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Please note that there will be
NO Delano Neighborhood Association meeting this month.
See you in September!

August in Delano

It's hot! Hardly a news flash, just a statement of the obvious.

Please note the above notice concerning no meeting this month. We look forward to seeing you in September with some great ideas for the fall and future in Delano!

Do consider attending the District 4 (Delano, south of Douglas) Meeting on Saturday morning, August 5 at 9:00 am at the Country Cafe, 2804 S Seneca for the Community Breakfast Conversation lead by City Council Member Jeff Blubaugh. He will be discussing Fire, Police, and Library updates. We will also hear about a local nonprofit providing access to healthcare, and discuss the Douglas Avenue from Seneca to Meridian Avenue Project. Planning staff will present two (2) Zone Change requests and a Conditional Use request. This is important information for us in Delano to know!

Get out and enjoy some of the summer activities before school starts up again. There is ALWAYS something to do!



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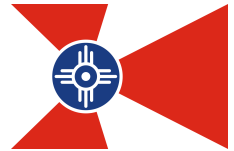
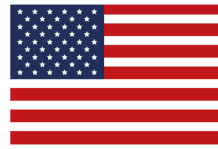
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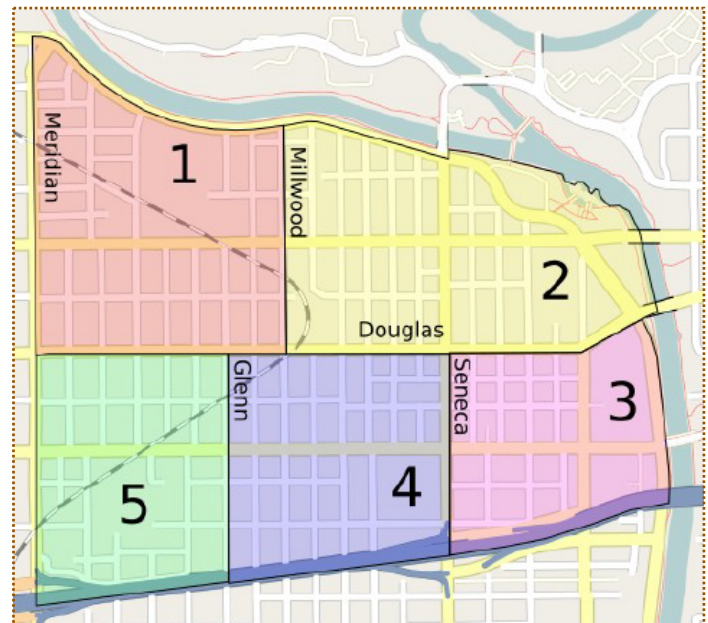
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Districts of Delano



August Calendar

- 1 - Primary Election Day
- 5 - District 4 Breakfast (see pg 4)
- 5 - Monrovia's Night (see pg 3)
- 8 - Neighborhood Night Out
- 26 - Maker Faire (see pg 3)

August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Saturday, August 5, 2023 Monrovia's Night

Presented by The Kansas African American Museum, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and KWCH 12

The Wind Surge will pay tribute by becoming the Wichita Monrovia's. The Wichita Monrovia's were an all-black semi-professional baseball team most known for their 10-8 victory over the Ku Klux Klan in June of 1925 at Ackerman Island Stadium.



Monrovia's Youth Jersey Giveaway

Presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas

The first 2,000 kids (ages 15 and younger) will receive a youth Monrovia's Jersey.

Gates Open: 5:00 pm

First Pitch: 6:05 pm



August 26, 2023

10 am - 5 pm

**At Exploration Place and the
Advanced Learning Library**

Maker Faire is a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning. Makers range from tech enthusiasts to crafters to homesteaders to scientists to garage tinkerers. They are of all ages and backgrounds. The aim of Maker Faire is to entertain, inform, connect and grow the maker community.

Admission to the 2023 Wichita Maker Faire is **free** for all guests!

