



March

2025

A Message From City Hall

Spring is in the Air!

As the days grow longer and the signs of spring emerge, it's clear that winter has left behind more than just memories—now that the snow has melted, the effects of blight are on full display. Warmer temperatures and fresh breezes bring the perfect opportunity for residents to take action by cleaning up their yards, refreshing their properties, and helping to keep Norwood Young America a beautiful place to live, work, and play.

To support these efforts, the NYA Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th, providing city residents (please bring ID for proof of residency) with a convenient way to dispose of household clutter and yard blight. This event is a great opportunity to clear out unwanted items responsibly and give your property a fresh start.

In conjunction with the NYA Clean Up Day (always set for the 4th Saturday of April), the NYA City-Wide Garage Sales will be held April 16th-19th. This is the perfect time to sort through basements, garages, and closets—sell items you no longer need, donate them to a worthy cause, or dispose of any remaining clutter during Clean Up Day. This combined effort helps reduce waste while giving residents a chance to find new treasures or clear space at home.

To further assist residents with yard maintenance, the NYA Compost Site at 640 Tacoma Blvd will open for the season on April 2nd. New hours of operation will be Wednesdays from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM and Saturdays from 8:00 AM - Noon. IDs will be checked upon entry to ensure the site is used by NYA residents only. If traffic and demand exceed expectations, adjustments to the hours will be considered. The compost site is an excellent way to properly dispose of leaves, grass clippings, and other yard waste.

Let's take pride in our community by embracing this season of renewal. A cleaner, more vibrant Norwood Young America benefits everyone, and with exciting projects, community initiatives, and opportunities to come together on the horizon—let's make the most of this season of fresh starts!



Baylor Regional Park Hosts Maple Syrup Festival

Tap into the fun and join the crew at Baylor Regional Park for a sweet time! Experience the entire maple syruping process, from tapping the tree to boiling down the syrup and learn about its ties to Minnesota history. Then, taste test the final product with our delicious Maple Syrup Brunch including pancakes, bacon, oatmeal, coffee, and ice cream!

- Saturday, March 22nd
- 10am-1pm (arriving by 12pm is recommended)
- All ages are welcome
- Cost: \$10 (free to ages 2 and younger)
- Baylor Regional Park
10775 County Road 33



A 'Thank You' to the NYA Lions for Newsletter Help!

Since July 2021, the NYA Lions have volunteered each month at City Hall to prepare newsletters to for mailing out to residents. During their "Pack & Chat" sessions, they assemble over 2,300 newsletters every month, ensuring important updates reach every household. In addition, they have been assembling Stiftungsfest newsletters since August 2022—a minimum of 16,000 piece mailing each year!! In total, that is over 153,800 newsletters!! Thank you, NYA Lions, for your dedication and hard work!

NYA Updates & Happenings



Students Spread Valentine's Love to Patients

Beyond The Yellow Ribbon of NYA sends a big THANK YOU to the students (ranging from preschool to middle school) of our area schools for the many valentine's cards that were made for the MN Veterans Medical Center patients. In February, a large box full of handmade cards was mailed to the MNVA Medical Center, paid for by the NYA VFW post # 1783. Participating schools included Cologne Academy, Central Elementary, Central Middle, and St. John's Lutheran.

"It was heartwarming to see all the work and care in making cards to help brighten the day of those who are hospitalized! The response to the request was AMAZING! Thank you again to all teachers and students who participated!"

Boy Scouts Earn Badge at City Council Meeting

In February, Members of Boy Scout Troop 361 attended an NYA City Council meeting to watch local government in action! The troop is working to achieve its "Citizenship in the Community" merit badge. They will choose a topic from the meeting and explore how government officials use the City Code and good communication to resolve differing opinions in making decisions for the health and safety of NYA residents.



Compost Site & Recycle Center

The NYA Compost Site (640 Tacoma Blvd) is scheduled to re-open April 2nd. This site is to be used by NYA city residents only.

The NYA Recycle Center (421 Railroad St W) is open on Wednesdays from 3-5pm (November-March), 3-6pm (April-October), and Saturdays 8am-12pm. This site is open to all Carver County residents.



Last Chance to Contribute!

Old Town is not only a public facility that is used for community events, but also iconic to Willkommen Memorial Park, home of the Young America Cardinals, and of course, Norwood Young America's annual Stiftungsfest celebration!

Old Town was constructed in 1990-1991 by a group of community members who wanted to beautify Willkommen Memorial Park by building a structure to resemble historic buildings from the now former Young America, MN. When restoration became necessary, the City desired to maintain the integrity of the historical design of the buildings. In the fall of 2023, construction began, and the "New" Old Town has been completed since summer 2024.

