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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, April 16, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

at Delano's Diner, 1220 W Douglas

Our meetings are always open to the public.

April in Delano

Certainly spring has arrived here in Historic Delano with all the flowers and trees in bloom and the robins greeting us each morning with their cheerful songs. Nice warm weather, cold frosty weather, rainy and windy weather, there has been something for everybody the past few weeks!

This is the time of year when extra-curricular activities really start to kick in. Be sure to read of just some of the events taking place in the next few months in Delano - we don't want you to miss out!

Besides reading *The Delano Dispatch*, try to also attend the Neighborhood Association Meeting each month. Please consider joining us this month on the 16th when we meet at Delano's Diner. Come and enjoy a meal with others while attending the meeting, however, do not feel obligated to purchase a meal, you can just come and be a part without eating.

Things . . . *GOOD things* . . . are happening in our Historic Delano and we hope you are all a part of the excitement!

~Thank you!

*April Showers
brings
May Flowers*



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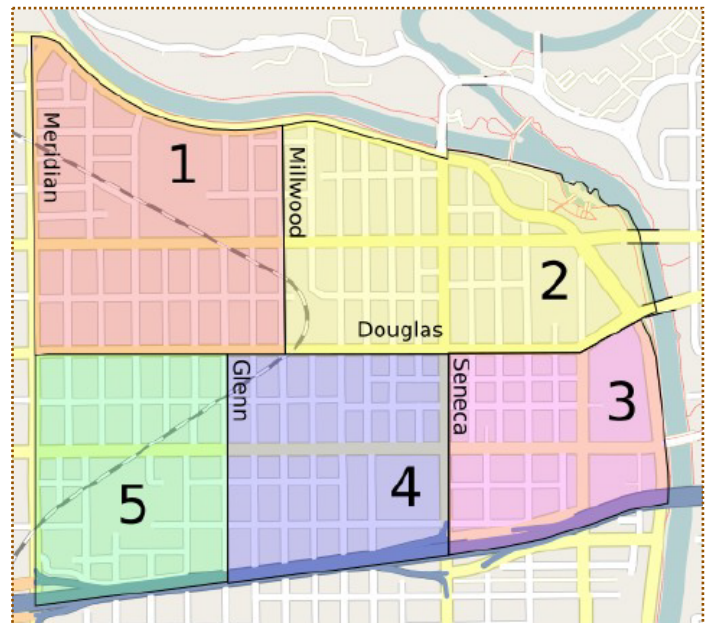
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Districts of Delano



April Calendar

- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 5 - Wichita Wind Surge Season Opener
- 8 - Solar Eclipse Event
- 15 - Tax Day
- 22 - Earth Day
- 26 - Arbor Day

2024 APRIL

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Gas Powered Lawn Equipment Rebate Program

The Wichita City Council recently discussed the lawn care rebate program. Since 2022, the city has provided rebates for lawn care items that replace combustion equipment with electric or battery-powered equipment.

This year, up to \$100 in rebates are available per customer, up from \$50 in previous years!

Watch for more details at your local public library and at home improvement stores that sell electric lawn equipment.



Got Trash? Or Another Nuisance Issue?

Delano residents should not have to deal with various nuisance issues such as tall grass and weeds, building code violations, junk and trash, vehicle issues, etc.

The City of Wichita provides us with an easy way to report these nuisance issues online.

Click on this link to report:

[City of Wichita Customer Service](#)



Wind Surge Season Opener

The Wichita Wind Surge will open their season on Friday, April 5 at Riverfront Stadium. They will be playing against the Frisco RoughRiders.

Game starts at 7:05 pm at Riverfront Stadium, 275 S McLean Blvd right here in Historic Delano.

Come on out and support the team and enjoy some fantastic food.

Purchase tickets here: [SurgeTickets](#)

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.