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District 4 Breakfast



SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH AT 9 AM

COUNTRY CAFE, 2804 S SENECA ST 67217

**CONVERSATIONS ON CRIME TRENDS AND
DESIGNS FOR THE**



**DOUGLAS AVE FROM SENECA ST. TO
MERIDIAN AVE PROJECT**



District 4 Breakfast

Join us for the 1st Saturday in August from 9 to 10:30 am for the District 4 Community Breakfast Conversation!

We will travel to **Country Cafe**, 2804 South Seneca to discuss issues, opportunities, and updates in District 4.

Country Cafe has requested each guest purchase food, if you need assistance, please email Jeff at: JBlubaugh@wichita.gov and he will cover the cost of your meal.

Previous Planning Efforts

2000	Development Plan for Downtown Wichita : City of Wichita
	West Bank North KGE substation and transmission Union Pacific Railroad Cohesive development (est. 16 million dollars) West Bank South Lawrence Dumont Stadium renovation & sports training facility Arkansas River Corridor Vegetated trail system with landmark on western riverfront Recreation: motorized, floating barge, dinner theater, restaurant, water taxi
2000	The Wichita River Corridor Improvement Project : Law Kingdon
	The West Bank Segment River promenade Shade structures Aerospace commemorative plaza Keeper Segment North McLean pedestrian bridge
2000	Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan : Law Kingdon
	The traditional neighborhood district overlay zone and down-zoning Delano Community Development Corporation Urban Village Re-Development West Douglas streetscape enhancements Seneca Boulevard enhancements University Avenue historic streetscapes Park and recreation enhancements Gateways Multi-family buffer at Kellogg
2000	Project Downtown, Master Plan for Wichita : City of Wichita, WDDC
	Street Acknowledgements McLean and Douglas for walkability improvements Potential transit route along Sycamore Catalyst Sites New Library Lofts Apartments

The **Public Works and Utilities Department** will provide updates on the Douglas Avenue from Seneca Street to Meridian Avenue Project!

- Douglas Avenue from Seneca Street to Meridian Avenue is currently a two-lane roadway with narrow sidewalks and on-street parking.
- The proposed new design concept includes a three-lane road section with shared bike lanes, improved storm water sewer, six-foot-wide sidewalks on both sides of the road, clearly defined on-street parking, and signalization improvements to the pedestrian crossings.
- Construction is planned for 2024 and two-way traffic will be maintained during construction.

Please join us to learn more about the proposed design concept!



Exploration Place Sets All-Time Attendance Record

363,047 people visited in 2022-23 fiscal year

Exploration Place, the Sedgwick County Science and Discovery Center, has broken its all-time attendance record with 363,047 visitors in the 2022-23 fiscal year. The previous high of 348,532 was in 2000-01, the science center's first year of operation. Exploration Place has also set a new membership record of 9,203 households, reflecting a substantial 45% growth from the previous year.

President and CEO Adam Smith attributes the success of to a combination of factors, including strong programming and a post-pandemic desire for families to spend more quality time together.

"We've worked really hard to offer creative and fun exhibits, movies, events and programs that are appealing to the public," Smith said. "The number I'm most proud of is the growth in our member households, which tells me that families in Sedgwick County are finding increased value in our museum."

Smith said it is an organizational priority to make sure Exploration Place is accessible to all, with 26,361 free admissions provided during the year. This included 8,799 free field trips for students from Title 1 schools and 200 free STEM camp scholarships. Free admissions are offered through the Museums for All program, which is open to anyone receiving federal food assistance by showing a SNAP EBT card. Exploration Place is also free to Blue Star families (active duty military) from Armed Forces Day through Labor Day, and other free visits are available by checking out passes from local libraries.

Exploration Place anticipates welcoming its 5 millionth visitor before the end of 2023. "The best is yet to come," Smith said. "We have a strong program coming up including the Drone Light Festival, three LEGO-themed exhibits, and a DC Super Heroes exhibit. And next year we begin a multi-year expansion on our 20-acre riverfront site that will propel us to exciting new heights."



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