

A Message From The Council

November is the season of gratitude. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. As a community, we have so much to be grateful for ...

T is for our TERRIFIC STAFF. Have you noticed all the festive decorations popping up around town? That is all thanks to our hardworking staff! They are the ones who respond (day or night) when we have a water main break. They answer the phones when you have questions about your utility bill or help you when you are renting one of our city buildings or deal with the concerns about blight or nuisances. They are the friendly faces who help and support us every day. Thank you for the positive attitude and fabulous work ethic!

H is for our HEROES. Veterans Day is a special day to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Each year at the Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs, the band plays a special tribute to all the branches of the Armed Forces and they ask veterans to stand when their branch is recognized. It is a powerful reminder of how many men and women have served from this community. Thank you for your service and your continued dedication to our community!!

A is for our ACTION. This past year has seen a whirlwind of activity around the city. Merger Street has been reconstructed with a plan in place for Railroad Street to be upgraded in 2024. Old Town has come down and the frame for the New Old Town will be taking shape soon. Land has been purchased for Phase 2 of our Industrial Park and a plan to add the infrastructure (e.g., streets, sewer, and water) is in place for 2024. Finally, don't forget that the upgrades to Highway 212 will be starting next summer.

N is for our NEW (AND EXISTING) BUSINESSES. In the past three years, 22 new businesses have chosen our community as their home. In 2023, six new businesses opened their doors - Silverthorn Photography, TinRoof Powdercoating, Bevans Creek Inn, KJS Laundromat, Copper Canyon Bar & Grill, and Josh Arnold Farmers Insurance. We also have 18 manufacturing businesses located in our community that provide jobs for so many of our citizens, *and* another new manufacturing business will be opening soon on Elm Street. To our local businesses, thank you for choosing Norwood Young America as your home - you have enriched our lives!

K is for KINDNESS. We live in a community where neighbors take care of each other. We have volunteers who continue to meet at City Hall on the first Wednesday of each month to pack groceries and place them in cars so approximately 300 families can feel supported during these continuing times of high gas and food prices. Thank you for spreading kindness and caring to those in need!

S is for SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. This community has so many amazing individuals who donate their time and energy to making our community great! These groups have created parks, donated money to local projects, kept us safe and provided endless opportunities to get together and celebrate as a community. Thank you to the VFW Post 1783, the American Legion Edward Born Post 343, the Chamber of Commerce, the NYA Lions Club and NYA West Carver Lions Club, the NYA Beyond the Yellow Ribbon group, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the Stiftungsfest Committee, and last but certainly not least, a big shout out to our local Fire Department. Thank you for volunteering. Thank you for serving. You make our lives better and our community stronger!

As we celebrate another Thanksgiving season, we will continue to focus on making this community better and stronger. Thank you for taking care of your family and your neighbors! Together, we can continue our good work because *Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's our home! And we are so proud to say we live here!*



Honorary Retired members of the NYA Fire Department. These are members who retired with 20 or more years of service on the department.



The NYA Fire Department's Inflatable Safety House will be able to be set up at schools and community events. Special thanks to the VFW and Legion for their financial support!

NYA Happenings



Meet The New Staff!

Erin Schrupp—Accounting Clerk— accounting@cityofnya.com

My name is Erin Schrupp, and I am the Accounting Clerk at the City of Norwood Young America. My responsibilities for the City include utility billing and accounts payable and receivables. I have 17+ years of experience as an Administrative Coordinator.

My favorite part of my current job is that there is always something to learn. It definitely keeps me busy – especially with a career change. I also enjoy working in a small office.

I grew up in Norwood Young America, and now reside in Cologne with my family. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and our two kids. Their sporting events keep me busy, so you will typically find me on the sidelines of a soccer field, basketball court, or at a track meet.



Grace Ballow—Community & Economic Dev Administrative Assistant—office@cityofnya.com

Hello! My family and I recently relocated to Minnesota from Colorado. My background is in permitting & code enforcement within the Denver Metro, and prior to that I worked as a 911 police dispatcher for about 14 years. I enjoy interacting with people and helping the community any way I can.

