



# Historic Delano News

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## Historic Delano Celebrates 5 Years!

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Howdy,

Well, it's been a busy year. By the time you read this **Christmas in Delano** will probably be over and you will be swamped with customers in a holiday shopping frenzy. Well, that's the idea.

We hope that you can take some time before it gets too hectic to **join us for our Holiday Mixer**. Tuesday, December 6th at Jim's place. We'll be **celebrating 5 years** of doing events in Delano. (See pages 3 - 6 for a review of some of the highlights)

Mark your calendar now for two important dates:

We will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 3rd** to discuss **events for 2012**. A few people have come to us with ideas for new events this year. If you have an idea for an event please attend.

The **Delano CDC Annual Meeting** will be held **Tuesday, January 31st** at the **Masonic Home**. The meeting will feature a meet-and-greet and a guest speaker. More information to come.

We hope you all have a great holiday season. See you at the mixer!

Jim & Nancy

## Calendar

### *Holiday Mixer*

Tuesday, Dec. 6th - 6:00 p.m.

*Jim's Place*

*923 1/2 W. Douglas*

### *Planning for 2012*

Tuesday, Jan. 3rd - 6:00 p.m.

*Central Plains Novelty*

*905 W. Douglas*

### *Delano CDC Annual Meeting*

Tuesday, Jan. 31st - 6:30 p.m.

*Kansas Masonic Home*

*402 S. Martinson*

*(Speaker to be announced)*

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## ***Planning for 2012***

It all started with a **St. Patrick's Parade** and it's almost that time again! St. Patrick's Day falls on a Saturday this year so the parade will be big!

In January we will start our planning for the year, begin working on the 2012 parade and discuss plans for the **2012 Visitors Guide**. We will also discuss plans for a couple of new events.

If you have suggestions or ideas for an event, please attend this meeting so we can discuss them, too. We are always willing to help plan a new event if there is enough interest in it.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3rd - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Central Plains Novelty • 905 W. Douglas**

Planning for 2012, the  
**Saint Patrick's Parade** and the  
**2012 Visitors Guide**



Also in January, **Delano CDC's Annual Meeting** will lay out the CDC's short-term and long-range goals and will feature a guest speaker.

Delano has changed a great deal in the last 10 years due to the involvement and hard work of residents, business owners and local churches working together to get things accomplished.

There is a lot of new energy in Delano right now (around 100 businesses have opened up in the last two years). We encourage new business owners to join us in planning Delano's future.

***Delano CDC Annual Meeting***  
**Tuesday, Jan. 31st - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Kansas Masonic Home**  
**402 S. Martinson**

6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet  
7:00 p.m. Guest Speaker

*(Enter on the west from Martinson Street)*

## **Annual Events for 2012**

**St. Patrick's Parade**  
Saturday, March 17, 2012

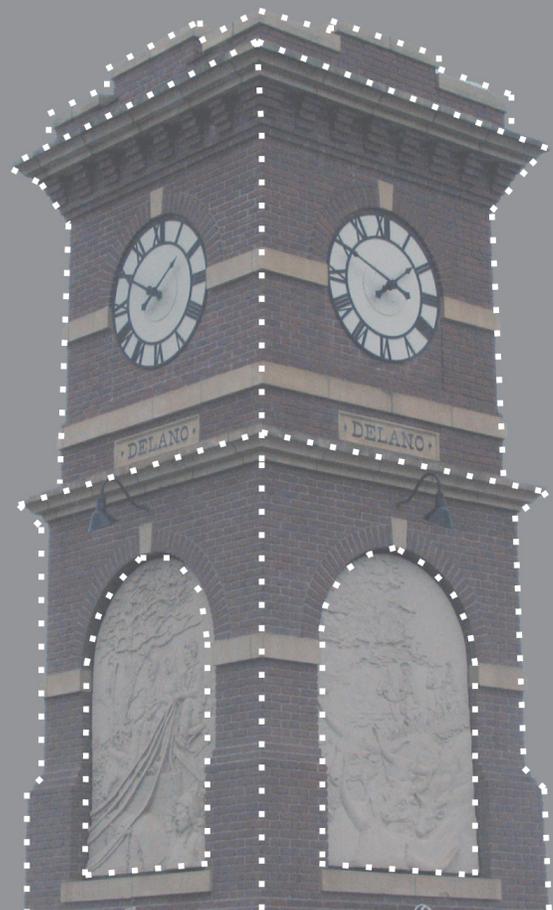
**Pedal Mania!**  
Saturday, June 9, 2012

