



# DISCOVER DELANO, MN

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## Mayor's Message

Happy New Year to the wonderful community of Delano! In the past year, we accomplished some amazing things, including the 2023 Street and Utility Improvement Project, purchase of the DMU/City Public Utilities Building, and the addition of many new local businesses. We also made progress on important initiatives like advocating for Highway 12 improvements, working on our Community Park Master Plan and Downtown River Plan, and expanding our growing business park. We thank you for your continued support and look forward to the possibilities and opportunities the new year will bring.

Puck in the Park will return to Central Park on January 19-21. See their website [www.puckinthepark.com](http://www.puckinthepark.com) for a full list of events. They will be joined by The Ice Palace Minnesota to add to the celebration of winter!

The City of Delano is currently seeking candidates to serve on our commissions. If you are a community advocate, problem solver, lived here a long time or just moved to town, we want you to be involved. Join us in shaping the future of our city by applying online today at [www.delanomn.gov/532/Commission-Openings-Application-Form](http://www.delanomn.gov/532/Commission-Openings-Application-Form). Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, January 24, 2024. We look forward to meeting you!

- *Holly Schrupp*

## City of Delano: Taxes 2024

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The following information is taken from the 2024 budget approved by City Council on December 5, 2023.

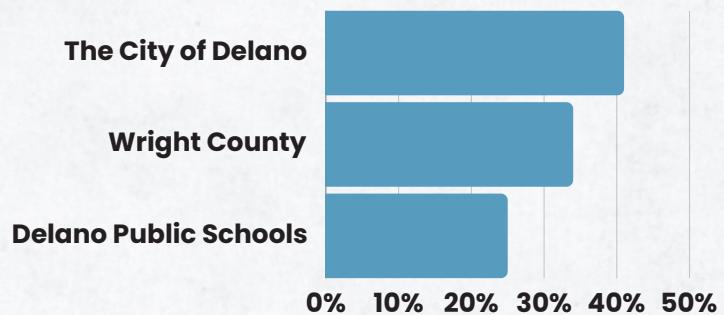
Your tax money goes to three different entities:

**The City of Delano** – 41%

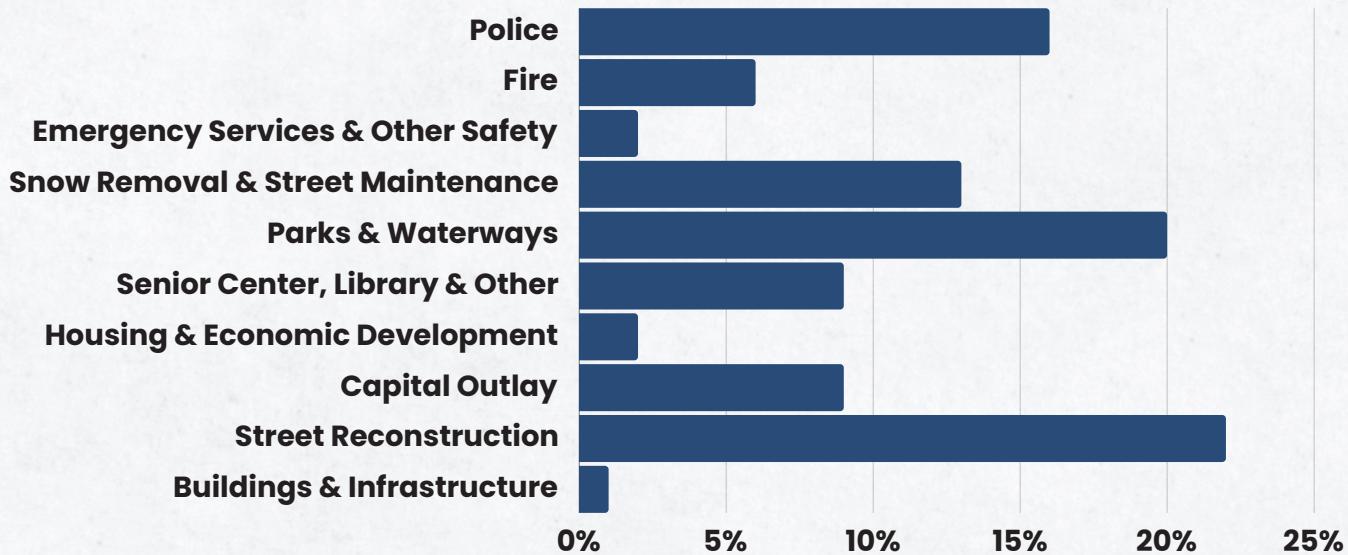
**Wright County** – 34%

**Delano Public Schools** – 25%

The graph to the right offers a visual of how City of Delano taxes are divided.



