



THE DELANO DISPATCH

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THE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20TH DNA MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM AT WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1819 W. DOUGLAS. COME JOIN US

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It would be appreciated if you could serve on a committee. Call the chairperson, any committee member or the President, Larry Brown

DNA-Delano Neighborhood Association
DCA-Delano Clergy Association
DAB-District Advisory Board
WIN-Wichita Independent Neighborhoods
DBA-Delano Business Association

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Greetings to the 2600 homes in the Delano Neighborhood. Congratulations to the 18 who made it to the first meeting of 2007 in the ice and cold. Sharon Ybarra made it even though her garage door was frozen shut and she had to walk. Such dedication should not go unrewarded. Hope all of you can come to the February meeting. You might want to hear the report on neighborhood parks. Many have wondered what will happen to the two Methodist churches in the neighborhood. They are clearing land for a new location on West Maple. See the scoop article for further info. Officer Perkins reported that there had been an increase in reports about vandalism north of Douglas; so keep your eyes open. We will be recruiting soon for a summer cleanup, probably mid-June, and want as many helpers as we can get. It is becoming increasingly urgent that we see that all yards are cleaned up and yards are clear of debris, as the City is increasingly enforcing local ordinances against clutter and excess automobiles in yards that do not move on their own. Let us really clean out this year, but don't wait till June to move the cars. I'm sure they won't fit in a Dump Truck.

Larry L. Brown
Retired curmudgeon

THE SCOOP!

Here is the scoop on what's happening with two of the neighborhood church buildings!
The former St. Luke United Methodist building was sold last summer to New Testament Non-denominational Church. They were formerly located on South Topeka. The folks are well settled in and are very excited to be serving our neighborhood at 2nd and Meridian.
At Maple and Martinson the former Trinity United Methodist building has been sold after standing empty for about two years. Its owner and some hard working church people will renovate the building to her former glory. The new church hasn't been named at this writing but promises to be a valuable addition to Delano. (Ed, note: The name is now Soloman's Porch) The former members of these buildings merged to form the New Covenant United Methodist Church and are temporarily meeting at 2nd and West Street until a new church can be built on property at 3323 Maple.

Submitted by Barbara Hughes

DON'T BE THE VICTIM OF A SCAM

According to recent statistics the latest crime on the rise is the financial crime. This can be anything from forgery, phone scams, internet scams, to identity theft. Many of these crimes are started out of state or out of country and make it virtually impossible to trace or prosecute. Here are a few tips that can assist you in making good decisions with your money, this is your hard earned money not some criminals.

Scams are easy ways for criminals to obtain money or other goods by deceit and remain highly unidentifiable. Scams occur door to door, phone to phone and over the internet. Please take some time to review these following tips to ensure that you don't become the next scam victim. A scam is using deception to obtain money, goods or services from an unwitting individual. Falling for a scam makes YOU accountable for the loss. Financial institutions know how to convert currency from other countries. NO ONE needs YOUR assistance with this process.

Anyone capable of receiving a paycheck is capable of depositing it. No one needs you to cash their checks for them due to lack of identification. Any stranger who is willing to give you part of their money in exchange for cashing a check is SCAMMING you. If you receive an unsolicited check, money order or other funds, with instructions to deposit or cash it, then wire or send a portion of the money anywhere for any reason is a SCAM. No legitimate buyer will send you a check or money order that is written for more than the amount and then ask you to send the excess back to them...this is a SCAM. NEVER give out your social security number, drivers license number, bank account number or other information during an unsolicited phone call, always verify the call. True lottery or contest winners are paid by check. You never have to send money back, open a new account or give out account information to receive your winnings. NEVER accept door-to-door offers until you have verified the legitimacy of the business and the offer. If they pressure you to make a quick decision....IT'S A SCAM! Nothing is free. Anytime you are contacted by someone you do not know or answer an advertisement you did not initiate contact with, BEWARE.

By following the above tips hopefully you can keep

your money and not be the victim of a scam. Check your credit report as often as possible and monitor your checking, savings, and credit card accounts. If you feel you are the victim of a scam or theft contact your local police department and make a police report. In Wichita you can call 268-4221 and make the report over the phone or go to the nearest police station. If you have evidence go to the police station or call 911 and an officer will respond to your house. The Wichita Police Departments financial crime unit phone number is 268-4193. Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is. This information provided by Officer Perkins, Delano Community Policing Officer. If you would like information about a specific crime topic or you just need information, please call 337-9400 and ask for me and I will get back with you. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Delano Neighborhood Association Meeting every 3rd Tuesday at West Side Christian Church, 1819 W. Douglas at 7pm.

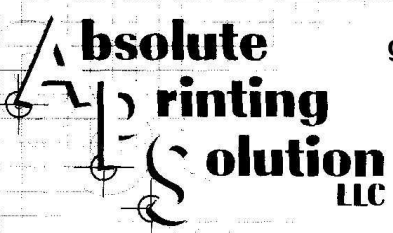


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THE MASTER GARDENER'S CORNER BY EMG CHUCK GUENTHER

Fruit trees may be pruned now. This is a good time to think about pruning your fruit trees. The pruning could be done in February or even March. The trees are fully dormant and have been for a few weeks. Pruning when temperatures are below 20 degrees F is not advisable due to possible injury. It is important to do the pruning before dormant spays are applied to avoid pruning out sprayed wood and discarding it. Also, you are more likely to get total coverage of limbs, branches and shoots after you have pruned. Prune older trees first as the older, larger wood will tolerate lower temperatures than young trees with small diameter wood.

Information provided by Ward Upton, Kansas State University
Gardening Questions? Call the Sedgwick County Extension Center at 722-7721 and ask for the Hot Line.



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