

Delano Digest

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The Delano Digest is a monthly newsletter that shares important announcements, upcoming meetings, and summaries of the previous month's commission and council meetings.

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March

City Calendar: Mar.

City Council & City Hall

3/4: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM
3/18: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM
3/25: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

Commissions & School Board

3/3: Public Safety
- 7 PM
3/10: Planning Commission
- 7 PM
3/11: Spirit of Community
- 7 PM
3/24: School Board
- 5:45 PM
3/26: Park & Recreation
- 5 PM

A Message from the Mayor

"The City Council met in February 2025 to establish short-term goals for the next two years, including developing a growth management plan, addressing transportation bottlenecks and mobility challenges, and maintaining a feasible quality of service between city staff and residents. The City Council also approved a new master plan for Central Park and a 79-acre community park south of downtown. We look forward to the completion and opening of the new ice skating and outdoor recreational facility, Spirit Park. Development continues in the West Metro Business Park, the Delano Sculpture Park is adding new art pieces, and we're gearing up for an exciting year of projects. Be sure to follow the City of Delano on social media and take time to sign up for notifications through our website, www.delanomn.gov/NotifyMe, to stay informed about city projects.

I invite everyone—whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area—to explore Delano's local businesses, restaurants, and parks. Your support helps our community thrive, and we are so happy **you** are part of Delano's story."

- Holly Schrupp, Mayor (Excerpt from the 2025 Community Guidebook)

Citizen's Academy - Sign Up Today!

Get a behind-the-scenes look at City government in Delano with hands-on tours of city facilities and Q & A sessions with City staff and officials. Participants will engage with City staff and officials in a variety of settings, ask questions, tour City facilities and learn about the services and functions of a growing community. This 6-week program is a great starting point for future civic involvement and service, or anyone interested in learning more about their community!

RSVP

This program is open to both residents and non-residents of all ages.



Cost: Free!

Dates: Thursday evenings, April 3 - May 15, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

It's okay if you can't commit to each Thursday evening—just come when you can! Please register online by scanning the QR code (www.delanomn.gov/FormCenter/General-Forms-4/Delano-MN-Citizen-Academy-Registration-F-84), or contact the Delano Senior Center at (763) 972-0574 to reserve a spot!

RSVP



Understanding Disability - A Spirit of Community Education Event

You're invited to an education and networking event for local community leaders, groups, and organizations. Learn how your group can make considerations and accommodations for people with disabilities and other needs when planning your events and activities. This will be an engaging and informative session. This free event will take place on Tuesday, March 18 at 4:30 PM at Delano City Hall. Please scan the QR code to RSVP online by 5 PM on Monday, March 17.

Delano City Council & Commission Meetings Recap

This section offers a brief summary of what was discussed during the previous month's Council and Commission meetings and is not an official documentation of meeting minutes. Official minutes will be posted at www.delanomn.gov/agendacenter upon approval.



Public Safety Commission - Met on Feb. 3, 2025

The Public Safety Commission watched a virtual demonstration of a security trailer and discussed the pros and cons of utilizing a security trailer in public spaces. Conversation will continue about security trailers at the next meeting. Members also discussed Central Park and concerns about loitering and littering. The commission agreed to further research loitering ordinances and other possible solutions for Central Park.



Park and Recreation Commission - Met on Feb. 25, 2025

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the Central Park Improvement Project and received project updates from the contracted company, SRF. The commission also discussed changing the general park hours. Commission members considered how a change in park hours would affect the community and identified instances where general hours would not apply, such as on trails or at parks with unique hours. The commission asked for more information on how a change in hours would affect the enforcement of City Code from staff, which will be presented at their next meeting. Finally, the commission reviewed the application from a city resident to install a disc golf course in the Liberty Landing Nature Area. The commission voted to deny the application until such time as the applicant provided proof of neighborhood support for the project. The commission also thanked Jonathon Werth for 8 years of service on the commission.



Spirit of Community Commission - Met on Feb. 11, 2025

The Spirit of Community Commission talked about the Sesquicentennial and the SOCC educational event coming up on March 18, and welcomed Todd Belz and Holly Schrupp as the new City Council liaisons. The commission discussed public event accessibility, reviewing a document put together by staff as a tip sheet for those organizing public events in Delano. The commission gave feedback and staff are making changes. Finally, the commission discussed a request from a Delano resident asking the city to make available to City residents educational materials about immigration rights. The commission discussed the City's options in responding to this request and staff are conducting research to present to the commission at their March meeting.



Planning Commission - Feb. 10, 2025 - Canceled



City Council - Met on Feb. 4, 18, & 25, 2025

Feb. 4 (Regular Meeting): Mayor Schrupp read proclamations observing Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week and Heart Valve Disease Awareness Day in the City of Delano. Matt Van Lith was appointed to the position of Fire Chief. The City Council approved a zoning amendment request and building plan review submitted by Olsen Chain and Cable to operate in the West Metro Business Park. The City Council also approved a preliminary plat for the 3rd Addition of the Legacy Woods development. Finally the City Council approved the preliminary design of a sculpture commemorating the upcoming Delano Sesquicentennial and approved a proposal for a Central Park improvement project.

Feb. 18 (Regular Meeting): Local Eagle Scout Joey Taylor presented his Eagle Scout project. Wright County Commissioner Kirby Moynagh shared updates from Wright County. The City Council approved a special event license for the St. Max Steeple Chase 5k and approved a liquor license request from Umiya Delano LLC. The City Council approved an agreement with Franklin Township and authorized staff to seek bids for the improvement of 90th Street and County Line Road. Finally, the City Council listened to a staff report on Splash Pad operations and approved the introduction of "semi-private" rental options.

Feb. 25 (Regular Meeting): Staff shared the history of the compost site and that it is running out of room due to illegal dumping from contractors and non-residents. The City Council directed staff to pursue options to mitigate this issue. Staff shared the state of the West Metro Business Park, including the planned extension of McKinley Parkway and a potential new rail spur from BNSF. Finally, staff talked about the annexation process and the City Council expressed interest in working with Franklin Township on a long-term Orderly Annexation Agreement.