



# Derby News Update

The Place to Be

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## Derby Receives Chairman's Award

The City of Derby was awarded the 2014 Chairman's Award for Outstanding Service to Sedgwick County by Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Skelton on Jan. 15.

Since 1988, the Chairman of the County Commission has presented this award on his or her last day as chairman to recognize a city, person, or organization that has made a significant contribution to benefit the entire area.

Chairman Skelton chose Derby for its successful sales tax election, curbside recycling initiative, bike paths, and other innovations that have contributed to quality of life for Derby and Sedgwick County residents.



Back Row: Councilmembers Vaughn Nun, Randy White and Chuck Warren Front Row: Mayor Dion Avello, City Manager Kathy Sexton, and Councilmember Mark Staats

## ACE Grant Program

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 due March 12 at noon.
- Download applications at [www.derbyweb.com/acegrant](http://www.derbyweb.com/acegrant).
- Questions? Contact Janae' at 788-1519 or [janaespringer@derbyweb.com](mailto:janaespringer@derbyweb.com).

## Annual Gala Uncorked

Join the Derby Community Foundation for its annual fundraiser for grant funding.

- Saturday, Feb. 22 from 7 to 10 p.m.
- Derby Public Library  
1600 E. Walnut Grove
- Cocktail Attire
- Tickets: \$45 each
- [www.derbycf.org/uncorked](http://www.derbycf.org/uncorked)

## Art Reception

Join artists Gary Behrens and Louise Fenn Behrens for a closing reception of "Art in the Family".

- March 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- Derby Public Library  
1600 E. Walnut Grove



## Rebate Program Results

The City of Derby's Water Conservation Program, which ran from May to December 2013, benefitted a number of residents.

The city awarded \$28,600 in rebates for nozzles, smart controllers, rain barrels, and toilets. Rebates were credited to water bills.

Toilets were the most popular upgrade, accounting for 82 percent of the rebates. Residents installed 286 new high-efficiency toilets. Good job, Derby!

## Share Your Expertise

The City of Derby needs YOU to serve on a commission! The community needs help in determining policies and guiding Derby in remaining the place to be. Two opportunities are available to serve on the Planning Commission and Derby Recreation Commission. Download an application at [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com) or pick one up at City Hall, Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Application deadline is March 20.

The **Planning Commission** meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The Commission reviews the Comprehensive Plan; maintains zoning and subdivision regulations; holds hearings on special uses, zone changes, and vacation requests; approves plats and commercial site plans; and makes recommendations to the City Council on requests brought before them. Each of the 10 members serves a three-year term. Meetings are televised live on Derby Channel 7 and available on demand at [www.derbyweb.com/channel7](http://www.derbyweb.com/channel7).

The **Derby Recreation Commission** meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The Commission governs and hires a superintendent to manage the Derby Recreation Center, Oaklawn Activity Center, summer softball leagues and tournaments, and special events. Under contract with the City, the DRC manages Rock River Rapids Aquatic Park. Each of the five members serves a four-year term. The City appoints two members.



[www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com)

## Save the Date!

### Citywide Garage Sale May 15, 16 & 17

\$10 to participate

You will receive a listing in The Derby Informer and a yard sign. Registration will begin in April.

Proceeds go to Derby Crime Stoppers.



## Floodplain Insurance Discounts

The City of Derby was recognized for its flood prevention efforts at the Dec. 10 City Council meeting.

Derby was named a Class 8 Community Rating System (CRS) recipient and received a plaque from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

### What does this award mean for Derby residents?

Derby floodplain insurance holders will be eligible for a 10 percent discount and have a comprehensive floodplain management process to help reduce the risk of flood hazards.

Prior to the city's application to the program, average floodplain insurance premiums were approximately \$500 per year.

The city began the CRS application process in 2010. Staff worked to accumulate docu-



Steve Samuelson, Kansas Division of Water Resources, presents a FEMA plaque to Mayor Dion Avello and Stormwater Manager Michael Wilson at the Dec. 10 Council meeting.

mentation on floodplain management and stormwater management activities, including public information, mapping and regulations, flood damage reduction and warning and response.

## Clean Cities Coalition

The City of Derby is a member of the newly formed Central Kansas Clean Cities Coalition. Several energy, environmental and transportation groups have joined forces to form this coalition, a Wichita-based organization that will help businesses and municipalities transition to alternative fuels.

The group is one of nearly 100 Clean Cities coalitions nationwide. The Clean Cities program was initiated by the U.S. Department of Energy, with a goal to support local actions to reduce petroleum use in transportation.

The coalition's primary goal is to be a resource for businesses and governments that are considering a move away from petroleum.

Look for more information throughout the year about the City's initiatives to be a clean city.

## WICHway Website Designed for Travelers

Do you commute to Wichita or the surrounding area for your job? If so, you may want to learn about WICHway.



WICHway is a website that provides the latest traffic information on Wichita's highways. It assists travelers by providing interactive maps and cameras that supply information about road conditions, road construction, accident locations, travel speeds and more.

You can access WICHway at [www.wichway.org](http://www.wichway.org) on a computer or smartphone, where it works much like an application.

The network has 35 cameras, 43 traffic sensors and 21 message signs with more additions coming this spring.

If you are traveling across the state, you can also find statewide traffic and road conditions at [511.ksdot.org](http://511.ksdot.org).

## Join the Choir

The Derby Community Choir is looking for new members.

Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7 to 8:15 p.m. at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn.

The choir's spring performance will be Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m. at the church.

If you would like to sing in the choir, simply join the weekly practices. If you have questions, contact Ross Hearn, choir director, at 788-6321 or [rhearn2@cox.net](mailto:rhearn2@cox.net).



## Academy Award® Nominated Short Films

**Saturday, Feb. 22, 10 a.m.**

**Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st**

Doors open at 9:30. Animated, live action and documentary categories will be shown.

**Thursday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m.**

**Derby Public Library**  
Documentary

**Friday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m.**

**Derby Public Library**  
Animated and live action

**Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.**

**Orpheum Theatre, 200 N. Broadway**

Doors open at 9:30. Animated, live action and documentary categories will be shown.

For more information and a complete list of showings, visit [www.wichita.lib.ks.us](http://www.wichita.lib.ks.us)



## Mobile Health Clinic

Sedgwick County Health Department  
Mobile Health Clinic

4th Thursday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m.  
Educational Support Center  
222 E. Madison in Derby

Services include:

### Children's Immunizations

Medicaid, Healthwave, some insurance, sliding-fee scale with proof of income.

### Adult Immunizations

Price varies - can file some insurance

### Blood Pressure Screenings

### Health Education

For more information, call 660-7340 or visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept/](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org/healthdept/).

