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Upcoming Events

Waffle Breakfast & Silent Auction:
Delano Fire Department on Sept. 6, 2025 from 7:30 - 11:30 AM

Volunteer & Community Fair:
Delano City Hall on Sept. 6, 2025 from 8 - 11:30 AM

Mental Wellness Seminar:
Delano City Hall on Sept. 23, 2025 from 1 - 2:30 PM. Learn more

City Calendar: Sept.

City Council & City Hall

9/2: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM
9/16: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM
9/30: City Council Meeting
- 7 PM

Commissions

9/8: Public Safety
- 7 PM
9/9: Spirit of Community
- 7 PM
9/15: Water, Light, Power
- 7 PM
9/24: Parks and Recreation
- 5 PM

Did you know?

Republic Services offers

FREE Weekly Yard Waste Pickup

Have you seen Republic's blue bins with **BROWN** lids? Those are yard waste bins. Republic Services offers weekly yard waste pickup to City of Delano residents at no extra charge.



Weekly Curbside Pickup:
April 10 - November 13, 2025

Picked up with Thursday's garbage

Need a Yard Waste Bin?

Contact Customer Service:

(952) 941-5174

What's allowed?



Grass
clippings



Small
branches



Garden
Waste



Leaves

S.A.V.E Lives & Create Community: A Mental Wellness Seminar

The public is invited to attend a **free** mental wellness seminar on Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 1 - 2:30 PM at Delano City Hall. This seminar will highlight two presentations. NAMI Minnesota will educate about mental illness, the impact of negative attitudes, and five things residents can do to make Minnesota a better place for those who experience a mental illness. The Minneapolis VA will offer S.A.V.E. training, which empowers residents to act with care and compassion if they come across a veteran in a mental health crisis.

This free seminar is a great first-step in learning more about mental wellness and how to be an advocate for those in your community. No reservation required!

Driveways - Permit Reminder

The City of Delano **requires a permit** for any changes, additions, or expansions to your driveway. The permit is free and helps connect residents with city staff to ensure that projects do not interfere with public land or utilities. Thank you for your cooperation! Learn more about permits at www.delanomn.gov/161/Building-Department.

Splashpad Closed | Sept. 1, 2025 (Labor Day)

The City of Delano Splashpad is officially closed for the 2025 season! Thank you to all who stopped by this summer—we'll see you next year!

Communications Survey Reminder

Please take a moment to take the Communications Survey to help guide future communication efforts! Scan the QR code or visit www.delanomn.gov/629/Communications-Survey-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.



Park and Recreation Commission Recap – Met on August 27

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed the ten-year Parks Capital Improvement Project Plan, a proposed Lacrosse "Wall-Ball" wall on the Spirit Park grounds, potential facility fees for the proposed Central Park pavilion, and downtown pocket parks. The commission voted to approve implementing facility fees for the exclusive use of the proposed pavilion to recoup the cost exceeding the projects original one-million dollar budget. City staff gave an update on improvements to the Sculpture Park, for which a bid was recently approved by the City Council.

Planning Commission Recap – Met on August 11

The Planning Commission recommended approval of several zoning ordinance amendments, including changes to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) process, which would now proceed solely through rezoning instead of conditional use permits. Amendments also included updated landscaping requirements for all property types and expanded regulations limiting outside vehicle storage across all residential zones. A development update was presented, highlighting development activity within the City over the past year and potential projects on the horizon. Additional updates covered available lots, upcoming residential proposals, ongoing commercial/industrial growth in the West Metro Business Park, and infrastructure improvements across streets, utilities, and wastewater systems. The City and Franklin Township are nearing an annexation agreement, and preliminary plans are in progress for a new pavilion in Central Park and completion of Spirit Park by October 2025.

Spirit of Community Commission Recap – No meeting

Public Safety Commission Recap – No meeting

City Council Recap – Met on Aug. 12, 19, and 26

August 12 (Regular Meeting): The City Council approved consent items including a special event license for Fulton Gran Fondo, decertification of TIF District 11, a construction cost estimate for Heritage Center windows and doors, a contract for the City Assessor, and hiring of a full-time building inspector. Additional items included IT equipment disposal, a resolution amending the designation of the statutory City Clerk, appointment of election judges, and establishment of an absentee ballot board for upcoming special elections. Council accepted the resignation of Dan Menk from the Park and Recreation Commission, thanking him for his years of service. Employee recognitions were given for Paula Bauman and Greg Hamman for their long-standing contributions to the City. Commission updates included reports on utility repairs, substation progress, and zoning code amendments eliminating the PUD process from conditional use permits.

August 19 (Regular Meeting): The City Council honored the late Larry Bartels for his decades of service to Delano and welcomed new Engineering Technician Thomas Lutgen. Council approved the Memorial Bench and Tree Program, \$25,000 in funding for Phase III of the Spirit of Community Trail, and the creation of a part-time Ice Rink Attendant position for Spirit Park. They also approved a revised quote for the Sculpture Park Project that utilizes Public Works staff to lower costs. Council entered closed session to discuss real estate negotiations in the Granite Works Addition and Delano West Metro Business Park.

August 26 (Workshop Meeting): The City Council held a workshop to review the 2026 preliminary budget and tax levy. Finance Director Brian Bloch outlined impacts including added contract policing hours beginning in 2027, unchanged local government aid, and full costs for new staff positions. Council discussed levy and tax capacity increases, with the preliminary levy resolution scheduled for September 2. Council also approved a purchase agreement with Granite Works ME (Ebert Construction) for Lot 1, Block 1 of the Granite Works Addition after discussion regarding density, tax increment financing, and long-term community benefits. Staff provided updates on September meetings, including a special session on September 16 and Franklin Township's annexation hearing on September 23.