

Message From The City Council

Summer is here, and there are so many activities to enjoy in our beautiful community—Norwood Young America!

Have you visited our playgrounds? The City and local civic groups have worked together to create fun and safe playgrounds in most of our city parks. The choices are vast...Friendship Park, Prairie Dawn Park, Willkommen Memorial Park, NYA Legion Park, and the NYA Sports Complex—each park has a unique playground that will keep your children busy for quite some time! If you or your child is a reader, the Little Library at NYA Legion Park has some great selections, thanks to some civic-minded Girl Scouts.

Are you a fan of even more outdoor activities? Norwood Young America has the only outdoor pool in Carver County! Stop by the West Carver Community Pool, cool off in the water, and enjoy an ice cream treat! The WCCP will be open through August 16th! The City also offers tennis courts and pickleball courts on the eastern edge of Friendship Park.

Is walking, biking, or running your thing? If you are adventurous, you might want to drive or bike out to Baylor Park to play some Frisbee Golf. Additionally, the City has miles of trails and sidewalks throughout the community. It is so exciting to see the number of people on our trails from early morning through the evening hours! It's a great way to stay in shape! If you've been using our trails this summer, you might be interested in the Stiftungsfest 5K Run/Walk event on Sunday, August 25th. Registration forms can be found online at www.stiftungsfest.org or can be picked up at City Hall.

Want to go on an art wander? Some of the City parks, and the Historic downtowns, have meaningful artwork created by local and professional artists to check out for a fun afternoon art wander! Stop at Veteran's Park to check out Minnesota's 3rd Freedom Rock which features heroic MN veterans; visit NYA Legion Park to look at the mini murals by local art students placed around the perimeter of the WCCP pool; visit the Elm Street Municipal Parking Lot (SLS, Inc. building wall) to view a timestamp of the History of Norwood; take a walk through the Hwy 212 underpass at Kehrer Park to enjoy the wall murals, with the theme of "kindness, community & current events" by local art students; and lastly, step back in time by visiting the Willkommen Memorial Park grandstand to view a vintage-inspired mural of events, buildings, and baseball from the History of Young America.

The Central Public Schools Community Education Department offers a host of activities for our citizens. From summer programming for children to day trips for our adult population, you can find something new and challenging to do in their brochure. The Community Education Department also offers many youth sports programs - softball, baseball, and camps for running, basketball, football, and volleyball. If you are a parent or grandparent of a child in town, you might have enjoyed relaxing with family and friends at some evening and weekend ball games. And don't forget Norwood Indians and Young America Cardinals Baseball --- for a game schedule, visit them on Facebook!

Enjoy the beautiful summer...**Norwood Young America is more than a place, it's home!**



NYA City Happenings



Central Public Schools Unveils Raider Field House: A Community Asset

Central Public Schools proudly announces the grand opening of the Raider Field House, marking the completion of phase three of the school's extensive remodel and expansion project. This latest development is particularly noteworthy due to the collaborative effort with the City of Norwood Young America, resulting in a multifunctional space that benefits both students and the wider community.



The Raider Field House stands as a testament to what can be achieved through partnership and shared vision. This phase introduces a track and innovative curtain partitions, creating versatile areas for various activities. Thanks to this joint venture, NYA residents can now enjoy free access to the field house for walking and exercise, promoting health and wellness throughout the community.

The facility offers not only the walking track but also courts that can be utilized when not reserved for practices or leagues. This dual availability ensures that the Raider Field House serves as a hub for both scheduled athletic events and spontaneous recreational use.

Operating Hours and Guidelines

During the summer months, the Raider Field House is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. As the school year commences, hours expand to accommodate early risers and evening visitors, with doors open from 5:30 to 7:30 AM and again from 4:00 to 9:00 PM on weekdays. On Saturdays, the facility welcomes residents from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

To ensure safety and proper use of the facility, all residents must sign a liability waiver and check in upon arrival. While the space is open to individuals in grade 6 and above for unsupervised use, children below grade 6 must be accompanied by an adult at all times. A site supervisor will be present during all operational hours to provide assistance and ensure a safe environment for all users.

A Community Hub

The Raider Field House is more than just a physical space; it represents the spirit of community and the value placed on health and recreation. Central Public Schools and the City of Norwood Young America have created a place where residents can gather, stay active, and build a stronger community bond.

As phase three of the remodel draws to a close, excitement builds for the final phase, promising even more enhancements and opportunities for Central Public Schools and its community. The grand opening of the Raider Field House is a milestone worth celebrating, a shining example of what can be achieved through collaboration and a shared commitment to bettering our community.

We invite all NYA residents to come and explore the new Raider Field House, take advantage of its offerings, and be part of this vibrant addition to our community.

Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting ceremony is set for August 12, 2024 at 4:00 PM in the entrance of the Raider Field House. Representatives from the City and School Board will officially open the space and Superintendent Schochenmaier will give a tour to those in attendance.

Groundbreaking for TWIP2

The City of NYA hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 Expansion Project (TWIP2) on Tuesday, July 25th. The City is very appreciative of the partnerships and support from Senator Tom Emmer's office, Representatives Bobbie Harder and Glenn Gruenhagen, Commissioner John Fahey, MN DEED, representatives from the Carver Co CDA, Twin Cities & Western Railroad, Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative, Bolton & Menk, WSB, City Council, NYA Commissioners, and City staff. Because of these partnerships, the TWIP2 project was able to benefit from over \$1.1M of grant dollars. For more information on the industrial park expansion, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800 or email economicdev@cityofny.com.



Railroad Street Project

The Railroad Street project bid was awarded to Wm Mueller & Sons of Hamburg at a June City Council meeting. Residents will have access to the businesses along Railroad Street at all times. The project location is on Railroad Street E from Faxon Rd to Morse Street, and Railroad Street W from Reform Street N to Progress Street N. The project is set to start in July and be completed in November.

Next Senior Lunch & Learn—September 25th

The NYA Senior Advisory Commission will be hosting another Lunch & Learn Session for area senior citizens on Wed, September 25th from 11am-1pm at the NYA Library in the Oak Grove Center. This session will include a variety of technology topics presented by library staff. Topics include using Libby to read eBooks, eAudiobooks, and magazines; how to use QR codes wisely; accessing online library programs via Facebook and YouTube; and watching local sporting events on HUDL-FAN. A box lunch will be provided. Registration will open online at www.carverlib.libcal.com/event/12670175 after August 28th. You can also stop at the NYA Library to sign up. Limited seats available.

Senior Citizen Resources for the Norwood Young America Community



Food Resources

Meals On Wheels (through CAP Agency): 952-496-2125

- County-wide program
- Frozen and fresh meals delivered once per week

Find Food Carver County: 612-479-6409 www.findfoodcarvercounty.org

- Provides guidance to Carver County food resources – food shelves, free meals and distributions, farmers markets, etc.



Minnesota Food HelpLine: 1-888-711-1151

- Provide guidance to statewide food resources – food shelves, free meals/distributions, farmers markets, etc.

Fare For All (All Saints Lutheran Church, 511 Merger St) www.thefoodgroupmn.org

- Healthy foods at a reduced cost – One Thursday each month from 3-5pm

Southwest Carver County Food Shelf (10 1st Ave NE, NYA): 952-467-1870

- Open Tuesdays 12:30-5:30pm, appointments encouraged, home deliveries available.

Health & Wellness Resources

Alzheimer's Association: 952-830-0512

- Provides support and information regarding care for people with Alzheimer's disease and related conditions

CAP (Community Action Program) Agency: 952-496-2125

- Will assist with chores, heating assistance, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Benefits

Carver County Public Health 952-361-1559

- Services include family wellness, vaccinations, and resources for low-cost medical care.

Carver County Social Services: 952-361-1600

- Social workers to help with Medical Assistance and financial questions.

Senior Linkage Line: 1-800-333-2433

- Assists with information on local resources and senior care options

Vulnerable Adult Intake Line: 952-361-1600

- Help for seniors who may be neglected or mistreated

Transportation Resources

City of NYA Bus (SmartLink): 952-496-8341

- Available for grocery trips (every Tues, 2nd & 4th Wed)
- Wheelchair accessible

SmartLink Transportation: 952-496-8341

- Serves Carver and Scott Counties
- Seven-day advance reservation required
- Available for service appointments and medical appointments
- Wheelchair accessible

Waters Edge Transportation: 952-442-7022

- Private transportation company that accepts insurance and credit cards
- Wheelchair accessible

Senior Housing in NYA

Oak Grove Senior Residence: 952-373-2200

- 55+ market rate apartment building with 50 apartments

Peace Villa: 952-467-2167



MINNESOTA'S LINK TO A LOCAL EXPERT



SmartLink
LINKING PEOPLE TO TRANSPORTATION

- Independent senior community living with 61 apartments
- Rent based on income

The Harbor: 952-467-9683

- Assisted living senior community building with 36 apartments
- County financial assistance accepted
- Staff available 24/7 for most healthcare needs

The Haven: 952-467-9683

- 25 assisted living apartments and 12 memory care apartments
- County financial assistance accepted
- Staff available 24/7

Educational Resources

Norwood Young America Library: 952-467-2665

- Can assist with informational needs (i.e. learning to use a computer)
- Offers area Book Mobile

Senior Linkage Line: 1-800-333-2433

- Assists with information on local resources and senior care options

Trellis: www.trellisconnects.org

- Online programs/services for seniors for healthy living

Financial Assistance

Medicare: 1-800-633-4277

- Support for all questions concerning Medicare

Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213

- Support for all questions concerning your social security
- Phone number available 24 hours/day, "Live" operators 7am-7pm

Veteran Benefits: 952-442-2323

- Support for all questions concerning veteran benefits and veteran spouse benefits

Information sheet provided by the NYA Senior Advisory Commission.