The City of NYA, Stiftungsfest Inc., and the Young America Cardinals thank all business owners and community members who have contributed their generous donations for the restoration of Old Town at Willkommen Memorial Park. While honoring the history of the buildings that they emulate and maintaining the integrity of the previous design, the necessary reconstruction has been completed. For those who would still like to offer a donation, please contact City Hall **prior to April 15th, 2025**.



City of NYA Employment Opportunities

Compost Site Attendant: Wednesdays 3-6pm & Saturdays 8am-12pm (April 1st-December 1st)

Lifeguards and/or WSI Certified Lifeguards: Summer 2025 Swimming Season
Applications can be found at cityofnya.com/employment.
With questions, please contact City Hall.



Golden Spring Fling Dance

Save the Date! Join us for the NYA Senior Advisory Commission's "Golden Spring Fling Dance" on the evening of Sunday, May 4th at Central High School Gym. Get ready to eat, dance, and celebrate the onset of spring together! More information will be shared next month.

Acoustic Panels Donated By ASI

Thank you to Acoustical Surfaces, Inc. (ASI) of Norwood Young America for donating acoustical panels inside the Willkommen Memorial Park Pavilion! Mark Stender, Director of Operations, worked with City staff to design the layout of the panels, which will improve sound quality and reduce echoing within the building. ASI specializes in acoustic/soundproof panels for indoor and outdoor needs with eco-friendly and decorative panels. ASI is located at 717 Faxon Rd N. For more information, visit www.acousticalsurfaces.com. Thank you, ASI!



Spring Has Sprung! Spring Reminders & Clean Up Info

Don't Forget!

Renew Your Animal License – Must be renewed beginning of each year (dogs & cats). A copy of the vaccination records is needed.

Renew Your ATV/Golf Cart Permit – Must be renewed beginning of each year. A copy of vehicle insurance is needed. Beginning April 1st, these can be driven around town with a permit.

Community Garden Sign-Up – To renew your community garden plot from last year, contact City Hall or stop in. Previous plot owners have until March 31st to reclaim their plot for 2025. If you did not have a garden last year but would like one, call City Hall to get on the waitlist.



Lawn Regulations – Spring is around the corner and it won't be long before we will trade the snowblowers for the lawn mowers. Remember to keep your lawns mowed and weeds under control so you are not in violation of city code.

Parking Regulations – Per city code, four (4) vehicles are allowed on your property. Any more, you need to apply for a temporary permit. Street parking has a 48 hour window before you are in violation.

Renovation Permits – Reminder, if you are updating or renovating your home, you will need to apply for a building permit prior to starting.

Sump Pump Regulations – All sump pumps must be day-lighted into your yard or into the storm sewer— not into your neighbors yard or a public sidewalk. Sump pumps should also not be connected into a sanitary sewer drain! Doing so results in the treatment of unnecessary amounts of water, putting additional strain on the treatment system and raising prices for everyone.

Spring Clean Up – Take advantage of the City Wide Garage Sale on April 16-19th, and the Spring Clean-Up on April 26th to get rid of unwanted items. Don't forget about the garage & outside of your house too! Blight can become a problem within the city and this is the perfect time to get your property cleaned up.

Utility Reminders

Sewer charges reset with the January water bill and are averaged out based on January, February, and March water usage.

930.01 Sewer Charges. Sewer charges shall be as set in the fee schedule adopted by the Council. The sewer charges for residential and commercial users shall be calculated from the volume of metered water used. The per month billable flow shall be based on the average of the winter quarter (January, February, March) actual water used. (Amended by Ord. 217, 11-23-2009)

Utility bills are mailed out by the 15th of the month, though we do try to get them out by the 10th of the month.

930.05 Payment Dates. Owners shall be billed monthly on or about the 15th day of the month. The amounts duly billed shall be payable on or before the last day in the month of billing or such amounts shall become delinquent. (Amended by Ord. 217, 11-23-2009)

Did you know? You can set up an account online to view your balance and pay your bill. Please visit cityofnyc.com/pay to set up your online account.

Want to avoid late and/or service fees? **Set up Auto Pay.** We process auto payments the last Wednesday of every month. Please visit cityofnyc.com/pay/#utilitybill for the Direct Payment Authorization Form.

Moving? Need to change billing information? Please visit cityofnyc.com/pay/#utilitybill for the Utility Account Request Form.

Administrative Zoning Permits – Fences

Orderly growth and construction are essential for maintaining the character, safety, and functionality of a community. By ensuring that all structures, including fences, are built according to established regulations, cities can prevent conflicts between property owners and maintain an aesthetically pleasing environment. Proper permitting helps guide development, balancing the needs of individual property owners with the broader goals of the community.

