



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, August 20, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.
at Delano's Diner, 1220 W Douglas
Our meetings are always open to the public.

August in Delano

The heat is on with a vengeance here in Historic Delano - and the rest of the state too! Remember to keep yourself hydrated and try to stay cool. Check on your elderly neighbors, your pets, and keep your garden watered as efficiently as possible. We'll get through this like we do every year.

This newsletter has a lot of valuable information in it, please read through it to keep yourself informed of the many "Things to Do" this month in Historic Delano and Wichita in general.

You are encouraged to attend the DNA Meeting this month, see date & time above. It's very helpful to YOU to attend these meetings in order to stay on top of the events for the coming months.

The Chisholm Trail Parkway project is moving right along, have you noticed the progress? Positive progress continues to happen around us, be part of the positive movement!

If you would like to have *The Delano Dispatch* delivered free to your inbox, just send your name to:
SendMeTheDispatch@DelanoWichita.com

~Thank you!



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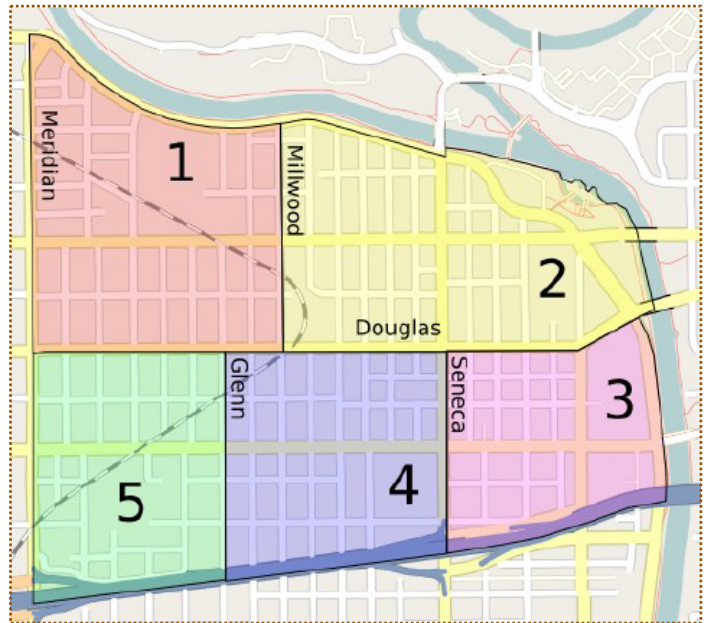
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Districts of Delano



August Calendar

- 4 - National Friendship Day
- 5 - District 4 DAB Meeting
- 8 - Special Evening City Council Meeting
- 12 - District 6 Advisory Board Meeting
- 13 - Neighborhood Night Out
- 20 - DNA Meeting

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National Friendship Day August 4, 2024

Tell a friend **WHY** they are your friend!
Ask them why they consider **YOU** their friend!

Wichita's Neighborhood Night Out



August 13, 2024



KNOW YOUR RADON RISKS AUGUST 7TH 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

THIS PROGRAM
IS FREE, BUT
MUST REGISTER
TO ATTEND.

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**1 in 4
Kansas
Homes
Test High
for Radon**

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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Millwood Park Official Dedication

It happened on Wednesday, July 10, everything came together for a celebration neighbors preventing the destruction of green space for development of condominiums. WE won! The whole city won too!

Thanks go to many people who worked diligently to make this happen - and it did not happen overnight. Hopefully you've had a chance to enjoy the park, if not, then please plan on doing so soon.



District 6 City Council Rep Maggie Ballard speaking.

by Ramona Liera-Schwichtenberg



Part of Michael Walker's family on the bench dedicated to him.

