

# DERBY

## NEWS

September 2014

### Brush Burning at High Park

On several days this summer, Derbyites may have noticed the smell of burning wood. Most likely, the smell was from a controlled burn at the High Park Chip Site. The chip site is the place for Derby residents to haul unwanted tree branches and limbs.



The City burns branches during the day in a 12-foot deep pit at high temperatures to facilitate a fast burn, which reduces smoke. Safety precautions taken include covering the embers with dirt at night and monitor-

ing changes in the weather.

Even though many branches are chipped to provide mulch for parks and residents, each year 10 to 15 days of burning are required to dispose of the tree waste. Some burning must be done in the summer, but most burning is performed in the fall. Approximately seven days of burning are scheduled this fall.

Weather conditions dictate when a burn can occur. The City obtains burn permits from the Bureau of Air at the Kansas Department of Health & Environment, Sedgwick County and the City.

On a recent burn day, an afternoon rain caused more smoke than normal. Park staff work with the air quality inspector and Derby Fire & Rescue to ensure the air is safe to breathe. If you have asthma or other conditions that make you sensitive to smoke, sign up to receive an email or text message from the City about when controlled burns are scheduled so you can make plans for indoor activities. This alert is designed to help you plan ahead.

To sign up for alerts, visit [www.DerbyWeb.com](http://www.DerbyWeb.com) and click on the "Keep Me Informed" icon to get started.

### Derby Public Library Welcomes Historian

Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m.  
Community Room - Derby Public Library  
1600 E. Walnut Grove



Larry Burke, historian, emeritus professor at Dodge City Community College, and Vietnam combat veteran will present "Eye Deep in Hell: Trench Warfare during World War I."

This presentation will provide a background of the events leading up to the war, and examine the strategies and tactics of trench warfare along the Western Front.

Sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council.

### A Taste of Derby Chamber Auction

Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.  
Kansas Star Arena

This popular annual event, organized by the Derby Chamber of Commerce, features food and beverages donated by restaurants and other businesses in the area. In addition to great food, live and silent auctions will be held.



This event is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$300 per table. Learn more and purchase tickets at [www.derbychamber.com](http://www.derbychamber.com).

### News Updates

#### Free Smoke Detector and Carbon Monoxide Detector Program



Beginning Sept. 18, Derby Fire & Rescue will begin a free smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector program for qualifying residents.

#### Are you eligible?

- Must live in the Derby city limits
- Must be the homeowner
- Must have no working detectors in the home
- Homes with hard-wired/battery back-up systems are not eligible unless the system is out of service

To request a free smoke or carbon monoxide detector, contact Janaé Springer at 788-1519 ext. 232 or by email at [janaespringer@derbyweb.com](mailto:janaespringer@derbyweb.com)

Detectors will be provided and installed by Derby Fire & Rescue staff, and are available on a limited basis.

*This program is made possible by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the Derby Community Foundation and Derby Fire & Rescue.*

#### Community Choir

Are you interested in singing in a local choir? Join the Derby Community Choir for practice at 7 p.m. on Thursdays at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn. The choir will hold a performance on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. at Woodlawn United Methodist Church.



The choir is directed by Ross Hearn and is open to people of all ages. No auditions are held.

Questions? Contact Ross Hearn at 788-6321.

## West End Business Park Ready for Growth

The West End Business Park, located west of K-15 Highway and north of Madison Avenue, has seven available lots for sale. These shovel-ready lots are priced at 70 cents per square foot with no special taxes. The lots total 8.75 acres and range in size from one to two acres each.

Improvements have been made at the park this year, including a new railroad crossing at Madison Ave., which creates better access for trucks and clients. New signage was added at the entrance on Madison Ave., and a ribbon cutting for the business park was held Sept. 3.

The business park is suitable for all types of businesses, including communications, printing, food processing, manufacturing, avionics, assembly, back office, engineering and more. Current businesses in the West End Business Park include BRG Precision Products, Mockry & Sons Machine Co., Premium Auto Restoration, Mid Continent Controls and Automotive Solutions.

To learn more about the park, visit [www.derbyweb.com/bizpark](http://www.derbyweb.com/bizpark).



## Fall Parade of Homes

**October 4-5 | 11-12 | 18-19**  
**Noon to 6 p.m.**



Need a bigger house with more space for your kids and all their stuff? Or, have you been thinking about moving your parents to Derby? Mark your calendar now to shop for your dream home in Derby during the Fall Parade of Homes.

Encourage friends who are looking for a new home to visit Derby as well. Last year, Derby was named 12th Most Affordable Suburb in America by Movoto Real

Estate, and home mortgage rates are still at attractive low rates.

For a complete list of Derby homes on the Fall Parade, visit [www.DerbyKS.com/POH](http://www.DerbyKS.com/POH) or look for the Fall Parade of Homes Guide in Dillons stores this month.

## Pay Your Monthly Water Bill Automatically



Do you want an easier way to pay your water bill? Sign up for automatic withdrawal from your checking account. It's a free service and you need to have a zero balance on your account. Just bring a voided check to City Hall, fill out an authorization form and you're all set.

Water staff would also like to remind you to update your phone number and email by calling 788-1424. If there are any issues with your bill, staff need your current phone number to get in touch with you.

### Summer Reading Program Breaks Record

The Derby Public Library had a record high 2,315 children and 205 adults complete the Summer Reading Program. Thanks to all who participated!

## Upcoming Activities

**Dine & Deal Casino Night**  
**Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.**  
**Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.**

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled night of black jack, roulette, craps and wheel of fortune. This event is open to all ages.



Call 788-0223 to register. Cost is \$10 per person. Learn more at [www.derbyweb.com/seniors](http://www.derbyweb.com/seniors) (view the *September Prime Times newsletter*).

### Fall Prevention Awareness

Did you know every 15 seconds an older adult is in the emergency room for a fall-related injury? Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for people over the age of 65.

The Derby Senior Center is offering an eight-week Matter of Balance class to teach seniors how to avoid falls. This class, which begins Sept. 23, includes exercise, ping pong and written materials.

The class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels of older adults who have concerns about falls.

Call the Derby Senior Center at 788-0223 to learn more about the class.

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

Saturday, Sept. 13  
9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
High Park, 2801 E. James  
Fun for the entire family!