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UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

December

Wed, Dec 18: NYA Senior Center @ Roy Clay Building (this date only) 10am-2pm
Thurs, Dec 19: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am
Mon, Dec 23: NO Council Meeting
Tues, Dec 24: Christmas Eve—City Hall Closed
Wed, Dec 25: Christmas Day—City Hall Closed
Wed, Dec 25: Christmas Day—Recycle Center Closed
Tues, Dec 31: New Year's Eve

January

Wed, Jan 1: Happy New Year! City Hall Closed
Wed, Jan 1: New Year's Day—Recycle Center Closed
Tues, Jan 7: Planning Commission Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, Jan 8: NYA Food Distribution @ City Hall 12:00pm (note new time!)
Wed, Jan 8: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion (moved from Jan 1 due to New Year's) 10am-2pm
Mon, Jan 13: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Thurs, Jan 16: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am
Tues, Jan 21: Parks & Recreation Commission Mtg @ City Hall 5:30pm
Wed, Jan 22: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion (moved from Jan 15) 10am-2pm
Mon, Jan 27: City Council Work Session Mtg @ City Hall 5pm, Council Mtg 6pm

Stiftungsfest Puzzles For Sale!

Puzzled on what to gift this Christmas? How about a 2023 or 2024 Stiftungsfest puzzle! Finish up your Christmas shopping and stop by City Hall to pick up a memorable puzzle for \$35 before they're gone!



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NYA Food Distributions through 2025 NYA City Hall Parking Lot 12:00pm

- Wed, January 8th
- Wed, February 12th
- Wed, March 12th

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

Raider Field House Winter Hours

Monday-Friday: 5:30-7:30am & 6:00pm-9:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am-8:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm-5:00pm
Closed on Holidays

Off the Rails Entertainment and NYA Lions Presents:

Stand Up Comedy

Coming Soon to Norwood Young America

Headliner:	Feature:	Guest:	Host:
Bryan Miller	Randall Reid	Charlie Stemig	Jesse the Shrink

Saturday Jan. 11th 7:00pm

Willkommen Pavillion

Doors Open: 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm
Cash Bar Available 50/50 Raffle
\$20 per person - Comedy Only
\$35 per person - Dinner and Show
Chicken or Beef options available

Tickets available at: Car Quest Auto Parts, Citizens State Bank, Good Time Liquors, Old National Bank, Pour House Pub, any NYA Lions Member or at www.offthetrailsent.com



A Message From NYA City Hall

A Year of Growth and Optimism: Reflecting on 2024

As the holiday season approaches, the City Council and staff of Norwood Young America want to reflect on the past year's accomplishments, celebrate the present, and look forward to an even brighter 2025!

Looking Back on a Successful Year

2024 has been an incredibly productive and rewarding year for our community. The completion of the utilities and streets in Tacoma West Industrial Park 2 marks a significant milestone for our city, with the park now welcoming its very first business. This is a testament to the collaborative effort of city staff, consultants, Carver County, State of MN, and community stakeholders, all working together to strengthen Norwood Young America's economic foundation.

Another highlight was the completion of the long-awaited Railroad Street Project. With its new, more expansive layout, curb and gutter, this vital improvement enhances safety and accessibility for residents and visitors alike. And don't forget the Raider Field House Walking Track! These projects underscore our commitment to investing in infrastructure that supports growth and improves quality of life.

Celebrating the Present

As we close the year, the spirit of progress and community pride is palpable throughout Norwood Young America. Each accomplishment represents not just milestones but also our community's collective energy and vision. Thank you to Mayor Carol Lagergren and Council Members Mike McPadden and Craig Heher for their years of service to Norwood Young America. Together, the Council has demonstrated the power of teamwork, resilience, and forward-thinking leadership.

Looking Ahead with Optimism

The future of Norwood Young America is filled with promise. With 2025 on the horizon, exciting projects are already taking shape. The city staff works diligently with new businesses eager to establish themselves in our industrial park and downtown areas, ensuring vibrant growth and economic opportunity. Our engineering consultants and city staff also lay the groundwork for future initiatives to sustain and enhance our community's development. Starting in January, the community will welcome new leadership, Mayor-elect Connor Smith and Council Members Andrew Storms and Brandon Stender, ready to hit the ground running!

Wishing You Happy Holidays!

As we reflect on our progress together, we are grateful for our residents' trust and support. The City Council and staff wish everyone a joyful holiday season filled with peace, warmth, and happiness. May 2025 bring continued growth, prosperity, and shared success to Norwood Young America - more than a place, it's home!



Sending a big THANK YOU to Mayor Carol Lagergren and council members Mike McPadden and Craig Heher for their years of service on the City Council! The City of Norwood Young America thanks you for your time, commitment, and hard work put in for the betterment of the community.

