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Howdy,

The holiday season is upon us once again and it's time to plan for **Christmas in Delano**. We'll have more on that on page 2, but first we have a few other things to report on.

On Saturday, September 28th the City of Wichita held a Ribbon Cutting ceremony in Delano Park for the **Longhorn on the Chisholm Trail** statue. It is great to see it finally in place, even without the Tallgrass that will be planted around him!

The **West High Homecoming Parade** will be in downtown Delano on Saturday starting at 10 am. (We hope you are reading this before then).

The Farmers Market's Last Harvest Party will be Wednesday, October 30th. There will be lots of activities including FREE "Walking Tacos" from **New Covenant Church** and a raffle for a cruiser bike donated by **Bicycle X-change**.

The **34th Annual Wichita Toy Run Rally** will be in Delano again on the first Sunday in November. This always draws huge crowds.

Our **Christmas in Delano** event this year will be on Saturday, December 7th. There is another *planning meeting on Tuesday, November 14th.* Please attend if you would like to be included.

Finally, it's time to **Light up the Clock Tower**. We are trying to raise \$1,000 this year and we are half-way there thanks to a generous donation from the **Greenway Alliance**. Please help us to reach our goal if you can.

Thanks! - Jim & Nancy

Calendar

Saturday, October 26, 2013 West High Homecoming Downtown Delano - Along Douglas Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013 Delano Farmers Market Last Harvest Party Lawrence-Dumont Stadium

5 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3, 2013 Wichita Toy Run Rally Downtown Delano - Along Douglas

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14, 2013 Christmas Planning Meeting Central Plains Novelty- 905 W. Douglas 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 7, 2013 Christmas in Delano Downtown Delano - Along Douglas

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS IN DELANO

Saturday, December 7, 2013 ~ 10am to Dusk

We invite you to participate in the 5th Annual Christmas in Delano. The day will include entertainment and a lighting ceremony at the clock tower. There are a number of ways for your business, company or organization to get involved.

- Collecting donations for those in need
- Children's activities and entertainment
- Scavenger hunt
- Cooperative advertising
- Holiday open house

Light up Delano With Love

Donations for the Simple House are being collected again this year. Please contact Kyle Mott (<u>kjmott@gmail.com</u>) and Micah Lewis (<u>micahtlewis@gmail.com</u>) if you would like to be a drop off point for the items below. The donations will be collected starting in Mid November through December 7th.

- New or gently used clothing, blankets and coats
- Non perishable food items
- New hygiene items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc)

Children's Activities

If your business would like to offer a children's activity like writing letters to Santa, making ornaments, coloring, fact painting etc. please contact Nancy Lawrence at <u>nancy@historicdelano.com</u> or call 640-2453. It is a great way to involve the kids and get more traffic into your business. We only ask that all children's activities remain free to the public. (****Santa will be visiting Central Plains Novelty from 1-3pm)

Entertainment

If you have a group or idea for entertainment, please contact Rachel Parrish at <u>jadziabellydance@gmail.com</u>. There will be a variety of entertainment throughout the day on the corner of Douglas & Osage and roaming Carolers.

Scavenger Hunt

The Scavenger hunt is a fun way for customers to visit a variety of shops in Delano. The hunt consists of a quiz that can only be completed by visiting each store on the list. Customers can pick up and drop off the quiz at participating businesses. Sample questions could be "What do we have sitting next to our register? What is our featured item of the month?" Customers with the correct answers will be entered to win a prize basket filled with items from the participating stores. To be a participating business in the hunt, please provide an item, gift card, or coupon as well as your quiz question to **Nancy Lawrence at Central Plains Novelty no later than November 23rd**. There are a limited number of spaces available on a first come first serve basis. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy at 640-2453 or nancy@historicdelano.com

Cooperative Advertising

There are several opportunities available for group advertising for the Christmas in Delano.

- KWLS Radio will be stopping by businesses in the area to let you know what they are offering. You can contact Mike Theobald at <u>mtheobald@1079kwls.com</u> or call 285-9080
- Also, Kay Johnson with TIDBITS will be offering a special rate in this newspaper.
- We will be working with the Eagle to place an ad in the Go Section. If you are interested in this, please contact Megan at the Eagle at mleis@wichitaeagle.com

Holiday Open House and Lights

From 10am to 5pm on December 7th, customers are encouraged to shop local and enjoy the entertainment in Delano. We will be holding a lighting ceremony again this year at 5pm at the clock tower. Donations are still needed to raise money to replace and hang the lights. **Our goal is to raise \$1000. by November 15th. Please contact Christmas@historicdelano.com if you would like to make a donation.**

Social Media

Please be sure to like Historic Delano on Facebook and share this event. Email all of your friends to let them know what is planned.