Of the 41% of the taxes that go to the City, they are then dispersed amongst several different areas as follows:



To help put some context to the percentages listed on the previous chart, the table below outlines the dollars paid per month for certain City services depending on your home value:

Home Value	Police	Fire	Snow Removal/Street Maintenance	Parks & Waterways	Capital Outlay	Street Reconstruction
\$200,000	\$10.14	\$3.58	\$8.05	\$12.37	\$5.67	\$13.62
\$325,000	\$17.78	\$6.29	\$14.13	\$21.70	\$9.94	\$23.88
\$450,000	\$25.24	\$8.92	\$20.05	\$30.80	\$14.11	\$33.90

## City of Delano: Winter Reminders

**Winter is here!** As we dive into the winter months, there are some things to keep in mind. Here are some reminders of City Ordinances pertaining to the winter months within the City of Delano. For questions or concerns, please contact City Hall at **(763) 972-0550**.

### Snow Season Parking

Snow Season Parking is in effect from November 1 through April 1, 2024. No vehicles can be parked on any street, avenue, or alley between the hours of 2:00 AM-7:00 AM.

This is regulated by City Ordinance and enforced by the Wright County Sheriff's Department. Don't take the chance and have your vehicle ticketed or towed! Vehicles in public parking lots may only park for a maximum of 24 hours.

### Mailboxes & Fire Hydrants

Be sure to keep the area around fire hydrants and your mailbox clear to ensure ease of fire assistance and mail delivery.

### Snow Removal

The City of Delano asks all property owners to do their part by removing snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of all snow events to avoid fines.

### Stay connected with the City of Delano!

Create an account on the City of Delano's website using MyAccount! With MyAccount, you can customize your viewing experience, sign up to receive notifications, and engage in information you care about. Make an account today by visiting our website [delanomn.gov](http://delanomn.gov).



### Be prepared for snow removal! Please keep the following in mind through the winter season:

- **Plowing operations typically begin early morning hours between 2:00 AM and 4:00 AM.** Times may vary based on snowfall amounts.
- **Above-average snowfalls may require multi-day operation** to clear streets, parking lots, sidewalks trails and ice rinks.
- **Snow removal takes place in three steps:** a first pass to provide access, full-width curb to curb plowing, and then cleanup.
- **Snow cleared from your property must remain on your property.** Do not push it into the street or onto sidewalks and trails, where it could interfere with traffic or plows. Please be neighborly and keep your snow off your neighbor's property.
- **Plowing will result in snow at the end of your driveway.** Unfortunately, this is unavoidable and clearing the driveway is the property owner's responsibility. Plows will try to evenly distribute snow in cul-de-sacs when possible.
- **Set garbage and recycling cans behind the curb line** so they don't interfere with plows.

## Snow Angels

NEIGHBORS helping NEIGHBORS



### It's important that sidewalks stay clear and safe!

If you are unable to clear snow from your sidewalks and would like to learn about our volunteer "Snow Angels" program, please contact the Delano Senior Center at **763-972-0574** or [senior@delanomn.gov](mailto:senior@delanomn.gov).

If you are interested in volunteering to help clear sidewalks for those in need, please contact the Delano Senior Center.

# City of Delano: Elections



**Election season is upon us! Mark your calendars for the 2024 Election dates and learn more about registration and voting:**

**Presidential Primary:** March 5, 2024

**Primary Election:** August 13, 2024

**General Election:** November 5, 2024

## To vote you must be:

- A US citizen
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony conviction
- Not under a court order that revokes your right to vote.

**Polling Place:** The City of Delano's polling place is Delano City Hall, 234 2nd Street N, Delano, MN 55328. Franklin Township residents do not vote at City Hall. Not sure where you vote? Find the polling place finder on the Secretary of State's website.

**Vote Early (Absentee):** In Minnesota, voters can vote early with an absentee ballot starting 46 days before Election Day. There are multiple ways to vote absentee.

**By Mail:** To request an absentee ballot for 2024 elections, use the online absentee application, or download an application from the Secretary of State's website: [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us). If downloaded, return your completed absentee application to the City of Delano: PO Box 108, Delano, MN 55328.

**In Person at Delano City Hall:** City of Delano residents may vote absentee in person at City Hall anytime during office hours: Monday – Thursday: 7:30 AM–5:00 PM and Friday: 8:00 AM–12:00 Noon.

## In Person at Wright County Government Center:

City of Delano residents may also vote absentee in person at the Wright County Government Center, 3650 Braddock Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313; during normal office hours.

**Serving in the military or living abroad:** Have an absentee ballot sent to you wherever you are in the world. Applications can be applied for online at the Secretary of State's website.

