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The Delano Dispatch

The Official Publication of the Delano Neighborhood Association

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The next meeting of the Delano Neighborhood Association will be on:

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

at Delano's Diner, 1220 W Douglas

Our meetings are always open to the public.

February in Delano

Just now starting our second month of the year and there are already so many things happening! Be sure to read through the whole newsletter so you don't miss out on anything!

Besides reading *The Delano Dispatch* each month, try to attend the Neighborhood Association Meeting each month. This month we'll be meeting at Delano's Diner, come and enjoy a meal with others while listening to the meeting. However, do not feel obligated to purchase a meal, you can just come and participate without eating.

It's not too early to keep your calendar free for Saturday, March 16th for the Delano St. Paddy's Day Parade! You are welcome to come march with us in the parade - it will take place rain or shine - hot or cold - and it's ALWAYS fun!

Many good things are happening in our Historic Delano, you can read about just two of them on page 5 of this issue.

We are still looking for residents to submit their photos for the "Out and About in Delano" photo page . . . everybody has camera these days in their phones, so don't be bashful about sharing!

~Thank you!



Photo by J. Johnson

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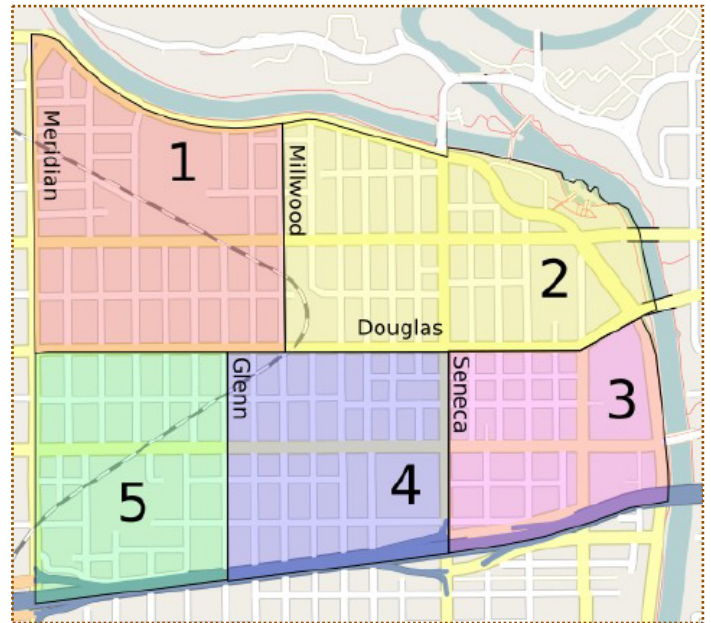
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Districts of Delano



February Calendar

- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 10 - Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon)
- 14 - Valentine's Day & Ash Wednesday
- 17 - National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- 19 - President's Day
- 29 - Leap Day

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Groundhog Day

It's a tradition starting in the 16th century and observed in the United States and Canada on February 2 each year. It derives from the Pennsylvania Dutch superstition that if a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day and sees its shadow, it will retreat to its den and winter will go on for six more weeks. However if it does not see its shadow, spring will arrive early! On this day people eagerly await the emergence of a groundhog from its burrow.

HAPPY
GROUNDHOG DAY



On Tuesday evening, January 16th, Community Services Representative (CSR) Brooke Kauchak and Council Member Dalton Glasscock attended the Delano Neighborhood Associations's (DNA) Annual Soup Potluck Dinner. Residents and City staff gathered at West Douglas Church of Christ's Annex Hall for an informal meet and greet function combined with favorite soups, stew, and sweet treats to share. Attendees connected with the DNA's new board members, WPD Community Policing Officer Phommachanh and Council Member Glasscock. The event was the group's first potluck in four years! It was an excellent opportunity to relax, catch up with community members, and share thoughts and ideas for the neighborhood.

