

more than a place, it's home.



A Message From the City Council

As we turn those last pages on Summer and transition to Fall when pumpkin spice is everywhere, the Friday night lights can be seen glowing above our new Central Schools football stadium; city staff are preparing for winter and next year's budget. Although winter is considered the dormant season when it seems like nothing much is happening, it is then that all the planning and prepping for our next projects is happening behind the scenes. Stay tuned for an exciting 2024 in Norwood Young America!

Street and Highway Projects: The September newsletter in 2022 celebrated completing the Second Avenue project and hinted at a smaller project for 2023. That 2023 project, the reconstruction of Merger Street, started a little earlier than expected this week, and we couldn't be happier to be ahead of schedule. More information on accessing businesses in that area is available in this newsletter.

But there is much more to come — 2024 will be a busy season in the city and surrounding areas. Recently, the City Council approved a preliminary study and grant funding application for the possible reconstruction of a portion of Railroad Street for next summer. The county owns Railroad Street from Reform Street to Morse Street so these blocks will not be a part of the 2024 project. In addition, the Highway 212 Expansion - Benton Township is still on track to begin in the fall of 2024. For an overview of the new four-lane highway, go to bit.ly/Hwy212Expansion. For an overview of the overpass at Highway 51 (Bongards), visit bit.ly/Hwy51Bongards. An exciting project is planned in Glencoe for the summer of 2024 — a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Avenue. More information on this neighboring project can be found at: https://hwy212morningside.com/what-is-the-highway-212-roundabout-project/

Projects within City Limits: Old Town demolition will start at the end of September, with the framing of the new building to be completed later this fall. This framing will allow workers to work on the inside of the new Old Town during the winter and early spring to enhance the chance that the building will be ready for the spring baseball season. Another big project that will continue over the winter months is the work at Central Schools. You may have noticed the big cement walls being put in place for the future walking track, which is a joint project with the City. For more information on this project, see Central Schools Facebook and website for ongoing updates.

Finally, work continues on the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 expansion. The staff is currently working with Bolten and Menk on planning streets and utilities for this significant addition to our booming community. A large part of the planning includes applying for grants to offset some of the costs associated with growth. Look for more information as this project continues to move forward.

At our last Council meeting, a preliminary budget was adopted for 2024. For the past two years, the Council purposefully set a budget that plans for future growth in a fiscally responsible manner. Norwood Young America is more than a place; it is our home, and we will continue to prepare for the best home possible with our budgeting and projects!



Highway 51 Bongards



Hwy 212 Expansion



Glencoe Roundabout



Highway 212 Project – Benton Township Update

Carver County Public Works will be hosting a final project public meeting on Tuesday, November 14 from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Cologne Community Center. This meeting will cover construction staging, project schedule, and land acquisition process. Construction is anticipated for July 2024 through late summer 2026. Invites will be sent out in late October. For more information, visit www.carvercountymn.gov/departments/public-works/projects-studies/highway-212-project-benton-township.

NYA City Happenings



Old Town Update

The contract with RAM General Contractors began August 30, 2023, for the New Old Town Project. A groundbreaking date for demolition will be held toward the end of September (watch social media for exact date). The demolition will take a couple of weeks with the framing yet in October to follow. The completion date of the project is no later than June 30, 2024.

The Young America Cardinals and Stiftungsfest Committee are supporting the project by asking organizations, businesses and individuals for donations. Any questions on how you can donate, please contact Brandon Stender (YA Cardinals) at 612-599-6597 or John Trocke (Stiftungsfest, Inc.) at 952-412-3018.



New Memorial Tree Program

The NYA City Council recently approved a Memorial Tree Program as another choice of community giving in addition to the Bench Program.

- Donators can choose from four types of trees (Maple, Crabapple, Oak, or Evergreen) for a price of \$400 which includes the tree, memorial certificate, delivery, and planting. Trees will be a minimum of a 2" trunk.
- Trees will be planted in the spring and fall (3rd week in May and September). Donators will be notified of the date of the planting. There will be a three-year warranty on the tree.
- Donators have the option of selected parks to plant the tree, with reserving NYA Legion Park and Veteran's Park for those honoring a veteran. The proposed location will need to be approved by a city representative.
- Donators have an option of purchasing a "Tree Hugger Plaque" for an additional cost of \$54.95. The Tree Hugger Plaque is made of stainless steel - it will not rust and can be engraved with up to 5 lines of 35 characters each. The plaque comes with a small or large spring encased in plastic to protect and grow with the tree. The city holds no liability for the plaque.