In my spare time, my family and I are having fun exploring the state and getting settled here. My favorite part of working at Norwood Young America is that it allows me to be involved in so many different facets of the City and I find it very interesting. While it's busy, no two days are ever the same and I'm happy to be here.

NYA Fire Department Toy Drive

The NYA FD will be collecting toys for local children from now through December 12th at the following locations:

Citizens State Bank NYA
Old National Bank
Children of Tomorrow
Central Elementary Media Center
Xtreme Electric
Tanglez Salon
Schmidt Chiropractic Center
Bongards Creamery



The NYA FD partners with the Southwest Carver County Food Shelf to hold a Toy Distribution on December 14th. If you know of a family in need, please call the SWCC Food Shelf at 952-467-1830 to make an appointment. Regular food shelf hours are Tuesdays from 12:30-5pm by appointment. Location is 10 1st Ave SE, NYA.

2024 NYA Fire Department Calendars

The free NYA Fire Department Fire Prevention & Community Calendars will be showing up at your front door soon! Members of the Norwood Young America Fire Department will be out delivering calendars to all homes in the fire district. The calendars are sponsored by the NYA Fire Department and financially supported by local businesses. The calendars are intended to bring fire safety, prevention and awareness to our community residents along with fun reminders of community events and advertising of our amazing local businesses.

**NYA LIONS
CHRISTMAS
TREES**

OPENING NOVEMBER 24TH

Opening Day 10am-7pm
WEEKDAYS 4-7PM
SATURDAYS 10AM-7PM
SUNDAYS 12PM-7PM

**NEXT TO CARQUEST
FRESH CUT TREES**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO BACK TO
THE COMMUNITY**



Join our local businesses on Saturday, November 25th in celebrating Small Business Saturday! Support your local businesses like they support you!

Did You Know....

In 1912, forty local farmers decided to organize a dairy cooperative. By the time production began, sixty-two farmers had signed on and the creamery began producing butter and cheese. In the early days of the Norwood Creamery, cream was delivered by wagons filled with cream cans and pulled by horses. The cans made quite a racket upon delivery to the Creamery. In 1917, the Norwood Creamery built a larger modern brick creamery to serve the increasing needs of the dairy farmers.

Meanwhile in 1933, Oak Grove Dairy began operations in Scott County. In 1936, Oak Grove bought the Norwood Creamery and renamed it Oak Grove Dairy. It was used as a pasteurizing and bottling plant. Within a few years, Oak Grove Dairy was shipping only bottled milk. Wagons and horses were eventually replaced by bulk tank trucks delivering the milk to Oak Grove Dairy. During the 1950's to 1970's, Oak Grove grew larger and was remodeled with the latest dairy equipment.

Oak Grove Dairy closed its doors in 2004, but the historic site of the Norwood Creamery and Oak Grove Dairy lives on as the Oak Grove Center. You may have visited this building! It houses the Norwood Young America City Offices, Oak Grove Senior Residence, Carver County Sheriff's Office (hub), and Norwood Young America Library. You will also find the Community Gardens on the north side of the property. -Submitted by the Willkommen Heritage & Preservation Society, 102 E Main St, Hours: Thurs-Sat 10am-2pm



A Special Gift for the Holidays

Looking for a special gift to honor a veteran you know? The Young America VFW Post 1783 and Norwood Legion Edward Born Post 343 are looking for additional engraved pavers to fill the walkway at Veteran's Park. Engraved pavers are \$150. To obtain an order form, please contact Ron Smith 952-467-3142, Ron Kroells 952-913-3496 or Larry Panning 952-261-8632.

The City of Norwood Young America also offers the Memorial Tree and Park Bench Programs. These programs were developed by the City of Norwood Young America's Parks and Recreation Commission to provide an opportunity to recognize residents who have made an impact in the community, honor a loved one who passed away, or celebrate a milestone. Family and friends can join together to donate a personalized park bench or memorial tree to be planted in one of the local parks. This generous donation will be a lasting memory, while enhancing the beauty of the community.



