



# FEBRUARY 2025

## A Message From City Hall

### A Sense of Community in All We Do

At City Hall, the City Council and staff are always looking forward— guided by the rich German and Danish heritage that built Norwood Young America and inspired by the bright future ahead. As you explore this newsletter, you'll be reminded of the countless opportunities rooted in the strong sense of connection we all share. Whether it's through civic organizations or vibrant community celebrations - like the upcoming Springfest Artisan Fair! - or the dedication of our fire department, schools, and local leaders, we all work together to make Norwood Young America a place where everyone feels welcome and at home.

As Norwood Young America continues to grow, the Council is committed to enhancing amenities for all ages and interests, from parks and trails to new infrastructure and economic opportunities. The expansion of the Tacoma West Industrial Park will bring high-paying jobs close to home, supporting our workforce and local families. We're also strengthening partnerships, like working with Central schools on the Raider Field House indoor walking track and the "Senior" Dance coming up in May, or the NYA Library for a "Technology Lunch & Learn" for the local elderly population, to provide spaces that promote health and well-being for our residents.

Additionally, we are proud to collaborate with community organizations such as the NYA Lions, West Carver Lions, VFW, American Legion, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, and the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce. These partnerships bring additional quality-of-life activities and foster a "Community of Belonging" for our residents. Through their ongoing efforts, we continue to build a city where service, camaraderie, and opportunity thrive.

Through every street project, community initiative, and investment in the future, one thing remains at the heart of it all—our unwavering commitment to a strong, connected, and thriving Norwood Young America. Thank you for being part of this journey with us!



## City of NYA Memorial Tree and Park Bench Program

The Memorial Tree and Park Bench Program was developed by the City of Norwood Young America's Parks and Recreation Commission to provide an opportunity to recognize residents who have made an impact in the community, honor a loved one who passed away, or celebrate a milestone.

Family and friends can join together to donate a personalized park bench or memorial tree for one of the NYA parks. This generous donation will be a lasting memory, while enhancing the beauty of the community.

Orders submitted by the end of April 2025 will be placed this spring. With any questions or interest in donating a memorial tree or park bench, please contact City Hall or visit the website.



# NYA News & Updates



## Employment Opportunity – Compost Site Operator

The City of NYA is seeking to hire an operator for our compost site located at 640 Tacoma Blvd. The hours reflect the NYA Recycle Center hours, Wednesdays 3pm-5pm (Nov-March), 3pm-6pm (April-Oct), and Saturdays 8am-12pm. This position is in charge of ensuring proper use of the site (checking proof of residency and monitoring the disposal of correct materials). Stop in at City Hall for an application or email Public Service Director Mark at [mstreich@cityofnya.com](mailto:mstreich@cityofnya.com). With any questions, call City Hall at 952-467-1800.

## Norwood Young America Fire Department Wants You!

The Norwood Young America Fire Department is a paid-on-call fire department that provides emergency response services for the City of Norwood Young America. The department is also currently responsible for responding to emergencies in parts of the surrounding townships of: Hancock, Camden, Young America, Waconia and Benton.

\*Informational Session Tues, March 4th.

### Minimum Requirements:

- \* Must be a minimum of 18 years of age
- \* High School Diploma or GED
- \* Valid Minnesota Drivers License
- \* Must live within reasonable time of fire station

If you would like to be considered for a position with the NYA FD, contact Fire Chief Scott Blom at NYA City Hall at 952-467-1800 or visit the city website at [www.cityofnya.com](http://www.cityofnya.com).

**NYA Fire Department  
HIRING NOW!**

**Informational Session:**  
Tuesday, March 4th @ 7pm  
Come learn more about NYA Fire Dept.  
- bring your family too!

**Tryouts:**  
Saturday, March 8th @ 8am

**Location:**  
Station 1 - 23 SE 3rd Ave.

Questions? Contact Fire Chief by  
emailing: [firechief@cityofnya.com](mailto:firechief@cityofnya.com)

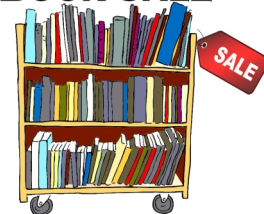
## Friends of the NYA Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Norwood Young America Library will be holding their annual spring book sale next month. Find good deals on gently used books (and more) for all ages. Proceeds from the book sale directly support the NYA Library's programs and Your Lucky Day collection.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- Thursday, Mar 20  
1pm-8pm
- Friday, Mar 21  
10am-5pm
- Saturday, Mar 22  
1pm-4pm

### BOOK SALE



## Dine-in or Drive-Thru

### "K-C Fish Fry"

Friday, March 7th

Church of the Ascension

11am-7pm (or until the fish is gone)

- Crispy Alaskan Pollock
- Potato
- Coleslaw
- Baked beans
- Beverages
- Dessert

Adults	\$16.50
Kids 6-12	\$ 6.00
Kids 5 and under	Free

## Swimming Lessons Registration

Registration for 2025 Swimming Lessons and Pool Passes will be open May 1st, 2025! The tentative opening date for the West Carver Community Pool is May 31st. For information on swimming lessons and pool fees, scan the QR code or visit the city website at [www.cityofnya.com-register-for-swimming-lessons](http://www.cityofnya.com-register-for-swimming-lessons).



