

Message From City Council

WHAT IS NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA KNOWN FOR? When you visit our website or do a Google search, you will find the answer: Norwood Young America is a growing community rooted in small-town *values, where you can raise your family, where businesses thrive, and where you live each day to the fullest. It is where a high quality of life still exists, relationships are formed, and opportunities are found. More than a place, it's home.* How did we get this reputation? With a consistent focus and message! We have accomplished much in the past few years, and today's newsletter will feature and celebrate some of those accomplishments!

Our Commitment to a Common Vision

- Entering our community from Highway 5 or Highway 212, you will see signs and billboards welcoming you to the community. They highlight our community as a place with welcoming neighborhoods, beautiful parks and business opportunities.
- You can also see our town logo, *more than a place, it's home* everywhere, from our website to the masthead of this newsletter. We are consistent in sharing the good news – all are welcome here!

Our Commitment to a Healthy Lifestyle

- We have made wellness a priority, with miles of trails connecting neighborhoods throughout our community. The underpass, added in 2021, added a much safer option for crossing a very busy Highway 212!
- Throughout the many parks and trails in our community, you will find beautiful benches donated by civic groups and citizens. These benches are an opportunity to rest and enjoy the lovely scenery in and around NYA.
- Our newest project, the Central Public Schools Fieldhouse, just opened its doors to the community. The walking track, basketball, volleyball, and pickleball courts are wonderful opportunities for our residents. This newsletter contains more information about hours and amenities.

Our Commitment to Positive Working Relationships

- As visitors and residents walk or drive throughout our community, they will see the results of our positive working partnership with Central Public Schools. From our new Fieldhouse to the murals in the Highway 212 underpass to the community gardens found by City Hall, the staff and students of Central Schools, have stepped up to make our community an even better place to live!
- Norwood Young America has always been proud to be the home of many successful commercial and industrial businesses. Our partnership with the Chamber of Commerce allows us to welcome new businesses to our community with a ribbon cutting. The Chamber also sponsors the Springfest Artisan Fair each year, where visitors and residents come together to experience the many talented individuals and groups from around our community. From crafting to quilting to music, this one-day event showcases some of the best NYA has to offer.
- Recently, NYA staff and Council members celebrated the groundbreaking of the final phase of the Highway 212 expansion to four lanes. This project would not have been possible without the important partnerships between local, county, state and federal elected officials. It was a pleasure to honor the great accomplishments that are possible when strong leaders rally around a common cause!
- Finally, with Minnesota's Oldest Celebration - Stiftungsfest is just around the corner! We cannot forget the positive working relationship between city staff and the Stiftungsfest Committee. Each year, our annual festival keeps getting bigger and better! Get ready for another amazing weekend of fun, family and friends...and all to benefit of the NYA Fire Department!

While our community continues to change and grow, we are blessed to have kept that small-town feel that is such a strong part of our heritage. May we continue to live our vision in the months and years ahead - *Norwood Young America is more than a place; it's our home!*



Thank you to the 2023-24 Stiftungsfest Ambassadors Josie Degn and Emily Stieve, and the Lil' Miss Stiftungsfest Ambassadors Claire Storms and Eiza Mendoza for representing the community of NYA and Stiftungsfest at countless local events, coronations, and parades! Well done!!

The 2024-25 Stiftungsfest Candidates are Kadence Arndt, Alexis Degn, Ella Harms, and Marlie Beneke. The Lil' Miss Candidates are Ella Allen, Carolyann Dammann, Brooklynn Hoen, Olivia Hoen, Rose Russ, and Lenora Widmer. Stiftungsfest Coronation will be held Sunday, Aug 25th at 11:30am in the Big Musik Tent at Willkommen Memorial Park.

NYA City Happenings



Community Project Updates

Despite the rainy summer, multiple projects in the NYA community continue...