Serving Those in Need

The Young America VFW Post 1783 and Norwood Legion Edward Born Post 343 have crutches, walkers and wheelchairs available for anyone in need. Equipment may be used at no cost and returned when no longer needed. For more information, call Ron Kroells 952-913-3496 or Larry Panning 952-261-8632.

Seeking Election Judges for 2024 Election Cycle

The City of NYA is hiring Election Judges for the 2024 Election cycle. You must be 16 years of age or older and be able to read, write and speak English. There is a required two hour training class. Election judges can choose to be volunteer or to be paid.

Please stop by City Hall or email cityclerk@cityofnya.com for an application.

2024 Election Cycle

March 5th: Presidential Nomination Primary

August 13th: State Primary

November 5th: General Election

St. John's Lutheran School
Invites you to our

Vendor & Business Fair

Saturday November 18, 2023

From 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
27 1st Street NW, NYA MN 55397

Lots of Things Happening Here:
Concessions, Bake Sale, Bussing between Schools
Vendors, Local Businesses,
Student Market

FREE
ADMISSION
& PARKING

stjohnsvendorfair@gmail.com

40th Annual District 108 Community Education



Saturday, Nov 18th

9:00am—3:00pm

Central High School, Elementary Gyms,
Commons & Halls

****Come check out the school improvements too!****

Buses available between
Central & St. John's schools

Concessions fundraiser for Central Post Prom



NOV. 25, 2023

11.25.23

SAVE THE
Date

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

SANTA PICS
KIDS ACTIVITIES
LIGHT FOOD OFFERED
FOOD TRUCKS
HOT COCOA
TREE LIGHTING
MUSIC
COOKIES
GRINCH PICS
RED TRUCK PHOTOS
COLORING CONTEST

Willkommen Memorial Park

5:00-7:00pm



Christmas Toyland Breakfast

Saturday, December 2nd—9:00am to 11:00am (doors open at 8:45am)

Willkommen Park Pavilion, 21 E Main Street, Norwood Young America

All children will receive a bag breakfast and gift from Santa's Elves! FREE Event!
They will also receive an additional toy when leaving.

Elves arrive at 8:45am. **Please bring along your Christmas letter!** We will have a mailbox to send letters to Santa :) We will also have paper and crayons ready for you to write your letter if you do not have your letter done yet!

Celebrating 34 years!! In the spirit of the season, food shelf donations will be accepted.

Sponsored by the NYA West Carver Lions



Bring to the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, Nov. 25 at Willkommen Park or drop off colored pictures at the City Hall Drop Box on the northside of City Hall. There will be a big red bow on the box.

Completed pictures will be brought to The Harbor/The Haven to help spread holiday cheer.

Name _____ Phone Number _____



NYA Snow Announcements

Ticket & Towing

The City will be once again enforcing its ticketing and towing of vehicles that are in violation of parking on city streets during a snow event which is the accumulation of two (2) or more inches of falling or blowing snow. Vehicles parked on a city street during a snow event will be ticketed, and if not moved within four (4) hours, towed. All fines for tickets are to be paid with the Carver County Court Administrator's Office. Vehicles that are towed will be towed to Smith Oil and Food Mart in Norwood Young America. Prior to getting their vehicle back, the vehicle owner will be required to pay all towing fees, show proof of vehicle ownership, proof of vehicle insurance, and a valid driver's license. The vehicle will also need to have up-to-date license and registration.

Designated Parking Areas

New for this snow season are designated parking areas for residents who do not have off-street parking available. Parking in the designated parking areas will be enforced from 2am-6am. The parking restrictions follow our city street parking ordinance as stated above (Ticket & Towing). The two designated parking spots within city limits are the north side of the Elm Street Municipal Parking Lot and the north side of Old City Hall/Food Shelf building. Watch for signs.

