

Delano Digest

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Save the Date!

Delano City-Wide Garage Sales: August 14-16, 2025



National Night Out - August 5, 2025 | 6-8 PM

National Night Out (NNO) is a movement that encourages residents to host and attend local parties with the intent of meeting their neighbors and learning more about public safety with the Wright County Sheriff's Office and Delano Fire Department. Delano takes a neighborhood-centric approach and encourages residents to host for their fellow neighbors. It's a great way to meet others and get involved!

Interested in hosting? Register online today! Scan the QR to learn more:



Summer Projects: Building and Zoning Permit Reminders

Current lead times: Please note that the Building Department currently has a lead time of two weeks for permit application review. Permit applications can be found at www.delanomn.gov/161/Building-Department or at City Hall.

What do you need to submit a permit application for? A permit is required prior to a building being constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, or demolished. This includes fences, decks and driveways. All projects need to pull a permit and submit the necessary plans. Plans can be submitted at buildingpermits@delanomn.gov.

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City Calendar: July

City Council & City Hall

7/1: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM
7/4: CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- Independence Day
7/15: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM
7/29: City Council Meeting

Commissions

7/7: Public Safety
- 7 PM
7/8: Spirit of Community
- 7 PM
7/14: Planning
- 7 PM
7/21: Water, Light, Power
- 7 PM
7/23: Parks and Recreation
- 5 PM

Emerald Ash Borer Resources

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive beetle that poses a serious threat to ash trees in North America. While it causes minimal damage in its native range, EAB is highly destructive to ash trees in Delano and across Minnesota. According to the City of Delano's EAB Management Plan, property owners are responsible for managing and covering the cost of treatment or removal of infested trees on private property. There are treatment options available to help prevent infestation. To learn more, visit www.delanomn.gov/583/Emerald-Ash-Borer-EAB.



Congratulations to City Employee Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following City employees on receiving 2025 performance awards!

- Best Innovation Award:** Kitchen Manager Steven Stone
- Sustained Performance Award:** Public Works Department - Shawn Louwagie, Tim Matter, Tim Schrupp, Ryan Hayes, Paul Swearingen, Nick Dornfeld, Mike Huncha and Dale Dufner
- Team Builder Award:** Building Inspector Dustin Quam (posthumous award) and Delano Wine & Spirits Manager Nancy Drumsta
- Special Projects Award:** Delano Municipal Utilities Linemen Ardean Kellerhuis and Dawson McAlpine
- Community Feedback Award:** Senior Center Assistant Coordinator Linda Van Lith

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 Recap - Met on June 2

The Public Safety Commission requested traffic speed data collection along Franklin Avenue West near 4th Street to evaluate whether any future corrective actions, such as signage or enforcement changes, might be necessary. The Commission also received an update on the Wright County Sheriff's Office contract proposal, which includes a request to increase supplemental law enforcement coverage to 24 hours per day beginning in 2027. Additionally, the Commission reviewed the results of a traffic study conducted at the intersection of County Road 30 and County Road 16. The discussion focused on traffic volumes, congestion patterns, and intersection designs, with the recommendations that were provided to the Wright County from KLJ Engineering.

Park and Recreation Commission Recap - Met on June 25

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the Central Park Improvement Plan and reviewed updated designs from consulting company SRF. The commission received input from community stakeholders whose organizations host annual events in Central Park. The commission voted to move forward in developing a pavilion concept. The commission also discussed the memorial bench and tree program and voted to recommend its implementation.

Planning Commission Recap - No meeting

Spirit of Community Commission Recap - No meeting

City Council Recap - met on June 3 and June 17

June 3 (Regular Meeting): The City Council approved nine consent items including hiring recommendations for the Delano Fire Department and Public Works Seasonal position; funding for consulting work for the Heritage Center window restoration, public facilities lease for Brickside Grille & Tap outdoor patio, and Wastewater Treatment operations budget. The Council approved site demolition quotes for 7021 Davidson Avenue SE, and authorized the installation of an art sculpture in the City of Delano Sculpture Walk.

June 17 (Regular Meeting): Council approved two separate event licenses for Delano Honors the Blue event and St. Maximillian Kolbe's Feast Day Picnic, upgrades to the security camera recorder for the compost site and public works maintenance buildings and change orders for the 90th Street/County Line Road street project and West Metro Business Park Infrastructure Project. Members of the Delano Area Council for Arts and Culture presented on the proposed art sculpture: Community Mosaic.

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Stay Informed: 90th St. and County Line Road

Subscribe to receive weekly updates on the pavement work scheduled for 90th Street and County Line Road in July 2025. This project will replace the existing drainage culverts, complete minor widening and elevation adjustments to the existing gravel surface, stabilize the gravel base with cement, then place bituminous pavement. Scan the QR code to sign up for notifications today!



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