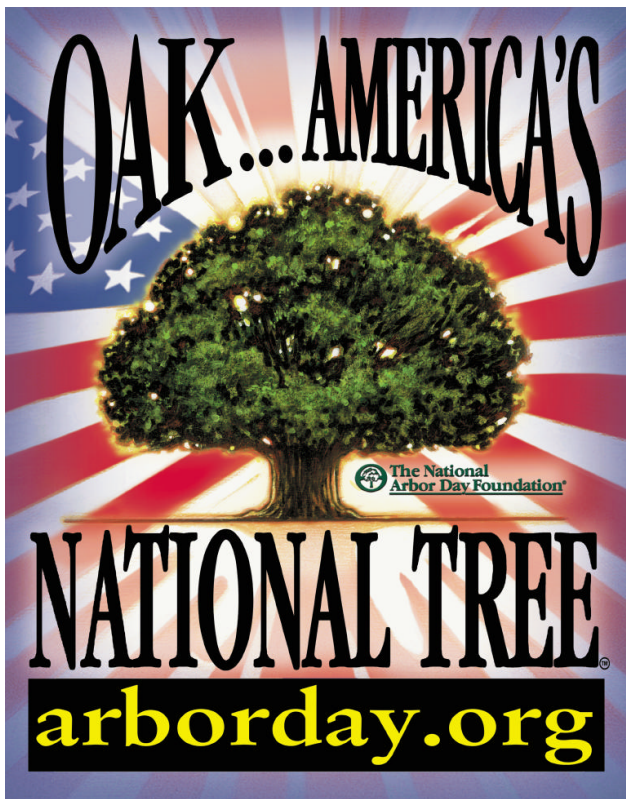
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Earth Day - April 22

Education is at the core of the environmental movement. It's where Earth Day got its original start in 1970 and remains a huge part of our mission today, including our efforts in reforestation and conservation with our global campaign, The Canopy Project. Climate and environmental literacy doesn't just mean teaching school children the importance of recycling or a board room best practices in sustainable development, it also means implementing action. Each reforestation project we do at **EARTHDAY.ORG** includes community engagement and education to guarantee the trees planted will last a multiple human lifetimes and can be a pillar of good that will last generations creating a *lasting* impact for both the environment and the individuals.

To learn more about what YOU can do, please click here: EarthDay



Six things you should know when planting a tree.



1. **Call Before You Dig** - Several days before planting, call the national 811 hotline to have underground utilities located.

2. **Handle with Care** - Always lift tree by the root ball. Keep roots moist until planting.

3. **Digging a Proper Hole** - Dig 2 to 5 times wider than the diameter of the root ball with sloping sides to allow for proper root growth.

4. **Planting Depth** - The trunk flare should sit slightly above ground level and the top-most roots should be buried 1 to 2 inches.

5. **Filling the Hole** - Backfill with native soil unless it's all clay. Tamp in soil gently to fill large air spaces.

6. **Mulch** - Allow 1 to 2 inch clearance between the trunk and the mulch. Mulch should be 2 to 3 inches deep.

For more tree-planting tips and information, visit arborday.org.

Source:  **Arbor Day Foundation**
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WICHITA FOUNDATION COMMITS \$1 MILLION TO ACTIVATE NEW RIVERFRONT AMPHITHEATER

The Wichita Foundation has committed \$1 million for Exploration Place's new riverfront amphitheater, scheduled to open in fall 2024. The Wichita Foundation Amphitheater will showcase the nightly Ring of Fire show at Wichita's iconic Keeper of the Plains sculpture. It will also provide a stunning venue for live performances, free family movie nights and other community events. "This will truly be a space to be enjoyed by all, so the Wichita Foundation is the perfect partner for us on this project," said Adam Smith, Exploration Place's president and CEO.

The amphitheater will be a harmonious blend of art, architecture and nature. One of its defining features will be its unparalleled and uninhibited sight-lines across the Arkansas River to the Keeper of the Plains. The 1,500-capacity amphitheater also includes a mixed-use space designed to promote a vibrant, bustling atmosphere along the river, where pedestrians and cyclists can gather safely.

"The amphitheater will foster community spirit and convening, and is destined to enhance the quality of life for Wichitans and visitors from across the country," said Shelly Prichard, Wichita Foundation's president and CEO. "We are thrilled to spur the momentum and impact of this bold space, and know the amphitheater will be a jewel within our city."

Exploration Place opened in April 2000 and welcomed a record 403,543 visitors in 2023. The Wichita Foundation Amphitheater marks the first phase in a \$22 million project to develop Exploration Place's 20-acre riverfront property.



