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Howdy,

We will not have a July meeting because of the holiday and no August meeting due to National Night Out. However, there is plenty of news that you need to be aware of.

Bike Racks are Coming!

The City informed us that the installation of the bike racks will begin the second week in July and should be completed by the end of the month. We are planning a **Ribbon Cutting** ceremony with the Mayor followed by a **Block Party** to celebrate the installation of the racks.

The event will be on **Thursday, August 11th** from **6:00 - 8:30 p.m.** The Ribbon Cutting will be at the **Clock Tower** at 6:00 followed by a bicycle procession to the **1700 - 1800 blocks of West Douglas** where the Block Party will take place.

Douglas Avenue will be blocked from Millwood to Glenn and the party will be in the parking lots and sidewalks in that 2-block area. There will be hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, water and desserts for sale as well as free entertainment.

Entertainment will be provided by local bands, street musicians, the Amira dancers, clowns, and a magician. There will also be a water fun area, a firetruck, bicycle games and other activities.

We will be meeting to finalize plans for the event on **Monday, July 25th** at New Covenant Church. All are welcome to help plan this event.

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Block Party Planning

Monday, July 25th

6:00 p.m.

New Covenant Church

1718 W. Douglas

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2nd

Delano Block Party & Bike Rack Celebration

Thursday, August 11th

***6:00 Ribbon Cutting
followed by Block Party
until 8:30 p.m.***

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Theft at the Community Garden

The Delano Community Garden (started in 2007) provides space for people who have no place to garden where they live, primarily urban dwellers. Gardeners pay for the cost of water and each is assigned their own plot or planter.

From the beginning there have been incidents of vegetables being stolen - a squash here, an onion there, a beet or two occasionally. It has been frustrating for the gardeners to work so hard and nurture their gardens only to find their vegetables missing when they go to harvest.

Sunday, June 26th the theft reached a new level. Someone crept in under cover of darkness and took 99% of the onions from the garden. Every plot was robbed and one gardener lost over 200 onions! This can not be dismissed as someone who needed food - this was intentional theft.

Most of the gardeners rely on the garden to supply part of their food, yet would be happy to share with someone in need if they were asked. Offers of help with weeding or other chores in exchange for a share of the produce would be welcomed, but losing food is disheartening.

The Delano Community Garden exists to provide an opportunity to those who want to garden - not to provide free food for the neighborhood. If you would like to find out more about the garden visit <http://www.historicdelano.com/garden>

Local Farmer Replaces Stolen Onions

When the theft of the onions was reported in the *Eagle* and on *Channel 12 Eyewitness News* (and of course *Facebook*) a member of the **Delano Community Farmers Market** donated onions to replace the stolen ones.

Dave Naramore from **Naramore Farms** and his **Granddaughter Lexi** (who is in charge of onions at Naramore Farms) donated hundreds of Red and Vidalia onions to the gardeners who lost their onions the week before.

It is really good to know that, in the hard times we are in, when something bad happens there is always someone good who steps in to help. All of the gardeners want to thank Dave and Lexi for their generous gift.

Lightning Strikes!

Three of our gardeners were in the garden last Saturday evening (July 9th) as the storms were moving in to Wichita. While they were inspecting a plant in the northeast corner of the garden one of the trees on the north got hit by lightning.

They were about 30 feet away from the tree that got struck, were hit by shrapnel made of bark and one of them got knocked to the ground. Another man across the street also got knocked down. Two of them received some minor cuts and the others are bruised, but everyone is fine.



AMERICA'S FAVORITE
Farmers Markets

Cast your vote at: <http://www.farmland.org/vote>

American Farmland Trust holds the *America's Favorite Farmers Markets*TM 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** is currently **Kansas' 2nd favorite market** behind the **Emporia Farmers Market**, but Delano is the **#1 Boutique Market** (15 and fewer vendors).

Voting continues through August and the winning market gets \$300 in promotional materials, so go to the link and vote for the Delano market.