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**After hours City emergency
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call 952-769-7284.**

**Commission seats are available on
the NYA Parks & Recreation
Commission.**

For more information,
contact City Hall at 952-467-1800.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

September

Wed, Sept 18: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm
Thurs, Sept 21: Relay for Life @ NYA Legion Park
Mon, Sept 23: Work Session/City Council @ City Hall 5pm
Wed, Sept 25: Senior Lunch & Learn @ NYA Library 11am-1pm
Fri, Sept 27: MoveMindfully Session @ Oak Grove 9:30-11:30am

October

Tues, Oct 1: Planning Commission @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Oct 2: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm
Thurs, Oct 3: Fare For All @ All Saints 3-5pm
Sun, Oct 6: NYA Lions Pancake & Omelet Breakfast @ Pavilion
Wed, Oct 9: EDC Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Mon, Oct 15: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Tues, Oct 16: Parks & Rec Commission @ City Hall 5:30pm
Wed, Oct 16: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm
Thurs, Oct 17: Senior Advisory Commission @ City Hall 9am
Fri, Oct 25: NYA Manufacturers Today Event
Fri, Oct 25: West Carver Lions Harvest Moon Food & Wine Extravaganza @ Pavilion
Sat, Oct 26: St. John's Harvest Party 4-6pm
Mon, Oct 28: Work Session/City Council Mtg 5pm

Highway 212 Project – Benton Township Update

Carver County Public Works has shared the following Traffic Impacts for the fall of 2024:

5:00am, Monday, September 23rd through late October 2024

- Salem Ave is closed between Hwy 212 and 122nd St.

9:00am Thursday, September 5th through 3:00pm Monday, September 30, 2024

- Eastbound Hwy 212 is a single-lane between Highway 36 (w) and Highway 284.

Through November 15, 2024

- Highway 51 is closed between Hwy 212 and the railroad tracks.
- Access to Bongards Creameries on Highway 51 from the south will be maintained during construction.

For more information and detour routes, visit www.carvercountymn.gov/departments/public-works/projects-studies/highway-212-project-benton-township.

Resident Contact Information Request

The City of NYA is requesting updated contact information for all property owners. This information will be used for city notices due to city road construction announcements, watermain breaks, necessary water shut-offs, snow emergencies, etc. Please submit your phone number and/or email to accounting@cityofnya.com or write it on your next utility bill. If you have any questions, please call NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800.

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NYA, MN 55397 and 55368

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

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

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

City Road/Parks Projects

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

- Residents are to watch for temporary road closures around the Railroad Street Project area. Reform Street at Railroad St – complete reconstruction of Railroad Street from Faxon Rd S to Morse St S, and Reform St N to Progress St N.
- The 1" over of Park Circle and Emma Street is scheduled for completion on 09/19/24 (weather pending)

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@cityofnya.com.



SEPTEMBER
2024

A Message From the City Council & Staff

Looking Back and Moving Forward Together

As we take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments of our City Council and staff over the past few years, we are filled with a sense of pride for all that we've achieved together. It's been a team effort driven by a shared commitment to making Norwood Young America an even better place to be. But as we look back on our progress, we also have our eyes set firmly on the future—on what we will accomplish together in the coming months and years.

Street Projects: Progress on the Move

We've made significant strides in upgrading our streets, with several major reconstruction projects now behind us. Projects like 2nd Avenue and Merger Street have brought new life to critical roadways, and the current work on Railroad Street continues to address key needs in our transportation network.

Looking forward, planning for next summer's reconstruction of 4th Avenue SW and adjoining streets is already underway. As a Council, we continuously revisit our "Streets Capital Improvement Plan" with staff and project engineers to ensure we stay ahead of future needs. We know that solid infrastructure is the foundation of a thriving community, and we are committed to keeping Norwood Young America moving forward.