~ story and photo by Brooke Kauchak



Leap Day/Year! February 29th

This year is "Leap Year" which means February has more days in it than usual. Leap "days" are necessary because an astronomical year - the time it takes for the Earth to complete one orbit around Sun - is about 365.25 days, while a calendar year is 365 days.

People born on Leap Day are called "Leaplings" and there are only about 5 million people in the whole who were born on February 29. The odds of being born on Leap Day is about 1 in 1,461.

Were YOU born on February 29th and are considered a Leapling?

Out and About in Delano

The January issue of our *Dispatch* debuted a new feature called "Out and About in Delano" which 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 to: dispatch@DelanoWichita.com and we'll feature your photo for others to enjoy as you share your creativity!

~ Thank you.




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North of Douglas, District 6 - South of Douglas, District 4

Stay Connected

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**DISTRICT 4 ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

**AGENDA: REPORTS FROM FIRE, POLICE,
LIBRARY & PUBLIC WORKS. COMMUNITY
UNIT PLAN CASES CUP2023-00046, CUP2023
00049 & CAMPAIGN FINANCE ORDINANCE
AMENDMENTS**

Alford Library, 3447 S Meridian Ave, Wichita, KS 67217
In-person/ via ZOOM at 6:30 p.m.

Our next **District 4 Advisory Board** meeting will be on Monday, **February 5, 2024**, at 6:30 pm at the Alford Branch Library. Staff will provide updates from the Police, Fire, Library & Public Works. Planning staff will present two (2) Community Unit Plan Cases as well as proposed amendments to the City's Campaign Finance Ordinance. **Join us to share your feedback and thoughts!**



**Congratulations to Maggie Ballard,
Wichita's new Vice Mayor!**



Join us on the second Saturday in February @ 9:30 am at the Christian Faith Centre's new location. All are welcome as this event is for both Districts 3 and 4 residents and community members interested in supporting or engaging with us.

First Saturdays Donuts with Dalton March 2nd

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MARCH 2, 2024 @ 9:30 AM
AUBURN HILLS GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE
443 S 135TH ST W, WICHITA, KS 67235

1ST SATURDAYS
Donuts with Dalton



RSVP

LOCATION
443 S 135th St West

DATE AND TIME
03/02/24 9:30am -
03/02/24 11:00am

District 4 Breakfast at
Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse

**District 6
Coffee**


Council Member
MAGGIE BALLARD



February 24	9:00am - 10:00am
April 27	
July 27	
October 25	

We are excited to invite you to District 6 Coffee, a recurring event that brings together community engagement: with meaningful conversations about local projects and issues. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your community and share your valuable feedback.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:
February 24; April 27; July 27 and October 26

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Location: Evergreen Community Center & Library, 2601 N. Arkansas, Wichita, KS 67204.

Together, we can contribute to the growth and development of our district.

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Blue Moon Caterers Moving To Delano

Delano can boast a new owner of the strip mall located on the northeast corner of Kellogg and Seneca. It opened with the main anchor tenant being Tight Ends and then the short lived Tutors Pizza. However it now sits empty with the exception of the Nail Time Wichita Salon. Building owner Hamid Bakhtiari found someone who wanted the entire property for his business, Blue Moon Caterers, owned by Bill Rowe. Mr. Rowe is currently working with architects and is planning a complete overhaul of the facility inside and out. He's planning for a very large kitchen, an operations warehouse and a processing area where his staff can load their catering trucks events throughout the area.

Blue Moon Caterers has been operating at 8406 W. Central for over a decade, but has outgrown that space. Rowe, was the owner of the very popular Red Beans Bayou Grill until (sadly) it closed in 2014 and also Willie C's restaurants. In 2023 they catered approximately 900 events which provided jobs 30+ full-time and the same number of part-time employees. Blue Moon is very well known and respected with people putting on weddings, corporate events, fundraisers, banquets, receptions, business lunches and social events.

Blue Moon Caterers will be a huge asset for Delano, watch for construction in the area soon!