Happy Holiday's from the NYA City Staff!



NYA Happenings



Truth in Taxation Overview

The Truth in Taxation public hearing was held on Monday, December 9th. This annual public hearing is an essential opportunity for the City to provide clarity on the budget process and discuss how your property taxes are allocated to support the community we all share.

A Breakdown of the City's Budget

The City's budget is carefully crafted to address both day-to-day operations and long-term infrastructure needs. It comprises four main components:

- **General Fund** This fund covers the majority of the City's operating expenses, including public safety, streets, parks and trails, buildings and grounds, and general operations. The General Fund is primarily supported by property taxes (66%), with additional contributions from state aid (21%), fees for services (9%), and interest earnings (4%).
- **Capital Outlay/Equipment Fund** Dedicated to purchasing large equipment and funding other capital projects, this fund relies entirely on property taxes.
- **Debt Service** This fund ensures the City meets its obligations for past projects, such as street reconstructions and building improvements. It is also funded entirely through property taxes.

Enterprise Funds This fund covers the City's water and sewer systems and handles everything from chemical treatments and testing to equipment maintenance and operational costs. Unlike the other funds, it is financed through utility and connection fees rather than property taxes.

The 2025 Property Tax Levy

For 2025, the City Council has approved a levy of \$3,997,104, representing an 8.58% increase. This decision reflects our commitment to balancing community needs with fiscal responsibility. Here is how the levy will be distributed:

- 53.11% General Government: Includes public safety, streets, parks and trails, and City operations.
- 22.46% Debt Service: Covers repayment of prior street and building projects.
- 24.43% Capital Outlay/Equipment: Funds new equipment and large-scale improvements.

Major Investments in 2025

This levy will enable several key projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life in Norwood Young America:

- 4th Avenue Area Reconstruction and Mill and Overlay Projects
- NYA Sports Complex, Prairie Dawn Park drainage improvements, Friendship Park Trail & Park Enhancements, including a dog park.
- New Tanker Truck and Encrypted Radios for the NYA Fire Department
- West Carver Community Pool House Improvements (grant and levy)
- Street Maintenance: Seal Coating, Crack Sealing, and Overlays

The City Council and staff are committed to transparency, stewardship, and delivering value for every dollar entrusted to us. The investments outlined above are designed to sustain and grow our community while maintaining the infrastructure and services that keep Norwood Young America a vibrant and thriving place to live.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support as we work together toward a strong and sustainable future.

"New" Old Town Donations

The City of NYA, Stiftungsfest Inc., and the Young America Cardinals are asking business owners and community members to continue their generous donation efforts for the restoration of Old Town at Willkommen Memorial Park. The building has officially been reconstructed while maintaining the integrity of the historical design of Old Town. Donations for the "New" Old Town are greatly appreciated and we thank all of the businesses and community members who have contributed. Donations will be accepted until April 15, 2025, for those looking for tax contributions. For more information on how to donate, contact City Hall at 952-467-1800.



Legion Auxiliary Thanks Educational Staff



Members of the America Legion Auxiliary showed gratitude and appreciation to our hard-working educational staff members with thoughtful gift baskets on November 18th in honor of American Education Week. Baskets were delivered to eight area locations with treats and handwritten notecards, acknowledging the significant impact each staff member has on a child and their quality of education.

Holiday Festivities



Holiday Extravaganza at Willkommen Memorial Park

The 2024 Holiday Extravaganza lit up Willkommen Memorial Park at the annual tree lighting event the evening of Saturday, November 30th. Families enjoyed taking pictures with Santa, the "Little Red Truck" display (Steve & Tammy Trebesch), strolling through WhoVille Lane, and admiring the park filled with festive holiday candy canes and lights. People were welcomed to warm up inside with hot cocoa, s'mores, cookies, kids coloring activities, and a wreath contest. Thank you to all businesses and organizations who supported this event with financial contributions, gift donations, and volunteers. Holiday Extravaganza is held in conjunction with Small Business Saturday and organized by the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce.



Wreath & Window Decorating Contest

Tis' the season to hang up lights, ornaments, and tinsel! The NYA Area Chamber of Commerce rang in the season of holiday decorating with a little friendly competition. Businesses and organizations around town unveiled their creative sides and in the 2024 wreath contest. The Winter Wonderland theme inspired snowflakes, icy blues, and silver accents to spark a frosty winter feeling. The wreaths were beautifully displayed at the Holiday Extravaganza and voted on for the 2024 winner. Congratulations to Schmidt Chiropractic Center on their beautiful wreath! Several businesses around town are participating in the Winter Wonderland window decorating contest as well. Voting is live on the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page. Be on the lookout for festive windows around town!