Parks: Spaces for All to Enjoy

Our parks are the heart of our community, and we've been dedicated to enhancing these cherished spaces. Plans are being worked on for safety upgrades that will be addressed with the remodeling of the West Carver Community Pool House, which will be substantially funded by grant funds already received. The upgrades ensure that this community space remains vibrant and accessible to all.

Looking ahead, the Park and Recreation Commission continues their All-Park Assessment planning with exciting new additions, including a disc golf course at Prairie Dawn Park and a dog park at Friendship Park (enhancing the fenced in area near the tennis courts). These projects, set for 2025, will offer even more opportunities for residents to enjoy the great outdoors.

New Businesses: Growth and Opportunity

Our community continues to grow, and we are excited to welcome new businesses to Norwood Young America. This year alone, we celebrated ribbon cuttings for Orr Design, 212 Tobacco and Vape, and D&V Nails, and we look forward to welcoming even more businesses in the months ahead. The development of Tacoma West Industrial Park Phase 2 is progressing steadily, with the first purchase agreement heading to the City Council soon and several businesses expressing interest in becoming part of this vibrant commercial hub.

Highway 212 Expansion: Paving the Way for the Future

The expansion of Highway 212 is another crucial project shaping our future. If you've traveled along Highway 212, you have noticed all the prep work, particularly near Bongards. The overpass at Highway 51 is a big part of this summer's expansion plan. You may have also noticed work happening near Tacoma Avenue here in town. This will be the temporary cross-over as the work to expand Highway 212 continues into 2025. This project is a vital part of our long-term vision, and we are excited to see it continue to unfold. **For more information, check the inside of this newsletter.**

A Bright Future for Norwood Young America

As a City Council and staff, we are proud of the deliberate, proactive planning that has guided our decisions. The "Streets Capital Improvement Plan," "Capital Improvement Plan," and "Parks Capital Improvement Plan" give us a solid roadmap for future growth. These comprehensive strategies enable us to have meaningful conversations while networking with elected officials on the County, State, and Federal levels to create partnerships and gather financial support through grants and low-interest funding so that Norwood Young America remains the fantastic place we all call home!

Together, we have already achieved so much and know that even greater things are on the horizon. Thank you for your continued support as we reflect on our accomplishments and move forward confidently and optimistically. Norwood Young America's future is bright, and we are excited to be **more than a place, it's home!**



Welcome to NYA, D&V Nails!

The NYA Area Chamber and City of NYA welcomed owner Duc Nguyen with a ribbon cutting on 09/04/24. D&V Nails offers a wide range of services, including manicures, pedicures, acrylics, and gel polish tailored to your unique style. The experienced and talented team of nail technicians is dedicated to making your visit a pampering experience. They prioritize cleanliness, quality, and customer satisfaction. Stop by to welcome D&V Nails at Heritage Mall, 640 Railroad Drive Suite 400, or call to book your appointment 952-212-8017.

NYA City Happenings



Carver County Commission on Aging Conference

Members of the NYA Senior Advisory Commission and city staff attended the annual Carver County Public Health and Office of Aging Conference on September 6th 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 (again!) Featured speaker Adam Suomala from the MN Leadership Council on Aging talked about "Reframing Aging: Addressing Ageism in Our Communities," and Kristen Larson, CC Land Mgmt, shared county data about senior aging, housing, income and education. Commission members were able to network and share ideas for healthy senior living.



Attendees of the conference included:
Karen Hallquist, Community Development Director, NYA Senior Advisory Commissioners Kay Hampshire, Rosemary Solheid, Darlene Lehrman, Betty Settergren, LaVonne Kroells, Carolyn Durbin, Elroy Latzig, Colleen Pawelk (not pictured). Thank you, Carver County Commissioner John Fahey for joining our group for the day!

