

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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April

City Calendar: Apr.

City Council & City Hall

4/1: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

4/15: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

4/29: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

Commissions & School Board

4/7: Public Safety
- 7 PM

4/8: Spirit of Community
- 7 PM

4/14: Planning Commission
- 7 PM

4/23: Park & Recreation
- 5 PM

4/28: School Board
- 5:45 PM

Help Improve City of Delano Communications – Take the Survey!

Your voice matters! Our local government is committed to keeping you informed and engaged, and we want to ensure we're communicating in the best way possible. **You're invited to take a few minutes to complete our Community Communications Survey.** Your feedback will help us improve how we share important updates, events, and services with you.

Scan the QR code to take the survey today! **Your input will directly shape how we connect with our community.** Thank you for being an active part of making our city better!

Link: bit.ly/446sa41



Spring Clean Up Day - May 3, 2025

Republic Services is planning for Saturday, May 3, 2025 to be Delano and Franklin Township's Spring Clean Up Day.

- **Date:** Saturday, May 3, 2025
- **Location:** Delano Public Drop-Off Site - 4351 Hwy 12 SE
- **Time:** 8 AM – 12 PM
- **Discount:** 15% off normal drop-site prices
- **Payment:** Credit card only (no cash or checks accepted)
- **Accepted items:** General household junk, construction and demolition debris, carpet and padding, couches, mattresses, TVs, monitors, electronics, and household appliances.
- **Unaccepted items:** Hazardous waste, household hazardous waste, antifreeze, ballasts, mercury bulbs, liquids or solvents, gasoline and thermometers.



For any questions, please contact Republic Services at (763) 972-3335.

Planning a Community Event? Apply for an Event License!

Did you know that special events require a permit within city limits? This helps balance the probable impacts of the event on the community with the desires of the event participants. Wondering if your event requires a permit? Scan the QR code to find out, or visit www.delanomn.gov/616.



Yard Waste Bins - Get One at No Additional Cost!

Spring is here, and it's time to freshen up your yard! Delano residents can request a free yard waste bin from Republic Services to easily dispose of grass clippings, small branches, garden waste, and leaves. Yard waste is collected every Thursday along with regular garbage pickup.

Ready to get started? Call Republic Services at (763) 972-3335 to request your bin today! Weekly curbside pickup runs from April 10 to November 13, 2025.



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 Mar. 3, 2025

The Public Safety Commission received a security trailer demonstration from Deploy Surveillance. Members will continue evaluating options to improve public safety. Casey O'Connor was elected Chair and Chris Van Shooneveld was elected Vice Chair of the commission. The commission also reviewed vandalism at the Ice Palace during the winter season. Officials reported the incidents were caused by paying customers during regular hours. The commission discussed revising city park hours and will revisit the topic in future meetings.

Planning Commission – Met on Mar. 10, 2025

The Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the Prairie Ridge Subdivision. Staff and Public Commission members responded to concerns from residents related to the proposed development. The Planning Commission also held a public hearing regarding a zoning amendment for exterior building materials in the I-2 Zoning District.

Spirit of Community Commission – Met on Mar. 11, 2025

The Spirit of Community Commission received an update on the Sesquicentennial celebration, discussed the SOC Education Event "Understanding Disability," which took place on March 18th, and followed up on items from their last meeting. One item was the Public Event Accessibility Tip Sheet, which was revised since the last meeting. After reviewing the changes, the commission recommended the adoption of the tip sheet to the City Council. Another item addressed was the request from a Delano resident to provide immigration-related rights information to residents. The commission discussed how other community organizations were addressing this topic and the community's needs.

Park and Recreation Commission – Met on Mar. 26, 2025

The Parks and Recreation Commission appointed new members as Chair and Vice Chair, recommended the approval of the establishment of new park hours to the City Council, received an update on the progress of the Central Park Improvement project, and discussed developments in the Sculpture Park Path project. Commission members discussed other ways that the Sculpture Park could be improved in the future and the nearby community garden boxes. Staff announce that the City is hiring for Splashpad positions.

City Council – Met on Mar. 4, Mar. 18, and Mar. 25, 2025

Mar. 4 (Regular Meeting): The City Council adopted its 2025-26 Strategic Plan which includes short-term goals for the City of Delano. Community Enrichment Director Nick Neaton presented a Community Enrichment Department update. The City Council also approved the public art application for the annual sculpture walk along with funding for base construction. Finally, the City Council approved a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with BNSF.

Mar. 18 (Regular Meeting): The City Council heard an update from Mark Bauman concerning the trap range. The City Council also awarded a Crow River bank repair project to Geomorphic Restoration.

Mar. 25 (Workshop Meeting): Staff presented a potential redesign of the sculpture park that the Park and Recreation Commission recommended for approval. Staff shared some legislative changes that are being proposed at the state level which could impact municipalities. The City Council also discussed the financing plan for Spirit Park.

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Did you know City Council agendas can be sent straight to your phone, either through email or text? Sign up to receive notifications at www.delanomn.gov/NotifyMe, or scan the QR code. This is a great way to stay informed!

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