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Howdy,

NOTE - SPECIAL EDITION! We NEVER mail this!

We are sending this newsletter out by mail this month so that we can reach as many people as possible. There is so much going on in Delano that we think everyone should be aware of.

With plans for the new Downtown Library going forward there is a flurry of activity around that area, and a lot of interest in developing adjacent properties... major changes **WILL** happen.

Remember, there are **NO restrictions** on what can happen in that area - north of Douglas and east of Seneca was excluded from our overlay. *Just look at the recent **Oil Fracking** fiasco!*

This is one of those critical times when we will need to be vigilant or else be taken by surprise. Everyone should be involved in the development of such a large part of our neighborhood.

Many of these changes **will** affect your business. The main thing that we are asking is that you get connected and stay aware of what is happening. You can do that in several ways.

HistoricDelano.com and DelanoWichita.com post current events and news on their web sites. They also both maintain e-mail lists, Facebook pages and Twitter feeds - and publish occasional newsletters, which are **NOT usually mailed out**. Printing and postage expenses are prohibitive.

HistoricDelano.com has had a total makeover. It's in beta and there are still changes to come but go check it out and get registered on the site. For more information on how to get connected, see *Staying Informed* on page 3.

Delano United Mixer

Delano BBQ • 710 W. Douglas

Tuesday, February 10, 2015

6 - 8:00 pm

**Come meet your fellow
business owners and find out
what is happening in Delano**



9th Annual St. Patrick's Parade

Saturday, March 14, 2015

High Noon

Parade route is along Douglas
from McLean to Sycamore.

Finally, Delano United would like to collect some information to form a Delano Bicyclist coalition to promote & lobby for the Chisholm Trail Parkway.

If you are a cyclist or are interested in helping to get the parkway completed, please fill out a quick survey at HistoricDelano.com/parkway.

See you at the mixer! - Jim & Nancy

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9th Annual St. Patrick's Parade

Saturday, March 14th, 2015



It's parade time!! Here's what you need to know:

Street Closing Information

- Parade begins at High Noon
- Route is along Douglas from McLean to Walnut
- Streets will be closed from 11am to about 1:30
- Streets impacted by this will be:
 - McLean Blvd. - Maple to Douglas
 - Sycamore - Maple to 2nd Street
 - Douglas Ave. - McLean to Seneca
 - Side streets one block each side of Douglas

Please inform your regular customers about the parade and the street closings. Encourage them to shop earlier and stay for the parade, or come for the parade and stay to shop. We know this is a hardship for some of the businesses along the route, but geez...it is only one day of the year for a couple of hours. Let's make Green Lemonade!

This parade has become one of the largest and most anticipated parades in Wichita... and it is right here in Historic Delano!!! With 1,000 plus paraders and 8,000-10,000 spectators watching the parade along Douglas Ave., you should see many new visitors in your shops and restaurants.

One of the things I hear most when talking about Delano and the parade is "What else is going on before or after the parade?" People are hungry for something else to do: eat, drink, shop... be merry... whatever it is, they want to "do Delano."

They are already here. It's up to each of you to get them to stay and to shop at your business. Plan a sale that day, have special pricing, give out free green balloons, decorate for St. Pat's, offer free samples, have some entertainment.

Remember there will be people of all ages so have a face painter, a clown, a magician perform or maybe a musician. The sky's the limit. There will be a lot of excitement in Historic Delano that day so let's capitalize on it.

We'd love to share your plans with everyone so please let us know what you are doing so that we can get it out to the world when we promote.

Official Parade T-shirts will be available soon. They are \$10 each - Adult sizes only: S -XXXL Shirts can be purchased by contacting Nancy@historicdelano.com.

**We want to thank our wonderful Parade Sponsors.
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Wow, it's been quite a while since the last issue, looks like about 4 months, there's a lot to cover.

The lights on the Clocktower looked great - thank you to all of our sponsors: *Air Capitol Dial, Amira Dance Productions, Bicycle X-Change, Care to Dance, Credit Union of America, Delano BBQ, Delano Retail Liquor, Dod Installations, InSite Realty, Senior Services, Skeletons Out of the Closet, Shamrock Lounge, The Table Guys.*

We are currently spending a lot of time working on the **9th Annual St. Patrick's Parade**. Look for full information about the parade - including **Street Closures** - in Nancy's report on page 2.

Besides the parade and **Ghost Tour** we won't be doing much this year. Our time will be spent working on **Chisholm Trail** stuff (see below).

We **DO** plan to publish a **2015 Visitors Guide**. There are only a few of last year's guides left and we still get a lot of requests for them. It is a very popular item for downtown hotel guests. Look for more information in the spring.

Staying Informed

It's unfortunate that the rising cost of printing and postage has caused many publications to fold. Often the very first to go are the local sources of information such as neighborhood newsletters.

