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Delano Neighborhood Association's next Meeting will be **October 20th at 6:30 pm** at Delano's Diner, 1220 W. Douglas. Our meetings are open to the public.

Dispatch Returns from Quarantine!

2020 will definitely be a year for many record books. Our Neighborhood businesses, schools, churches, and families are doing their best to adapt to a continually evolving regulatory landscape. Local cancellations and postponements have included the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Wichita Wind Surge baseball season, our Spring Cleanup changing to Fall, Neighborhood Night Out, and Open Streets ICT.

All Neighborhood Associations in Wichita rely on volunteers who are in many cases senior citizens. No group wants to hold a large gathering only to find out later that everyone went home sick. Bear with us as we find ways to look out for each other while keeping everyone safe.

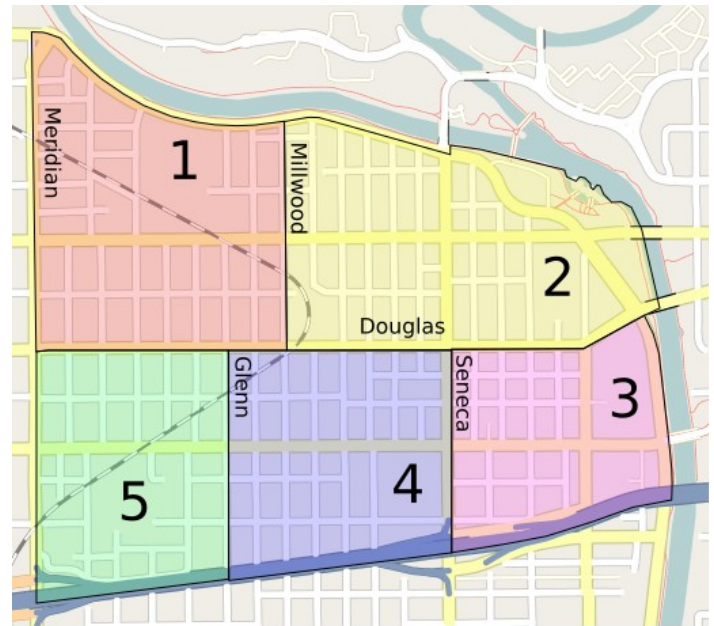
"Red" Beard Grave Marker

"Red" Beard was a well-known figure in Delano's early history due to his epic 1873 gunfight with fellow dance hall owner Joseph "Rowdy Joe" Lowe that has been recounted by many historians through the years. The gunfight ended with Lowe shooting Beard on October 27, 1873. After Beard died on November 4, 1873, he was buried in an unmarked grave at Highland Cemetery.

The Friends of the Wichita Pioneers worked with numerous local historians and the Veteran's Administration to secure a military marker, as Beard served in the Union Army in 1861. That marker will be revealed on November 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at Highland Cemetery.

Local historian Keith Wondra will be speaking at the event with Chisholm Trail 150th Anniversary committee members expected to be in attendance.

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District 5: position available

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

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Time Capsule Re-buried

Our Delano time capsule was re-opened in 2017 in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail. In honor of Wichita's 150th birthday, it was buried again on September 17 at the foot of the clock tower with most of its original items.

The time capsule was first buried in 2003 after the Douglas streetscape was completed the bridge was rebuilt. It contains newspapers, pictures, and other items found during the bridge's construction and new memorabilia added to celebrate the Chisholm Trail's and Wichita's sesquicentennials. The time capsule will next be unearthed in 25 years when Wichita celebrates its 175th birthday.

In Memoriam

"Gerri" Carr June 19, 1936 - July 19, 2020



Reeves-Carr, Geraldine "Gerri" Lee, 84, passed away on July 19, 2020. She was born Geraldine Lee Thomas on June 19, 1936 in Comanche County, KS to parents Cecil R. and Laura Frances (Nichols) Thomas. Gerri attended school in Protection, Salina and at North High in Wichita. While

living in Wichita, and attending West Side Baptist Church she met David Reeves who she married in 1954. She faithfully served our neighborhood association in many roles including Secretary.

Gerri was preceded in death by her parents, brother Earl, twin brother Gerald, and Sister Dorothy Zielke, and husbands David Reeves, and Ted Carr and one son Doug Kent Reeves in infancy. Gerri is survived by her three children; Greg (Kathy) Reeves of Rapid City, SD. Kirt and ex wife and daughter in law, Deanna Furlong of Wichita, and Brad Reeves. She is also survived by a brother Cecil "Roger" Thomas, her two granddaughters Emily Reeves, and Amanda Reeves, and many nephews, nieces and cousins. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in Wichita. Visit www.HillsideFuneralHomeWest.com to share your memories.

We welcome Officer Juan C. Atondo as our new CPO for Patrol West Beat 12. He comes to us from being the CPO for Patrol North Beat 49.

"Lou" Schwechheimer Sep. 14, 1957 - July 29, 2020



Schwechheimer, Ludwig Herman "Lou", Jr. was born on September 14, 1957 in Newburyport, MA to Ludwig Sr. and Marion (Brown) Schwechheimer. He died July 29, 2020 from complications related to SARS-CoV-2 at the age of 62.