## 2025 Lifeguards

The City of NYA is currently seeking lifeguards and/or WSI Certified Lifeguards for the 2025 Summer Season. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. For more information, please contact Mitchell at [cityclerk@cityofnya.com](mailto:cityclerk@cityofnya.com).

## Take It To The Box – Medication Disposal

Carver County has a medicine take back program called "Take It To The Box." The Take It To The Box program promotes the safe use, safe storage and safe disposal of unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medications. This includes both human and animal medications along with illegal drugs.

Chanhassen City Hall (7700 Market Blvd) M-F 8am-4:30pm

Waconia City Hall (201 Vine St S) 7days a week/24 hrs a day

Chaska Sheriff's Office (606 E 4th St) 7days a week/24 hrs a day

### What do you do?

Leave medication in the original container. Remove your name or other identifying info. Leave the name of the medication. Drop medication into the disposal box opening at any of the three locations. **Yes, they do accept:** Prescription medicines, controlled substances, over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, supplements, pet medicines.

**No, they do NOT accept:** Needles, sharps or syringes, medicines from: healthcare facilities, clinics, pharmacies, pharmaceutical reps, veterinary clinics, vaping devices or e-cigarettes.

For a non-emergency event call 952-361-1231. When in doubt, call 911.



# NYA Clean Up/Clean Out Opportunities



## NYA Spring Clean Up Day

This event is for **NYA CITY RESIDENTS ONLY** who reside within city limits – businesses are not included. Participants will be asked to show proof of residency such as a driver's license and/or water bill. This event is for all residential dwellings including apartments and manufactured homes. Drop-off items accepted include non-hazardous household waste/junk.

### ACCEPTABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE/JUNK—ITEMS FOR DROP-OFF

- ◆ Furniture items (couches, chairs, tables, lamps, mattresses, box springs, etc.)
- ◆ Small amounts of remodeling materials (carpet, siding, drywall, blocks, bricks, etc.)
- ◆ Misc. items such as kids' toys, playground sets, doors, windows, toilets, etc.
- ◆ Participants are asked to bag and box the loose materials as much as possible

### UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- ◆ Regular household weekly garbage or recyclable items
- ◆ Vehicle tires, appliances, any electronics, batteries, fire extinguishers, propane tanks, prescription drugs
- ◆ Hazardous waste such as paints, liquids, chemicals, asbestos materials, herbicides, pesticides, household cleaning products, lawn chemicals, lighter fluid, mothballs, lye, pool chemicals, nail polish remover, solvents, spot removers, stains and finishers, etc.
- ◆ No motor oil/filters, oil rags, petroleum products/containers, anti-freeze, brake fluid
- ◆ Fluorescent tubes/lights, incandescent light bulbs
- ◆ Cement, asphalt, large quantities of demo material
- ◆ No yard waste (grass clippings, shrubs, plants, tree limbs, leaves, garden waste)

**Saturday, April 26th**

8:00am-10:00am

Central Elementary School

South Parking Lot

655 7th St SW (watch for signs)

## NYA Compost Site & Recycle Center

The NYA Compost Site, located at 640 Tacoma Blvd, is scheduled to re-open April 1st, 2025. This site is to be used by NYA residents only.

The NYA Recycle Center, located at 421 Railroad St W, is open on Wednesdays from 3-5pm and Saturdays 8am-12pm. This site is open to all Carver County residents.

## Norwood Young America



**April 16–April 19, 2025**

Hosted by the **NYA Area Chamber of Commerce**  
[info@nyachamber.org](mailto:info@nyachamber.org)

## Carver County Special Waste Spring Collection Event

**Saturday May 17, 2025**  
**8am–12pm**

**Carver County Public Works**  
**11360 US Hwy 212, Cologne MN**

**All Carver County residents are welcome to utilize these collections.**

**For more information, visit [facebook.com/recyclecarver](https://facebook.com/recyclecarver)**



## NYA Fire Safety Event

The NYA Fire Department and Unhinged Pizza are teaming up again! NYA residents who order online from the Waconia Unhinged on March 9th between 4pm and 7pm will get your pizza delivered by NYA firefighters in a fire truck! You'll also get 10% OFF your online order, a FREE medium cheese pizza with any order, plus FREE BATTERIES for your smoke and CO detectors and installation help if needed. Last year we handed out over 500 batteries.