City Code "Parking"

Subd.1 Snowfall. "Snowfall" shall mean any accumulation of two or more inches of snow on a street when snow is falling or has fallen within the previous twenty-four hours.

Section 720.04 Restricted Parking During Snowfall and Blowing Snow. No person shall park or leave a motorized vehicle on any street within the City during or after a snowfall or a period of blowing snow until the snow has been removed from the street. Parking may be prohibited or restricted following snow removal as provided by City Code or State Law.

City Code "Sidewalks"

800.04 Removal of Snow Required. The owner of any lot or parcel of land within the City shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after a snow fall or otherwise accumulate upon any sidewalk designated by a resolution of the city Council as a part of the sidewalk thoroughfare program in front of or adjoining such lot or parcel of land, remove or cause the snow to be removed from the sidewalk.

800.05 Removal of Snow by City; Assessment. In case the owner of any lot or parcel of land within the City shall fail to remove any snow that has fallen or otherwise accumulated upon any sidewalk as required by Subsection 800.04, it shall be the duty of the street commissioner of the City to cause the snow to be removed from the sidewalk at the expense of the owner and the expense incurred in the removal thereof may be recovered against the owner in a civil action, or be assessed upon the lot or parcel of land from in front of which the snow shall be removed, and returned, collected and enforced as City taxes.

City Code "Mail Receptacles"

Subd. 1. Mailboxes in the Public Right-of-way.
H. The City shall not be responsible or liable for any damages to mail receptacles not in compliance with this ordinance or damages to mail receptacles from snow thrown or moved as a result of snow plowing.

Subd. 1. Mailboxes in the Public Right-of-way.
I. The City is not responsible for snow removal on or around the mail receptacles. It is the responsibility of each resident user of the mail receptacle to remove snow or other obstructions from around the mail receptacle.

KEEP'EM CLEAR

If there's a fire hydrant near your house, help keep it accessible this winter:
DO YOUR PART SO THEY CAN DO THEIRS



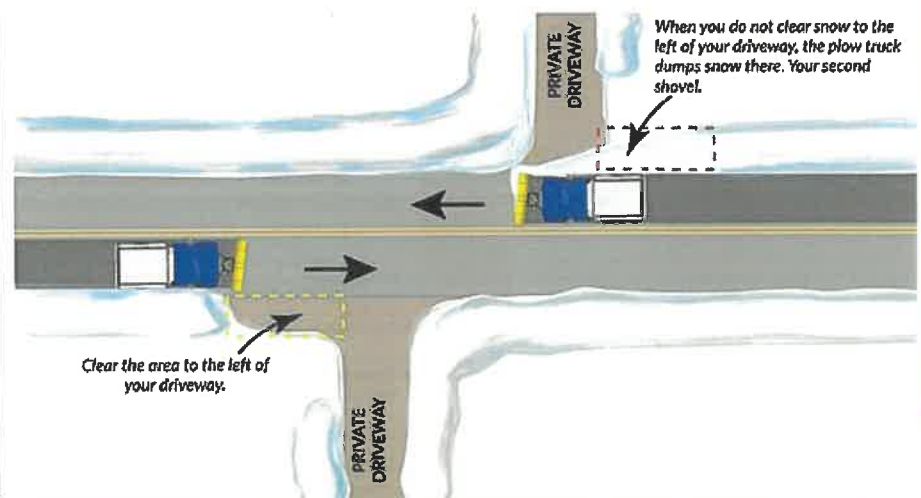
SUMP PUMP REMINDER

Sump pumps may not be discharged into the storm sewers between November 1st and April 1st. Doing so results in dangerous ice conditions on the City streets. Should you need to discharge your sump pump during this time, please do so on your own property, away from City streets, alleys and sidewalks.

24 Hour Snow Removal Required for City Sidewalks

Questions about Ticket & Towing?
Call City Hall at 952-467-1800

How to Prevent the "Second Shovel"!





more than a place. it's home.

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call 952-769-7284.

