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# The Delano Dispatch

The Official Publication of the Delano Neighborhood Association

There will be **NO** meeting of the Delano Neighborhood Association in December due to the busy holiday schedule. We'll see you all next year!

## December in Delano

What a beautiful (and record breaking) snowfall we enjoyed after the Thanksgiving holiday! It provided us not only with beauty but with much needed moisture too. Hopefully some great photos were taken by some of you which can be featured next month in our new *"Out and About in Delano"* photo feature. (see page 6 for details)

Please note the above about no meeting for the month of December for the DNA. Spend time with family and friends and enjoy the holidays season.

Elections for Board Officers took place at the November meeting of the DNA, results will be shared in the January issue of *The Delano Dispatch*. You are invited to attend and become involved!

Lastly, please help support all of our local businesses, check out page 5 for the **Holidays in Delano** events. It's going to be a fun week!

Thank you!



Photo by J. Johnson

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*If you are interested in becoming a Director for your District, please contact any of the Board Officers.*

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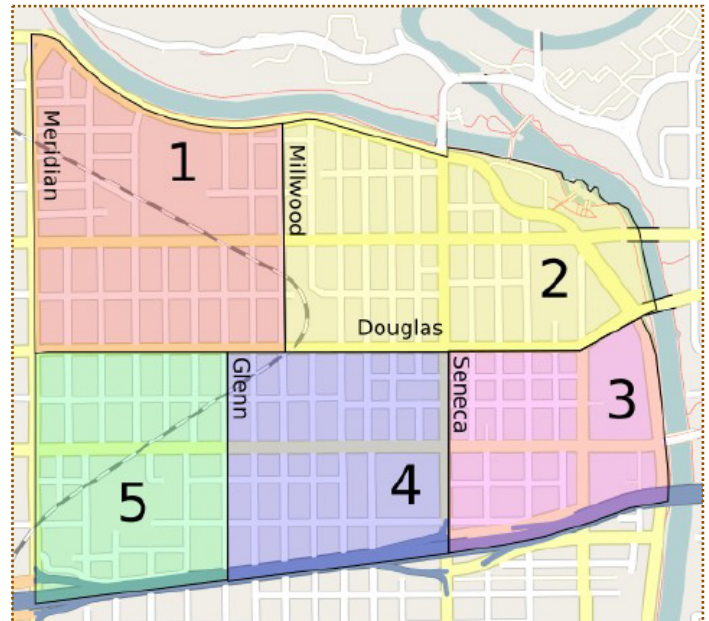
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## Districts of Delano



## December Calendar

- 2 - Holidays in Delano Kicks Off
- 3 - Advent Begins
- 7 - Hanukkah Starts
  - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 15 - Hanukkah Ends
- 21 - Winter Solstice (start of winter)
- 25 - Christmas Day
- 31 - New Year's Eve

## December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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## Whispering Woodlands Arctic Adventure Exhibit

Arctic Adventure, Exploration Place's magical holiday experience, returns with an outdoor installation at the intersection of art and engineering. Whispering Woodlands is an immersive sound and light environment that is most impactful at dusk.

Whispering Woodlands, which takes place in Exploration Place's picnic grove, was created in partnership with TechArtICT, a collective founded by John Harrison that creates and installs interactive and immersive artwork. The group was founded May 2022 and features a rotating group of artists and engineers who collaborate, imagine then build innovative work at the intersection of engineering and art.

Museum visitors will traverse a seldom-used bridge that leads directly to the picnic grove. There, they will be immersed in an interactive soundscape designed to inspire a sense of wonder and magic in visitors of all ages. Reacting to inputs made or triggered by guests, sound will emanate and echo from 30 individual trees throughout the grove. During the daytime, Whispering Woodlands will offer an interactive auditory experience. At night, the installation will be enhanced by interactive lighting.

"In recent years, immersive art installations have captivated audiences worldwide," said Adam Smith, Exploration Place's president and CEO. "We are excited to start bringing some of that innovation to Wichita with Whispering Woodlands."

Whispering Woodlands is open November 10 through January 7. Exploration Place will be open late until 8 p.m. the following nights for the optimum Whispering Woodlands experience:

- November 16, 30
- December 7, 14, 21-23, 26-30
- January 4

The cost to visit Exploration Place, which includes admission to Whispering Woodlands and Arctic Adventure, is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$10 for youth and free for ages 2 and under. Whispering Woodlands is presented with the support of the Kansas Creative Arts Industries Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.



To learn more - just click here:



[exploration.org/event/arctic-adventure](https://exploration.org/event/arctic-adventure)



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**DISTRICT 4 ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY DEC. 4, 2023 @ 6:30PM**  
TOPICS INCLUDE: REPORTS FROM FIRE, POLICE,  
AND LIBRARY & ZON2023-00062 - ZONE CHANGE  
FROM GC GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO CBD  
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT.

**District 4 DAB Meeting**  
Our next District 4 Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian. Staff will provide updates from Police, Fire & Library. Planning staff will present a zone change request - ZON2023-00062. Join us to share your concerns and comments!



**DISTRICT 6 ADVISORY  
BOARD MEETING**

**District 6 DAB  
Meeting**  
Our next District 6 Advisory Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 11, 2023, at 6:30 pm at Evergreen Community Center & Library, 2601 N. Arkansas. Staff will provide updates from Police, Fire & Library.





**DECEMBER 2 - 9**

Join us for a weeklong shopping event!

Santa Pictures  
Hot Cocoa Bars  
Ornament Making  
Christmas Carolers  
Story Time  
Clock Tower Lighting  
Prizes



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# Out and About in Delano



Fall Maple leaves on Vine street

by Danny Lawson

Starting with the January 2024 issue of our *Dispatch*, a new feature called “*Out and About in Delano*” will be a page where each month photos of anything in Delano will be shared.

To have your photo considered, just email your photo, photographer’s name, and the subject matter, and we’ll feature your photo for others to enjoy as you share your creativity!

**Coming  
Soon!**



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