Lions Bring Holiday Cheer

Both the NYA West Carver Lions and the NYA Lions have been busy the last few weeks bringing holiday cheer to the community! Both Lions clubs worked together to deliver beautiful poinsettias to the senior facilities in the NYA community. The NYA Lions opened their Christmas tree lot next to CarQuest on November 26th. Mayor Lagergren continued the tradition and purchased the first tree from the lot. All proceeds of the tree sales go back to the community. The NYA West Carver Lions hosted the Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14th at the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion. Children smiled ear-to-ear as they told Santa their Christmas wish list. Each child was presented with a bag breakfast, a gift from Santa and Mrs. Claus, and a toy from the Lions. Thank you to the businesses who support this free community event with their financial and gift donations, and thank you to the Stiftungsfest Ambassadors for their help for the morning!



Meet the New Staff



Kim Eggers— Community and Economic Development Assistant— My position entails permitting, assisting with elections and working closely with the Community & Economic Development Director and City Planner with projects and the progression of our city. I'm also the record keeper of the city's cemeteries. I've been a long time resident and have previous experience with elections, building permits, and the insurance industry. My favorite part about this position is the daily variety, no two days are alike. I'm excited to be a part of our city, with the upcoming 212 project, we are going to see great things come to small town NYA, more than a place, it's home. In my spare time, I enjoy walking, cooking, decorating, quilting, and time spent with family and friends.



Taia Good—Community Development Assistant— Many of my responsibilities as Community Development Assistant focus on marketing and communications, including the NYA TV channel, posting on social media, sharing town announcements, and updating the city website. One of my favorite things about being the Community Development Assistant is the variety this position brings to my day-to-day life. From working on various marketing media to seeing the activity at the front desk, I enjoy the diversity that each day brings. Additionally, working alongside a fun and hardworking team has been another favorite of mine. I'm a graduate of Central High School and Minnesota State University, Mankato where I received a bachelor's degree in Mass Communication. In my free time, I enjoy outdoor activities, arts & crafts, and spending time with family and friends.



Family Friendly Winter Activities

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WINTER RECREATION AT CARVER COUNTY PARKS

CANDLELIT NIGHTS AT BAYLOR • FEBRUARY 15 & 22, 2025
MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL • MARCH 22, 2025

FIND EVENT DETAILS AND REGISTRATION
ONLINE AT [BIT.LY/CCPSPECIALEVENTS](https://bit.ly/ccpspecialevents)



2025 NYA Free Food Distributions

The Norwood Young American Free Food Distribution will continue through 2025 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the City Hall north parking lot. Thank you to CAP Agency, Carver County Public Health, Second Harvest, and MiCasa for funding these events and serving all of western Carver County.



2025 Fire Department Calendars

Thank you to the Norwood Young America Fire Department members who delivered the 2025 NYA Fire Department Fire Prevention & Community calendars! The calendars are financially supported by local businesses and include coupons, fire department photos, community dates, and fire safety messages. Calendars were delivered to all homes in the fire district, and additional copies are available for pickup at City Hall.



Reminder—Renew Your Animal License

The 2024 animal licenses are due to expire on Tuesday, December 31st 2024. The City of NYA requires that all dogs or cats over the age of six months within the City must be licensed. Each license fee is \$5 and lasts through the calendar year. New licenses will be good from January 1st, 2025 to December 31st, 2025. Licenses can be purchased at City Hall. For more information, contact City Hall at 952-467-1800.

COMPOST SITE CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

The NYA Compost Site at 640 Tacoma Blvd is full and closed for the season for material removal. An opening date has yet to be determined.



Winter Weather Reminders



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



To the street

CLEAR -AWAY ZONE

Remove any snow and ice
Clear a wide enough perimeter around the hydrant for firefighters to work (about 3 feet)
Clear a path from hydrant to street



24 Hour Snow Removal Required for City Sidewalks

Snow and Ice Policy Handbook

Norwood Young America winter parking regulations are effective from November 1st –April 1st every year, regardless if there is a snowfall. To view the City's [Snow and Ice Policy Handbook](#), visit the City website at www.cityofnya.com.



Ticket & Towing

The City will once again be 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. Per City Code Chapter 7: Traffic and Vehicles, violators failing to follow City Code will be ticketed and towed at the owners expense. All fines for tickets are to be paid with the Carver County Court Administrator's Office. Vehicles that are towed will be taken 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

There are designated parking areas for residents who do not have off-street parking available during snow emergencies. 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 areas 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.

Sump Pump Reminders

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, discharge into your residential sewer or onto your own property, away from City streets, alleys and sidewalks.

South Park Hockey Rink

The ice rink has been flooded and is ready for use! Skaters are welcome to use the rink if ice conditions are favorable.

