

# DERBY

## NEWS

April 2014

### “Listening to Derby” Community Forum



Lisa Moling speaks at the 2012 Community Forum

The third annual “Listening to Derby” Community Forum will provide Derby residents with an opportunity to talk with their neighbors, elected city council members, and city staff about issues important to them. Facilitated discussions about planning the new parks, updating the Derby Police Department’s strategic plan, and making the community senior-friendly will be held at tables.

People of all ages are welcome to participate in conversations in response to the question, “When you think about the future of Derby, what concerns you the most?” Bring your ideas to start the conversations, or just bring your ears to listen to the ideas of your neighbors. *Issues will be discussed in the context of the City’s mission to create vibrant neighborhoods, nurture a strong business community, and preserve beautiful green spaces.* If you have thoughts about ways in which this mission can be better achieved, please join us!

Anyone unable to attend the forum may send their comments to [KathySexton@Derbyweb.com](mailto:KathySexton@Derbyweb.com) or call 788-3132. Comments will be shared with the City Council.

**Community Forum**  
**April 22 | 6:30 p.m.**  
**Derby Welcome Center**  
**611 Mulberry Rd.**

### Arbor Day Celebration

Join the City of Derby at the park for a celebration of trees!

Kids can earn their Arbor Day Badge, heavy equipment will be on display for all to explore, and participants can design their own biodegradable seedling pots. Tree “experts” will be on site to answer questions about planting and water conservation.

Free hot dogs with all the fixings.

**Thursday, April 24 | 6 p.m.**  
**Madison Avenue Central Park**  
**512 E. Madison**

*Derby has been recognized by Tree City USA for 21 consecutive years.*



### Kite Festival



**Derby Kite Festival**  
**Saturday, May 17**  
1 to 4 p.m.  
High Park, 2801 E. James

Enjoy an afternoon of kite flying and fun, family activities at High Park.

Build your own kite; check out show kites and vendors; participate in the Derby Walks Kite Parade Walk at 1:30 p.m.; have your face painted; and enjoy bounce houses. Food vendors/trucks will have food available for purchase.

*Sponsored by the Derby Recreation Commission.*

### Chamber Golf Tournament

**Derby MacMulligan Chamber Golf Tournament**  
Friday, May 9 | 1 p.m. shotgun start

Derby Golf & Country Club  
2600 Triple Creek Drive

*What to expect:*  
\$400 per team  
Includes green fees, cart, dinner, gift bag and prizes

Contests: Putting, Hole-in-One, Chipping, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin

Learn more by calling 788-3421 or visiting [www.derbychamber.com](http://www.derbychamber.com).



### Perfect Time to Buy a Home

**Spring Parade of Homes**  
April 26-27 | May 3-4 | May 10-11  
Noon to 6 p.m.

Did you know home mortgage rates are at an all-time low? Check out new homes in Derby at the Spring Parade of Homes.

Encourage friends and family who are looking for a new home to visit as well. Derby was recently named “12th Most Affordable Suburb in America” by Movoto Real Estate.



For a complete list of new homes in Derby, pick up the Spring Parade of Homes Guide at Dillons or visit [www.DerbyKs.com/POH](http://www.DerbyKs.com/POH).

**High Park Chip Site Spring/Summer Hours**  
Monday thru Friday, 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Saturdays, 8 a.m. to noon (closed on holiday weekends)

## Kindergarten Enrollment

**Derby Public Schools Kindergarten Enrollment**

**April 21-25 | 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

*All elementary schools*

**April 22 | 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

*Swaney & Wineteer Elementary Schools*

If you have a child who will be five years old by Aug. 31, 2014, he or she is eligible to enroll in Derby Public Schools. To begin the enrollment process, visit your child's school during one of the dates and times listed above and bring the following items:

1. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate
2. Kansas Certificate of Immunization
3. Social Security Number
4. A health assessment/physical for children starting school in Kansas
5. Proof of residence in the Derby school district

If you have questions or don't know which school your child will attend, call 788-8400.



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

## Garage Sale

**Crime Stoppers Citywide Garage Sale**

May 15, 16 & 17

Registration: April 15 thru May 9 at noon

Register at *The Derby Informer* and most banks in Derby. For \$10, residents receive a garage sale sign and listing on *The Derby Informer's* garage sale map. Proceeds support crime prevention efforts in Derby.



Questions? Contact Linsey Cutsinger at 351-9900.

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

## Prepare for Spring Planting

**Tree and Shrub List & Planting Guide Available**

The Derby Parks & Urban Forestry Board would like to share its 2014 Tree and Shrub List & Planting Guide with you. You can find it at [www.derbyweb.com/trees](http://www.derbyweb.com/trees). Learn which trees and shrubs are best for your landscape, can increase the value of your home, and support your water conservation goals.



## New Art Exhibit at the Library

**Gathering Space Gallery Spring Exhibit**

"FUNdamental Art"

Artwork by Derby area elementary students

March 17 - May 4

Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove

**Artists Reception**

Thursday, April 24

5:30 to 7 p.m.



Medium:  
Construction  
Paper  
By: Jaedyn Igo  
Mrs. Lollar's  
5th Grade Class  
St. Mary  
Catholic School

## Burn Ban

During the month of April, there is a state-issued burn ban for Sedgwick County which prohibits open burning. This includes Derby. The ban is in place to help control the large amount of contaminants released in the air while ranchers burn off their rangeland. This burn ban does not include the use of approved fire pits for outdoor recreational and ceremonial purposes. Remember, fire pits cannot exceed three feet in diameter and two feet in height. Fire pits and chimineas should have a wire screen over the top of them. Outdoor fires should be at least 10 feet from combustibles, such as deck, planters or residence, and a water source should be immediately available.

## Historical Museum

Open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April thru October

208 N. Westview

Donations accepted.

*Come see the largest displayed arrowhead collection in Kansas!*



## Rock River Rapids

**Opening Day: May 26**

Get out your bathing suits for another summer of fun at Rock River Rapids! The region's best aquatic park opens for the 2014 season on Memorial Day at 12:30 p.m.

Purchase a season pass for \$63 before opening day and save 10 percent. Purchase passes at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market, or online at [www.rockriverrapids.com](http://www.rockriverrapids.com).

