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Upcoming Events

National Night

Out: August 5,
2025

Taste of Delano:

August 6, 2025

Delano City-Wide Garage Sales:

August 14-16, 2025



City Calendar: Aug.

City Council & City Hall

8/12: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

8/19: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

8/26: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

Commissions

8/7: Public Safety
- 7 PM

8/12: Spirit of Community
- 7 PM

8/11: Planning
- 7 PM

8/18: Water, Light, Power
- 7 PM

8/27: Parks and Recreation
- 5 PM

Volunteer Fair - Sept. 6, 2025

Are you interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities in the Delano area? Come to our Volunteer & Community Fair and connect with local organizations! This is a free event that will be held at Delano City Hall from 8 AM - 11:30 AM on Sept. 6. This event is paired with the annual Waffle Breakfast at the Delano Fire Station, so stop by and get some yummy breakfast beforehand!

Is your group or organization interested in registering for a table at this event? **Please note that even if your group/organization cannot attend, we will still provide event attendees with a small packet listing of local groups/organizations in our community that are looking for volunteers and more engagement.**



Learn more and register online today: bit.ly/DelanoVolunteerFair2025

Dad's Waffle Breakfast | Delano Fire Department - Sept. 6, 2025

You're invited! Come on out to the Delano Fire Department and Delano Senior Center's annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast! We'll be at the Delano Fire Station from 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Take outs will be available!

Cost: \$9.00 in advance, \$10.00 at the door, and age 5 and under \$5.00

Corporate Deal: 12 tickets for \$96.00

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Delano Senior Center or from a Delano Firefighter.



There will also be a Silent Auction from 8 AM - 11:30 AM. All proceeds benefit the Delano Fire Relief Fire Association and the Delano Senior Center. Hope to see you there!

Special Election - District 29 | Primary Election - Aug. 26, 2025

The Governor has issued a Special Election (SD 29 Writ, SD 47 Writ) to fill one vacancy in Senate District 29. Senate District 29 includes much of Wright County, including the City of Delano. There will be a Special Primary on Aug. 26, 2025 and a Special Election on Nov. 4, 2025. The candidate filing period is from July 30, 2025-Aug. 6, 2025. Candidates filed may be viewed on the Secretary of State's website: candidates.sos.mn.gov

Delano City Hall is the polling place for City of Delano residents only. To find your polling place, please visit: pollfinder.sos.mn.gov

Update: 90th St. SE and County Line Rd.

Due to recent rain events, construction on 90th St. SE and County Line Rd. has been pushed back one week, with a new start date of Aug. 8, 2025. Scan the QR code to receive weekly updates about the project and if there are any schedule changes!



Sign up: bit.ly/DelanoConstructionUpdates

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.**



Spirit of Community Commission Recap – Met on July 8

The Spirit of Community received an update on Delano's Sesquicentennial planning, including that there is a goal of celebrating Delano's history in 150 ways in 2026, with 27 committed celebrations in the community so far. The commission reviewed their goals for 2025–26 and identified "supporting the Sesquicentennial efforts, study and support ways people are welcomed in Delano, and supporting local volunteer efforts" as their priorities. The commission also discussed the Volunteer Fair, scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 6, which staff recommended be paired with the Delano Fire Department's annual Waffle Breakfast to increase foot traffic and visibility. The fair will be open from 8 AM – 11:30 AM, with tables set up in City Hall. The commission elected a member to the vacant vice-chair position before adjourning.



Park and Recreation Commission Recap – Met on July 23

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the Central Park Improvement Project. After receiving further input from community stakeholders, the commission recommended approval of the construction of a pavilion to the City Council. The commission also discussed Spirit Park operations and programming, including use of the facility by hockey, public winter programs, pricing, and potential uses of the facility in the summer season. A representative from Youth Lacrosse presented the case for the installation of turf in the new Spirit Park structure and discussed the donation of a lacrosse installation.



Planning Commission Recap – No meeting



Public Safety Commission Recap – No meeting



City Council Recap – met on July 1, July 15, and July 29

July 1 (Regular Meeting): The City Council approved consent items including a gambling permit for the Delano Snowstormers fundraiser, an event application for Project EverGreen's Band Blitz, authorization for a finance assistant to attend the BS&A conference, release of a landscaping bond for Liberty Landing 1st Addition, final payment to Veit & Company, and hiring a full-time engineering technician. The City Administrator provided a detailed update on residential and commercial development trends, upcoming proposals, and future zoning code updates. The Council also reviewed progress on an Orderly Annexation Agreement with Franklin Township, noting it is a short-term five-year agreement intended to simplify annexation processes and infrastructure planning.

July 15 (Regular Meeting): The City Council approved several consent items. These included approving a Minor Outdoor Music License for The Whiskey Jar, a Special Event License for Sunrise Fitness LLC's Fall Throwdown, and the sale of donated jewelry to benefit the Senior Center. The Council also approved the event application for Flags for Freedom, funding for consulting work related to the Heritage Center, release of funds in project security for The Forum project, and Pay Request No. 4 for the SE Trunk Sewer Project. A public hearing was held for the Crow River Villa Capital Plan, outlining the use of HUD funds for facility repairs; the plan was formally approved following the meeting.

July 29 (Workshop Meeting): The City Council approved a \$400 increase to the firefighter pension benefit, raising it from \$4,000 to \$4,400, following discussion with the Firefighters Relief Association and review of pension fund performance. Staff and the Fire Chief presented recommendations to address future growth, access barriers, and response times for the Delano Fire Department; the Council requested additional data before making any decisions. The City Council also reviewed a proposal to establish a Destination Marketing Organization and Welcome Center to promote local tourism and community resources, with staff directed to bring back more detailed information. Discussion was held on the structure and direction of the Spirit of Community Commission, with Council supporting a focus on community involvement and clarifying the commission's role. Additionally, the Council approved rehiring a part-time administrative staff member to assist with HR and Clerk duties following the planned departure of the Administrative Services Director.