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## Mayor's Message

Summer is right around the corner! As we look forward to warmer weather, I'd like to remind residents that Delano offers many recreational amenities. These include neighborhoods parks with sports and tennis courts, city-wide trail connections, community parks, an archery course, a dog park, frisbee golf, pickleball courts, a splashpad, sculpture park, various sports fields, and many gardens and nature areas to enjoy. Get outdoors and explore all Delano has to offer!

Exciting developments are underway for our city's park system. The newly named, Spirit Park, a year-round venue for community sports and programs, will soon begin construction. The new Park Master Plan for Central Park and the recently acquired 79-acre community park south of downtown has recently been approved. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which guides the future growth of the city, was approved in March. Development in the Northwest Business Park continues to be strong, the Delano Sculpture Park will be introducing new pieces, and construction projects are gearing up for the summer season. This year promises to be bustling with activity and growth!

I appreciate that you take the time to read this newsletter which is full of spring/summer reminders, City updates, and other important information. As always, I wish all residents a smooth transition into summer and best of luck as we approach the final term of the school year!

- Holly Schrupp

# City of Delano: Summer Info

## Splashpad: Come Splash this Summer!

The City of Delano Splashpad, located in Central Park, is a great space for families to enjoy the city's park and recreation amenities. The pad features 15 unique water structures, ensuring fun for all ages. The Splashpad typically opens for the season on Memorial Day and closes for the season after Labor Day. Next to the Splashpad is the new concession building, which allows space for families to rest while visiting the Splashpad. See below for hours, fees, and rental information.

Day	Daily Hours	Private Rental Hours
Sunday	11 AM - 7 PM	9 AM - 11 AM
Monday	10 AM - 6 PM	6 PM- 8 PM
Tuesday	NOON - 8 PM	10 AM - 12 PM
Wednesday	NOON - 8 PM	10 AM - 12 PM
Thursday	NOON - 8 PM	No private rental
Friday	10 AM - 6 PM	6 PM - 8 PM
Saturday	11 AM - 7 PM	9 AM - 11 AM



Photo submitted by Lynn Bartels

## Splashpad Daily & Season Pass Fees

The Splashpad offers individual and family season passes, as well as daily passes. **The daily fee is \$4/per person.** Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. There is a processing fee to use a credit card. Season pass applications can be found on the City's website. Please see below for individual and family season pass rates:

Number of people	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Individual	\$25	\$30	\$35
Family	\$75	\$85	\$100

**Tier 1:** City of Delano residents

**Tier 2:** Delano schools families and business employees

**Tier 3:** Non-residents

Open  
Memorial  
Day  
through  
Labor Day

**Having a party?** Rent the Splashpad! The Splash Pad is available for rental by the public and private organizations. Rental rates vary depending on the size of the party.

To learn more about the Splashpad or download a season pass application form, please visit our website at [www.delanomn.gov/281/Splashpad](http://www.delanomn.gov/281/Splashpad) or scan the QR code with your phone:



*Aquatic wheelchairs available*

## Community Garden Plots Available to Rent

The City will be offering seven raised garden beds for rent for the summer. These garden plots are 8 feet by 4 feet and raised to 33 inches. One garden bed is raised to only 22 inches and is more suitable for those with small children or individuals with disabilities or limited mobility. Each raised garden plot will come pre-filled with compost and a water barrel will be provided on site.

These plots are for organic gardening only. The garden plots are located at Riverway Park off of Highway 12, near the pickleball courts and parking lot. The cost for renting a garden bed for the season is \$20.

- **Mid-April:** Registration opens for City of Delano residents
- **May 7:** Remaining plots will be offered to non-residents
- **May 7:** Gardens ready for planting (weather dependent)
- **Mid-October:** Gardens to close (weather dependent)



Please note that the path to the garden plots is not paved and may not be suitable for strollers, wheelchairs or walkers. More information and application forms can be found at [www.delanomn.gov/284/Community-Garden](http://www.delanomn.gov/284/Community-Garden). Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis and are open to Delano residents first. For any questions, contact City Hall.