For more information on the Memorial Tree Program, visit the Parks page on the city website or stop in City Hall for a brochure.



Join Others in the Nation's Largest Adopt a Drain Program

"A few minutes a month helps protect lakes and rivers when you join Minnesota's Adopt a Drain program. Storm drains offer direct paths for pollutants washing off our yards to lakes and rivers. Even natural debris, like leaves and grass clippings, can cause algae in lakes and rivers due to high nutrient levels. Other debris like fertilizer, road salt, and pet waste all become pollution when they hit the water. Adopt a Drain this fall and help keep our waters clean." https://www.carvercountymn.gov/Home/Components/News/News/3509/, https://adopt-adrain.org/ Photo credit: CleanwaterMN"

Adopt a Drain

Adopt a drain is a program that invites residents to adopt a storm drain and commit to keeping it clear of leaves, trash and other debris. Keeping storm drains clean prevents pollution in our lakes and creeks. The program began in 2017 in Minnesota, and since that has grown to 7 states. In Minnesota there are 12,000 volunteers who have adopted 20,0000 drains and have prevented or 600,000 lbs. of debris from getting into local lakes and rivers. The impacts have been huge!

Clean Storm Drains Help Lakes

Rain washes anything that's on streets and paved surfaces down storm drains and into lakes and rivers. Many people do not know that "natural" debris—leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer, road salt, and pet waste-becomes pollution when it hits the water. When these natural pollutants break down, they become food for algae, causing it to grow out of control.

Sign Up!

You can sign up as an individual, a family, a school, an organization, a service group and more. To sign up visit https://www.adopt-a-drain.org/. Plug in your location to search for adoptable storm drains near you. Select one and fill out the sign-up form. When residents sign up for the program, they'll receive an e-mail with instructions on how to safely clear storm drains, dispose of the debris, and report the amount of debris they collect.

Information provided by Carver County Water Management Organization.



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Carver County Commission on Aging Conference

Members of the NYA Senior Advisory Commission and city staff attended the Carver County Commission on Aging Conference on August 30th at the MN Landscape Arboretum. Senior commissions from all cities in Carver County were welcomed to attend. Dr. Richard Scott, CC Public Health shared that Carver County is the #1 healthiest county in MN, and the #5 healthiest county in the United States. Adriana Atcheson, CC Public Health, also shared county and city data about senior aging, housing, income and education. Commission members were able to network and share ideas for healthy senior living. Interesting facts about NYA senior citizens:

- 28.6% of households in NYA have one or more people 65+
- 13.8% of householders 65+ are living alone
- 97.8% of population 65+ has a high school diploma or higher
- 12% of population 65+ has a bachelor's degree or highter
- 1.8% of seniors 65+ income have been below poverty level in the past 12 months
- Median income for householder 65+ is \$41,771



NYA Senior Advisory Commission Members (left to right):
Karen Hallquist (Community & Econ Dev Director),
Betty Settergren, Peggy Hopf, Kay Hampshire,
Carolyn Durbin, Lois Schultz, LaVonne Kroells, Elroy Latzig

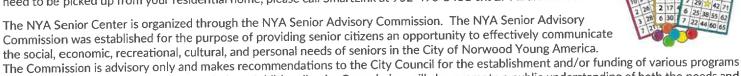
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NYA Senior Center is Open

The NYA Senior Center has started their gatherings again the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion. All local seniors in the Norwood Young America area community are invited to gather together for bingo, cards, cribbage, board games, and conversation, starting on September 20th. The Pavilion is open from 10am to 2pm. A complimentary lunch and snacks are offered at every gathering which is financially supported by local organizations, however, free will donations are accepted.

Need a ride? The NYA City Bus picks up and delivers guests from Oak Grove Center, Peace Villa, and the Harbor/Haven to the Pavilion throughout the Senior Center hours of 10am-12pm for only \$3 roundtrip! If you need to be picked up from your residential home, please call SmartLink at 952-496-8431 ext 2. All are welcome!

The Commission is advisory only and makes recommendations to the City Council for the establishment and/or funding of various programs and services needed by the senior population. Additionally, the Commission will also promote a public understanding of both the needs and the many contributions made by older citizens. If you are interested in attending a meeting, the NYA Senior Advisory Commission meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at NYA City Hall at 9am.



