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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 (DNA) will be on:

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.

at Delano's Diner, 1220 W Douglas

Our meetings are always open to the public.

July in Delano

Heat and Rain, July is off to a good start here in Historic Delano. July is a busy month for many, you hear the lawn mowers and weed eaters. You see folks painting their houses and working on their landscaping. Garage sales, kids riding bikes and playing with the garden hose. All of these make for great summer memories.

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.

Also, please read the important President's Letter from our DNA President, Vince Hancock on page 3 concerning past and future Delano Clean Up days. It's an important read.

It's fun to live in our Historic Delano, it just keeps getting better all the time!

~Thank you!



Photo by J. Johnson

District Directors

District 1: position open

District 2: William Glander
d2@DelanoWichita.com

District 3: Allen Stoker
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District 4: Travis Roberts
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District 5: position open

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

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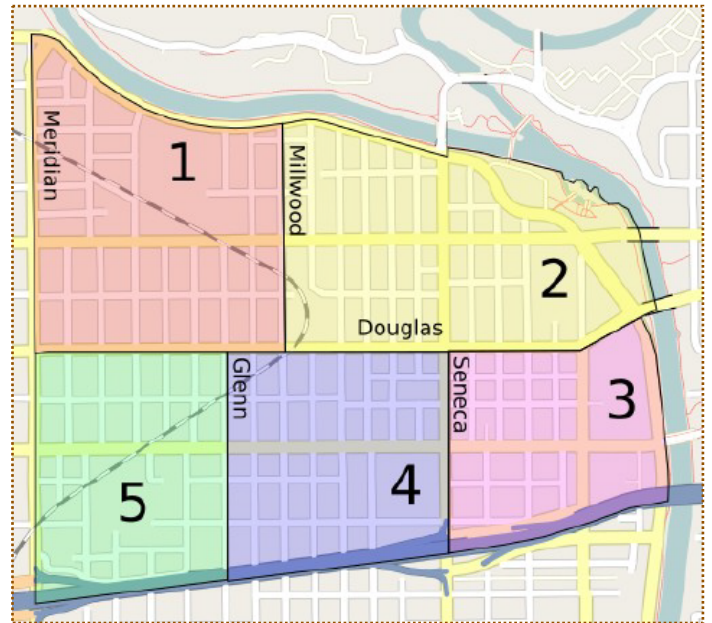
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Districts of Delano



July Calendar

- 4 - Independence Day
- 16 - DNA Meeting
- 24 - Amelia Earhart Day
- 26 - Summer Olympics Begin in Paris

2024 JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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President's Letter

I've learned a lot lately by browsing through archives of our neighborhood newsletters. The Delano Neighborhood Association (DNA) was formed on August 19, 1996 . Through July of 2013, our neighborhood counted on a small army of around 56 volunteers known as district directors and block captains to distribute our newsletters. At that time, we started experimenting with options for paid delivery via increased advertising due to a shortage of volunteers. During the pandemic, our paid subscribers gradually declined their renewals.

In 2012, we held a meeting about the prospects of a future of "The Delano Bike Path" that we will soon see completed as the "Chisholm Trail Parkway". We were also short on volunteers that year for our neighborhood cleanup. Back then, we were allowed to notify neighbors about the cleanup through our newsletter several weeks in advance. After cleanup publicity unintentionally led to illegal dumping all around Wichita, the City forbid cleanup publicity outside of the cleanup area. Neighbors who attended our last two monthly meetings knew the upcoming cleanup dates and details. Neighbors who retreated into using social media as their only way to connect with their neighbors found themselves in the dark. We had a whopping three volunteers who attempted to walk flyers to around 1,300 homes in a 3/4 square mile area during their free time. Yet, we still heard complaints. To top it all off, we only had four volunteers participate on cleanup morning. Based on the size of our area, the City requires us to have a minimum of 20 volunteers signed up due to all the costs to the City associated with a cleanup. When enough volunteers have contacted me with their address and either phone or email, we will apply for our next neighborhood cleanup.

We live in a great historical neighborhood which is currently experiencing long awaited

and significant changes. There are so many wonderful people helping their neighbors regularly without seeking any credit. If we can't find ways to stay involved, 28 years of hard work will start to deteriorate. I hope you feel free to show community support and pride by joining us for meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, or finding another way to be involved.