## Voter Registration

There are four ways a voter can register:

### 1. Register Online or Update your Registration:

It's quick and easy! To register online, you will need: 1. Your MN driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of your Social Security number. 2. An email address. 3. To be eligible to vote in Minnesota. You will need to re-register if your name or address changes.

**2. Use a paper form:** Download a voter registration form to print, complete, and return to Wright County Government Center, 3650 Braddock Avenue NE, Buffalo, MN 55313.

**3. Register when you vote:** In Minnesota voters can register at polling places on Election Day or early voting locations before Election Day.

**4. Register when you get a Minnesota Driver's License or ID:** Check the box on the application. Processing times may be longer.

## City of Delano: Elections/Meetings

### Delano Election Judges Needed!

The City of Delano is seeking dedicated individuals to be a part of their team of Election Judges. As an election judge, you will play a critical role in supervising election procedures on voting day! Serving as an Election Judge is an excellent chance to gain a deeper understanding of the election process while providing an essential service to your community. Learn more and apply to become an election judge today by visiting [www.delanомн.gov/230/Become-an-Election-Judge](http://www.delanомн.gov/230/Become-an-Election-Judge) or by scanning the QR code below.

#### Why become an election judge?

- › Opportunity to learn how elections work firsthand.
- › Get paid for hours worked.
- › Flexible Election Day work schedule.
- › A unique way to serve your community!

For questions, please contact Paula Bauman at [pbauman@delanомн.gov](mailto:pbauman@delanомн.gov) or **763-972-4420**.

**APPLY  
ONLINE  
TODAY!**



### Upcoming Board/Commission Meetings

#### January 15, 2024

Public Safety Commission | 7:00 PM

#### January 22, 2024

School Board Meeting | 5:45 PM

#### January 24, 2024

Parks & Recreation Commission | 5:00 PM

#### February 12, 2024

Planning Commission | 7:00 PM

#### February 13, 2024

Spirit of Community Commission | 7:00 PM

#### February 26, 2024

School Board Meeting | 5:45 PM

#### February 28, 2024

Parks & Recreation Commission | 5:00 PM

#### March 11, 2024

Planning Commission | 7:00 PM

#### March 12, 2024

Spirit of Community Commission | 7:00 PM

#### March 18, 2024

Public Safety Commission | 7:00 PM

#### March 27, 2024

Parks & Recreation Commission | 5:00 PM

### Upcoming City Council Meetings

#### January 16, 2024

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

#### January 22, 2024

City Council Special Meeting | 5:00 PM

#### January 30, 2024

City Council Workshop | 7:00 PM

#### February 6, 2024

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

#### February 20, 2024

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

#### February 27, 2024

City Council Workshop | 7:00 PM

#### March 5, 2024

Presidential Primary - *meeting to be cancelled or rescheduled.*

#### March 19, 2024

City Council Meeting | 7:00 PM

#### March 26, 2024

City Council Workshop | 7:00 PM

Please note that meeting dates and times may be subject to change. Please visit our website [www.delanомн.gov](http://www.delanомн.gov) to stay up-to-date. Water, Light, and Power Commission meeting dates and times to be determined. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at **(763) 972-0550**.

## City of Delano: Updates

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### Delano Fire Department Chief, Bob Van Lith, Retires After 33 Years of Service

Bob Van Lith has been a dedicated employee of the City of Delano for over 33 years and has a long-standing history with the Delano Fire Department. He has served in many roles throughout his tenure, including as Captain and Assistant Fire Chief. In 1991, he was appointed as the Fire Chief and remained in that position until retirement. During his time as Fire Chief, Van Lith has led the department through many changes and challenges. He has overseen the implementation of new technologies and equipment, as well as the development of new training programs to ensure that firefighters are prepared for any situation. He has also worked tirelessly to improve the department's relationships with the community by organizing outreach events and educational programs to promote fire safety and prevention.

Upon retiring, Van Lith is looking forward to getting started on some home projects and spending more time fishing and hunting. He's also looking forward to prioritizing family time with his wife Linda, their children, grandchildren, and all their loved ones. The City of Delano would like to thank Chief Van Lith for his many years of service and wish him all the best in his retirement!

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### Delano Central Park & New Park Master Plan Project Update

For many years, the Parks & Recreation Commission has made it a top priority to secure additional land for future community park needs. In Dec. 2022, the City acquired 79 acres at the northeast corner of CR 17 and 90th Street, south of the Delano Industrial Park. The City hired WSB in Jan. 2023 to create a Master Plan for the future park. At the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission, this Master Plan grew to include Central Park in April 2023. Since then, WSB has produced three park concept drafts, which were launched for public comment and feedback in Nov. 2023.