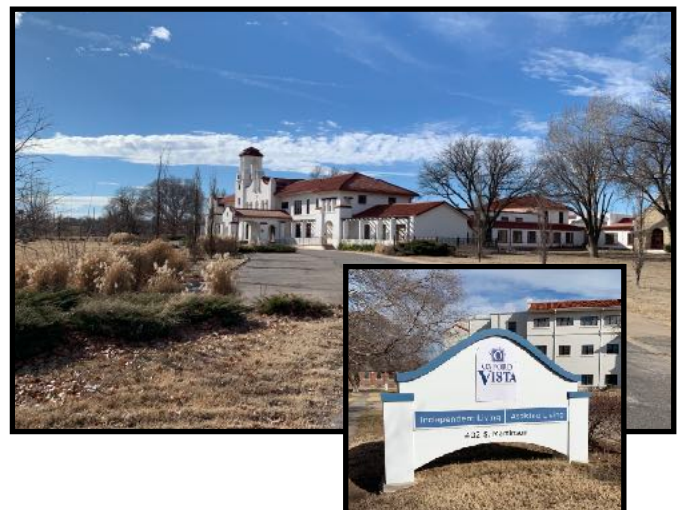


Kansas Masonic Home Is Now Oxford Vista

Roughly one year ago the Kansas Masonic Home located at 400 S. Martinson closed requiring some quick moves for all of its elderly residents – a major task for many of their families. Now the locally based Oxford Senior Living has started renovations of the buildings and park-like 17 acres. Residents could be moving very soon to their more affordable options for assisted living with 137 units of independent, assisted living, and memory care available. Plans are to hire 75 people for various staff positions. The new facility will be named Oxford Vista, temporary signs are already posted. Possible future plans could allow for more units for people needing acute care. Approximately 10 of the 17 acres of the campus are vacant and available for development in their master plan.

The property was originally owned by Robert Lawrence, a prominent Wichitan in the early days of our city. The former Lawrence-Dumont Stadium was named after him. It was his family's homestead and later in life he donated it all to the Masons to provide care for widows and orphans. It boasts a very distinctive Spanish-style architecture with many buildings spread throughout the campus, including a beautiful chapel dating back to 1906.

Residents of Historic Delano are pleased to see the facility remain and put to good use. It is a beautiful campus!



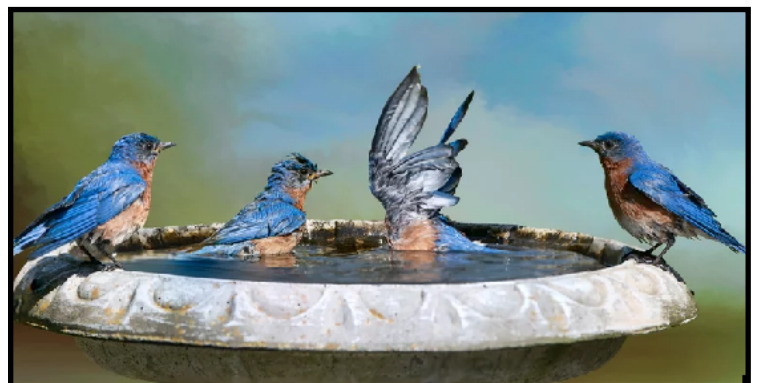
February Is National Bird Feeding Month

During National Bird Feeding Month in February, keep your bird feeders filled and your binoculars ready. Wintertime is an important time to remember our feathered friends. Natural food sources are depleted during the cold winter months, and competition increases at times when calories are needed the most. It is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about birds and birding as a hobby. Bird watching and feeding has become a popular hobby. By providing basic shelter, seed and a fresh water source, hobbyists can watch from their windows or along nature trails. While it's a year-round hobby, watching during the depths of winter offers some of the most beautiful birding available. Not only do you see the birds against a white backdrop, but the variety of birds in winter climates will increase your interest.

