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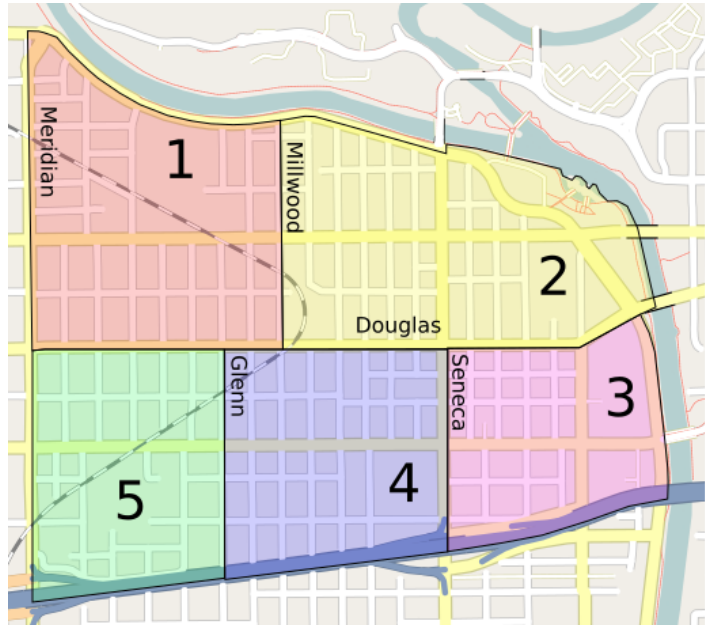
Delano Neighborhood Association's next Meeting will be **May 21st at 6:30 pm** at West Douglas Church of Christ's annex building, 1924 W. Douglas. Our meetings are open to the public.

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Neighborhood Districts

From Your (acting) President

On April 27th, your Delano Neighborhood Association partnered with Love Your Community and the Evergreen Neighborhood Association to assist with the Planeview neighborhood cleanup.



Cleanups are a great example of what we can accomplish when we work together. We also learned many neighborhoods are experiencing the same types of problems.

Like most of the Neighborhood Associations in Wichita, we are led by volunteers who care about their neighbors. In many ways, participation in volunteer organizations is like voting in government elections: If you don't vote, you have less of a right to complain about the results. We've recently had some resignations that have left our leadership short-handed. Our focus on "families first" requires us to be understanding when our group isn't their first priority. This also gives us an opportunity to re-evaluate our strengths and priorities. We have many ways for neighbors to be involved. If you are interested in helping, please contact any director or board officer listed on this page.

District Directors

District 1: position available
District 2: William Glander d2@DelanoWichita.com
District 3: Allen Stoker d3@DelanoWichita.com
District 4: Travis Roberts d4@DelanoWichita.com
District 5: position available

If you would like to become the district director for your district, please contact any of the board officers.

Board Officers

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public’s viewpoint and do what they want even with citizen protesting these “advancements”.

I look forward to being able to help the residents of the Delano district in any way I can, and to help them better understand and interact with the influx of our street people friends, and to make our part of this city a better place for all to coexist, regardless of socio-economic status.

Calendar

- May 1 May Day
- May 5 Prairie Fire Spring Half Marathon
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 8 V-E Day
- May 11 Cowtown after dark (see article)
- May 12 Mother’s Day
- May 17-18 Mediterranean Festival (see article)
- May 21 Delano Neighborhood Meeting
- May 27 Memorial Day
- May 31-Jun 8 Wichita Riverfest
- June 1 Wonderland Park (see article)
- June 7 National Doughnut Day
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 15 Global Wind Day
- June 16 Father’s Day
- June 19 Juneteenth
- June 21 Summer solstice
- June 26 Forgiveness Day

Get to Know Your Leaders:

Allen Stoker

I moved into Delano in January of 2018 after being homeless in Wichita for a period of approx eight years total. I work with several of the groups that serve the homeless community. I am a board member for TheCoalitionICT.org, a non-profit that serves the homeless and at-risk citizens of our community. I work daily to bring relief to this group by coordinating events and helping to gather donations for free distributions at weekend events.

I am also a liaison for The ICT Street Team which provides free medical care for the underserved every Saturday morning.

I have been involved with the Naftzger park issue since it first came to light when the City of Wichita announced their plans to destroy the park, and stay involved with different groups that are concerned with the City’s continued ignoring of the residents desires and their apparent unwillingness to heed the

Burn Ban lifted

The April burn ban did not include outdoor cooking on gas and charcoal grills. The rules for fire pits, bonfires, and chimineas are:

Fire pits cannot be larger than three feet in diameter and the flame cannot be higher than two feet

If you are using a portable fire pit, it must have a spark arrester (screen covering the top)

Only burn firewood or limbs, no trash or refuse

In-ground fire pits need to be 25 feet away from combustibles, portable fire pits need 15 feet of space (combustibles include decks, fences, homes, etc.)

