

# DERBY

## NEWS

May 2014

### Thank a Police Officer

Take time to thank a police officer during National Police Week May 12-18. This week is set aside to recognize police officers for their hard work and dedication to the communities they serve. It is also a time to recognize those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week.

“National Police Week is a reminder about the courageous acts our police officers perform every day,” said Derby Police Chief Robert Lee. “It is also a stark reminder of how dangerous the profession can be. As police chief, I would like to recognize Derby’s police officers and commend them on their dedication and professionalism.”



Derby police officer Amanda Stitt visits with a Derby resident about ways to make her home safer.

### Swimming Season

**May 26: Opening Day for Rock River Rapids Aquatic Park**



Get out your bathing suits for a summer of fun at Rock River Rapids!

There are a variety of activities over the summer, including swimming lessons, adult swimming classes, swim meets, birthday parties, private rentals and the special events listed below.

#### Special Events

**June 20:** World’s Largest Swim Lesson

**July 9:** Rock River Rapids 500

**July 24:** Spongebob Square Pants Day

**August 16:** Pooch Pool Party

Learn more at [www.rockriverrapids.com](http://www.rockriverrapids.com).

### Summer Reading



#### Begins May 27

Sign up at the Derby Public Library  
1600 E. Walnut Grove  
FREE

Enjoy reading this summer and get rewarded for it! There are programs for children, teens and adults.

This year’s theme is “Fizz, Boom, Read.” Participants need 12 hours of reading (or being read to) to complete the program. The program runs through July 25. Youth who complete the program receive prizes and get to choose a new book of their own.

### Support Cancer Research

#### Derby Relay for Life

Friday, June 6  
7 p.m. to 1 a.m.  
Panther Stadium



Now’s the time to form a team for the annual Relay for Life event at Panther Stadium. It’s just \$10 to participate and fundraising is encouraged.

Register your team or make a donation at [www.relayforlife.org/derbyks](http://www.relayforlife.org/derbyks).

If you have questions about this event, contact Lisa Pinkerton at 316-648-6231 or [pinkemom@gmail.com](mailto:pinkemom@gmail.com).

### Dash Around Derby this Summer

#### June 1-August 1

Mon.-Thurs. | 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Friday | 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
\$15 card good for 10 rides

Looking for a ride to your favorite summer spot?

The Derby Dash Summer Ride Card can be used for trips to Rock River Rapids, Derby Rec Center, Derby Theaters, Derby Bowl, the library and the Derby Senior Center.



Cards may be purchased at the Derby Senior Center, City Hall and both Derby Dillons stores.

The Dash provides curb-to-curb, safe and reliable transportation within the Derby city limits for people of all ages. Call 788-RIDE (7433) to make a reservation.



### Derby Twins Summer Baseball

Games are played from May 30 to July 23 at Panther Baseball Field.  
Parent’s Week sponsored by the City of Derby ACE Grant: July 2-6  
Learn more at [www.derbytwins.com](http://www.derbytwins.com).

## Wilken Receives Mayor's Award of Excellence



Betty Wilken  
Mayor's Award of  
Excellence Recipient

photo courtesy of the Wichita Eagle

### Wilken Recognized for Volunteerism

Betty Wilken, a long-time Derby resident, has volunteered in various facets of philanthropy in the City. Her involvement includes program director for the Rotary Club of Derby, treasurer of the Friends of the Derby Public Library, and active board member of the Derby Community Foundation. Betty led development of Library2Go, a joint project of the Rotary Club and library to deliver library materials to homebound Derby residents. She volunteers at the Derby Senior Center and has been actively involved in the Derby Chamber of Commerce since 1976.

## Keep Derby Looking Good

### Chip Site Hours Extended

The Chip Site at High Park is open:  
Monday thru Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Saturdays 8 a.m.  
Closed on holiday weekends  
Free mulch is available to Derby residents.



### Tall Grass and Weeds

Did you know if your grass grows taller than 10 inches, it is a violation of City Code and you could receive a citation? Property owners are responsible for maintaining easements and rights-of-way that abut their property. Questions? Call Code Enforcement at 788-0301.

### Trash Removal

Trash must be removed weekly and placed in an approved container. Trash containers should be placed at the curb no earlier than 2 p.m. the day before the scheduled pick up and removed from the curb no later than 9 a.m. the day after collection. Containers should be stored behind the front face of your house (not in your driveway). If you recycle, sign up to receive rewards at [www.recyclebank.com](http://www.recyclebank.com).



## Consumer Confidence Report

The 2013 Water Consumer Confidence Report is now available at [www.derbyweb.com/waterreport](http://www.derbyweb.com/waterreport). This document serves as the City of Derby's annual quality report to its water customers.

To learn more about water, attend a Derby Water Board meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. Meetings are also broadcast live on Derby Channel 7 and available at: [www.derbyweb.com/channel7](http://www.derbyweb.com/channel7).

## Public Storm Shelters

### Fire Station #82

1401 N. Rock Rd.  
Storm safe room in the basement.  
Park north of the fire station and enter the east door upstairs.  
Handicap accessible entrance downstairs on the west side.  
Animals allowed - crates available

### Pleasantview Baptist Church

1335 N. Buckner  
Enter the church on the south side.

These shelters are open when a tornado warning is issued for Derby.  
Questions? Call Fire Station #82 at 788-5819.

## License Cats, Dogs

If you are a pet owner, your cats and dogs should be licensed with the City of Derby annually.



### Annual Licensing Fees

Spayed or neutered: \$10/year  
Non-spayed/neutered: \$15/year  
Vicious Dog Registration: \$100/year  
(bring photo and proof of insurance)

Animals may be licensed at your veterinarian's office or at City Hall, 611 Mulberry (must bring rabies certificate). To learn more about owning animals in Derby, visit [www.derbyweb.com/animals](http://www.derbyweb.com/animals).

## Farmer's Market

Opens May 31  
317 N. Rock Rd.

### Hours

Saturdays  
7 a.m. to noon  
If you'd like to be a vendor, contact Barbara Happy at 316-777-1176.  
[www.kansasgrowninc.com](http://www.kansasgrowninc.com)



## Get Connected

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Visit [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com) and click on the "Keep Me Informed" icon (like the one above). You will need to create an account, which requires your name and contact information.

You may also receive important news through the City of Derby's social media channels: Twitter - @DerbyKS and Facebook - Derby, Kansas City Hall.