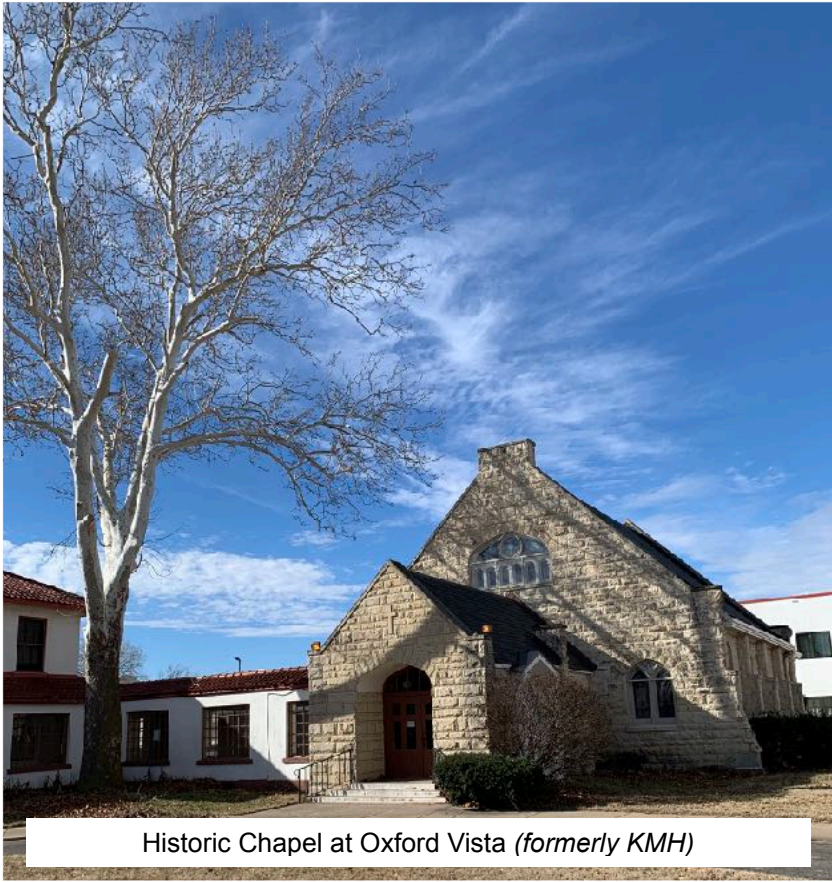
- ◆ Be sure to feed regularly and place your feeder away from predators.
- ◆ Set binoculars near the window for best viewing.
- ◆ Obtain a bird book for identifying new species.
- ◆ Consider planting native plants to provide habitat for birds.
- ◆ If you have a bird bath, consider installing a heater for it.

Other ways to celebrate include:

- ◆ Starting a bird journal.
- ◆ Joining a birding club.
- ◆ Teaching someone to identify birds.
- ◆ Share your photos and discoveries with others.

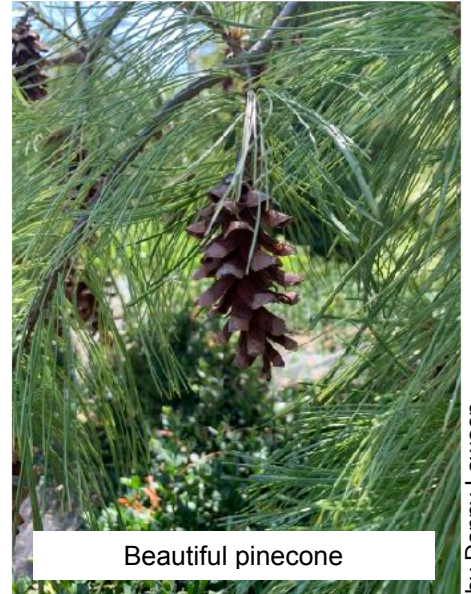


Out and About in Delano



Historic Chapel at Oxford Vista (formerly KMH)

by Danny Lawson



Beautiful pinecone

by Danny Lawson



SW Corner of Friends

by Danny Lawson



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**Watch for more
info in the March
Delano Dispatch!**

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