**Delano Bicycle Block Party**  
Thursday, August 30, 2012

**Ghost Stories of Historic Delano**  
Thursday, October 4, 2012

**Christmas in Delano**  
Saturday, December 1, 2012

*Merry  
Christmas!*



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Nancy has these visions... No, not that sort of visions! She sees possibilities in situations and finds ways to make things happen. Just beware whenever you hear "**I have this vision...**" **It all started with a simple parade. "How difficult could it be? It's just a parade..."**

## 2007

### *St. Patrick's Parade*

In 2007, Saint Patrick's Day fell on a Saturday. *In January a plan was hatched to do a parade.* In just 6 weeks a successful event was held which attracted over 6,000 people to Delano!



Today, the **St. Patrick's Parade** is one of the city's most popular parades and is held as an example for how parades should be managed. In 2012, **St. Patrick's Day** once again falls on a Saturday! Join us on **March 17th** for the **6th Annual St. Patrick's Parade**. *Erin Go Bragh!*

### *Incorporation and a Web Site*

In Nov. 2007 **Historic Delano, Inc.** is created and **HistoricDelano.com** goes live featuring a comprehensive **Delano Business Directory**.

Today **HistoricDelano.com** receives a daily average of over 2,000 hits per day with actual counts higher around events. Is your business listed in our online directory? A listing is free.

## 2008

### *Historic Delano Visitors Guide*

In 2008 the **Delano Business Directory** was combined with a **map** and a **short history of Delano** to create a printed **Visitors Guide**. The Visitors Guide is distributed through the **Convention & Visitors Bureau**, **downtown hotels** and many **Delano businesses**.

15,000 Visitors Guides have been distributed and the 2012 edition will be out in the spring. Be sure that your business is included. Some advertising space may still be available.

### *Ghost Stories of Historic Delano*

About August of 2008 we were approached by a paranormal investigator about a ghost tour. *In a disturbing trend we decide once again to put together an event in less than 2 months.*



The first **Ghost Stories of Historic Delano** featured 11 locations and attracted over 400 "tourists." This event has become one of the most anticipated events in Delano and brings a large crowd of "frightseers" to the area.

See more pictures of our events on our website - <http://www.historicdelano.com>

# 2009

## ***Delano Community Garden***

**Infinite Growth Opportunities** created the **Delano Community Garden** at the downtown Senior Center in 2007. **Historic Delano** got involved in 2009 to help increase visibility and encourage participation in urban gardening.



First, the size of the garden was doubled and a few more above-ground planters were built. Then, a web page was created for the garden which has attracted several new gardeners.



The 2011 season included 10 gardeners and progress was made on several major projects. Thanks to **New Covenant Church** volunteers, the shed that was donated in 2010 has a new coat of paint and the posts have been set for a fence project coming up in the spring.

## ***Christmas Parade in Delano***

*Continuing our trend...* in October of 2009 we decided to do a **Christmas Parade** the first weekend in December. ***“It’s just a parade, how hard can it be?”*** The parade attracted a good crowd of people in spite of the cold!



The **Christmas Parade** was the centerpiece of our **Christmas in Delano** event scheduled for the **first weekend of each December**. Alas, December is not good parade weather for spectators, participants or volunteers!



**Christmas in Delano** still continues with a **Holiday Open House**, a **Donation Drive**, a **Vintage Homes Tour**, **Holiday Lighting** and **Carolers & entertainment** all day long ending at dusk with a clock tower lighting ceremony.