At the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on Dec. 13, 2023, WSB presented the three concepts with the public feedback, and discussions were held to determine what concept to recommend to City Council for approval. A proposed final master plan for the two parks will be presented and recommended at the City Council meeting by WSB in Feb. 2024.

In terms of funding, the City currently has \$1.2M programmed in its capital plan over the next five years to begin the buildout of any park improvements. This amount comes from Park Dedication funds from new development projects and revenue from the City's municipal liquor store operations.

There are currently no other funds committed in the City's budget and financial planning for the Park Master Plan at this time. There will be ongoing discussions about timing, budgeting, and funding for improvements following the concept plan process.

Please reach out to City Administrator Phil Kern at [pkern@delanomn.gov](mailto:pkern@delanomn.gov) or **(763) 972-0565** for any additional comments or questions you may have during the design process.

**New Public Utilities Building!** The City of Delano has acquired a new Delano Municipal Utilities/City maintenance and operations facility. This building is located at 1051 McKinley Parkway, Delano, MN, 55328 and will house a variety of City personnel.



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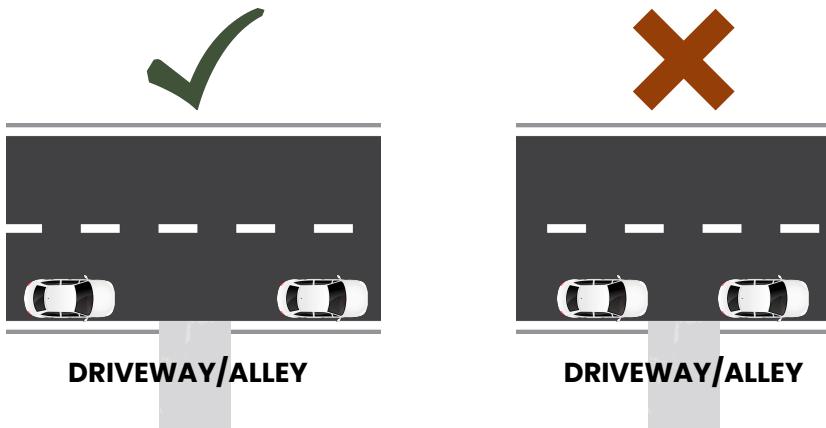
### New City-Wide Parallel Parking Guidelines

City Council passed an ordinance on Nov. 21, 2023, amending Delano City code Chapter 7, Traffic and Parking, Section 707.01, Subdivision 1. The amending ordinance cites the following: **"On-street parallel parking in front of a public or private driveway or within five (5) feet of the end of radius or side slope of any public or private driveway or alley with any street or highway shall be prohibited."**

This amended ordinance allows more visibility and space for Delano residents to safely enter and exit driveways and alleyways. Please keep this in mind for public events where parking spots may be limited.

**This new parking rule is being enforced by Wright County year-round, effective immediately.** Save yourself a ticket and park smart!

If you have any questions, please contact Zoning Enforcement Specialist, Jake Rock at [jrock@delanомн.gov](mailto:jrock@delanомн.gov) or (763) 972-0566. Delano City Code and Ordinances can be found online at [delanомн.gov/city-code-ordinances](http://delanомн.gov/city-code-ordinances).



**Delano's Old-Fashioned Christmas:** Thank you to all who participated in 2023's Old Fashioned Christmas! It was a wonderful event!



### Building Department: Year at a Glance!

Our building department had a great year in 2023! Here is a glance at how many permits were distributed:

#### 2023 Permits

- Total Permits Issued: 928
- New Homes: 66
- Commercial Permits: 53
- Zoning Permits: 66

If you have any questions about permitting, inspections, or general building questions, please contact Delano City Hall at (763) 972-0550.

# CITY OFFICES & HOURS

**Delano City Hall**  
234 2nd Street N  
PO Box 108  
Delano, MN 55328  
City Hall: (763) 972-0550

**Hours**  
Monday - Thursday:  
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Delano Public Works**  
402 County Road 30 SE  
PO Box 108  
Delano, MN 55328  
Phone: (763) 972-0550

**Hours**  
Monday - Thursday:  
7:00 PM - 4:30 PM  
Friday: 7:00 PM - 11:00 AM

**Delano Motor Vehicle**  
221 2nd Street N  
PO Box 108  
Delano, MN 55328  
Phone: (763) 972-0568

**Hours**  
Mon, Wed, Thurs:  
7:30 PM - 4:30 PM  
Tuesday: 7:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Friday: 7:30 PM - 11:30 PM

**Delano Senior Center**  
234 2nd Street N  
PO Box 108  
Delano, MN 55328  
Phone: (763) 972-0574

**Hours**  
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 Tuesday, and last Tuesday of every 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 third Monday of every other (odd) 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.

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