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Community Events

Nov. 16, 2025: Spirit Park Grand Opening | Delano Area Sports Arena @ 4 PM

Nov. 28, 2025: Light the Night Opening Night | Central Park @ 5 PM

Nov. 29, 2025: Small Business Saturday

Nov. 29, 2025: Christmas Tree Lighting | Riverfront Park @ 7 PM

Dec. 6, 2025: Old-Fashioned Christmas | Downtown Delano @ 10 AM

Upcoming Meetings

City Council

11/5: City Council Meeting
– 7 PM

11/18: City Council Meeting
– 7 PM

11/25: City Council Meeting
– 7 PM

City Offices Closed

11/11: Veterans Day

11/27-28: Thanksgiving

Snow Season Parking In Effect

Snow season parking goes into effect November 1 through April 1. No vehicles can be parked on any street, avenue or alley between the hours of 2 AM – 7 PM or after two inches of snowfall. Don't take a chance on having your vehicle ticketed or towed! All vehicles parked in public parking lots must be moved at a minimum every 24 hours.



Pavilion Approved for Central Park

City Council approved to build a 60-by-120-foot covered pavilion in Central Park on the concrete pad next to the concession stand south of Field 9, a main site for community events like the Fourth of July celebration and Puck in the Park. The project, discussed for over a decade and shaped by a 2023–2024 master planning process, is set to begin this fall and be completed by June 2026.

Delano Historical Calendar - Get One While Supplies Last!

Did you know Delano turns 150 next year? To celebrate, the Sesquicentennial Committee has created a 2026 Historical Calendar filled with fun facts, photos, and stories showcasing Delano's rich history and community spirit. Free copies are available at the Delano Senior Center and City Hall.

Think Before You Flush: Wipes Clog Pipes!

Even if the package says "flushable," baby wipes, cleaning wipes, and personal wipes should never be flushed down the toilet. These products are made with strong fibers that don't break down like toilet paper does. Once flushed, they can cause major problems in both your home plumbing and the city's sewer system.

In the city sewer system, flushed wipes combine with grease and other debris to create large blockages that can damage pumps, clog sewer lines, and lead to costly maintenance and sewer overflows. By tossing wipes in the garbage instead of the toilet, you're helping prevent backups, protect the environment, and save money for everyone. Thank you!

Spirit Park Grand Opening - Nov. 16, 2025 | 4:00-6:30 PM

Join the City of Delano and the Delano Area Youth Hockey Association to celebrate the Grand Opening of Spirit Park. This free, family-friendly event will include on-ice activities for kids, arena tours, giveaways, and open family skating. The schedule includes kids' on-ice activities from 4:00 to 4:45 PM, a ribbon cutting at 4:45 PM, and open skating and tours from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Please bring your own skates, as rentals will not be available. The event will take place at Spirit Park and the Delano Area Sports Arena, 654 Tiger Drive, Delano, MN 55238.

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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 Oct. 6

The Public Safety Commission met with staff from Delano Public Schools to discuss school safety procedures. The discussion included an overview of the district's standard safety protocols and collaboration with the Wright County Sheriff's Office and the School Resource Officer. The Commission also reviewed and discussed a draft ordinance addressing residence limitations for offenders.



Planning Commission Recap – Met on Oct. 13

Planning Commission approved a variance for 500 River Street North to allow construction of a new detached garage with adjusted setbacks and recommended approval of a Site and Building Plan and Conditional Use Permit for St. Peter Auto Repair Center in Delano West Crossings, with conditions addressing landscaping, screening, driveway placement, and vehicle storage. Updates were also provided on the Prairie Ridge PUD, which was withdrawn with final plat approval moving to Council, and on the Franklin Township annexation process.



Park and Recreation Commission Recap – Met on Oct. 22

The Park and Recreation Commission reviewed a draft fee schedule for the new Central Park Pavilion, focusing on recovering construction costs, keeping rentals affordable for residents and community groups, and standardizing park fees for large multi-day events. The Commission also discussed Spirit Park's upcoming November 16 grand opening, reviewed the initial ice sheet schedule, and provided feedback on marketing, policies, and programming. The next meeting was moved to December 10, 2025, to accommodate the holidays.



City Council Recap – Met on Oct. 7, 21, and 28

Oct. 7: (Regular Meeting): The City Council adopted an ordinance establishing residency restrictions for predatory offenders, discussed the Central Park Pavilion project—ultimately tabling action to explore additional funding opportunities—and approved various special event licenses, including for Delano Light the Night. Council also authorized the County Ditch 34 repair project to go out for bids and discussed the proposed purchase of a new fire engine, which did not pass. Updates were shared on community events, park projects, and ongoing commission activities.

Oct. 21 (Regular Meeting): The City Council approved several staffing actions and contracts, including hiring for the Cablecaster and part-time Liquor Store positions and approving security and monitoring services for Spirit Park. Council approved the variance request for 500 River Street North and the Site and Building Plan and CUP for the St. Peter Auto Repair Center, and approved the Prairie Ridge final plat. The Central Park Pavilion project returned for consideration, with the Council voting to move forward with the larger 60x120 design funded in part through liquor store reserves. Council also tabled the creation of a combined full-time Fire Chief/Emergency Services Director position for further workshop discussion. Routine updates and claims approvals were completed.

Oct. 27 (Regular Meeting): The City Council discussed the upcoming implementation of Minnesota's Paid Family and Medical Leave program and reviewed options for self-funding versus participating in the state plan, along with a proposed shift to a Paid Time Off system. Council also reviewed the 2026 budget and capital improvement plan, covering parks, facilities, equipment, and infrastructure projects. Additionally, the Council approved hiring Andrew Lyons as the new Liquor Store Manager for Delano Wine and Spirits, with a tentative start date of November 17.

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