Raider Field House & Walking Track

Central Public Schools and the City of Norwood Young America celebrated the new Raider Field House yesterday! The City of NYA financially supported the addition of a four lane walking track which is free for residents to use. Another great partnership with Central Public Schools! Pictured: Superintendent Tim Schochenmaier, School Board Members Shelby Erickson (current), Nicole Evenski (former), Elroy Latzig (former), Connor Smith (current), School Board Chair Sara Eischens, Emily Perlbachs (current), Rich Schug (former), Josh Kroells (current), Sarah Lehrke (current), Mayor Carol Lagergren, and City Council Members Charlie Storms, Mike McPadden, Craig Heher.



The New Old Town

The New Old Town project is looking great and is in the final stages of completion. The Stiftungsfest Committee will be able to use the building to its potential with a Temporary Occupancy Permit for the upcoming Stiftungsfest celebration! The Young America Cardinals and Stiftungsfest Committee are supporting the project by asking organizations, businesses and individuals for donations. All donations are requested to be submitted before April 15, 2025. A formal dedication ceremony will be scheduled in the spring of 2025.



Highway 212 Four-Lane Expansion from Cologne to NYA

The Highway 212 Project Groundbreaking Ceremony was held on Thursday, August 8th at the St. John's Bongards Church parking lot on the corner of Highway 212 and County Rd 51. Representatives from the federal, state, county, and local levels were present to speak about and celebrate the expansion project with the common theme of improving safety and decreasing congestion for this major thoroughfare. Project work consists of approximately five miles of safety and capacity improvements including constructing a new interchange (bridge) at Highway 212/CR 51 and creating safer on and off access to properties and businesses. Completion of the project is set for fall of 2026. The project cost is \$73.6 million.



Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 (TWIP2)

The infrastructure construction for the Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 started the end of June. Project details include extending infrastructure south on Tacoma Ave to the newly expanded 60-acre park. The park will be able to accommodate approximately 51-acres of buildable land, 5-acres of roadway, and 4-acres of stormwater ponds. Shovel-ready lots will be sold in 2-acre minimums. To view the latest drone video on TWIP2 progress, visit the city website www.cityofnya.com and search Economic Development. For more information on TWIP2, email economicdev@cityofnya.com.

City Road/Parks Projects

The following projects are set to be completed in fall of 2024:

- Railroad Street Project—complete reconstruction of Railroad Street from Faxon Rd S to Morse St S, and Reform St N to Progress St N.
- Park Circle and Emma Street—1" overlay
- County Road 34/Tacoma Ave N Trail—Seal coating from Lakewood Trail to 2nd St SE.
- Yearly maintenance following the Street and Trail CIP (Capital Improvement Plan)

Freshening Up the Ball Park

Thank you to Freshwater Church volunteers for spending a recent Saturday painting the dugouts and bleachers at Zellmann Field in the NYA Sports Complex! If your group is interested in a volunteering for a local service project, please call City Hall at 952-467-1810.



163rd Stiftungsfest August 22-25, 2024

For information on event registrations & locations, entertainment and music schedules visit www.stiftungsfest.org or check out the Stiftungsfest Norwood Young America Facebook page! Schedules are also available at City Hall. 100% proceeds to benefit the NYA Fire Department!



City Bus Trip to Stiftungsfest

Saturday, August —1:00-5:00pm
Entertainment during this time include:
Craft Sale, Car Show,
Mitchell Hall & the Tennessee Trio,
Mollie B & Squeezebox, and lots of great food!
Pick Up/Drop Off Locations:
Oak Grove Senior Ctr, Peace Villa, Harbor/Haven
Drop Off/Pick Up Locations:
Willkommen Memorial Park—West Playground gate
City residents who need a ride, call SmartLink
952-496-8431, ext 2



NYA Senior Center

Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
21 E Main Street, NYA

**1st & 3rd Wednesday of
Each Month**

**Starting September 18, 2024
10:00am—2:00pm**

*Bingo, Sheephead, Cribbage, Dominos
*Socializing with other seniors *Lunch provided
****ALL ARE WELCOME!!****

NYA Senior Center is organized by the NYA Senior Advisory Commission and financially supported by local organizations.