Interesting facts about Carver County older adults:

- There are 14,480 people over the age of 65 in Carver County.
- The median age in Carver County is 38.6, while in MN and the US it is 38.8.
- 24.3% of households in Carver County have one or more people 65+.
- The median gross rent in Carver County is \$1,344, in MN \$1,113.
- The median house value in Carver County is \$393,400, in MN \$285,000.
- The median household income in Carver County is \$107,890, in MN \$77,720.
- 6.4% of people 65+ do not have an internet subscription.
- 1.8% of people 65+ income have been below poverty level in NYA/Hamburg area.
- Median income for households 65+ is approximately \$56,000.



Thank you to the Norwood Young America Fire Department for the amazing 9/11 tribute this week.
~ We will never forget ~



Please Watch Your Speed

Central Public School and St. John's School have start classes, practices, and games. There continues to be construction vehicles and workers present until the completion of the Central School project. This is a just a friendly reminder that the speed limit around school is **20 mph AT ALL TIMES**.

- ⇒ Please make sure you are watching for children walking or biking before and after school.
- ⇒ 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 Railroad Street construction project, Tacoma West Industrial Park expansion project, and the Hwy 212 Road Projects. Follow the suggested detours and take your time. Deputy Jesse Lee's contact info: 952-361-1868 or jlee@co.carver.mn.us.



How Do I Vote?

Voting Before the General Election Day

Absentee voting for the 2024 Elections begins September 20, 2024. All eligible voters in Carver County can vote early by absentee ballot.

To request an Absentee Ballot, you may:

- Apply online www.mnvotes.org
- Call Carver County Elections at 952-361-1941
- In-person at the Carver County Government Center, 600 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN.

To return your Absentee Ballot, you may:

- Mail the absentee ballot back in the pre-paid, pre-addressed envelope that was provided with your ballot materials. Mail it back via USPS or express delivery service (FedEx, DHL, UPS, etc.) to Carver County Elections, Government Center, 600 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN. Absentee ballots returned via mail must be received by 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 5th to the Carver County Elections Office.
- Return the absentee ballot in-person to Carver County Elections Office at the Carver County Government Center, 600 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN. Hours: September 20-November 1, 2024, Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm. In addition: Saturday, October 26, 9:00am-3:00pm, Tuesday, October 29, 8:00am-7:00pm, Saturday, November 2, 9:00am-3:00pm, Sunday, November 3, 9:00am-3:00pm, and Monday, November 4, 8:00am-5:00pm.
- Have someone else return your voted ballot by Monday, November 4th at 5:00pm to Carver County Elections Office at the Carver County Government Center, 600 East 4th Street, Chaska, MN The person returning your voted ballot will need to bring valid identification for this process.

Voting On General Election Day—Tuesday, November 5th

NYA city residents are to vote at NYA City Hall, 310 W Elm Street with the entrance from the north parking lot (look for signs). Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. Absentee ballots will ONLY be accepted at the Carver County Elections Office—not this polling place. If you cannot easily leave your vehicle for mobility reasons or because you prefer to avoid contact with others as a health precaution, you can ask to have your ballot brought out to your car. Two election judges from different major political parties will bring the ballot to your vehicle. Curbside voting is offered on election day by calling City Hall 952-467-1800 upon arriving.

Adopt a Drain This Fall and Protect Lakes and Rivers

A few minutes a month helps protect lakes and rivers when you join Minnesota's Adopt a Drain program. 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 13,971 volunteers who have adopted 24,190 drains and have prevented or 764,000 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.

Curbside Mattress Pickup Available in Carver County

Mattresses and box springs are accepted at the Environmental Center for \$35 each, and now for additional \$10 per pickup, Carver County residents can have these items picked up directly from their home. Second Chance Recycling ensures collected mattresses undergo efficient processing, salvaging materials for reuse and minimizing environmental impact.

Since 2015, Second Chance Recycling has helped Carver County collect and recycle over 13,000 mattresses that may have otherwise ended up in a landfill.

For more information visit The Environmental Center webpage and select "Mattresses & Box Springs": <https://www.carvercountymn.gov/.../environmental-center> Or visit the Second Chance Recycling website at <https://www.secondchancerecyclingmn.com> to schedule a pickup.