## 4th of July Celebration - July 3rd-July 6th

Delano's Annual 4th of July Celebration is scheduled to take place in Central Park from July 3rd-July 6th, 2024. Come and enjoy the activities! Important dates and times to remember:

**5K Run:** July 4th at 9:30 AM

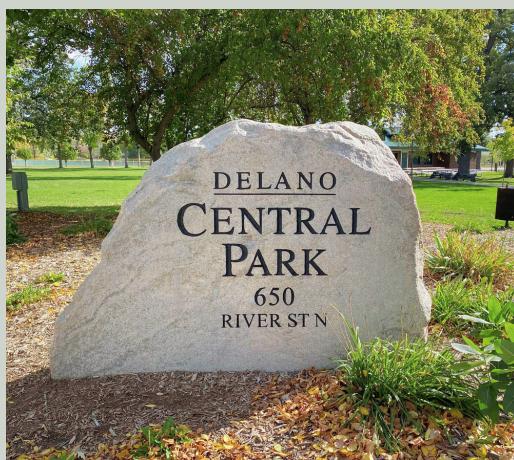
**Parade:** July 4th at 10:30 AM

**Fireworks:** July 6th at 10:30 PM

A full schedule of events can be found at [www.delano4th.com](http://www.delano4th.com).



For the parade, attendees may not place towels, chairs, blankets or any obstructive objects on public sidewalks to reserve spots **until the morning of the parade**. It is important to keep our sidewalks clear and accessible for all attendees throughout the duration of the 4th of July Celebration. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



## Music in the Park - Summer Schedule

**Save the dates!** Music in the Park will be held at the Gazebo in Central Park from 6:30 PM - 8:15 PM on the following dates:

- July 17
- July 24
- July 31
- August 14
- August 21



Music in the Park is organized by the GFWC of Delano. Scheduled performers to be announced. Music in the Park is a free event and fun for the whole family! All are welcome to attend.

# City of Delano: Compost Site

## The City of Delano Compost Site

The compost site provides a convenient way for residents to re-purpose waste and lessen the strain on local landfills. Delano's Compost Site is free to use for City of Delano residents and located off of the parking lot in Central Park.

### What is compost?

Compost is decayed organic material, often comprised of fallen leaves, grass, and other biodegradable refuse. Compost can be rich in nutrients and valuable if separated from regular trash collection and used as an infill for landscaping or other projects.

### Procedures and cost to use

City employees have the right to ask for proper identification prior to using the facility.

Authorized users include:

- Properties within the city limits of Delano may use the compost at no charge
- Properties outside the city limits of Delano in Wright County must purchase a punch card. Punch cards can be purchased at City Hall for \$50.00. The punch card is good for five loads.
- Properties not located in Wright County are PROHIBITED, per DNR regulations
- COMMERCIAL use of any kind is PROHIBITED**

### Rules and regulations

- No containers besides non-plastic biodegradable bags may be left at the compost site.
- Drop-off material must be unloaded by the person responsible for dumping. City employees will not be available for assistance
- The City of Delano is not responsible for damages to trailers/vehicles or for any personal injuries
- Tree diameter is restricted to under 6 inches and the length of branches must be under 8 feet
- City Employees have the right to refuse items for drop-off if material is deemed prohibited
- All materials must be unloaded inside the site enclosure

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Grass
- Leaves
- Branches
- Plant Material
- Garden Material
- Tree Trimmings
- Shrubs
- Wood Chips
- Lake Weed
- Garden Material
- Kitchen Scraps: Fruit, Vegetables, Peels, Trimmings, Other Raw Non-Greasy Food Waste

### PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Lumber
- Landscaping Timber
- Railroad Ties
- Brick
- Rock
- Pallets
- Plastics
- Synthetic Fibers
- Human or Pet Waste
- Heavily Diseased Plants
- Meat
- Bones
- Fats
- Oils
- Dairy Products
- Chemical Barrels
- Appliances
- Steel/Other Metals
- All Hazardous Waste



**Did you know that Republic Services offers a FREE seasonal yard waste pick-up service for City of Delano residents?**

**City of Delano residents can receive a seasonal 95 gallon cart from Republic Services for yard waste at no additional cost.** Republic Services will collect residents' yard waste cart every Thursday starting April 4, 2024 and ending November 14, 2024.

If residents have extra compostable bags or a bundle of brush, they can be collected on the side of the cart. There is a 5 bag/bundle limit on the extras on the side of the cart. It is **not** suggested to have brush placed in the cart. Bundles of brush can be no longer than 4 feet and no larger than 2 inches in branch diameter.

Please remember that dumping grass, tree trimmings, and other yard waste in Delano ditches, ponds, waterways, or on public roads and sidewalks, is **strictly prohibited** and violators may be fined.