City Hall Hours:
Mon-Thurs 7:30am-4:30pm
Fri 7:30am-1:30pm



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EDDM Retail

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Postal Customer
NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

November

Tues, Nov 21: Parks & Recreation Commission 5:30pm @ City Hall
Thurs, Nov 23: Thanksgiving
Thurs, Nov 23 & 24: City Hall Closed
Sat, Nov 25: Small Business Saturday—Shop Local!!
Sat, Nov 25: Holiday Extravaganza @ Willkommen Memorial Park
Mon, Nov 27: City Council Workshop 5pm/6pm @ City Hall
Tues, Nov 28: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm

December

Sat, Dec 2: Breakfast with Santa @ Pavilion 9am
Tues, Dec 5: Planning Commission Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Dec 6: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10-2pm
Mon, Dec 11: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Dec 13: EDC Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, Dec 21: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am
Wed, Dec 21: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10-2pm
Mon, Dec 25: Christmas Day—City Hall Closed
Tues, Dec 26: Christmas Holiday Observed—City Hall Closed
Sun, Dec 31: New Year's Eve

NYA Food Distributions through 2023 NYA City Hall Parking Lot 2:00-3:00pm

- Wed, December 6th
Drive-thru event while supplies last.

Thank you to the CAP Agency and Carver Co Public Health for approving Food Distributions through all of 2024.

Starting in 2024, the NYA Food Distributions will be held on the second Wednesday of each month:

- Wed, January 10th
- Wed, February 14th
- Wed, March 13th
- Wed, April 10th

NYA Recycling Center - 421 Railroad St W

The NYA location is open Wednesdays from 3pm-6pm (April-Nov), 3pm-5pm (Dec-Mar), and Saturdays from 8am-12pm. Fibers (cardboard/paper products), plastic containers, metal and glass are acceptable recyclables. Please help keep the NYA Recycling Center clean so that NYA residents can continue to enjoy this service at no cost.

Junk Vehicles

Just a reminder that it is against City code to have junk vehicles on or around your property within public view for more than 48 hours. If you have such a vehicle, it will need to be stored inside a garage or screened from view by fencing or some other barrier approved by the City. The City is actively enforcing these violations pursuant to code: 730.03. If you have any questions, please contact us at City Hall at 952-777-0274 or you can visit our website to view the codes in more detail.

730.02 Declaration of Public Nuisance. Abandoned, junk, and unauthorized vehicles within the City shall be hereby found to create a public nuisance or blight condition tending to reduce the value of private property, to invite theft or vandalism, to create fire and other safety hazards, to attract vermin, and to constitute an unattractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of the public. The accumulation and outside storage of abandoned and junk vehicles shall be determined to be in the nature of rubbish, litter and unsightly debris, and a detriment to the environment, and shall be hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance which may be abated as provided in this Section or as provided under any other ordinance, specifically Section 600.06, of the City or by the laws of the State. (Amended by Ord. 168, 7/25/05)

730.03 Parking and Storage of Abandoned, Junk, and Unauthorized Vehicles Prohibited. No person shall park, store, or leave, or permit the parking, storing, or leaving of any abandoned or junk vehicle for a period in excess of 48 hours unless:

- the vehicle is completely within a building or is otherwise screened from view by fencing or other barrier approved by the City;
- the vehicle is stored or parked on private property in connection with a duly licensed or authorized commercial enterprise operated and conducted pursuant to law when such parking or storing of vehicles shall be necessary to the operation of the commercial enterprise.

In no case shall any vehicle be parked so as to constitute being an unauthorized vehicle.

Fall Leaves

Fall is leaf season and the trees are shedding their beautiful fall colors. Please know - **we have a city compost site that is free to all NYA City residents for disposing of leaves and brush!** Do not rake or blow leaves onto the streets - they will plug the stormwater drains which are crucial for handling the water runoff during rain events. The NYA Compost Site is located at 640 Tacoma Blvd and it is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week. This service is available to NYA City Residents ONLY. Thank you for keeping our city beautiful and keeping our stormwater drains clear!