



# Historic Delano News

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Howdy,

It has been a while since the last newsletter so there is a lot to report. A review of the past few months is on page 2 and news is on 3, but first we'd like to tell you what's coming up this month.

As you can see by the calendar, August is a busy month. Our monthly meetings are now held on the 2nd Tuesday. This month we begin planning for the **Ghost Tour** and **Christmas in Delano**.

There are also two events coming up in August. First is the **Delano Dash - Pull Against Cancer**. This event raises money for cancer awareness and is part of the Pink Fire Truck's National Tour.

Next is the **Delano Bicycle Block Party** which started last year after our Delano Bike Racks were installed. This year will be bigger & better - and includes a **Homemade Ice Cream Contest**. Get out your recipes and ice cream freezers!

It is a couple months later than we had planned but the **Visitors Guide** is ready for distribution. We ran into several set-backs including closed, moving and new businesses. Watch for the new guide or contact us to get some for your store.

The **Delano Community Farmers Market** will be moving to the **Lawrence-Dumont Stadium** parking lot in August. The move is expected to be approved by the City Council by August 14th. This move will give the market better visibility, more traffic and space for more vendors.

Have a great month! - Jim & Nancy

## August Calendar

***Delano Dash -***

***Pull Against Cancer***

**Tuesday, Aug. 7th • 6 - 9 p.m.  
500 Block of West Douglas**

***Delano CDC Futuring Meeting***

**Saturday, Aug. 11th • 8:30 - 10 a.m.  
West Side Baptist Church**

***Historic Delano Meeting***

**Tuesday, Aug. 14th • 6:00 p.m.  
Central Plains Novelty**

*We'll be discussing plans for  
Ghost Stories of Historic Delano  
and Christmas in Delano*

***Delano Bicycle Block Party***

**Thursday, Aug. 23rd • 6 - 8:30 p.m.  
Douglas & Vine**

***Delano Farmers Market***

**Wednesdays • 5 - 7:00 p.m.  
MOVING IN AUGUST!!!**

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# What's Been Happening in Delano

## *St. Patrick's Day in Delano*

There was plenty to do in Delano on St. Patrick's Day. It began with a **St. Patrick's Day Breakfast & a Pre-Parade Party** so parade-goers could fortify themselves for the day. The **6th Annual St. Patrick's Parade** exceeded all of our expectations with over 2,000 participants and the police estimating the crowd at around 10,000.

After the parade was the **St. Patrick's Party for the Kids** at New Covenant Church and the Shamrock Lounge's annual **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner**. As evening rolled around it was time for a 2nd serving of Corned Beef & Cabbage and live bands to round out the day.

## *Cash Mob Wichita*

**Cash Mob Wichita** is a local group ([Facebook Page](#)) with the motto "Let's put our money where our mouth is and support local Mom & Pop owned businesses." Once a month they pick locally owned businesses in a certain area of town and spend the day shopping with those merchants.

On March 24th Historic Delano was the destination for the first "Cash Mob" in Wichita. Everyone was pleased with how it turned out. Thanks to Jill Miller, the organizer of this event, for a "brilliant" idea to get customers in our shops.

## *Delano Garden Party*

This spring the **Delano Community Garden** worked with the **Bluebird Arthouse** to create a **Garden Fence**. This isn't just any fence, it's an art fence. Empty frames were filled in with found or recycled objects by local gardeners, artists and neighbors.

On Sunday, April 22nd a **Garden Party** was held to show off the new fence. There were canapés, cookies, wine and lemonade (sorry, no string quartet). If you haven't seen the fence yet, stop by the garden and check it out.

## *Show 'Em Your Ride*

Car, truck and motorcycle enthusiasts spent an afternoon in Delano on Sunday, May 20th. Live music from **The Sirens of South Central** and dancers from **Amira Dance Studio** entertained the crowds. **Show 'Em Your Ride** is an "anything goes" show for cars, trucks and motorcycles. No trophies were awarded - everyone's ride was a winner!

The show was a benefit for the **Wichita Children's Home**. The organizers are planning to make this an annual event. We will be sure to let you know when the 2013 date is set.

## *Delano Spring Mixer*

About 30 people attended our **Spring Mixer** on Tuesday, May 22nd. Our host this time was **Pour Haus Tavern** at 1021 W. Maple. Owner **Vaughn Smith** served up a wide sampling of his signature appetizers including **Bang'n Sliders**, **Sweet Potato Fries** and **Chicken Sandwiches**.

Thanks to Vaughn and his staff for making our mixer great. Be sure and stop in to the Pour Haus and try their great food or one of their more than 30 micro-brews on tap.

## *Delano on the Travel Channel*

This Spring the **Travel Channel** visited Delano to film an episode of **The Dead Files**. Several business owners and residents of Delano were interviewed for the show, as well as some of the folks at **Old Cowtown Museum**.

The episode featured a family living in Delano with strange happenings in their house. Those who were interviewed were asked to keep it secret until the show aired May 25th. It is great for Delano to be a focus on national television.

## *CDC Futuring*

The **Delano Community Development Corp. (CDC)** has been holding a series of "Futuring" meetings with Delano stakeholders. These meetings encourage participants to explore what the future of Delano will be.

By doing this, we as a community are better able to spot and take advantage of various opportunities when they arise in order to shape our future. Meetings are open to anyone who is interested - the next meeting is August 11th at West Side Baptist Church - 304 S. Seneca.

## *Delano Parking Meetings*

The City asked us to facilitate meetings with the business owners to discuss parking issues along Douglas. At the first meeting business owners shared their concerns and frustrations. City Staff then went to work to find solutions which would be presented at the next meeting.