For more information on how you can be a member of the NYA Senior Advisory Commission, please call City Hall at 952-467-1800 or visit one of their meetings – the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:00am at NYA City Hall.



When do I call 911? What constitutes an emergency? Please follow the following advice from the Norwood Young America Fire Department when it comes to emergency situations:

- **Who do I call if I fall? If you are injured, call 911. If you are not injured, and need assistance, call 911. If you are on a prescription blood thinner, you may have internal bleeding, so call your doctor's office.**
- **Who do I call if my spouse falls? If your spouse is injured, call 911. If your spouse is not injured, and you need a lift assist, call 911. If your spouse is on a prescription blood thinner, they may have internal bleeding, so call their doctor's office.**
- **What constitutes an "emergency"? A serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.**
- **Do I have to pay for the Fire Dept to come and help me? At this time, the Norwood Young America Fire Department does not charge for services. With that said, we do like cookies 🍪**
- **I do not want to inconvenience anyone. Please, rest assured that when you call 911, you are not inconveniencing anyone!**
- **If the ambulance shows up, do I have to go? You can refuse transport. The ambulance service will require you to sign a transport refusal waiver. If you refuse transport, no one will be charged.**
- **Do I have to pay for ambulance service? The ambulance services are private companies, so they do charge for transport. In many cases, this fee will be covered by insurance.**

****When in doubt, CALL 911****

Save the Dates—Stiftungsfest 2024

Since 1861, Stiftungsfest has been Minnesota's Oldest Celebration. What started out as a one-day celebration has grown to be a four-day celebration as NYA's Fire Department's annual fundraiser—100% of the proceeds benefit the fire department. Monies earned have gone to help pay for training, equipment, and a command vehicle.

One hundred sixty three years ago a German singing society in Young America began a music festival that has grown and evolved over the years to become an annual celebration that honors NYA's strong German heritage. Stiftungsfest, which means "Founders Day" in German, is host to one of Minnesota's best softball tournaments, over a dozen amazing bands, a local firefighter challenge, Stiftungsfest Ambassador Coronation, bean bag/kickball tournaments, FunRun, Car Show, Cribbage and Sheephead, paintball, and so much more. Area churches organize Thursday Night Family Night with FREE events for kids including Kids Pedal Pull sponsored by the VFW, bounce houses, hula hoop contest, dunk tank, a movie sponsored by 2BContinued, music by local church praise bands, music by Mike Bustin (sponsored by NYA Lions), and so much more!! New this year is the 1st Annual Stiftungsfest Pickle Ball Tournament! This event will be on Saturday morning at the new Raider Field House. Softball, music, car show, craft show Puzzle & Guzzle contest,...And don't forget the food! The famous Stiftungsfest burgers and brats will be served all weekend long with NEW food trucks, treats, and beverages.

The 2024 "163rd Stiftungsfest" is Thursday, August 22nd through Sunday, August 25th at Willkommen Memorial Park. For more information on how you can participate with Stiftungsfest—volunteering, event registrations, or entertainment schedules—visit www.stiftungsfest.org, Facebook @stiftungsfest.norwoodyoungamerica, email info@stiftungsfest.org, or call 952-913-5705.



Pictured above is one of the many murals in the Hwy 212 underpass at Kehrer Park! Stiftungsfest is all about "community!!"

Notice of Filing for Municipal Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that filings for Mayor and City Council will open on July 30, 2024 and close at 5:00 p.m., August 13, 2024. Offices to be filled: One (1) mayor seat, which serves a two-year term and two (2) Council member seats, which serve a four-year term. Affidavits of Candidacy will be available at the Norwood Young America City Hall, 310 Elm Street West during regular business hours 7:30am-4:30pm Mon-Thurs and Friday 7:30am-1:30pm.

Candidates must meet the following:

- Must be an eligible voter
- Has no other affidavit on file as a candidate for any office at the General Election
- Is, or will be upon assuming office, 21 years of age or more
- Will have maintained a residence in the City of Norwood Young America for 30 days before the General Election
- Must pay the \$2 filing fee at the time of filing

The Election of these City Offices will be held on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024 in the City of Norwood Young America at City Hall between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Mitchell Thiesfeld, City Clerk/Treasurer, Published in The Patriot, Thursday, July 11, 2024.



Who Do You Call In An Emergency...and When?