**Interested in receiving a yard waste cart for the summer?** Call Republic Services at (763) 972-3335 to request one.



## Upcoming Board/Commission Meetings

**April 15, 2024**

Water, Light, Power Commission | 7:00 PM

**April 22, 2024**

School Board Meeting | 5:45 PM

**April 24, 2024**

Park and Recreation Commission | 5:00 PM

**May 6, 2024**

Public Safety Commission | 7:00 PM

**May 13, 2024**

Planning Commission | 7:00 PM

**May 14, 2024**

Spirit of Community Commission | 7:00 PM

**May 20, 2024**

Water, Light, Power Commission | 7:00 PM

**May 22, 2024**

Park and Recreation Commission | 5:00 PM

**June 3, 2024**

Public Safety Commission | 7:00 PM

**June 10, 2024**

Planning Commission | 7:00 PM

**June 11, 2024**

Spirit of Community Commission | 7:00 PM

**June 17, 2024**

Water, Light, Power Commission | 7:00 PM

**June 24, 2024**

School Board Meeting | 5:45 PM

**June 26, 2024**

Park and Recreation Commission | 5:00 PM

## Upcoming City Council Meetings

**April 16, 2024**

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

**April 30, 2024**

City Council Workshop | 7:00 PM

**May 7, 2024**

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

**May 21, 2024**

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

**May 27, 2024**

Memorial Day - City Offices Closed

**May 28, 2024**

City Council Workshop | 7:00 PM

**June 4, 2024**

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

**June 18, 2024**

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

**June 19, 2024**

Juneteenth - City Offices Closed

**June 25, 2024**

City Council Workshop | 7:00 PM

## Agendas and Minutes

All agendas are posted prior to meetings and can be found online:

[www.delanomn.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.delanomn.gov/AgendaCenter). Minutes are posted on the website after approval.

Meeting dates and times may be subject to change. Changes will be posted on the city website. All meetings are open to the public. Come experience government in action!

## Stay Connected with the City of Delano! Follow Us:



**Facebook:**

@SpiritofCommunity  
@DelanoSplashpad  
@DelanoSeniorCenter  
@DelanoFireDepartment



**Nextdoor:**

@CityofDelano



**Instagram:**

@CityofDelanoMN



**X (formerly Twitter):**

@CityofDelano



# City of Delano: Updates

## Ted May Receives Recognition at Council Meeting

During the City Council meeting on March 5, long-time Delano resident Ted May was recognized by council members for his many years of service to the community, particularly for his involvement in establishing the Spirit of Community Commission in 2017.

The SOCC is a unique commission that brings together key partners in the community – the City, the school district, the faith community, and the Chamber of Commerce – to make Delano a more welcoming, inclusive, inviting place for all community members. Ted played a pivotal role in championing and leading the new commission, which has since become an essential part of our City government.

**A heartfelt thank you to Ted for his leadership and many years of service to the community!**



Pictured (L-R): Becky Schaust, Ted May, Jason Franzen, Holly Schrupp, Michael Mathisen, & Jeremiah Hawkins

## Shade Structure to be Built in Riverfront Park

A focus in 2023 for the Park and Recreation Commission was advancing the concept of pocket parks downtown to add interesting spaces for public gathering and activity. One project, which involved substantial discussion and research by Commission members, involves enhancing Riverfront Park, specifically south of Bridge Avenue.

The Commission recommended improving the concrete area across from the Post Office. The improvements would involve approximately \$50,000 of equipment to create a shaded public gathering and interaction space. Landscape Structures has provided a quote for a 20' x 76' cantilever shade structure to cover most of the concrete seating area.

Members of the Commission are researching a variety of seating options that would include lounging, conversation seating, picnic tables, and casual swings. The objective would be to make this gathering place for people to enjoy the riverfront and further encourage downtown Delano as a gathering space.

This project was presented and approved at the Feb. 20th, 2024 City Council meeting. This project is budgeted within the Park (Dedication) Improvement Fund. Construction for this project is expected to begin in summer 2024.

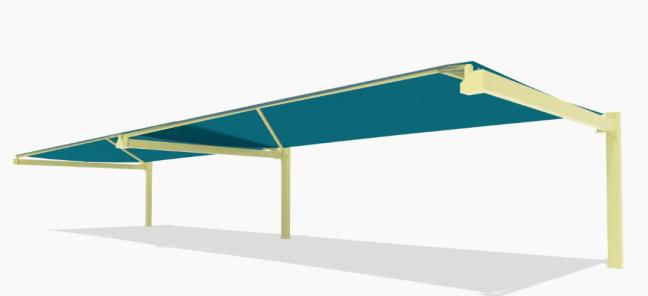


Image from Landscape Structures. Please note that this is a product reference image and not a final rendering of the shade that will be built.

**?** Do you feel informed about City happenings?

- ▶ How do you receive City communications?
- ▶ Do you like having the quarterly "Discover Delano" newsletter mailed to you?
- ▶ What topics would you like the City to cover more?

Help the City of Delano serve you better—fill out the online survey! (It only takes 2 minutes!)