MoveMindfully Program

Carver County Public Health and the NYA Senior Advisory Commission will be bringing the MoveMindfully series to the NYA senior community. This series supports individuals with resources for physical, emotional, and mental health. Sessions will be held at the Willkommen Memorial Pavilion. The MoveMindfully project is financially supported by SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Program). Watch future newsletters for dates and times.

Senior Rights Lunch & Learn Session

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

Your Right to Stay: Assisted Living and Nursing Home Rights

People who move into assisted living facilities and nursing homes often reasonably expect that they can stay as long as needed. When an assisted living or nursing home tells a person that they must leave or cannot return after a hospitalization, the experience can be frustrating and disempowering. Attorney Ben Kaufman of Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) will highlight legal rights and resources available to residents of assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Know Your Rights: Scams and Consumer Fraud

Cellphones and the Internet make scams and consumer fraud more widespread and complex than ever. Learn your options for reporting contacts that violates the Do Not Call Registry or the CAN-SPAM Act. Attorney Laura Orr of Minnesota Elder Justice Center (MEJC) will discuss these issues and identify options for mitigating harm if you suspect that you or someone you love has been scammed.

Did You Know...

There were few settlers in Young America township in themed-19th century. The coming of the railroads changed that. In 1862, the Hastings and Dakota Railroad wanted to build a townsite near Tiger Lake (west of NYA). The village of Young America wanted the railroad near them. Hastings and Dakota wanted a bonus paid to move the railroad to Young America. The people of Young America said, "no thanks," so the railroad line was moved one mile south to the present-day site of Norwood. It was called Young America Station and it consisted of a platform for boxcars.

The wood framed depot station was built in 1872. A cement slab still marks the spot north of Oak Grove Center (near the Community Gardens). In 1874, a special act of the Minnesota Legislature allowed a name change from Young America Station to Norwood because the town of Young America did not want to annex Young America Station. The Norwood Depot still exists on a farm property south of Hamburg.

In 1881, the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railroad was completed through the east side of Norwood up to Young America, Waconia, Victoria and finally reaching Minneapolis. Young America also built a wooden depot. A third small platform depot was in Norwood by the Water Treatment plant near the tracks that run south of town (Prairie Line).

The M& St. L ran six passenger trains a day and many freight runs in its heyday. Taking the train to Minneapolis was something special! Passenger train service ended in 1961. Today, one can hear the crash of freight cars as they are being sorted and the crossing whistle as the trains go through town...long, long, short, long!





Carver County Community Health Assessment Carver County Community SCAN THE OR CODE TO GET STARTED!

Carver County Community Health Assessment

In 2023, Carver County Public Health is conducting an updated community health assessment. One of the small ways they are conducting the assessment is by asking residents one simple question "What are the health issues in Carver County that need attention?"

Here is a link to an on-line survey where you can share your thoughts. It should not take more than one minute to complete. All responses are anonymous. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6XPYR2D



Please Watch Your Speed

Central Public School has start classes, practices, and games. There will continue to be significant construction vehicles and workers present until the completion of the project. This is a just a friendly reminder that the speed limit around school is **20 mph AT ALL TIMES**.



- ⇒ Be patient at the 5-way stop—pedestrians have the right of way!
- ⇒ Give school buses plenty of room at all times. There is precious cargo on every bus.
- ⇒ If the red Stop sign arm is out, please stop. Patience is a virtue.

Also, make sure to watch for directional signs during the Merger Street reconstruction project. Detours are through residential areas—slow down! Deputy Jordan Voigt's contact info: 952-361-1248 or jvoigt@co.carver.mn.us

Carver County Non-Emergency Line 952-361-1231

If you have an emergency, dial 911.





Stiftungsfest, Inc. & Young America Cardinals support the "New" Old Town Project, PO Box 59, NYA MN 55368

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- Contributions to the "New" Old Town Project are deemed charitable U.S. Federal Tax ID 41-1846456.
- All categories of donations above \$500 will be recognized on a plaque at the "New" Old Town and presented with a commemorative beer stein!
- Payments/Pledges are requested to be received before the completion of the project. Those who pledge must have financial obligation fulfilled by 12/31/2028 or name/donation recognition will be removed from plaque.
- There is no minimum contribution amount.
- For any other questions, please contact Brandon Stender (YA Cardinals) at 612-599-6597 or John Trocke (Stiftungsfest, Inc.) at 952-412-3018.

