

Delano Digest

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February



UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & City Hall

2/6: City Council Meeting
– 7 PM

2/19: Presidents' Day
– *City Offices Closed*

2/20: City Council Meeting
– 7 PM

2/27: City Council Meeting
– 7 PM

Commissions

2/5: Public Safety
– 7 PM

2/12: Planning Commission
– 7 PM

2/13: Spirit of Community
– 7 PM

2/26: School Board
– 5:45 PM

2/28: Parks and Recreation
– 5 PM

Absentee and Early Voting – Presidential Nominating Primary

It's an election year! City of Delano residents can vote by absentee ballot for the PNP during regular City Hall hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 5 PM, and Friday from 8 AM to noon. In-person absentee voting will also be available on Saturday, March 2, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Direct Balloting will be available starting on Friday, February 16. The last day to vote early in person is Monday, March 4. Election Day is on Tuesday, March 5. Polls will be open from 7 AM–8 PM. Learn more about early voting by visiting our website:

www.delanomn.gov/229/Absentee-And-Early-Voting

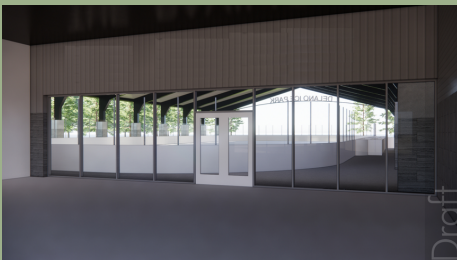
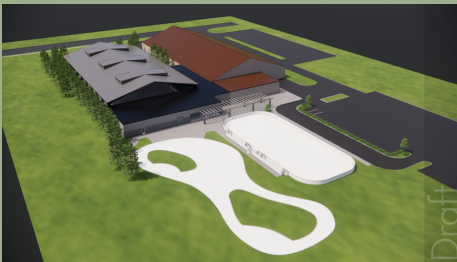
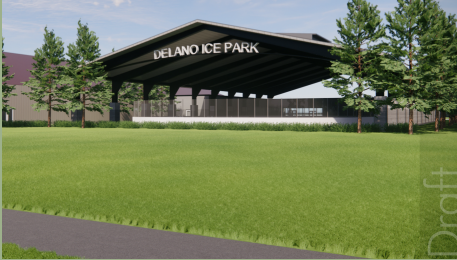
City Reviews Short-Term Goals for 2024

During the Special Council Meeting on Jan. 22, City Council members and staff reviewed the short-term goals for 2023–2024. These goals are practical and achievable projects that support City core strategies and align with city values. Specifically, the 2023–2024 short-term goals aim to provide solutions for transportation bottlenecks, downtown parking, aid for first-time home buyers, infrastructure/utility needs, pedestrian crossings and trail connections, and more. All of the 2023–2024 short-term goals can be found at **www.delanomn.gov/2023-24-Short-Term-Goals**.



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Approved Community Activity (Ice) Park

In 2022, the City of Delano, Delano Public Schools, and Delano Hockey (Delano Area Sports Arena and Delano Area Youth Hockey Association) established a memorandum of understanding regarding the development of a new ice skating facility. This agreement was centered on the idea of creating a venue that can host various ice activities in both the cold and warmer months of the year. The facility is to be built around the currently existing Delano Sports Arena and will feature a dual ice rink facility, including one open-air, covered sheet of ice and an outdoor pleasure (non-hockey) skating rink. This project is aimed at enhancing outdoor recreational opportunities during winter and offering more space for youth hockey leagues. Additionally, the Community Activity (Ice) Park will serve as a year-round venue for other community sports and programs.

At the Jan. 16, 2024 City Council meeting, members approved construction contracts with Apex Construction, including sub-contracts, for the development of a new facility. The facility is estimated to cost about \$5.9 million. Delano Hockey agreed to pay \$3.4 million, and the City will provide the remaining \$2.5 million. The City intends to draw funds from the Liquor Enterprise Fund to finance the project. The council also agreed to take the necessary actions to issue bonds to help finance the project. Learn more about the Community Activity (Ice) Park at www.delanomn.gov/Community-Activity-Ice-Park-Project.

The City is looking for suggestions regarding the naming of this facility, which will be part of the City's park system and will highlight its year-round potential. Please scan the QR code to submit name suggestions!



Written suggestions may also be submitted at City Hall. Submission deadline is 5:00 PM on Monday, February 26.

Link: www.delanomn.gov/Community-Activity-Ice-Park-Project