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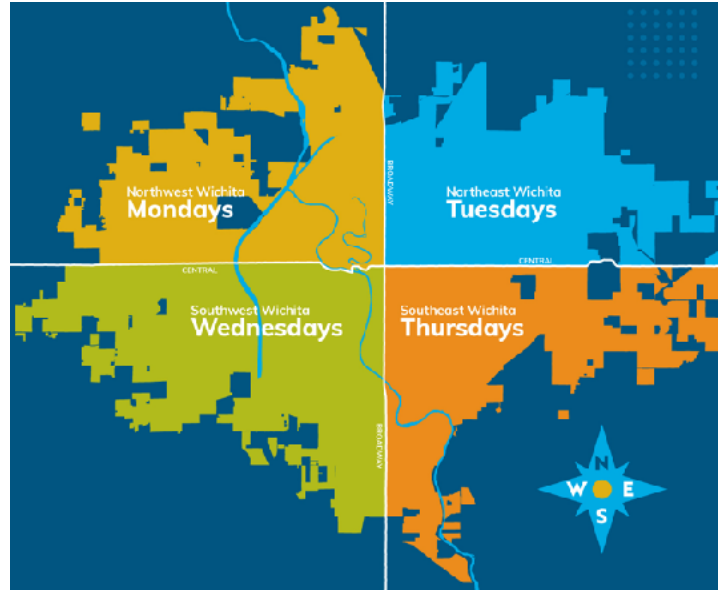
Several of the key people involved in creating Millwood Park cutting the traditional ribbon.

by Ramona Liera-Schwichtenberg

Stage 2 Drought Restrictions Now In Place

Wichita City Manager Robert Layton has announced that the city is moving to mandatory water restrictions because of the ongoing drought and declining levels at Cheney Reservoir. The city is officially moving to Stage Two of its drought response plan, which will limit outdoor watering to one day a week. Layton said Stage Two begins on Monday, August 5th, and he revealed a map showing the city divided into quadrants for lawn watering.

DELANO - Wednesday - Southwest of the Central and Broadway intersection



All outdoor water use will be prohibited between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. There will be some exemptions for businesses dependent on water use for their operations such as nurseries, hospitals, car washes and more are applicable.

Layton said Wichita Public Works staff will monitor accounts of excessive water users and send a warning letter if water use continues to be high throughout Stage 2 restrictions. If high water use continues after they receive a letter, water users will be levied a \$50 penalty the next time they exceed their average winter consumption, and a \$100 penalty for each subsequent violation. Consumers with water usage or drought concerns may report them on the Wichita Report app or by contacting the call center at (316) 942-4482.

Residents on well water or who use well water for irrigation are encouraged to continue to conserve water but are exempt from outdoor watering restrictions.

Layton said the city has been urging residents and businesses to reduce their water use by ten percent. He said people need to be water-conscious and think about how they're using water day-in and day-out. He said the city is working to avoid going to Stage Three of the plan, which would ban all outdoor water use. Stage 3 would be considered if water levels within Cheney's conservation pool reach a 12-month average of below 50%.

Layton said the city is not moving ahead with a rate increase for higher-volume water users, which was proposed last month. He said the city is going to the Stage Two restrictions to get an immediate impact, but rate increases may be considered in the future, depending on how the restrictions work over the next few months.

More information is available on the city's web page savewichitawater.com, including tips on conservation.

Special Evening City Council Meeting

Thursday, August 8

City Council meetings are open for the public to attend and speak in person at meetings inside Council Chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Those who wish to speak on the public agenda may visit wichita.gov/council to fill out a sign-up form and to review current council agenda items.

Meetings are broadcast live on Cox cable channel 7, Wichita.gov and the City's YouTube channel (available here: <https://www.youtube.com/wichitacity7>).



**NEIGHBORHOOD
CLEANUP
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Complete this [form](#) or contact Brooke Kauchak at BKauchak@wichita.gov or your District Community Services Representative for more information.

The banner features a photograph of a group of people participating in a neighborhood cleanup in a parking lot. A white text box with a blue border is overlaid on the center of the photo, containing the text 'NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!'. Below the photo, a dark blue bar contains white text providing contact information for Brooke Kauchak and a link to a form.



**City Council
District 4**
CITY OF WICHITA

DISTRICT 4 ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) MEETING

AUGUST 5, 2024

**Eisenhower Airport, in the terminal on the mezzanine level,
2277 Eisenhower Airport Pkwy, Wichita, KS 67209.
In-person, via ZOOM, and live on Facebook at 6 p.m.**

Agenda

**Reports from Fire, Police, Library & Overview of the Alford
Library Design & Board Reports/Updates**

For August's District Advisory Board "DAB" meeting, we will be at the Eisenhower Airport, in the terminal on the mezzanine level at 2277 Eisenhower Airport Pkwy, Wichita, KS 67209. Attendees should go up the escalator and the door will be on the right.