The History of Old Town

Old Town was constructed in 1990-1991 by a group of community members who wanted to beautify Willkommen Memorial Park by building a structure to resemble historic buildings from the now former Young America, MN. At the time, the YA Cardinals donated \$5,000, the Fire Department donated \$10,000, and a private donation of \$20,000 got the project started. More donations came in as construction happened. At the time of construction, no formal structural engineering services were used; however, the building committee used their trades, talents, and love for the project to complete it. Old Town has brought fame to Willkommen Memorial Park and the community of Norwood Young America.

Old Town Today

Approximately ten years ago, the NYA Parks & Recreation Commission and City Council started conversations concerning the structural integrity of the building. After countless meetings with contractors, engineers, and building officials, it was determined that Old Town is too compromised in its current conditions of drainage issues, rain damage, and walls decomposing. Old Town was determined to need a complete reconstruction.

The City of NYA and representatives from the Young America Cardinals and Stiftungsfest have worked with a local architect and structural engineer for the "New" Old Town. This new building project will keep the integrity of the present historical design while updating needed health and safety concerns. The intentions are to continue to honor the dedication of the original community member's Old Town project.

Facts of Old Town

- Serves as the "home field" for the Young America Cardinals from April July annually for home baseball games and fundraising events.
- Consumed by Stiftungsfest one week in August annually for multiple concession stands and baseball games along with using the iconic image of the structure for marketing purposes. Everyone knows Old Town!
- Used by local service organizations (NYA Lions, West Carver Lions, Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce) for drive through and park events throughout the year.
- Used for Central JV/middle school baseball games March May annually.

Facts of "New" Old Town Project

- The New Old Town Project is a complete reconstruction with the hopes of expanding on the existing footings.
- The City of NYA has budgeted monies of \$510,000 over the course of the years toward the project. Approximately \$65,000 of the total has been spent on professional architectural and structural engineering services to guide the City Council on building safety and health improvements.
- A second construction bidding process deemed the project at an \$813,000 total completion cost. Pricing considers the current high
 construction rates and that Old Town is a commercial building that is a public facility. Local contractors will be used for the project.

Supporting the "New" Old Town

Old Town is not only a public facility that is used for community events, but also iconic to Willkommen Memorial Park, Home of the Young America Cardinals, and of course, Norwood Young America's annual Stiftungsfest celebration!

The "New" Old Town project is supported by the Young America Cardinals baseball team and the Stiftungsfest Committee. Both entities are proud of the "Gemeinschaft" or "Community" that the Old Town buildings represent for their respective purposes and for the City of Norwood Young America as a whole.

The Young America Cardinals and Stiftungsfest Committee are asking organizations, businesses, citizens of Norwood Young America and surrounding areas, baseball go-ers, and visitors of Stiftungsfest to donate to the "New" Old Town project. These efforts will keep the project moving forward and maintain the pride of all those individuals who have great memories of their visit to Old Town.

Donations to "New" Old Town

Make your donation to support the "New" Old Town. All categories of donations above \$500 will be recognized on a plaque at the "New" Old Town and presented with a commemorative beer stein!



\$25,000 — Erbe (Heritage) \$10,000 — Feier (Celebration) \$5,000 — Dörflich (Village) \$2,500 — Gemeinshchaft (Community) \$1,000 — Partnerschaft (Partnership) \$500 - Zusammen (Together) All donations are welcomed!



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Come See All of Our Improvements! Tuesday, October 10th 4:00-6:00pm

Entertainment & Light refreshments served.

Let the NYA Lions cook you breakfast!

Pancake & Omelet Breakfast Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:00am—11:30am

Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion Cost: Free-Will Donation Proceeds go back in the NYA Community!







