



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, March 18, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.
at Delano's Diner, 1220 W Douglas
Our meetings are always open to the public.

March in Delano

Did you participate in the Paddy Day Parade last year? Make plans to join us all this year on Saturday, March 15 for a day full of fun and activities for the whole family! (See page 4.)

This is also the time of year that weather can be an issue here in Kansas. Please consider attending the Severe Weather Preparedness event later this month. (See page 5.)

Soon it will be time to once again to prepare our gardens, mow our lawns, paint our houses, and all the other activities associated with living in Historic Delano.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Delano Neighborhood Cleanup - at this point there is NOT one schedule due to the lack of volunteers. (See page 3.)

To learn more about what is happening in your neighborhood, please consider joining us this month for the Delano Neighborhood Association Meeting (See header at top of this page.)

~Thank you!



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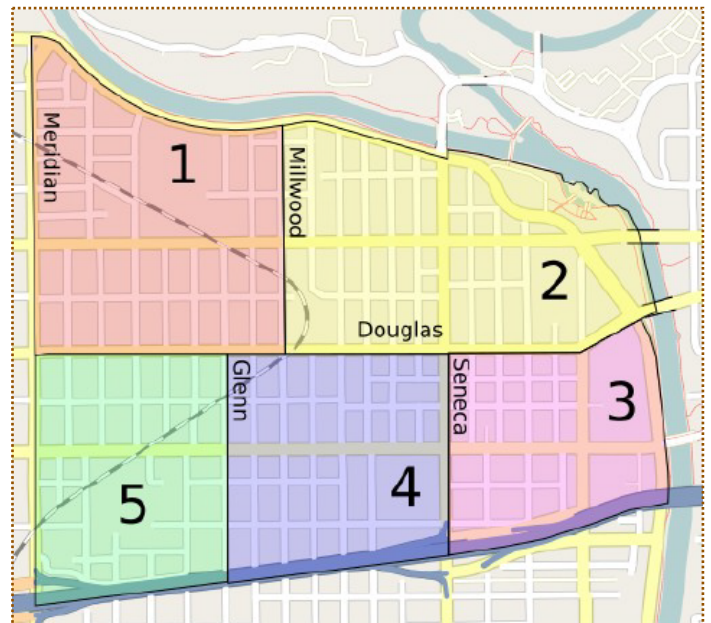
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Districts of Delano



March Calendar

- 4 - Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras
- 5 - Ash Wednesday
- 9 - Daylight Savings Time Starts (ahead 1 hour)
- 14 - Library's Big Read Kickoff
- 15 - Paddy Day Parade
- 16 - St Joseph Parish Dinner (German Sausage)
- 17 - St Patrick's Day

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Cleanup Volunteers Needed

As detailed in our July 2024 *Delano Dispatch*, the City of Wichita partners with the local Neighborhood Associations to coordinate help in the beautification of their neighborhoods.

Currently our Historic Delano does **not** have enough volunteers signed up to qualify for a neighborhood cleanup in 2025.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact any director or officer listed on page two of this newsletter. **Please help, it can not, and will not, be done without you.**

Thank you.



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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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Paddy Day Parade

March 15, 2025

Family Fun & Street Party - come and participate in a Wichita Tradition on Saturday, March 15 for the Delano Paddy Day Parade!

The Parade schedule is:

Paddy Day Parade starts at noon

Kids Zone - 10am - 3pm

Drink Truck Zone - 10am - 3pm

Street Party & Food Truck Rally 10am - 6pm

DJ Dugger 1:30pm - 5:30pm

Come on out and enjoy the fun!

For more information please visit:

DelanoPaddyDayParade

Official Parade Route





Severe Weather Preparedness

National Weather Service has announced a statewide tornado drill for 11 am on Wednesday, March 5th. Outdoor warning sirens and NOAA's All-Hazards Weather Radios will be activated during the drill. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the drill by practicing seeking secure, safe shelter from a tornado.

The National Weather Service and Sedgwick Co. Emergency Management will be presenting "Storm Fury on the Plains" on Monday, March 24th at Wichita Northwest HS, 1220 N Tyler Rd, 67212. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm in the auditorium.

Please come out and spend a couple of hours learning more about the weather.

CoffeeWorks Grand Opening

CoffeeWorks held their grand opening on February 13th in Delano's Advanced Learning Library at 711 W. Second. They are open weekly on Saturdays from 10 am to 5:30 pm. If business continues to perk up, more days will be added, Employees are high school students who are trained to be more self confident with job skills that serve their community.

More information on LegacyWorks ICT and CoffeeWorks is available at: [CoffeeWorks](#).



**St Joseph
Parish Dinner**



March 16th 2025

10:30am to 4pm

132 S Millwood

Advanced Learning Library: Big Read Kickoff

Friday, March 14, 6:30pm
711 W. 2nd St.