Please park at the Administration Office at 2173 S. Air Cargo Rd. and walk over to the terminal (estimated 4 minutes to walk). There is additional parking at the garage (\$20.00 per day) and the economy lot (\$14.00 per day). The meeting will be hybrid with options to attend virtually via Zoom and listen on Facebook live.

Contact Brooke Kauchak with any questions or concerns at BKauchak@wichita.gov or 316-268-4197.



EXPLORATION PLACE

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY CENTER

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Wichita, Kansas 67203
316.660.0600

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 23, 2024

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Exploration Place Sets New Attendance Record

WICHITA, Kansas, July 23, 2024 — Exploration Place, the Sedgwick County Science and Discovery Center, achieved unprecedented success in the 2023-24 fiscal year, welcoming a record-breaking 409,975 visitors. This milestone represents a 13% increase from the previous record of 363,047 visitors set in 2022-23.

The museum's appeal to Sedgwick County residents is stronger than ever, as evidenced by a 17% jump in family memberships, now totaling a record 10,753 households.

A significant contributor to this year's success is the Digital Dome Theater, which attracted over 100,000 visitors for the first time in its history. The theater's diverse offerings included educational films, exciting laser shows and immersive musical events.

Exploration Place continued to prioritize accessibility, providing 26,309 free admissions last year through programs such as Museums for All, Title I school field trips, free library passes and the Blue Star Families initiative.

"We're thrilled with these results but are not resting on our laurels," said Adam Smith, Exploration Place president and CEO. "Now we're on the cusp of a major outdoor expansion that will elevate the museum to new heights. The best is truly yet to come."

The ambitious EP2 Initiative includes the Wichita Foundation Amphitheater, opening this September in conjunction with the popular Drone Light Festival. Additionally, construction has now begun on a 6.5-acre "destination playscape," featuring 10 exquisitely landscaped playgrounds crafted to theme park perfection and scheduled to open in 2025.

About Exploration Place:

The mission of Exploration Place is to inspire a deeper interest in science and technology through creative and fun experiences for all. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours until 8 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays during the summer.

The museum recently unveiled TeamLab, a new permanent gallery supported by NASA, featuring a Chiefs uniform donated by Blake Bell. This innovative space is designed to foster teamwork through interactive experiences.

Upcoming national traveling exhibits include *Toytopia* (Fall 2024), *Sharks* (Winter/Spring 2025), *Barbie: You Can Be Anything* and *Hands-On Harley-Davidson* (both Summer 2025).

Visit [exploration.org](https://www.exploration.org) for more information.

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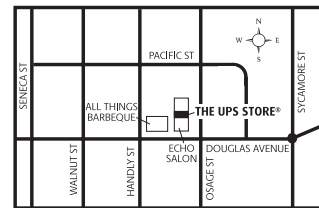
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Out and About in Delano



Late 1940's DeSoto waiting for restoration.

by Danny Lawson

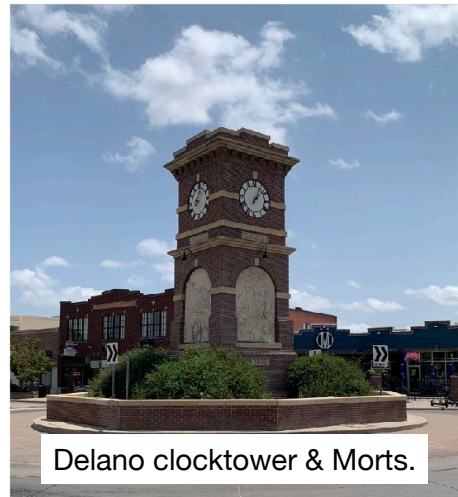


Fun mural.

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Delano clocktower & Morts.

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Mural of our state bird, the meadowlark.

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Inspirational mural.

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