- *Your DNA President, Vincent Hancock*



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Neighborhood Night Out

The City of Wichita will celebrate **Neighborhood Night Out** from 5 to 9 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 13**. Start your planning now!

To encourage participation, the City will waive park fees for groups who want to hold their gathering in a neighborhood park. While supplies last, the City will also provide barricades at no charge to groups that want to block off a portion of the street for their event.

The registration form for parties is available online at www.wichita.gov/NNO, as well as information on how to plan a block party that includes the form for street closures.



Summer Food Program

KIDS EAT FREE



May 28 - July 26



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

To learn more about the

KIDS EAT FREE Summer Food Program

please click here:

usd259.org/summerfood

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 your share your creativity!

~ Thank you.



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Would YOU Like To Be A Delano District Director?

We are still in need of District Directors for Districts 1 and 5. See map on page 2 showing the boundaries for each District. What's involved? Please read the job description below to determine if you are a good fit.

“District Directors, Directors live within the district they reside. The Directors are encouraged to get to know the specific needs of their districts and make contact with neighborhood members to learn as much as possible of those needs and specifics. The Director will bring a report of those needs and specifics to the attention of the Executive Board at their next Board Meeting. To enhance the communication process the Director can appoint Block Captains within his/her district. The Block Captains should be relied upon to be the ears and eyes of the Director and should assist in facilitating overall communication within their area. Directors and Block Captains can call for meetings within their area of responsibility to enhance proper communication and the solving of specific issues that can only be remedied at the local level.”

If interested, please contact our President, Vince Hancock, his contact info is also shown on page 2 of this newsletter.

Thank you!



SUMMER READING

ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™

IT'S SUMMER READING TIME!

It's the first day of the Summer Reading Program!
Stop by your favorite Wichita Public Library location
to register and begin your adventure!



In Historic Delano, please visit at:

**Wichita Public Library
711 West 2nd Street North
Wichita, Kansas 67203**

DelanoWichita.com

Second Chance Thursday New Location!



JULY 11, 2024
Colvin Elementary
2820 Roosevelt
9:00 am - 4:00 pm



For more information,
contact jatondo@wichita.gov

**Kansas International Driver
License School** will be there to
help you if you need to obtain a
license



DMV

The driver's license office will help you with suspended licenses and questions. They can also help with license reinstatement. They can't help with revoked driver's licenses



MUNICIPAL COURT

Wichita Municipal Court will be there to help you with payment plans and any questions about scheduling future court dates.



WICHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT

We will help you verify traffic citation orders and assign new court dates and clear the order. We cannot help with Sedgwick court orders or criminal warrants.



NEXSTEP

It will assist citizens who are currently on parole with education and job opportunities.

Exploration Place Expansion

On June 27, Exploration Place announced their latest development phase to privatize their remaining green space. Destination Playscape will encompass 6.5 acres over ten landscaped playgrounds known as “playscapes”.

Playscape park themes will include Aviation Flight Adventure, Water Play Cascades, Agriculture Overlook, Bison Hill Foggy Flint Hills, Prairie Play, Sensory Garden, Slide Hill, Sunflower Meadow, and Treetop Climber. Access to these outdoor areas will now be restricted to Exploration Place members, visitors with paid admission, or with free museum admission partnerships.

Their goal is to increase tourism and attendance 60% to 1 million annual visitors and grow revenues 70%.



Millwood Park Sign Dedication

501 North McLean Boulevard

Wednesday July 10 @ 8:45am

You are invited to a short dedication program for the installation of the new “Millwood Park” sign in historic Delano.

The sign will be placed along McLean Boulevard between Fern and Vine.

Do you struggle to buy groceries?

About 57,000 people in Sedgwick County don't have adequate food.

There are community resources who want to help.
Scan this QR code for resources or go online here:
hwcwichita.org/local-food-resources



SEDGWICK COUNTY
Health Department

Tiene dificultades para comprar alimentos?

Aproximadamente 57,000 personas en el Condado de Sedgwick no tienen alimentacion adecuada.

Hay recursos de la comunidad que quieren ayudar.
Escanee este codigo QR para obtener recursos o conectese aqui en linea:
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