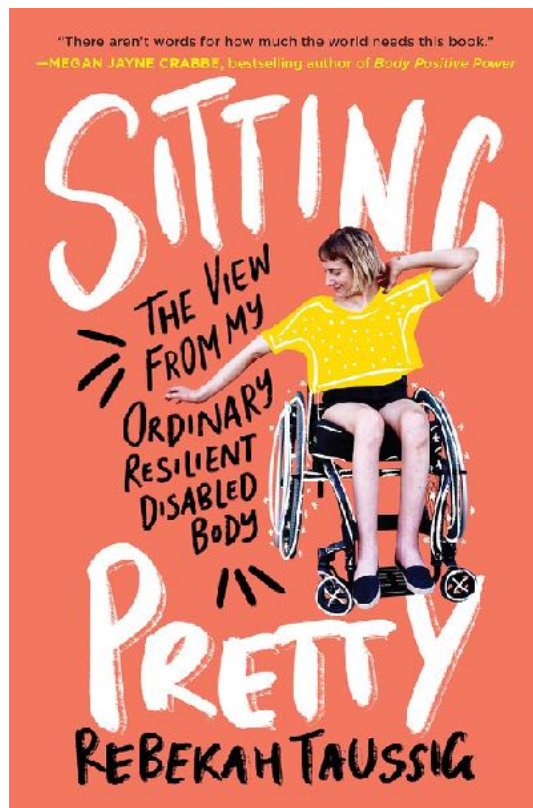
Join others for an after-hours celebration of the **Big Read: Wichita**. Attendees will receive a free copy of the book *Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary, Resilient, Disabled Body*.

A memoir-in-essays from disability advocate and creator of the Instagram account @sitting_pretty Rebekah Taussig, processing a lifetime of memories to paint a beautiful, nuanced portrait of a body that looks and moves differently than most.

Growing up as a paralyzed girl during the 90s and early 2000s, Rebekah Taussig only saw disability depicted as something monstrous (The Hunchback of Notre Dame), inspirational (Helen Keller), or angelic (Forrest Gump). None of this felt right; and as she got older, she longed for more stories that allowed disability to be complex and ordinary, uncomfortable and fine, painful and fulfilling.

Writing about the rhythms and textures of what it means to live in a body that doesn't fit, Rebekah reflects on everything from the complications of kindness and charity, living both independently and dependently, experiencing intimacy, and how the pervasiveness of ableism in our everyday media directly translates to everyday life.

Disability affects all of us, directly or indirectly, at one point or another. By exploring this truth in poignant and lyrical essays, Taussig illustrates the need for more stories and more voices to understand the diversity of humanity. *Sitting Pretty* challenges us as a society to be patient and vigilant, practical and imaginative, kind and relentless, as we set to work to write an entirely different story.



World-class Shark Exhibit Makes One of Its Debut U.S. Stops at Exploration Place

After traveling halfway around the world, a spectacular new exhibit will bring Exploration Place visitors face to face with Earth's most formidable ocean predators. The Australian Museum's acclaimed Sharks exhibit brings an immersive ocean experience to Wichita during its exclusive regional appearance Feb. 7 through May 4.

Requiring seven semi-trucks to transport, Sharks is one of the largest traveling exhibits ever staged at Exploration Place. It includes 10 life-sized, scientifically precise shark models, including the legendary Great White, the peculiar Hammerhead and the extinct Helicoprion – a 270-million-year-old creature whose spiral-toothed jaw earned it the nickname “Buzzsaw Shark.”

Visitors can feel the roughness of shark skin, examine a massive megalodon jaw and even see through the eyes of a hammerhead shark in 360-degree vision. Interactive displays let guests dissect a virtual shark, engineer new shark species to survive in different environments and discover how these apex predators have evolved over millions of years.

A cutting-edge “oceanarium” will create a dramatic, immersive underwater environment where massive sharks glide by through stunning digital projections.

“This exhibit is the closest Wichita can get to a real aquarium – at least until one is actually built,” said Adam Smith, Exploration Place's president and CEO. “The Australian Museum’s reputation for world-class exhibitions makes this a true coup for Wichita – one that will draw visitors from across the region.”

While Sharks celebrates these creatures’ power and hunting prowess, it also reveals their vulnerability. A quarter of all shark species face extinction, threatening the delicate balance of ocean ecosystems. Through the latest research and conservation data, visitors will understand why protecting these often-misunderstood predators is crucial to our planet’s future.

The exhibition is included with admission to Exploration Place. For those seeking an even more intense experience, the museum will host three special Sharks in the Dark overnight events on March 14, March 28, and April 4. More information is available at: exploration.org/events.

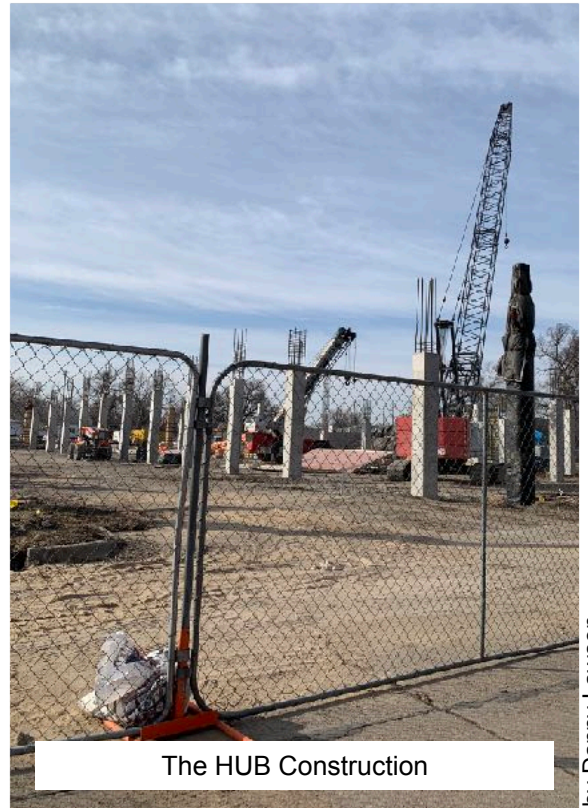


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