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Happy New Year!

January is traditionally when we review the past year and plan for the future - a time to put behind us the problems of the past and focus on what we want to accomplish as we move forward. It is also a time of hope and new beginnings.

The City of Wichita just released their proposed Capital Improvement Plan for 2009-2018 which includes several projects in Delano. Maple is scheduled for improvement beginning this year, Lawrence-Dumont Stadium improvements will begin in 2011 and the new Downtown Library is still scheduled for completion in 2012.

There are also several Delano projects which remain unfunded in the 10-year plan. Among them are the extension of the Douglas Avenue Streetscape, the Delano Neighborhood Markers and the Pedestrian / Bike Trail along the railway corridor. The latter may still find funding, as it will connect with and enhance the new library.

There is also a lot of planning going in in Delano. While we will not be holding our regular meeting in January, there are a couple of other meetings that we would encourage you to attend.

- The new **Delano Business Association** will meet on **Wednesday, January 20th** to discuss their objectives and review proposed by-laws.
- On **Sunday, January 24th**, a workshop will be held to coordinate the activities of the various Delano groups, and set up a master calendar.

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Planning for 2010

Delano Business Association

Wednesday, January 20th - 6:00 p.m.
Bungalow 26 - 611 W. Douglas

This will be the first meeting of the new Delano Business Association. Topics of discussion will include: By-laws, election of officers, goals and objectives.

Delano Planning Workshop

Sunday, January 24th - 6:00 p.m.
ChiART - 1007 W. Douglas

Representatives from the Delano Clergy, Neighborhood and Business Associations as well as other groups will gather to create a Calendar of Events for 2010.

***A word about our meetings** - Meetings revolve around a topic for discussion but are very informal, more like a mixer. It's a great way to meet fellow business owners and stay informed. Snacks are provided.*

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In addition to the meetings mentioned above, there is a Steering Committee working on a **Community Development Corporation** for Delano. This is one of the elements contained in the **Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** which was adopted by the City in 2001.

The Delano CDC would be an umbrella group of sorts, coordinating the activities of the separate Delano groups and working towards the goals contained in the Revitalization Plan.

It is expected that a meeting will be set up soon to report on the progress made and discuss what remains to be done. For more information on the CDC please visit <http://www.delanowichita.com/community-development-corporation/>.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday, February 2nd** will focus on the upcoming **St. Patrick's Parade** which will be held on Saturday, March 13th.

On **Tuesday, February 16th** the Neighborhood Association will have a Master Gardener as a guest speaker. There will be a presentation, and discussion about the Delano Community Garden and the Farmers' Market that we are working on.

As we begin a new year, it seems that everything in Delano is starting to come together. Over 50 new businesses opened in Delano in 2009 and they bring with them a lot of energy & new ideas.

We hope that everyone will make a resolution to get involved in at least one project or event this year. Together we can accomplish great things!



Holiday Decor Contest

The winners of our 2009 Holiday Decor Contest have been announced. For larger pictures of the winning displays, visit www.historicdelano.com.

Best Decorated Residence:
Steve and Clare Paul - 1804 W. University



Best Decorated Business:
Twist Yarn Shop - 607 W. Douglas
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