



Derby News Update

The Place to Be

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Learn the Ropes of Law Enforcement

Does law enforcement interest you? Would you like to see behind the scenes at the Derby Police Department? If so, the Citizen's Police Academy is for you.

The Derby Police Department offers a biennial Citizen's Police Academy to enhance the working relationship and communication between members of the community and local law enforcement officers.



Sgt. Ken Grommet helps 2008 CPA Graduate Gary Read at the shooting range.

The 12-week program is designed to provide a working knowledge and background of the Derby Police Department. The class meets on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Derby Police Department, 229 N. Baltimore.

The academy will include demonstrations, tours, and the opportunity to ride along with a patrol officer. The curriculum includes crime scene processing, criminal law, police procedure, and range qualifications.

It's easy to apply. Fill out an online application at www.derbyweb.com/cpa or pick up a paper copy at the police department.

This program is free. In order to attend, you must be a Derby resident, work in Derby, or own a business in Derby. You must be at least 21 years old and have no felony or serious misdemeanor convictions.

If you have questions, call the police department at 788-1557.

ACE Grant Program

Have you attended a Derby Twins game, Summerfest, National Bar-B-Que Derby or Santa's Village? If so, you've enjoyed a City grant-funded event.



photo by Barney Tull

The Artistic, Cultural, and Entertainment (ACE) Grant is a grant program offered by the City to encourage diversity in Derby's entertainment, artistic, and cultural offerings. ACE grants assist programs and events that contribute to the quality of life in Derby by drawing people to the community for activities and events.

Grant proposals for 2014 will be accepted through March 12 at noon. For more information and an application, visit www.derbyweb.com/acegrant. Guidelines are under review and new guidelines will be available on the city website after Jan. 21.

Questions? Contact Janae' Springer at 788-1519 or janaespringer@derbyweb.com.

Operation Holiday Says Thank You

During the 2013 holiday season, Operation Holiday Derby provided non-perishable food items, food vouchers for perishable foods, and toys to 1,106 children and youth who live in the USD 260 School District.

Organizers would like to thank the individuals, businesses, schools, churches, small groups, civic groups, City of Derby, and other organizations for their generosity this season. Because of them, 206 families were served and 23 families adopted. The level of contributions and volunteer time given truly shows that our community is a great place to be.

Community Foundation Fundraiser

2014 Annual Gala Uncorked

Saturday, Feb. 22

7 to 10 p.m.

Cocktail Attire

Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove

What to expect: wine and beer tasting, fine foods from area caterers/restaurants, fine chocolates, live auction and prize drawings.

Proceeds provide grants to schools and non-profits serving Derby.

Tickets are \$45 each and go on sale Jan. 1. Learn more at www.derbycf.org/uncorked.



courtesy photo

Happy Anniversary



Derby recently reached the five-year anniversary of its curbside recycling and trash collection program. Thanks to this program, our community boasts a recycling rate of more than 80%, while the statewide average is 30%.

For the past year, Derby has also offered a 35-gallon trash cart, which many people (especially big recyclers) use to save a little money. One Derby resident celebrated the occasion by writing a Haiku poem, which he wanted to share with the community:

*Thirty-five gallons
seem to hold the universe
when I recycle.*

-Sean Seamster, Derby resident

If you usually only half-fill your 65-gallon trash cart, consider calling Waste Connections at 838-4920 to downsize.

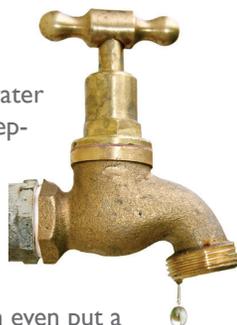


Winter Water Conservation

Residents can prepare for and avoid winter-time water wasters. Here are a few tips:

Drip your faucets.

Dripping your faucets when you're not using water (away from home or sleeping) will help prevent a pipe from bursting. When temperatures drop below freezing, a lot of strain is put on the pipes. You can even put a bucket under the faucet that you're dripping and reuse the water.



Winterize your pipes.

Another way to prevent pipes from bursting is to make sure outdoor pipes, like the ones running to your backyard spigot, are insulated. When temperatures drop below freezing, they will stay warmer than the air and are less likely to develop leaks or burst.

Insulate hot water pipes.

Ever notice how it takes longer for your shower to get hot when it's cold outside? That's because your pipes are colder. Hire a

plumber to wrap your pipes in insulation or do it yourself. This helps the hot water stay hot and protects pipes from the cold.

Use a shower bucket.

Since it takes longer for your shower to heat up in winter, catch the cold water and reuse it to water plants. You can do this year-round.

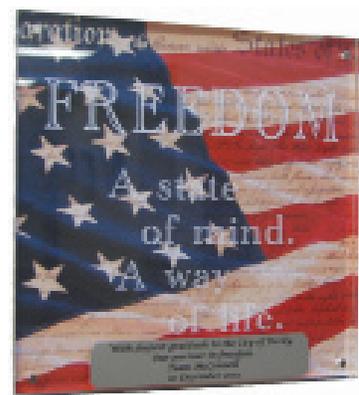
Check for leaks after the first thaw.

The changes in temperature between night and day during the winter cause pipes to expand and contract. This added stress makes pipes more likely to develop a leak over the winter months. Have a plumber check your lines for leaks in the spring.

Locate main water shut-off valve.

Sometimes pipes will burst in the winter no matter what we do. The faster you can cut off the water, the less goes to waste and the less damage is done to your home. Find the main water shut off for your house. It is likely in the basement or the crawl space. Turning it off cuts off all water to your house.

Contributing source: www.care2.com



Team McConnell

At the Dec. 10 City Council meeting, the City of Derby presented a \$2,000 check from the National Bar-B-Que Derby to the Airman and Family Readiness Center at McConnell Air Force Base.

In response, Lt. Col. Dianne Ferrarini, Force Support Squadron Commander, and Mary Reece, Director of Airman & Family Readiness Center, presented the "Freedom" plaque pictured at left to Mayor Dion Avello as a token of their appreciation.

New Art Exhibit at the Library

The Gathering Space Gallery at the Derby Public Library will have a new show beginning Jan. 17 and ending March 15.

"Art in the Family" will feature artwork by Derby resident, Gary Behrens, and his sister, Louise Behrens Fenn of Great Bend.

Gary is a fine art photographer and Louise is a retired art teacher who will display paintings, collages, framed needlework and constructions. Both Gary and Louise credit their mother for setting an example with her creativity and for encouraging their artistic talents from a young age.



Bluestem Point Sunset by Gary Behrens

Sign up for Alerts

The City of Derby wants you to be informed about what's going on in your community. Residents are encouraged to sign up for news, City Council agenda/minutes, and event alerts at www.derbyweb.com. It only takes a minute to create your account. Alerts can be sent to you via email or text message.

Visit www.derbyweb.com and click on the "Keep Me Informed" button. Questions? Call Kristy Bansemmer at 788-1519 ext. 229.



Rebate Apps Due

Derby residents and businesses have until Feb. 15, 2014 to turn in applications and supporting documents for the water conservation rebate program. High-efficiency toilets and other approved devices must have been purchased between May 1 and Dec. 31, 2013.

Applications can be found at www.derbyweb.com/rebateprogram. Customers may also pick up and return paper applications to City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

If you have questions, call City Hall at 788-1424 or email waterconservation@derbyweb.com.



Thank You

Special thanks to the 50 volunteers and elves who hosted Santa Claus at the Derby Public Library on Dec. 8. Volunteers helped hundreds of children make ornaments, enjoy cookies, see trains, and take family photos. Local volunteers made this event rock!