City Code 1245.05 Fences

Administrative and zoning permits are required for the construction of fences within city limits. No fence, except temporary fencing, shall be constructed without an administrative permit. Additionally, a fence that is eight (8) feet in height or greater will require a building permit. When submitting a permit application, the applicant must include a plot plan that clearly describes the type, location, and method of anchoring the proposed fence. This ensures that all construction complies with local regulations and zoning codes.

Boundary line fences can be constructed up to the property line, but no part of the fence may extend beyond it. To obtain a fence permit, city staff requires the applicant to provide proof of property boundaries. This can be done by submitting a certificate of survey from a registered land surveyor or by showing accurate stake markers of the surveyed lot. For additional detailed information, please contact staff at City Hall.

Administrative/Zoning Permits can be downloaded off the City's website or picked up at City Hall.

Please – Clean Up After Your Pet!

Please remember to pick up after your pets this spring. Pet waste can harm water quality and human health, making it a major cause of pollution in urban areas.

The Environmental Protection Agency classifies dog waste as a pollutant. Dogs' diets are high in nitrogen and phosphorus, which can damage plant roots and cause algae blooms in water systems. This can suffocate aquatic life and make our lakes and ponds unhealthy. Pet waste can also carry harmful germs and parasites like E. coli and Salmonella, as well as antibiotic-resistant bacteria, posing serious health risks. If left behind, pet waste washes into storm drains during rain and goes directly into our waterways without treatment.

Please take a moment to clean up after your pet, whether on a walk or in your backyard!





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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SAVE THE DATES!

March

Sat, March 15: Emanuel Lutheran School Silent Auction & Dinner
Sun, March 16: Boy Scout Troop 361 Pancake Breakfast @ Pavilion 8am-12pm
Tues, March 18: Parks & Recreation Commission Mtg @ City Hall 5:30pm
Wed, March 19: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm
Thurs, March 20: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am
Mon, March 24: City Council Work Session Mtg @ City Hall 5pm
Mon, March 24: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm

April

Tues, April 1: Planning Commission Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Wed, April 2: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm
Wed, April 2: Blood Drive @ Central High School 8am-2pm
Wed, April 9: NYA Free Food Distribution @ City Hall 12-1pm
Sat, April 12: West Carver Girl Scouts Egg Hunt @ Legion Park 10am
Sun, April 13: Lions Pancake & Omelet Breakfast @ Pavilion 8am-12pm
Mon, April 14: EDA Mtg @ City Hall 4:30pm
Mon, April 14: City Council Mtg @ City Hall 6pm
Tues, April 15: Parks & Recreation Commission Mtg @ City Hall 5:30pm
Wed, April 16: NYA Senior Center @ Pavilion 10am-2pm
Wed, April 16-Saturday, April 19: City Wide Garage Sale
Thurs, April 17: Senior Advisory Commission Mtg @ City Hall 9am
Fri, April 18: Norwood Baseball Fish Fry @ Pavilion
Sat, April 26: City Wide Spring Clean-Up Day

Sneak Peak Into May.....Mark Your Calendars!

May 1: Swimming Lessons Announced
May 4: Golden Spring Fling Dance
May 10: West Carver Lion's Spring Plant Sale
May 17: Carver County Special Waste Clean-Up
May 29th: Arbor Day Tree Planting

NYA West Carver Lions Club's Spring Plant Sale

Proceeds generated from this fundraiser will be used for community projects!

**Date: Saturday, May 10, 2025—
Rain or Shine!!**

Time: 7:30am until sold out

**Where: Home Solutions Parking
Lot (520 Faxon Rd N, NYA)**

- Annuals, Perennials, More Baskets & More Pots!
- Kick off Spring with beautiful flowers!
- Welcome bees, birds, and butterflies to your garden!



NYA Food
Distributions
NYA City Hall
Parking Lot
12:00pm-1:00pm

Upcoming Dates:
Wed, April 9th
Wed, May 14th
Wed, June 11

Drive-thru event while
supplies last.



JUNE THRU SEPTEMBER

HERITAGE SHOPPING CENTER
PARKING LOT
NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA

FREE FOR AGES 0-10

WEST CARVER GIRL SCOUTS

APRIL 12TH

EASTER

• EGG HUNT •

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
9:30 AM - REGISTRATION
10:00 AM - EGG HUNT

PRIZES, FUN & CANDY - BRING YOUR BASKET

LEGION/POOL PARK
320 REFORM STREET SOUTH, NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA