



Historic Delano News

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Promoting Delano's past, present & future

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Howdy,

It's hard to believe that it is September already! Hopefully we will get some relief from our record-breaking summer of days over 100° F.

The first phase of the **Delano Bike Racks** have been installed and they look great!

The **Delano Bicycle Rack Ribbon Cutting and Block Party** was very well attended. Several of the City officials told us that they had never seen such a large turnout at a Ribbon Cutting.

We estimate that about 300 - 400 people were at the Block Party that followed the Ribbon Cutting. **The Shamrock** had a band on the patio and the **New Covenant Church** had games for the kids. **Amira's Dancers** entertained the crowd.

The **Neighborhood** sold hot dogs, chips & drinks and the **Clergy** organized a bake sale. Proceeds went toward startup costs for the **Delano CDC**. All of the comments that we heard were positive, with many people asking us to do it again.

Ghost Stories of Historic Delano

We meet **Tuesday, September 13th** to plan the **4th Annual Ghost Stories of Historic Delano**. The Ghost Tour is the first Thursday in October and usually attracts more than 400 "tourists."

If you have reason to believe that your building may have a ghost - or if you would like to help with this event - you should attend this meeting.

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Calendar

Planning the Ghost Tour

Tuesday, Sept. 13th - 6:00 p.m.

***Central Plains Novelty
905 W. Douglas***

Delano Zoning Overlay

Tuesday, Sept 20th - 7:00 p.m.

***West Side Christian Church
1819 W. Douglas***

Rumble in Delano

Sat., Sept 24th - 4:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Welcome to Delano Mixer

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

***The Vagabond
614 W. Douglas***

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Delano Zoning Issues

The **Delano Neighborhood Zoning Overlay** was adopted in 2001. Now that it has been in place for 10 years the **Delano CDC** is planning to review the overlay for possible changes. The review has been prompted by several issues that have come up over the past few years.

On **Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m.** the Delano Neighborhood Association will host a meeting to discuss proposed changes to the overlay. The meeting will be held at **West Side Christian Church - 1819 W. Douglas.**

Proposed changes include:

- Restricting or prohibiting payday loans and other predatory businesses,
- Restricting “lawn ornaments” (e.g. lighted palm trees) along the Douglas and Seneca streetscapes,
- Providing the Delano Community Farmers Market with the same exemptions as markets held on City property (e.g. permitting a future Saturday market),
- Rezoning our central business district as “Central Business District” to allow off-site/ shared parking areas,
- Adding a “Complete Streets” mandate,
- Establishing neighborhood-wide or block-by-block trash contracts and
- Requiring City departments to notify the Delano CDC of condemnations, zoning changes and similar items.

We'll have at least one meeting with City departments to hear their recommendations, then vote on the additions at a future meeting and present our request to the City Council.

Nothing is carved in stone yet, so please attend meetings to have your say. Check future issues of the News for more information as it develops.

Welcome to Delano!

Nearly 100 businesses have opened in Delano since 2010, which means almost 1/3 of our current businesses are less than 2 years old!

You are invited

Everyone in Delano is invited - business owners, residents, property owners, new or established - to a

Welcome to Delano Mixer Tuesday, September 27th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Vagabond

614 W. Douglas

Come meet your neighbors and find out about our events and activities.

(Appetizers provided by Lotus Leaf Café)

Delano CDC

Delano Community Development Corporation (Delano CDC) has been raising money towards start-up costs this year. Several fund-raising activities have been held and we are getting closer to our goal.

There have been several meetings this year to discuss these fund-raisers, although no regular meeting date has been set. Unfortunately, there has been no one to represent the interests of the business community at any of our meetings.

We are looking for a business owner who would be interested in sitting on the CDC Board. If you are interested, contact **Jim at 706-6283.**

Christmas in Historic Delano

Christmas in Historic Delano will be held on **Saturday, December 3rd** this year. Plans for the event include a **Holiday Open House** for the businesses and an **Holiday Decor Tour** of some of the decorated homes in Delano.

We would like all of the retail shops, salons, bars & restaurants to be included. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to promote Delano and let others come and see what we have to offer.

A Snowman and a Christmas Tree along with Santa will be among the characters showing up. Advertising with the Eagle and radio spots are also being discussed.

We will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 4th** at **Central Plains Novelty** - 905 W. Douglas at **6:00 p.m.** If you are interested in helping or have any suggestions, please attend. If this date doesn't work for you, please e-mail Nancy at: nancy@historicdelano.com.

2nd Saturday

September marks a full year since we began the **2nd Saturday - Shop Local, Shop Douglas** promotion. Like any new endeavor, there have been some growing pains and it hasn't worked for everyone. There will be some changes made to the program next year to make it easier (and cheaper) for more businesses to participate. Check next month's news for more information.



AMERICA'S FAVORITE
Farmers Markets

Rumble in Delano

The **4th Annual Rumble in Delano** will be held along Douglas on **Saturday, September 24th** from **4 - 10 p.m.** The Rumble is a traditional hot rod and Kustom Kulture car show, and is limited to vehicles 1963 & older. It is an all-ages event, with food vendors, live entertainment and art.

Douglas will be closed to traffic from McLean all the way to Walnut (just short of Seneca, just like during parades) so you can safely walk around and visit the shops while checking out the cars.

2012 Historic Delano Visitors Guide

With less than 1,000 of the 2011 guides left, we will soon begin work on the 2012 Visitors Guide. We want to get the guide out earlier next year - possibly in January.

Those of you who have been in the guide know that it is a great tool for visitors to our area. The map shows the entire Delano area as well as the river corridor. Many out-of-towners and people who come to "Do Delano" use this guide.

Previous advertisers will have priority, but there should be a few ad spots available. We already have two businesses on a waiting list. Look for more information in next months News.

If you need some of the 2011 guides contact nancy@historicdelano.com or stop in to Central Plains Novelty, 905 W. Douglas to pick some up.

American Farmland Trust holds the **America's Favorite Farmers Markets™** contest each year to raise awareness about the importance of buying fresh food from local farms and saving the farmland where it's grown.

The **Delano Community Farmers Market** won 1st Place as **Kansas' Favorite Farmers Market** among Boutique Markets (those with 15 or fewer vendors) and **19th Place Nationwide!**

Thanks to everyone who voted for us and helped us win - we appreciate your support.