To order, go to [UnhingedPizza.com](https://UnhingedPizza.com) and select "Order Online". Select the Waconia location, and build your delivery order. Remember - all NYA orders get a free medium cheese pizza with each order so no need to add that to your order ... we'll know ;)

Do you ONLY want a cheese pizza and batteries? You can pre-order a FREE medium 'take & bake' cheese pizza by calling or texting Jesse at 612-743-9174 with your name and delivery address any time between now and March 9th. We'll deliver it to you during the event - along with your batteries - and you can cook your pizza at home whenever you'd like!



### Items accepted for a FEE

Car Tires	\$3.00 each	Bicycles	\$3.00 each
Semi Tires	\$8.00 each	TV's & Monitors	\$10.00 each
Large Farm Tires	\$25.00 each	Appliances	\$10.00 each
Small Gas Engines	\$5.00 each		

### Items accepted at NO CHARGE

#### Batteries - Automotive & Household

#### Electronics

CPU & Laptop	VCR & DVD Player
Printer, Scanner, Fax	Stereo & Speakers
Keyboard & Other Peripherals	

#### Fluorescent Bulbs (Business bulbs accepted for a fee)

#### Household Hazardous Waste

Latex & Oil Paint	Household cleaners
Paint remover, stripper, thinner	Propane tanks
Stain, varnish	Gasoline
Pesticides, herbicides	Oil & antifreeze
Aerosol cans	Automotive products
Mercury thermometers & thermostats	

#### Scrap Metal

### NOT ACCEPTED

- Brush & yard waste
- Carpet
- Clothing & fabric
- Construction & demolition debris
- Dishware
- Drinking glasses
- Furniture
- General recycling
- Garden hoses
- Medical waste
- Mirror glass
- Plastic tarps
- Porcelain toilets and sinks
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Trash/garbage



more than a place. it's home.

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

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

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

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# UPCOMING EVENTS IN NYA

## February

Mon, Feb 17: Presidents' Day — City Hall Closed  
Tues, Feb 18: Parks & Recreation Commission Mtg @ City Hall 5:30pm  
Wed, Feb 19: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm  
Thurs, Feb 20: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am  
Mon, Feb 24: City Council Work Session Mtg @ City Hall 5pm  
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Tues, Feb 25: Blood Drive @ Pavilion 12pm-6pm

## March

Tues, Mar 4: Planning Commission Mtg @ City Hall 6pm  
Wed, Mar 5: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm  
Fri, Mar 7: Church of the Ascension "K-C Fish Fry" 11am-7pm  
Mon, Mar 10: EDA Mtg @ City Hall 5pm  
Wed, Mar 12: NYA Free Food Distribution @ City Hall 12-1pm  
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**NYA Food Distributions**  
**NYA City Hall Parking Lot**  
**12:00pm-1:00pm**

### Upcoming Dates:

- Wed, March 12th
- Wed, April 9th
- Wed, May 14th

### Community Calendar



cityofnya.com/events

## NYA Fare For All Update

As of February 6, the NYA Fare For All site has been cancelled and is no longer in operation at the NYA location. To find other food distribution options, visit [www.findfoodcarvercounty.org](http://www.findfoodcarvercounty.org). With questions, call 612-479-6409 or email [findfoodcarvercounty@gmail.com](mailto:findfoodcarvercounty@gmail.com).

**Springfest Artisan Fair**  
**June 14th, 2025**  
**Historic Downtown Norwood**  
Hosted by the NYA Area Chamber of Commerce



## Reminders

- License renewals for 2025: Animal & ATV/Golf Cart Licenses are due!
- Community Gardens: Renew your plot or get on the waitlist for a plot for 2025. Call City Hall at 952-467-1800 or stop in for more information.

## CARVER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

# BUNDLE UP FOR CANDLELIT NIGHTS AT BAYLOR



## CANDLELIT NIGHTS AT BAYLOR • FEBRUARY 15 & 22, 2025

Reserve your spot now for a magical winter evening at Baylor Regional Park! Enjoy cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, tractor hayrides to the observatory, kicksledding, and s'mores by the bonfire. Plus, grab a delicious bite from the Pizza Karma food truck (available for purchase).

If there isn't enough snow for skiing, the event will become a free luminary walk and refunds will be available.

## 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



SCAN TO FIND PROGRAM AND EVENT DETAILS

OR GO ONLINE AT:  
[BIT.LY/CARVERCOUNTYEVENTS](http://BIT.LY/CARVERCOUNTYEVENTS).