## Dog Owners: Registration & Reminders

As regulated by City Code, property owners residing in the city limits are allowed to own two dogs, and each dog must have current rabies vaccination and City of Delano Dog registration. Registration is simple and free and can be done online at [www.delanомн.gov/227/Dog-Registration](http://www.delanомн.gov/227/Dog-Registration) or in person at City Hall. If your dog is lost, the City registration helps locate the owners and save on additional non-registered fees in the event your dog is picked-up and impounded.

### Please remember to keep your dog(s) leashed in public spaces!

According to City Ordinance Section 406.01, "It shall be unlawful for the dog of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps the dog, or the parents or the guardians of any such person under 18 years of age, to run at large". "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the custody and control of the owner or other person, either by lease, cord, chain, or otherwise restrained or confined.

Pet owners must also clean up all pet feces and are required to carry something to clean up after pets (such as plastic bags) when walking off the owner's property or use the City of Delano dog stations while out and about. Thank you for keeping our parks clean and fun for everyone!

## 2040 Comprehensive Plan Approved

During 2023-2024, members of the City Council, Planning Commission, and staff dedicated their time to review and update the existing Comprehensive Plan. As part of the process, the City examined its current development patterns, quality of development, and the impact that growth has had on the City's ability to provide quality services and utilities. Through this comprehensive plan update, the City also examined its goals, policies, and needs to guide development within the City through the year 2040.

The revised plan was first proposed at a joint Planning Commission/City Council meeting on Jan. 8, 2024. Community input was solicited from January through March 2024. A public hearing was held on March 11 at Delano City Hall to consider the draft Delano 2040 Comprehensive Plan. Revisions were made again based off community feedback, and the final 2040 Comprehensive Plan was approved at the March 19 City Council meeting. The updated plan prioritizes affordable housing, identifies future land use, and more. The complete document can be found online at [www.delanомн.gov/194/2040-Comprehensive-Plan](http://www.delanомн.gov/194/2040-Comprehensive-Plan) or by scanning the QR code:



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The City of Delano has a two dog (over the age of 6 months) limit per household.

## How to Report a Code Violation

If you believe that a code violation has occurred, or is consistently occurring, please feel free to fill out the "Report a Code Violation" form found on our website and City staff will look into the complaint.

Alternatively, you can call Zoning Enforcement Specialist, Jake Rock, at (763) 972-0566. Please note that reports have the option of being submitted anonymously.



## Current Development Projects

### River Waters, Capstone

The approved site is located north on Ebersole Ave, across from Emagine Delano. The first addition contains 49 lots and construction is expected to begin March 2024. The final plat was approved by City Council at the February 6th regular meeting. More information can be found on the City website: [www.delanомн.gov/447/River-Waters-Development---1st-Addition](http://www.delanомн.gov/447/River-Waters-Development---1st-Addition).

### Where to Find Development Information

All new development applications and projects are posted on the City website for the public to view: [www.delanомн.gov/189/Community-Economic-Development](http://www.delanомн.gov/189/Community-Economic-Development)

# City Offices & Hours

<b>Delano City Hall</b> 234 2nd Street N PO Box 108 Delano, MN 55328 Phone: (763) 972-0550	<b>Delano Public Works</b> 402 County Road 30 SE PO Box 108 Delano, MN 55328 Phone: (763) 972-0550	<b>Delano Motor Vehicle</b> 221 2nd Street N PO Box 108 Delano, MN 55328 Phone: (763) 972-0568	<b>Delano Senior Center</b> 234 2nd Street N PO Box 108 Delano, MN 55328 Phone: (763) 972-0574
<b>Hours</b> Monday - Thursday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Hours</b> Monday - Thursday: 7:00 PM - 4:30 PM Friday: 7:00 PM - 11:00 AM	<b>Hours</b> Mon, Wed, Thurs: 7:30 PM - 4:30 PM Tuesday: 7:30 PM - 6:30 PM Friday: 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM	<b>Hours</b> Monday - Thursday: 8:00 PM - 4:30 PM Friday: 8:00 PM - 2:00 PM

## City Council

**Mayor:** Holly Schrupp

**Council Members:**

- Jason Franzen
- Becky Schaust
- Michael Mathisen
- Jeremiah Hawkins

City Council meets at 7 PM on the first, third, and last Tuesday of each month.

## Advisory Boards

- Park and Recreation Commission meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:00 PM.
- Planning Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Public Safety Commission meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Spirit of Community Commission meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.
- Water, Light and Power Commission meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM.

**Contact City Hall at (763) 972-0550 | Visit [www.delanomn.gov](http://www.delanomn.gov) for more information**



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