



The Place to Be

Derby News

March 2014

Railroad Crossing Work to Begin on Madison

On March 3, the Madison Avenue Railroad Crossing Project will begin, and the Cherry Street railroad crossing will close.

BNSF Railway will remove the crossing safety equipment and permanently close the Cherry Street crossing.

The project goals are to align Madison Avenue and create a safe and improved roadway for both residents and industrial traffic.

Construction of the new Madison Avenue crossing is expected to be completed by June.

During construction, the Market Street railroad crossing and Meadowlark Blvd. crossing will serve as access points to the Derby Business Park and other nearby businesses and homes.



New School Boundaries

Boundary Process Public Forums
April 16 & 17 at 6 p.m.
Derby High School Auditorium
920 N. Rock Rd.

Are you interested in providing feedback on Derby's new school boundaries? You will have your chance during a public forum at Derby High School. You can also provide feedback at www.derbyschools.com under the "Boundary Process" tab on the right-hand side of the home page.

New boundaries for the 2015-2016 school year are tentatively scheduled to be approved by the Derby Board of Education at its May 27, 2014 meeting.

Five Ways to Pay Your Water Bill

Did you know there are five ways to pay your water bill?

- ◆ Automatic withdrawal from your checking account (free)
- ◆ In person at City Hall using check, cash or credit card (free)
- ◆ Drop box in front of City Hall (free)
- ◆ By mail (49 cents)
- ◆ Online at www.derbyweb.com. Click on the "Make a Payment" button. (\$1.25 processing fee)



Free Safety Program

Are you prepared? Sedgwick County Emergency Management presents a program to educate people about severe weather and ways to stay safe.

The classes are free of charge to Sedgwick County residents.



City Looking for Volunteers

Would you like to get involved with the City of Derby by serving on a board or commission?

Derby Mayor Dion Avello is looking for 15 volunteers to serve on the City's boards and commissions. Interested residents may pick up an application at City Hall, 611 Mulberry, or download an application at www.derbyweb.com.

Applications are due Thursday, March 20 at 5 p.m. Appointments will be presented for City Council approval by Mayor Avello and will be effective in May 2014.

If you have questions, contact Taylour Tedder at 788-3081 or taylorstedder@derbyweb.com. Learn more about the boards and commissions on the website under the "Government" tab.

Vacancies

- ADA Advisory Board
3 vacancies, 2-year term
- Construction Trades Board
2 vacancies (At-large members)
3-year term
- Community Development Advisory Board
1 vacancy, 1-year term
- Derby Recreation Commission Board
1 vacancy, 4-year term
- Parks & Urban Forestry Board
1 vacancy, 2-year term
- Planning Commission
2 vacancies, 3-year term
- Senior Services Advisory Board
3 vacancies, 2-year term
- Zoning Appeals Board
2 vacancies, 3-year term

Area Program Dates & Locations

March 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Oaklawn Community Center
2937 Oaklawn Dr., Wichita

March 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Derby Public Library
1600 E. Walnut Grove, Derby

April 8 at 6:30 p.m.
Haysville Police Department
200 W. Grand Ave., Haysville

Community Forum

April 22 at 6:30 p.m.
Derby Welcome Center
611 Mulberry Rd.

Come talk with your Mayor and City Council members about questions and concerns you may have about our community.



Grow Your Business in Derby



Madison Ave

Do you have a small business that has outgrown your garage or basement?

Consider buying land in the Derby Business Park, located west of Baltimore and Madison. Seven, shovel-ready lots are available at a cost of just 70 cents per square foot.

Developed by the City in 1999 with a goal of attracting new businesses and encourage expansion of existing companies, this 30-acre site is home to many growing businesses, including Automotive Solutions LLC, BRG Precision Products, Mid Continent Controls, Mockry & Sons Machine Company and Premium Auto Restoration.

Available lots range from one to two acres and can be combined to create larger parcels. Remaining lots total 8.75 acres with no special taxes!

If you have questions about purchasing land in the Derby Business Park, contact Tylour Tedder, Development Manager, at 788-3081 or tylourtetter@derbyweb.com.

To learn more about the Derby Business Park, visit www.derbyweb.com/bizpark.

Areas shaded in green are available for purchase.

Business Partners Needed

Derby Public Schools received a grant to fund Project SEARCH, a program that strengthens business and community connections while helping to prepare students with disabilities for competitive employment after graduation.



Project SEARCH is a high school transition program designed for students with disabilities who have completed their academic career. This program is a unique, business-led, one-year, school-to-work program that takes place at the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations with the support of a special education teacher and job coach. Successful completion of this program prepares participants to compete in the job market, seek immediate employment, and be prepared for their futures.

Partner agencies include Derby Public Schools, Goodwill Industries, Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization, and the Kansas Department of Children and Families.

For more information, contact Sue Wilson, Special Services Coordinator, at 788-8460 or swilson@usd260.com.

Fix a Leak and Save Money

Nationwide, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from homes each year. That's why WaterSense, a program of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year during Fix a Leak Week, March 17-23.

Ways to Check for Leaks

- Examine your winter water usage. It's likely that a family of four has a serious leak if its winter water use exceeds 12,000 gallons per month.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, you probably have a leak.
- Check for a toilet leak by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank.

For more information about how to fix leaks and save money, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html.



Education Fair

Derby Community Education Fair
March 25 from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
March 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Derby Public Library
1600 E. Walnut Grove

The Local Educational Adult Resource Network (LEARN) is an organization of 19 member colleges and universities that help adults who want or need certifications, associates, bachelors or masters degrees. Explore your options at this unique event in Derby!



Talk with LEARN representatives, get financial aid assistance and determine your new career path.

Learn more at www.LearnWichita.org.

Save the Date

Crime Stoppers Citywide Garage Sale
May 15, 16 & 17

www.derbyweb.com/garagesale