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

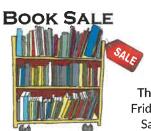
Friday, October 27, 2023 5:30-8:00pm Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion **Prize for Best Dressed Western

Theme! \$25 per ticket on sale now at GTL -Must be 21 years old. A Community Project Fundraiser Presented by the NYA West Carver Lions



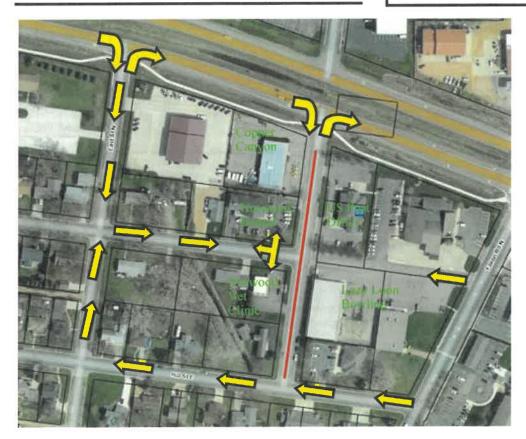
Welcome to NYA!

The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce, NYA Economic Development Commission and City Council welcomed The Joshua Arnold Agency Farmers Insurance at a ribbon cutting last week. Arnold is excited to be open at 514 Faxon Rd N. in Norwood Young America. The agency currently services Minnesota and Wisconsin and offers insurance coverage for automotive, home, life, and commercial, including recreational vehicles, RVs, boats, etc. Office hours are M-F 8:30 am to 5:30pm, call at 952-521-5818 or email jarnold3@farmersagent.com



Friends of the Norwood **Young America** Library Book Sale

Thursday, Oct 26th 1:00 to 8:00pm Friday, Oct 27th 10:00am to 5:00pm Saturday, Oct 28th 1:00 to 4:00pm 314 Elm Street W (952)467-2665



Merger Street Update

The Merger Street project started this week. There will be accessibility to all businesses located along this street:

US Post Office & Copper Canyon Bar & Grill

⇒ Right in and right out to Merger Street off Hwv 212

Norwood Dental & Norwood Vet Clinic

⇒ Right in off Hwy 212 to East Street followed by a left turn on Wilson Street

OR

⇒ Faxon Rd to Hill Street E, turn right on East Street followed by a right turn on Wilson Street

Lazy Loon Bowling & Event Center

Right or left in to the shared parking lot off of Faxon Rd N



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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

September

Tues, Sept 19: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:30pm Wed, Sept 20: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm Thurs, Sept 21: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am Mon, Sept 18-22: Homecoming Week at Central Public Schools Mon, Sept 25: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm Wed, Sept 27: Senior Lunch & Learn @ Pavilion 11am-1pm

October

Tues, Oct 3: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm Wed, Oct 4: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm

Thurs, Oct 5: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm

Sun, Oct 8: NYA Lions Pancake & Omelet Breakfast @ Pavilion

Mon, Oct 9: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm Wed, Oct 11: EDC Mtg @ City Hall 6pm

Tues, Oct 17: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:30pm

Wed, Oct 18: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm

Thurs, Oct 19: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am

Mon, Oct 23: Work Session/City Council Mtg 5pm Wed, Oct 25: NYA Manufacturers Today Event

Fri: Oct 27: West Carver Lions Harvest Moon Food & Wine Extravaganza @ Pavilion

Tues, Oct 31: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm

Check out the online Community Event Calendar at www.cityofnya.com

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NYA City Hall

Parking Lot

12:30-1:30pm

Wed, November 1st

Wed, December 6th

Drive-thru event while

supplies last. Sponsored by

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Public Health, and

City of NYA

Wed, October 4th

Postal Customer

NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

NYA Recycling Center - 421 Railroad St W

The NYA Recycling Center is owned and operated by Carver County Environmental Services. 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.

NYA Compost Site

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

Cleaning Up Pet Litter

The owner of an animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing in a sanitary manner. This is on private and public property—this includes City parks, sidewalks and trails.

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FTER YOUR DOG Thank You

Fall Breeze & Autumn Leaves

Fall is leaf season and the trees are shedding their beautiful fall colors. Please be aware - we have a city compost site that is free to all city residents for disposing of leaves and brush! Do not rake or blow leaves onto the streets - they will

plug our 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 for keeping our stormwater drains clear!

Commission Seats Available

The NYA Economic Development Commission (meetings 2nd Wednesday each month at 6pm) each have a commission seat available. Applicants must live in or own a business within the city limits of Norwood Young America. Contact khallquist@cityofnya.com if you are interested.

Entrance to City Hall

Please use the Elm Street entrance to NYA City Hall during the first two weeks of October. The sidewalks are being replaced on the north side of the Oak Grove Center building.