Spring is Here

Report power outages to Evergy by calling 800-544-4857

McLean Boulevard Traffic Closure

McLean Boulevard, west of Seneca, will be closed *to through traffic* for the next month until June. If you need to travel northwest from any Delano street other than Martinson, Exposition, or Dodge, you'll be fine. During the closure, through traffic will be detoured using Meridian, Douglas and Seneca streets. With the increased East-West traffic, crossing 2nd or Douglas at a signaled intersection is highly recommended.

The closure is part of a project to replace 65-year-old valves within the City's water distribution system. In addition, new underground structures will be constructed to allow access to the valves for future operation and maintenance activities. Electronic message signs are posted along McLean Boulevard to provide advance warning of the closure. The \$900,000 project is funded by existing water rate service charges.

If you have any questions, contact Steve Degenhardt, Construction Manager, Public Works and Utilities at 268-4043.

Keep ICT Clean

Spring cleaning time is here again. Remember to close your garage door when working in the back yard. Please don't store indoor furniture, old appliances, trash or debris outside. Neighborhood nuisances and Wichita housing code violations may be reported by calling 660-9220, sending an email to KeepWichitaClean@wichita.gov, or by visiting www.SedgwickCounty.org/mabcd/nuisances.asp

May is Bike Month

May is National Bike Month. Our neighborhood is one of the best places to get out and enjoy bicycling. Visit www.BikeMonthICT.org or BikeWalkWichita.org/calendar for a list of local events and resources. Visit Wichita.gov/bicycle to review city bike maps, laws and more.

A Night in Old Delano

Saturday, May 11, 7PM - 12AM at Old Cowtown Museum

Explore the myths and the truths surrounding Delano with a night of fun, music and drinking! Must be 18 to enter, 21 to drink. See saloon girls, ladies of

the night, drunken gunfight brawls and more! \$15/person, cash bar.

St. Mary's Mediterranean Festival

Friday, May 17, 6-10PM - Sat, May 18, 12-8PM at St. Mary's Orthodox Christian Church, 344 S. Martinson. Enjoy handmade ethnic food, wine, beer, dancing, a DJ, games, and raffles starting at \$1. If you enjoy cabbage rolls, grape leaves, or Baklava visit StMaryWichita.org/festival.html for the tasty details.

For Your Amusement: Wonderland Park on Ackerman Island

Saturday, June 1, 1-2PM at Delano's Advanced Learning Library

Join us for a special screening of "For Your Amusement: The Wonderland Park on Ackerman Island." It's a short documentary about Wichita's first amusement park on Ackerman Island in the Arkansas River. The park was in operation from 1906-1918. Filmmaker Sara Harmon will introduce the film and offer insight into the local history filmmaking process.

Kids Eat Free

Kid Power Cafe is the annual summer food service program funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and run by the Wichita school district. The 2019 program will begin Wednesday, May 29. Visit www.usd259SummerFood.org for more information and complete list of locations and menus.

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Development Glossary of Alphabet Soup

Many news stories and city press releases about neighborhood growth are decorated with an alphabet soup of development related acronyms. Here are definitions for some of the more common ones:

ADU - An Accessory Dwelling Unit is a smaller home typically constructed in the back yard of a single-family dwelling.

CDC - A Community Development Corporation is a not-for-profit organization incorporated to provide programs, offer services and engage in other activities that promote and support community development.

CID - A Community Improvement District is an economic development financing method that funds public or private facilities, improvements and services within a local city or county usually through a sales tax specific to the district.

CIP - The City/County "Community Investment Plan" details priorities for government spending on municipal, fire, police, and library buildings and infrastructure such as streets, bridges, water supply, sewers, parks for the next 20-years.

DDRC - The Delano Design Review Committee was created in 2002 to ensure developments obey the Delano Overlay zoning code.

DPAC - The Delano Plan Advisory Committee was created in 2017 and approved a revised Delano Plan on March 30, 2018.

PUD - A Planned Unit Development is a type of zoning that regulates land use similar to a homeowners association (HOA).

RLMP - The Riverfront Legacy Master Plan is an upcoming "vision" that connects development projects and both banks of the Arkansas River.

SSMID - The Downtown Wichita CDC is funded by a special tax known as a Self-Supported Municipal Improvement District

STAR - Sales Tax and Revenue bonds are repaid by state and local sales tax incremental revenue generated by economic growth within the development district.

TIF - Tax Increment Financing captures the annual incremental growth in property values to repay development costs.

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Plan ahead for Summer & Fall

Start planning now if you want to host a block party for Neighborhood Night Out on Tuesday, August 13th from from 5:30 to 9 p.m. We will have applications at the May and July meetings. Also, consider joining us for our Neighborhood-Wide Fall Garage Sale and Fall Cleanup.