Sometimes it's hard to know who to call when there is an emergency...or maybe it isn't an emergency? The City of Norwood Young America contracts with the Carver County Sheriff Department for emergency and non-emergency services. Regardless of the situation, there is help for you to reach out to when you need it.

The definition of an emergency is "An urgent, sudden, and serious event or an unforeseen change in circumstances that necessitates **immediate action** to remedy harm or avert imminent danger to life, health, or property." Here are some examples of who to call and when to call for both emergency and non-emergency situations:

Call the Carver Co

Non-Emergency Line (952)361-1231:

- ⇒ Noisy party
- ⇒ Barking or stray dog
- ⇒ Neighbor dispute
- ⇒ Solicitor with no permit
- ⇒ Graffiti or vandalism
- ⇒ Fraud
- ⇒ Theft (with no suspect present)
- ⇒ A suspicious situation (with no imminent threat)
- ⇒ Fireworks

Call 911:

- ⇒ Medical need
- ⇒ Auto accident
- ⇒ Fire/smoke
- ⇒ Active shooter
- ⇒ Crime (in action)
- ⇒ Kidnapping
- ⇒ Harm to a life
- ⇒ An active suspicious situation
- ⇒ Gas leak/down power line

Other situations:

- ⇒ Watermain break—City of NYA Emergency Line (952) 769-7284
- ⇒ Smell of natural gas—CenterPoint Energy (612) 372-5050
- ⇒ Power outage or down power line—Xcel Energy (800) 895-1999
- ⇒ Property blight—NYA City Hall (952) 467-1800 or www.cityofnya.com/ Report a Concern

Always remember that if you just are not sure who to call...call 911



more than a place. it's home.

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952/467-1800

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

July

Thurs, July 18: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Thurs, July 18: Music in the Park 6:30pm
Thurs, July 18: NYA Lions Corn Feed @ NYA Legion Park 5pm
Mon, July 22: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm
Thurs, July 25: Music in the Park 6:30pm (last one)

August

Mon, Aug 5: Produce PopUp @ Pavilion 3:30-5pm
Tues, Aug 6: National Night Out @ NYA Legion Park 6-7:30pm
Tues, Aug 6: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, Aug 8: Fare for All @ All Saints 3-5pm
Mon, Aug 12: Grand Opening—Raider Field House 4pm
Mon, Aug 12: Produce PopUp @ Pavilion 3:30-5pm (last one)
Mon, Aug 12: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm
Tues, Aug 13: MN Primary Elections
Wed, Aug 14: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30-1:30pm
Wed, Aug 14: Economic Development Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, Aug 15: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Fri, Aug 16: West Carver Community Pool Last Day Open
Tues, Aug 20: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:15pm
Thurs, Aug 22: Stiftungsfest Family Fun Night @ Willkommen
Memorial Park 5-9pm
Fri, Aug 23: Sun, Aug 25: 163rd Annual Stiftungsfest
Mon, Aug 26: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm
Sat, Aug 31: Recycle Center Closed for Labor Day Holiday

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Postal Customer
NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

NYA Food Distributions

2024

NYA City Hall Parking Lot
12:30-1:30pm

- Wednesday, July 10th
- Wednesday, August 14th
- Wednesday, September 11th
Drive-thru event while supplies last.
Event supported through the
CAP Agency, MiCasa, and
Carver Co Public Health.

Visit www.cityofnya.com
website to view the
NYA Community Calendar
for more updates!



2024 National Night Out

Norwood Young America
Tuesday, Aug 6, 2023
6:00pm-7:30pm

NYA Legion Park, 320 Reform Street

****Free Food & Fun!****

- **Build a healthier and safe community**
- **Get to know your neighbors**
- **Strengthen community/police relations**



We Serve

Sponsored by the NYA West Carver Lions



The last day of the West Carver Community Pool is Friday, August 16th! Thank you to all of the swimmers and families who attended the pool!

A special Thank You to the amazing lifeguards! Best wishes in your 2024 school year!

Sump Pump Release

Sump pumps must be day-lighted into your yard or into the storm drains—NOT into your neighbor's yard or a public sidewalk. **Sump pumps should 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 the potential for basement back-ups, which ultimately increases rates for everyone.

Watering Ban

The City of NYA is under a watering ban from 10am to 5pm daily. Odd/even watering is allowed from 5pm to 10am. What does that mean? If your address is 123 Main Street, you can water on odd numbered calendar days (August 21,23,25...) If your address is 124 Main Street, you can water on even numbered calendar days (August 22, 24, 26...). Thank you for your help with keeping our water supply safe!

NYA Compost Site—640 Tacoma Blvd

The NYA Compost Site is available to citizens who reside within the city limits of NYA. There is NO charge for disposal of yard, garden and tree waste. The site is open dawn to dusk. Watch for specific areas for dropping off your yard waste. Please do not dump any garbage at this site!