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Howdy,

July was another busy month with 6 meetings and a mixer and August will be nearly as full. We are working with the City and various other groups on a number of exciting projects which are outlined on page 2, but first some business.

We have had our first planning meeting for the **Ghost Stories of Historic Delano**, which will be held on **Thursday, October 7th** from **5 - 8 p.m.** It will start at **Lawrence-Dumont Stadium** and people may walk, drive or ride the trolley that will be provided by **River City Trolley**.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 24th. If your building has any "*unusual activity*" and you would like to be included in the tour, contact **Nancy @ 267-1260**.

The **Welcome to Delano Mixer** on July 27th at the **Shamrock Lounge** was well attended. We gathered on the patio and the evening weather was very pleasant. Thanks to **Dave Stough** for appetizers and to **Amira's Dance Productions** for providing entertainment for the crowd.

We have already been asked about when the next mixer will be. We will probably hold the next one early in December and will publicize it here and in the **Delano Business Connection**.

Finally, it is time to start plans for the holidays. See the sidebar to the right for more information.

See you soon!
Jim & Nancy

Mark Your Calendars

Ghost Stories of Historic Delano Planning Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 2010 - 6:00 PM
Central Plains Novelty
905 W. Douglas

At this meeting we will be continuing our plans for the **3rd Annual Ghost Story Tour**. Anyone who is interested in participating may attend.

Planning for the Holidays

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2010 - 6:00 PM
Central Plains Novelty
905 W. Douglas

The **Christmas Parade, Holiday Open House** and **Holiday Decor Contest** are scheduled for **Saturday, December 4th**.

At this meeting we will be coordinating plans for the various events and talking about promoting Delano for the holiday season. A more complete agenda will be in next month's **News**.

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Bicycle Parking Plan

The City of Wichita has created the **Delano West Douglas Avenue Bicycle Parking Plan Steering Committee** to develop a bicycle parking plan to present to the City Council. The goal is to provide for bike racks along Douglas.

The committee consists of representatives from the Delano Business Association, Neighborhood Association, Historic Delano and the Coasters Bicycle Club as well as City staff. Ultimately, the plan that is developed will be used as a model for other neighborhoods, including downtown.

There have already been two meetings, and an outline of the process has been developed. Next on the agenda is to look at designs for the bike racks and their placement along the sidewalks. We hope to complete the plan by December and have bike racks installed by next spring.

RiverFest Bicycle Event in Delano

Wichita Festivals contacted us back in June and asked us to design a RiverFest event for Delano. After some discussion of various types of events it was decided that a bicycle event would be the best fit for the district - and something that has not been done in recent years.

A committee has been formed and has started discussing the types of things we would like to see in such an event. These include activities for all ages, interests and skill levels of riding. We intend this to be a family-friendly event held on the **second Saturday of RiverFest**.

Examples of the types of things we are looking at include a poker-run type race, a bicycle show, bike safety clinic, bicycle repair classes, freestyle demonstrations and a tour of the neighborhood.

The committee includes representatives from the Business, Clergy & Neighborhood Associations, Historic Delano, and the various bicycle clubs. If you know of someone that would be interested in helping with such an event, have them contact **Jim @ 706-6283** or jim@historicdelano.com.

Second Saturday Shopping Event

Wichita Downtown Development Corporation, Delano and the **Douglas Design District** are working together to establish a Second Saturday shopping event. It will be held on the second Saturday of each month beginning in October.

This event is designed to showcase the three shopping districts along Douglas Avenue with a focus on encouraging people to shop local. The event will be promoted with ads in ***Naked City*** and ***Women's Focus*** magazines. A brochure will be designed which will contain a map and a list of participating merchants in each district.

A monthly drawing will be held to award prizes to shoppers who have registered in one or more of the participating shops. Shoppers may enter the drawing as many times as they wish - but only once in each shop that they visit.

To encourage shoppers to "go green," reusable canvas shopping bags will be available that say ***Second Saturday. Shop Douglas. Shop Local.*** with the three districts' logos underneath. Shoppers using the bags will receive discounts at participating merchants. Individual merchants may decide what discount they will give.

The cost to participate will be \$60 for 3 months, with the first quarter being October - December of 2010. More information will be included in the next **Delano Business Connection** envelope.

Delano and Downtown Revitalization

Goody-Clancy - the consultants developing the revitalization plans for downtown Wichita - are including parts of Delano in their plan. They are encouraging City leaders to think of Delano as a vital part of downtown revitalization.

On July 21st, the Goody-Clancy team met with retail store owners from **Delano** and **Old Town** to review parts of their plan and give suggestions to strengthen retail in and around downtown. For info visit: http://www.downtownwichita.org/user/file/DowntownRetail_100113.pdf.