Historic Delano News is published digitally and sent by e-mail on a semi-regular basis. It is also posted on HistoricDelano.com, where you may sign up for e-mail distribution. It is *rarely* printed.

The **News** publishes announcements, news of events, street closures, promotions, mixers and things of interest to business & property owners. Send us news at news@historicdelano.com.

HistoricDelano.com has had a total makeover. The site is now interactive and will feature a new business directory with the ability to display more information about each business.

The site is live but is still in beta mode. **Register** as a user, **add your business to the directory (it's FREE)** and take a look around. More will be added soon so check back often. Please notify us if you have any problems.



Chisholm Trail 150th Anniversary

The **150th Anniversary of the Chisholm Trail** will be celebrated in 2017. Towns along the trail from Texas to Nebraska will be commemorating the occasion. Delano will be among them...

Go Wichita is having a summer-long celebration of the Chisholm Trail and have asked us to come up with an event for their celebration. We will be bringing back the **Delano Fall Fair** in 2017 as a two-day event. Stay tuned for more information!

Chisholm Trail As a National Trail

There was a front page article by Becky Tanner in the January 19th Eagle about the designation of the Chisholm Trail as a National Trail. There are no cattle trails in the National Trails system.

Delano and other "cow towns" along the trail could see some benefits from the designation.

We hope this will happen before the anniversary, but either way we'll be throwing a party in 2017!

The Chisholm Trail Parkway

The **Chisholm Trail Parkway** (*our name for the abandoned railroad path*) is in the **Delano Plan** as a **multi-use corridor** and has been a part of the City's **Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** since 2001, yet has been unfunded for 14 years.

In 2014, the **Greenway Alliance** took an interest in the project and expanded the original concept to connect to **Friends University** and **Newman** to the SW and **Zoo Boulevard** to the NE along the K & O railroad tracks. That is a done deal.

All that is left now is the funding for the project.

The political realities were made clear to us this past summer when we were told (*paraphrasing*) 'If you want this to go any further, then you need to bring more than just three people to the table.'

We are assembling a list of cyclists and others who support this multi-use greenway and would like to see it happen. To add your name to the list visit www.historicdelano.com/parkway.

Delano United News

The **Delano United Mixer** at **All Things BBQ** on October 14th was attended by about 30 business owners and Delano residents. Some **very tasty** appetizers were served up by ATBBQ's owners **Don and Kathy Cary** and their staff.

The mixer included displays of the **River Vista** development and the new **Downtown Library**, a presentation of the projects that we have been working on and our plans for the near future.

We plan to hold quarterly mixers this year so that everyone can stay informed about our projects. The next mixer will be **Tuesday, February 10th 6 - 8 p.m. at Delano BBQ - 710 W. Douglas.**

Come meet your fellow business owners and find out what we have been working on for the past few months and what we have planned.



Delano - West Douglas Bicycle Parking Plan

Phase II of the bike racks have been installed. The racks have been well received overall and we have seen far fewer incidents of improperly parked bicycles along the Douglas sidewalks.

We added more racks west of Seneca this time and have already seen them in use. In particular in the 1400 block by NuWay and LC Liquor.

Phase III involves a review of the program and possible changes to placement as plans for the **new library (and the Chisholm Trail Parkway)** begin to take shape. If you have suggestions for any of our programs, don't hesitate to contact us.

New Central Library

The **Central Library Steering Committee** is still working on final plans for the new library at 2nd and Sycamore. Future plans include a multi-use space south of the library that could be used for parking, concerts, a farmers market or events.

Note: This space is not in the current budget.

Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

The **Delano Neighborhood Revitalization Plan** was adopted in 2001 and is the document that guides our efforts. This year we will ask the City for a review to see if changes need to be made.

The plan contains 10 elements. Three of those are completed, and two are partially done. Of the remaining five, three of them are long-term projects and we are working on the other two.

The **Delano Neighborhood Association** is raising money for the **Delano Markers**. These will be placed at all of the streets coming into Delano, with archways at each end of Douglas

We are working with the **Greenway Alliance** on the **Park and Recreation Enhancements** which include a multi-purpose trail through Delano. (see **Chisholm Trail Parkway** - page 3)

For more information on the Delano Plan and our projects, come to the Mixer on February 10th.

Delano Community Garden

The **Delano Community Garden** was selected to be included in this year's **Sedgwick County Master Gardeners' Tour**. The Garden Tour is scheduled for **May 29 - 31, 2015**.

There will be a lot of work involved to get the garden ready for visitors. If you would like to lend a hand, let us know.

One of the things that we will need help with is the fence. Some of the panels were not built to withstand Kansas weather and need replaced.

If you would like to (re)decorate a panel on the **Delano Community Garden Fence** contact Jim at garden@historicdelano.com

Delano Community Farmers Market

We will be meeting soon to discuss opening the **Delano Community Farmers Market** this year. It will depend on a number of things, including obtaining a suitable venue and finding vendors. If interested, e-mail market@historicdelano.com