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 complementary lunch will be provided with Carver County SHIP funds. Registration will open online at ww.carverlib.libcal.com/event/12670175 or you can also stop at the NYA Library to sign up. Limited seats available.



Hey Carver County Residents, Relay for Life is Only One Month Away!

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life of Carver County is taking place on Saturday, September 21st at NYA Legion Park. The event opens at 3:00pm with Opening Ceremony at 4:00pm. Luminaria walk begins at dusk followed by Closing Ceremony by 10:00pm. Join your family, friends and walk, create a luminary in memory of a loved one, enjoy the music, enjoy the food and play our fun "Pick-a-Prize" game. Now is the time to JOIN a team, CREATE a team, SPONSOR the event or DONATE to the event. To find out more information visit the website www.relayforlife.org/carvercountymn, or contact event chairs buffyknopik@yahoo.com or connie427s@frontier.com.



17th Annual Harvest Moon Food & Wine Extravaganza

Friday, October 25, 2024
5:30-8:00pm

Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion
\$25 per ticket on sale now at GTL
Must be 21 years old.

A Community Project Fundraiser
Presented by the NYA West Carver Lions



National Night Out Success!

The NYA West Carver Lions would like to thank all who attended National Night Out! It was a great night to celebrate our community. A big thank you to the organizations and businesses who contributed to make this event successful.



Pet Reminders—Love Them, Leash Them, License Them!

You must have your pet licensed annually with the City—\$5/year per pet. Stop at City Hall with up-to-date vaccine papers M-Th 7:30am-4:30pm and Fri 7:30am-1:30pm. Always have your pet on a leash or restraint when walking around town. And please be a responsible dog owner and clean up after them!





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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

August

Tues, Aug 20: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:30pm
Thurs, Aug 22: Stiftungsfest Family Fun Night @ Willkommen
Memorial Park 5-9pm
Fri, Aug 23–Sun, Aug 25: 163rd Annual Stiftungsfest celebration
Willkommen Memorial Park
Mon, Aug 26: Work Session/EDA/City Council Mtg @ City Hall
5pm

September

Sat, Sept 31: NYA Recycle Center closed
Mon, Sept 2: Labor Day—City office closed
Tues, Sept 3: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Sept 4: Bloodmobile @ Willkommen Memorial Park
Thurs, Sept 5: Fare for All @ All Saints 3-5pm
Mon, Sept 9: City Council @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Sept 11: EDC Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Sept 11: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:30pm
Mon, Sept 23: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm

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

- Wed, September 11th
- Wed, October 9th
- Wed, November 13th
- Wed, December 11th

Drive-thru event while supplies
last. Sponsored by
CAP Agency, Carver Co Public
Health, and City of NYA

Friendly Reminders

NYA Compost Site

The NYA compost site at 640 Tacoma Blvd is open from dawn to dusk seven (7) days a week. This service is available to NYA City Residents ONLY. Please do not dump flower pots or plastic bags.

Where do you drain your Sump Pump hose?

Sump pump hoses can ONLY be drained into your own yard, the street, or storm drains. They cannot be drained into a basement sewer drain, onto a sidewalk, or in your neighbors yard. Sump pump hoses which drain into a sewer drain, puts additional strain on the water treatment system which, given the recent immense rainfall, may result in sewage back-ups.

AUTOMATIC BILL PAY

Did you know you can view your utility bill online at any time by visiting the City website. No need to worry about forgetting to pay your monthly utility bill - sign up for automatic bill pay! For more info call 952-467-1800 or email at accounting@cityofnfa.com.

West Carver Community Pool Fun!

The last day of the West Carver Community Pool was 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!

