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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Do you want to see less crime in our neighborhood? At our last general meeting, some residents asked about receiving neighborhood watch training. It's been a little over two years since our Community Policing Officers last helped us organize several blocks together to know when and what to report about suspicious activities. As a bonus, a drug house was closed down. If you are interested in details on how to start a neighborhood watch on your block, contact any board member, using the contact info listed in this newsletter.

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT:

Upcoming Events in Delano!

3/9 - 5 pm to 8 pm RON BROWN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!See information later in this newsletter!3/16 12 pm St. Patrick's Day Parade

Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society Library 1203 N. Main, Wichita, KS 67214 316-264-3611 *mhgswichita.org*

Midwest is open Tues/Sat, 9am-4pm, winter weather permitting (if the flag is flying, we are open!)

Free programs on Tue/Sat enabling more genealogy research are being offered at Wichita's Midwest Historical & Genealogical Society Library, 1203 N. Main, Wichita. Upcoming classes:

Tues. Mar. 12, Webinar on "DNA" Tues. Mar. 12, 1:30 pm, "Unlocking the Mystery of Your Old Photo"

Although membership is not necessary to visit the library or attend the programs, it is offered at a minimum of \$25 per year. The library has very learned volunteer librarians and has on-going projects to engage anyone interested. Currently a volunteer is listing years of obituaries from the Mt. Hope *"Clarion"* newspaper; another is listing funeral obituaries; and yet another is listing African-American obituaries, mostly from Kansas and Oklahoma.

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CELEBRATING SIXTY YEARS OF HAIRCUTS!

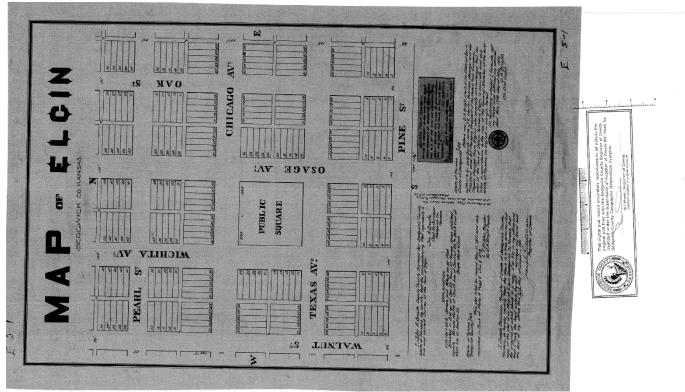
Our neighbor and business owner Ron Brown is turning 80 and celebrating 60 years barbering at Brownie's Barber Shop on March 4, 2019. Delano neighbors and other friends and family are invited to sign a congratulatory banner which will be at the shop at **1727 W. Douglas** for most of the month of March. Please join us in celebration of Ronnie on Saturday, March 9th, from 5 to 8 pm at **The Fusion Restaurant, 1812 W. Douglas**. See you there!

DELANO HISTORY

A brief history of The Elgin Town Company

by Janiece Baum Dixon

The Homestead Act of 1862 opened up the lands west of the Arkansas River. Land was very inexpensive. Samuel Hughes founded the Elgin Town Company in February 1871, and the town plat named Elgin was confirmed on May 17th 1871. It was soon discovered that there was already a town with that name in Chautauqua County that was established in 1865. The folks of Elgin changed their name to The Delano Town Company. This was done to honor Columbus Delano, the Secretary of the Interior under President Grant. The town named Delano lasted from 1871 through 1880. Columbus Delano fell out of honor when it was discovered that he was caught being part of a scheme to short sell rations, and some claim rotten food to the Native Americans. The traffic to the Douglas street bridge was open to being of no charge to those who crossed, and soon Delano simply became "West Wichita" on the maps. However, the Township of Delano remained. Trivia: a township is a 6 by 6-mile (36 square miles) area of a land division of a county. As early as 1899 some of the street names changed. Chicago became Douglas, Wichita became Handley, Pearl became Pacific and Pine became Burton. The streets of Osage and Walnut remain the same. In the area where the Credit Union of America is located was once the public square.



Map source: the Sedgwick County Geographic Information Services.

Check your Dispatch address label!

The electronic February 2019 Delano Dispatch is available online at <u>http://delanowichita.com/blog/tag/dispatch</u>. One-year subscriptions to the printed Dispatch are available by mailing \$5.00 to Delano Neighborhood, 440 N. Exposition, Wichita, KS 67203 with your name, address, phone number and email address. If you receive the Dispatch via postal mail, pay close attention to the mailing label. The date on the right side of your label is your renewal date.

If you would like to advertise in the Dispatch, please contact **Leslie Kinder, Assistant Editor***. The rates are affordable and it's always nice to be seen by the citizens of Delano!*

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The month of March is:

RANDOM "STUFF"

- Irish American MonthMusic in Our Schools Month
- National Celery Month
- National Craft Month
- National Frozen Food Month
- National Irish American Heritage Monthdesignated by Congress in 1995.
- National Nutrition Month
- National Peanut Month
- National Women's History Month
- Red Cross Month
- Social Workers Month

Is there something you would like to see in the Dispatch? Email <u>dispatch@delanowichita.com</u> with your submission! Send me your photo! I'd love to include your photo in the Dispatch if there is extra space!

NERDY TIDBIT: Do you turn on your computer with your left hand or your right hand? " " My right hand. " " Amazing! Most people have to use the on/off switch..."

RANDOM INFO:

Did you Know? March was named for the Roman God "Mars"

March 1st is **World Compliment Day**. Gosh you look nice!!!

March Week Celebrations:

- 2nd Week National Bubble Week
- 2nd Week Crochet Week

REMINDERS:

Just a reminder about your animals – please protect them and make sure they stay warm during this cold weather. They eat more during the cold because their bodies burn more calories to stay warm. Make sure they have fresh water and stay hydrated. Watch them carefully when they are outside. People have been known to steal dogs and other animals and do horrible things with them. Don't let your animal become a statistic!

We have bike lanes in Delano and soon they will be occupied by lots of people on bicycles. Be sure you know the rules about the bike lanes that run through Wichita. Did you know that when you make a right-hand turn when there is a bike lane on your right, you are supposed to make the turn from the lane you are in rather than getting next to the curb? If you want to know more about bike lanes and the rules pertaining to them, they can be found at <u>www.wichita.gov/bicycle</u>. If you click on Laws and then click the tab under Brochures, you can download a brochure to keep handy!

The next Delano Neighborhood Association meeting will be March 19, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. We would love to see you there! The meeting will be held at the West Douglas Church of Christ, 1924 West Douglas. We are looking for fresh, new faces, and we would welcome you to any of our meetings!

YOU are important and valued!