*\*9:00am pickup (Tues) and 3:00pm pickup (Wed) from Oak Grove,

\*\*Limit of two (2) reusable shopping bags per rider\*\*

\*\*\$5.00 per rider out of town shopping trips\*\*

\*\*\$3.00 per rider in NYA\*\*

2<sup>nd</sup> Wed - NYA Shopping Day (Kwik Trip, Family Dollar Marsden Pharmacy, Bongards Farmers Market

5<sup>th</sup> Tues - Glencoe (Coborn's, Dollar Fresh)

4th Wed - NYA Shopping Day (Kwik Trip, Family Dollar, Marsden Pharmacy, Bongards Farmers Market at heritage shopping center BONGARDS FARMERS Madrida A TO SPA



June 1st 9am-3pm HISTORIC DOWNTOWN ARTISAN FAIR

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA 531 MORSE ST MONDAYS

**AUGUST 12** 

JUNE 3

3:30-5 PM

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# CARVER COUNTY FOOD SHELF

# Prairie Dawn Park

795 Barnes Lake Drive, NYA

Thursday, May 30th 9am

Council, Boy Scouts Troop 361, and West Carver Girl Scouts in.a fun event of planting trees in celebration of Arbor Day! Join the NYA Parks & Recreation Commission, NYA City Bring gloves and a shovel!

Planting!

Games & Activities



# NYA Town Team Baseba





### Grants for Plants!

By Madeline Seveland May 2024 Carver County Water Management Organization

Carver County offers three programs to residents with funding to install native plants.

### what are native plants?

Native plants are those local to Minnesota, those that were growing here when European immigrants first arrived. They are adapted to our climate and soils, are drought tolerant, and disease resistant. Most native plants do not require fertilizer or even water once established, and they tolerate our extreme Minnesota weather. As a result, they typically thrive with less care than non-native species. You may even know a few already, Purple Coneflower, Compass Plant, and Blackeved Susan.



### Why grow native plants?

They build soil health:

Native plants improve soil health. Their super long roots help decrease soil compaction, stabilize the soil, and reduce erosion. These roots can find their own water and create gaps in the soil, so more water soaks into the ground.

They help wildlife:

Our native wildlife evolved with Minnesota native plants and depend on them for nectar, berries, seeds, nesting areas, and shelter. For example, the common blue butterfly and many birds rely on the Red Osier Dogwood. Butterflies, including the Monarch, need milkweeds. Pollinators rely on asters, such as New England Aster, for late season food in August through October when other plants have settled down for winter.

They protect lakes and rivers:

Back to the magic of native plants super long roots. These deep roots allow rainwater to soak well into the ground. When rain does not soak into the ground, it flows off lawns and pavement and into storm drains where it is carried away to nearby ponds, lakes, and streams. This rain runoff brings with it many pollutants such as bacteria, sediment, and phosphorus. Native plants soak up that rainwater and filter pollutants leaving less runoff and less water pollution to cause problems.

More benefits:

Native plants can be used in your lawn's problem areas like "squishy spots" or bare soil where nothing else grows. Native plants are relatively maintenance free. They don't need mowing, fertilizers, pesticides, or even water once established saving you both time and money.

### Programs available:

Several programs provide funding to residents to install native plant projects.

### Landowner cost share program

Provides funding for projects that protect water quality in Carver County. Examples include raingardens, shoreline restorations, native plant gardens, and more. Program funds 75% of a project up to \$5000. Learn more about the Landowner cost share program.

Pollinator habitat cost share program

Provides funding to convert turf and non-native landscapes to pollinator habitat in Carver County. Projects must be a minimum of 250 square feet and can receive a maximum funding of \$2000. Learn more about the pollinator habitat cost share program

Lawns to Legumes

A state funded program designed to get more pollinator habitat in residential areas. More information at Lawns to Legumes: Your Yard Can BEE the Change | MN Board of Water, Soil Resources (state.mn.us)

Within the 7 County Metro Area, only 3.5% of the original 1,903,640 acres of native plants are left. Do your part for water and wildlife by planting native plants.

Are you thinking of creating a new garden or tackling a problem lawn area this spring? Use native plants and get funding to do so. Native plants improve soil health, protect lakes and rivers, and provide food and shelter for Minnesota wildlife.

Contact Carver County Water Management Organization at www.carvercountymn.gov.



Office Use only

## West Carver Community Pool 2024 Swimming Lessons

Welcome to the West Carver Community Pool – Summer 2024!

We are looking forward to a fun season of swimming and learning! **Swimming Lesson Levels** Session #1 (Monday - Thursday)\* June 10 - June 21 1. Intro to Water Skills A. 10:00am - 10:45am (Level 1, 2) 2. Fundamental Aquatic Skills B. 10:55am - 11:40am (Levels 3, 4, 5, 6) 3. Stroke Development C. 5:00pm - 5:45pm (Level 3 & 4) 4. Stroke Development Stroke Refinement Session #2 (Monday - Thursday)\* 6. Swimming & Skill Proficiency June 24 - July 5 A. 10:00am - 10:45am (Levels 1, 2) P. Puddle Jumpers (ages 2-4) B. 10:55am - 11:40am (Levels 3, 4, 5, 6) Parent required to participate in the pool with their child. C. 5:00pm - 5:45pm (Levels 2, 3, 4) \*Fridays are make-up days D. 5:55pm - 6:40pm - Puddle Jumpers FULL Rates Session #3 (Monday - Thursday)\* \$45.00 Regular Session July 8 - July 19 \*\*No private lessons offered\*\* A. 10:00am - 10:45am (Levels 3 FULL, Level 4, 5, 6) \$60.00 Pool Passes - Single Pass B. 10:55am - 11:40am (Levels 1, 2, 4) Family Pass (up to 5, \$20 each additional) \$140.00 C. 11:50 am - 12:35pm (Level 1 and Puddle Jumpers) \$5.00 Daily Rate D. 5:00pm - 5:45pm (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4) Twilight Rate (after 6pm open swim) \$3.00 Ten (10) Punch card \$35.00 Session #4 (Monday - Thursday)\* July 22 - August 2 \*No refunds unless lessons must be cancelled due to lack of A. 10:00am - 10:45am (Levels 1,2) instructors or participation. B. 10:55am - 11:40am (Levels 3, 4, 5, 6) C. 5:00pm - 5:45pm (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4) \*\*All passes/punch cards are good for 2024 season only. No refunds are given on passes/punch cards\*\* **Open Swim Hours** 1:00pm - 4:30pm, 6:15pm - 8:30pm Monday - Thursday Friday - Sunday 1:00pm - 7:00pm \*\*Please fill out one form per child per session. Return to NYA City Hall, 310 Elm Street W, NYA 55368 or West Carver Community Pool if submitted after June 10th. \*\* Cash, check, or credit card (with a 5% service charge) is accepted for payment. Student Name\_\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_ Age Session Level Time Fee Parent Name\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_

Email Address

Cash/\_\_\_\_\_Check #/\_\_\_\_\_Credit Card\_\_\_\_\_Date\_\_\_\_\_Initials\_\_\_\_\_

### **Welcome New Businesses to NYA!**

The City of NYA, EDC and NYA Area Chamber congratulated and welcomed 212 Equipment, Carver Canines, and O2B Kids during the month of May!

### 212 Equipment-17550 Hwy 212, NYA 55368

212 Equipment offers sales of both new and used equipment, STIHL, rental and service. They service any equipment both small and large and offer onsite service as well. They employ ten employees and love the small town feel of NYA, loves their location and appreciates the warm and welcoming community. Business hours: Monday-Friday 8am-5pm or by appointment. For more information, call/text 612-269-9536 or visit https://212equipment.com.



### Carver Canines—13950 Hwy 5, NYA 55397

Owners Laura Zimmerman and Doug Pritchard and their staff of a dozen, offer quality canine service featuring "kennel free, overnight boarding and daycare, along with unlimited playtime and unlimited petting." Carver Canines launched in 2019 as a home-based business with the goal of bringing quality canine services to the Carver County area. They expanded and renovated the former Countryside Veterinary building in 2023 to meet the needs of their customers. Business hours: 7am-7pm, 365 days a year. For more information, call/text 612-386-1680, visit https://www.carvercanines.com, or email carvercanines@gmail.com.



### O2B Kids-316 W Hwy 212, NYA 55368

Two years ago, O2B Kids purchased the former Children of Tomorrow. Recently rebranded, O2B Kids expanded their location and licensing to accommodate 125 children, serving infants, toddlers, and PreK children. Teachers are first-aid and CPR trained. O2B Kids offers a literacy-rich environment to create a program to get children ready for school. O2B Kids employs 24 staff members. Childcare hours: 6am-6pm Monday-Friday. For more information, call 952-467-2610 or visit https://o2bkids.com/locations/norwood-young-america-mn-childcare/.





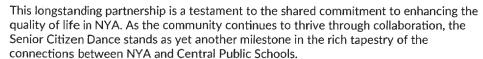




### Lights, Camera, Seniors: NYA's Glitzy Hollywood "Senior" Prom continued...

The event was an incredible example of what small-town collaboration can accomplish and underscored the enduring spirit of partnership between the city of NYA and Central Public Schools. Over the years, Central students have actively participated in various city initiatives, from volunteering for Food Distributions to pitching in on NYA Clean Up Day and Arbor Day events. Their involvement extends to maintaining parks and contributing to the betterment of the community. This partnership, rooted in a history of joint projects, exemplifies the tight-knit nature of small-town communities and the deep commitment to our community.

Recent collaborations have seen Central's industrial tech classes spearheading numerous projects, including the creation of community garden plots, the construction of the hockey warming house, and the volunteering at booths for Stiftungsfest. Additionally, the Central Arts class has left its mark with vibrant underpass murals, adding color and character around the community.



"This event was our small town at its best! A fantastic partnership with the City and School, financially supported by our local civic organizations, and attended by senior citizens who deserve a fun event!"

Looking ahead, next year's Senior Dance is already on the calendar for Sunday, May 4, 2025, promising another evening of community celebration and joy.









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### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA**

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Postal Customer NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

### May

Sat, May 18: Carver Co Special Waste Drop Off @ CC Public Works

Tues, May 21: Parks & Rec Mtg 5:30pm City Hall

Mon, May 27: City Hall Closed for Memorial Day

Mon, May 27: Memorial Day Program 10am @ Central Public School

Tues, May 28: Workshop/City Council Mtg 5pm City Hall

Thurs, May 30: Arbor Day Tree Planting 9am @ Prairie Dawn Park

### June

Sat, June 1: Springfest Artisan Fair @ Historic Downtown Norwood

Tues, June 4: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm

Thurs, June 6: Fare for All @ All Saints 3-5pm Mon, June 10: City Council @ City Hall 6pm

Wed, June 12: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30-1:30pm

Wed, June 12: EDC @ City Hall @ 6pm

Thurs, June 13: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm 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 Mon, June 24: City Council/Work Session @ City Hall 5pm

Thurs, June 27: Music in the Park @ NYA Legion Park 6:30pm

### 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.

### **Friendly Reminders**

### **NYA Water Service Line Survey**

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. If your house was built before 1990, please visit the NYA Lead-Safe Community website at https://arcg.is/1TOTSr.

### 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.

### **Stagnant Water and Mosquitos**

It is that time of year again! Please do your part to keep mosquitoes under control. Stagnant water is a haven for mosquitoes and violates the City Code. Any property found to violate the City Code will result in daily aggregated administrative fines that will be invoiced to the property owner until the violation is remedied. Should the invoice not be paid, it will be assessed on the property owner's taxes. City Code 600.02 Public Nuisances Affecting Health. Subd. 1 The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health: C. All ponds or pools of stagnant water.

### **Sump Pump Regulations**

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