Grand Opening April 27

We welcome them to Historic Delano
and wish them much success!

To learn more, please click here:
[OxfordVista](https://www.oxfordvista.com)



Prairie Fire Spring Half-Marathon Sunday, May 5, 7:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Runners from around the country will take to the streets of Wichita for the Prairie Fire Spring Half Marathon, 5K and Friendly 5K. Volunteers and police should be at each intersection to control traffic along the route that goes through part of Historic Delano.

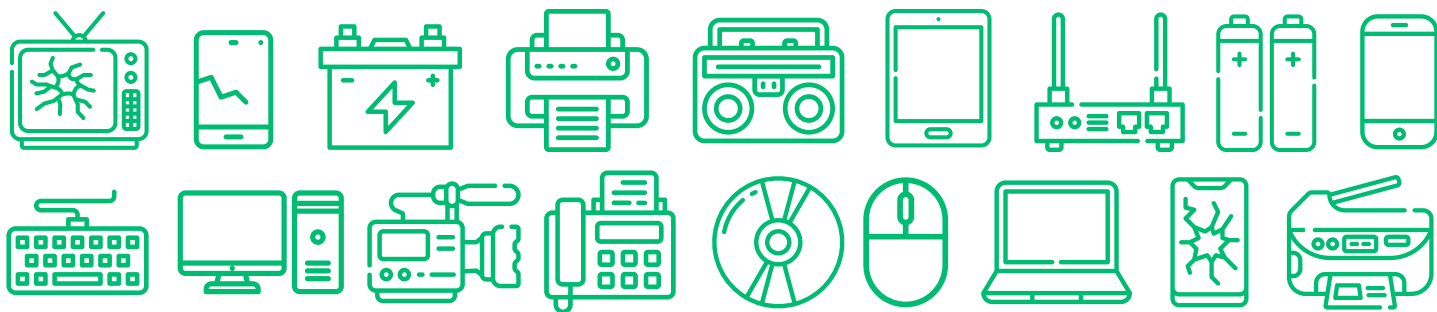
We encourage you to go outside if you live along the route, create a festive atmosphere and cheer on these athletes.

Course information at: [PrairieFireMarathon](https://prairiefiremarathon.com)



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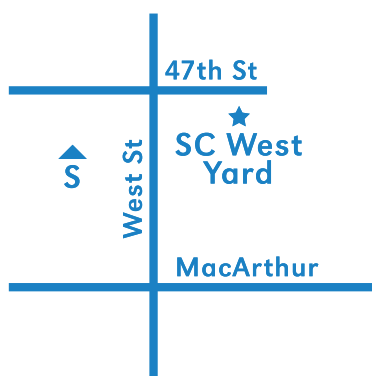


E-Waste Collection

April 18 – 20 and 25 – 27

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sedgwick County West Yard
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(ie: routers, hubs, modem)
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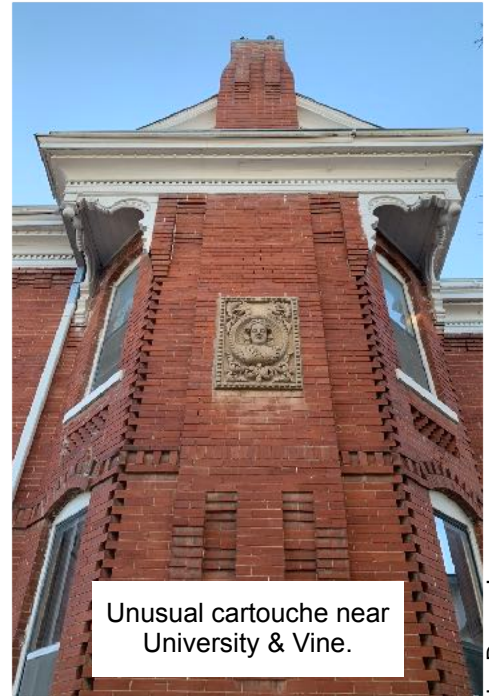
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Paddy's Day Parade spectators along Douglas.

by Vincent Hancock



Unusual cartouche near University & Vine.

by Danny Lawson



Spring is in the air on Vine.

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Crabapple on Vine.

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