Unsurprisingly most of the problems occur during the lunch hour - due primarily to a shortage of off-street parking. Staff also found that some business owners and tenants are parking on Douglas all day, exacerbating the problem.

At the second meeting several solutions were discussed but there are very few short-term or inexpensive options. Everyone agreed to prioritize the railway corridor project, which includes 86 parking spaces in the two blocks just east of Seneca, and to investigate temporary solutions.

# News and Upcoming Events

## Farmers Market News

### *The Delano Community Farmers Market is moving!*

We have been considering a move for some time, due to a lack of visibility and traffic in the current location. In June we were approached by the **Wingnuts** with an invitation to set up in the **Lawrence-Dumont Stadium** parking lot. The offer was just what we were looking for!

It has taken some time to get all of the details worked out, and the cost of a new license and liability insurance will be difficult for our small market, but we hope to attract more vendors once we are in the new location. The move is expected to be approved by the City Council by Aug. 14th.

We should be moved just in time for the fall vegetables to start coming in. Come visit us on Wednesday evenings.

### *Farmers Market Last Harvest Party*

The last day of the season for the Delano Farmers Market happens to fall on Halloween this year. To celebrate the completion of our third season and our new location we're going to have a party! We'll have more information soon.

## Community Garden News

The fence looks great! There are still 3 or 4 panels left to be filled in. If interested contact **Jim at 706-6283**.

### *Historic Delano Update on KCTU*

Nancy has resumed doing her **Historic Delano Update** on KCTU television. The Update is an 8-minute segment of KCTU's noon programming, airing once a month, which focuses on what's happening in Delano. If you have an event or some news to share Nancy would love to have you as a guest on the show. **Call Nancy at 640-2453**.

## Holiday Planning Meeting

On **Tuesday, August 14th** we will meet to plan for the **Ghost Tour** and **Christmas in Delano**. That is 7 weeks to organize the Ghost Tour and just over 3 months to plan for Christmas. There will be a lot to discuss, so come to the meeting and help us plan a couple of great events.

### **Delano Dash: Pull Against Cancer**

**Tuesday, August 7th - 500 Block of West Douglas**  
[HistoricDelano.com/delanodash](http://HistoricDelano.com/delanodash)

### **Delano Bicycle Block Party**

**Thursday, August 23rd - Douglas & Vine**  
(See Poster on next page)  
[HistoricDelano.com/blockparty](http://HistoricDelano.com/blockparty)

## Mark Your Calendars

**5th Annual Rumble in Delano**  
**Saturday, September 22nd • 1 - 8 PM**  
[www.rumbleindelano.com](http://www.rumbleindelano.com)

**Delano Fall Mixer**  
**Tuesday, September 25th • 6 - 8 PM**  
(Be on the lookout for more information)

**Ghost Stories of Historic Delano**  
**Thursday, October 4th • 6 - 9 PM**  
[www.historicdelano.com/ghoststories](http://www.historicdelano.com/ghoststories)

**West High Homecoming Celebration**  
**Saturday, October 13th • All Day**  
A day of celebration beginning with the **West High Alumni Mixer** and school visit, then an **All School Parade** through Delano with a football game and the **Homecoming Dance** to be held that night

**Farmers Market Last Harvest Party**  
**Wednesday, October 31st • 6 PM**  
Fall crops for the adults and treats for the kids.  
[www.historicdelano.com/market](http://www.historicdelano.com/market)

**Wichita Toy Run Rally**  
**Sunday, November 4th • 11 AM - 5 PM**  
Organizers for the **Wichita Toy Run** have made the decision to change the Toy Run into a Rally to be held along **Douglas Avenue from Seneca to Sycamore**. This is a great opportunity for the businesses of Delano to get involved with this wonderful fund raiser for the **Toys for Tots, Salvation Army** and the **Foodbank**.  
Search [2012 Wichita Toy Run](https://www.facebook.com/2012WichitaToyRun) on Facebook

**Delano Antique Appraisal Fair**  
**Friday, November 9th • 6 PM**  
Sponsored by the Delano Neighborhood Association, this event was so popular last year that they are bringing it back. More information coming soon.

**Christmas in Delano**  
**Saturday, December 1st • All Day**  
This kicks off the holiday season in Historic Delano! The day starts with a **Holiday Open House**. There will be **carolers** on the sidewalks, **children's activities**, **live entertainment** and a **Vintage Home Tour**. At 5:30 Santa will arrive to turn on the lights, followed at 6:00 by a flotilla of decorated boats on the river.  
[www.historicdelano.com/Christmas](http://www.historicdelano.com/Christmas)



Historic Delano



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# Delano Bicycle Block Party

This is a Fund-Raiser for the Delano CDC.



**STARTS AT 6PM**

Featuring:  
in order of appearance

**THURS AUG 23RD**



**The Fast Food Junkies**

**Amira Dancers**

**Emerald City Chorus**

**Roscoe and Rose Red Magicians**

**Kids Best Decorated Bike Contest**

**Amira Dancers**

**The Fast Food Junkies**

**Also Dotti D Clown and Kids Games at New Covenant**

**FOOD COURT:**

**Hot Dogs & Chips,  
Watermelon Stand,**

**Fresh Squeezed Lemonade,**

**Sno-Cones &  
Homemade Ice Cream**

Bring your own Homemade Ice Cream for tasting by our Celebrity Judges Prize Awarded

**Sponsors:**

**Shamrock Lounge,**

**West Side Christian Church,**

**Delano CDC,**

**Historic Delano &**

**New Covenant Methodist Church**