*See more pictures of our events on our website - <http://www.historicdelano.com>*

# 2010

## ***Delano Community Farmers Market***

In January of 2010 a meeting was called to discuss formation of the **Delano Community Farmers Market**. A corporation was formed, an organization was created and the market opened on May 5th for a successful season.



The Delano Market is a small, weekday, urban market with a mission to provide fresh, locally-grown food to Delano and the inner city.

This summer the market ranked **#19** nationally among small markets in **America's Favorite Farmers Market** campaign.

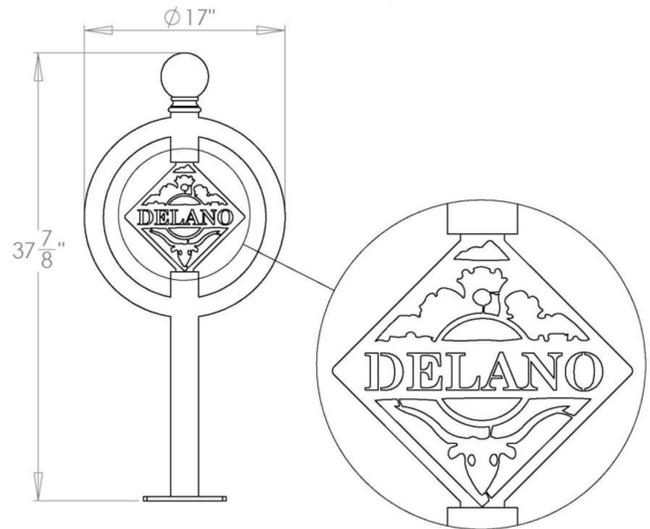
The market is held from **April - October** every **Wednesday evening from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the **Senior Center - 200 S. Walnut.**



## ***Delano Bicycle Parking Plan***

In the spring of 2010 we began work with the City to provide bicycle racks for Delano. The initial plan is focused along West Douglas but will be used as a model for future expansion.

The final plan calls for over 200 bike racks to be installed between the river and Vine street in 9 phases. The first phase has been funded. Future phases and funding options are to be addressed annually.



## ***Farmers Market Last Harvest Party***

The final market of the season is always a party! It is the last chance to get fresh vegetables for the adults and a guarantee of candy for the kids!



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# 2011

## ***Pedal Mania!***

in October of 2010 we were approached by **Wichita Festivals, Inc.** to create an event for **RiverFest 2011**. We could choose any type of event we wanted. ***How could we resist?!?!?***



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*Players try to hook the cones in this Bicycle Ring Toss.*

We were working on bike racks to encourage biking in Delano so we decided to do an event focused on cycling. Along with the **Coasters**, the **Oz Bicycle Club** and several area bike shops, we came up with **Pedal Mania!**



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*A mean dog stands guard in the Paperboy contest.*

The event has both long & short family rides, a scavenger hunt, a bicycle show and several bicycle games. Watch for **Pedal Mania 2012!** on **June 9th** the **Final Saturday of RiverFest**.

## ***Bicycle Block Party***

In June we were informed that Phase I of the bicycle racks were to be installed in the next 30 - 60 days. ***What to do? Throw a party!!!***

The City was willing to do a **Ribbon Cutting** but we wanted to do something more. After all we had been working on this for over a year. ***We wanted to celebrate!***

The **Ribbon Cutting & Bicycle Block Party** was scheduled on a Thursday night to tie into the **Thursday Night Pub Pedal** held by the **Coasters** starting at the **Shamrock Lounge**.



The Shamrock is at the west end of the area (where one of the racks had been installed) so after the ribbon cutting at the Clock Tower there was a bicycle procession down to the Shamrock, followed by a **Bicycle Block Party**.

There was music, food, entertainment and bicycle fun. The **Delano CDC** sold hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts. **Amira's dancers** were there along with the **Coasters** members and many other bicycle enthusiasts.

Many people suggested it become an annual event and we wanted an event at the west end so the **Bicycle Block Party** is now scheduled for the **last Thursday in August**. This will be a great end-of-summer party!