Lou served as an executive in Minor League Baseball for more than four decades. He won the International League's executive of the year award twice while at the Pawtucket Red Sox and was inducted into the International League Hall of Fame in 2019.

Lou was known for his outgoing personality and easygoing nature. He enjoyed sharing stories from his experiences in the game of baseball with fans of all ages. If anyone ever called him Mr. Schwechheimer, he would smile and say, "please call me Lou - it's a lot easier!" Lou was instrumental in moving the Marlins Triple-A Baby Cakes from New Orleans to Wichita as the Wind Surge and building the Riverfront Stadium in Delano. Before cancellation of the 2020 minor league season, he shared the vision to schedule 200 annual stadium events including 70 home baseball games, concerts, festivals, chili cookoffs, and West High School Pioneers homecoming football games.

The Miami Marlins released a statement saying, in part: "Lou was a true visionary and innovative baseball executive. Above all, though, he was a true fan of the game". Jared Forma, Wind Surge senior VP and GM said "There are no words to express the loss of the entire Wind Surge family... Lou was truly one of a kind, someone who never met a stranger. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends, which included an extended baseball family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Lou's wife and daughter at this difficult time."

Lou is survived by his wife Jane and daughter Jenn of Wakefield, RI; brother John and his wife Nell from Essex, MA; brother Tom and his wife Betsy from Hampton, NH; sister Anita and her husband Glenn from Rowley, MA; and 12 nieces and nephews. Cards of condolences can be sent to: Riverfront Stadium, 275 S McLean Blvd, Wichita, KS 67213.



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Calendar

October 5	National Do Something Nice Day
October 6	Delano United meeting
October 11	Prairie Fire Marathon
October 12	Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day
October 13	Voter registration deadline
October 15	Global Handwashing Day
October 16	Bosses' Day, Barks & Boos
October 20	Delano Neighborhood meeting
October 31	Halloween
November 1	Wichita Toy Run
November 3	Election Day
November 7	"Red" Beard Grave Marking

Barks & Boos

A Halloween Party for your dog! Hosted by Delano United and Kansas Humane Society on Friday, October 16, 2020 from 6-9 pm at Pawfit, 230 N Walnut. There will be a dog costume contest and dog-centric vendors. Funky Monkey Munchies, Smokin Diner and The Brown Box Bakery will offer meals for our furry friends and their humans. Shaken or Stirred will be onsite offering adult refreshment.

Delano Safe Treat

Come to Delano and celebrate Halloween by trick-or-treating along the Douglas business corridor from Glenn St to McClean Blvd on Saturday, October 31st from 5-8pm. This year we are emphasizing the Safe part of Safe Treat. Let's all work together to show how we can have the same fun events like we've had in the past, while keeping ourselves safe and healthy.

Participating businesses will be handing out treats of their choice. We ask participants to take precautions to prevent spreading germs. If you come together in a group, please try to stay six feet away from other groups wherever possible. To help with spacing of groups, we recommend groups travel in a clockwise manner, West to East along the North side of Douglas, and East to West along the south side of Douglas. If your costume doesn't incorporate a mask, please wear one if you aren't in an exempted group.

Brothers Keeper MC will be having a Trunk-or-Treat just off of Douglas and District Church will have a small Halloween carnival at the same time as Safe Treat. Check with them for further details.

Bookstore Returns

Al's Old & New Books had originally planned to move from downtown back to Delano at 1700 W. Douglas in time for this year's St. Pat's Parade. After instituting health precautions, they were able to open in early May. They are now open Tuesday through Saturday 10 am to 5:30 pm.

Check your Dispatch address label

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Creep Check before Halloween

Each year, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation advises parents to check for registered offenders in their neighborhoods, and areas their children plan to trick-or-treat, prior to Halloween festivities.

Many offenders are registered in Kansas and live and work in our neighborhood. While being aware of the offenders near your home, school or workplace is always a good idea, being mindful of your surroundings and remaining vigilant is just as important. You can search online at kbi.ks.gov/registeredoffender to find where registered offenders reside.

Kansas laws do not prevent registered offenders from participating in any Halloween activity unless they are on parole or probation and it is specifically restricted. Registered offenders may legally pass out candy, decorate their houses, wear costumes, and attend any festival, party or parade.

Ghost Dogs?

Stray pets can be annoying and are usually a violation. Residents are encouraged to meet their

neighbor pets and reunite them when possible. If you see an unknown animal on the loose, call 9-1-1. Postal polices require employees to report unrestrained animals to Animal Control. We have received multiple reports of letter carriers making unsubstantiated reports about loose and dangerous dogs in our neighborhood. This practice can be used to justify forced installation of either curbside or cluster mailboxes. If you have received a notice that your mail delivery may be suspended due to stray dogs that you have never seen, please notify your District Director.

Wichita Toy Run

This year's Toy Run will be November 1st from 9am-2pm at Douglas & McLean. For more information, visit www.WichitaToyRun.com.

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