

DERBY

NEWS

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Work Begins on New Park

Madison Avenue Central Park will be under construction throughout 2015. The City expects National Builders to break ground this month.

This signature park will provide several indoor and outdoor spaces for family activities and community events, including a splash pad, accessible playground, two open shelters, a large pavilion and other park amenities. Remodeling of The Venue, which is the one



*New Grand Pavilion
Madison Avenue Central Park*

building remaining after demolition of St. Mary's school and church, is scheduled to be completed by year's end.

The project is funded by the Derby Difference Sales Tax (half-cent), which was

approved by Derby voters in 2013 and took effect on Jan. 1, 2015.

To learn more and see construction updates, visit www.derbyweb.com/newparks.

Share Your Expertise

The City of Derby needs you to serve! We need help to determine policies and guide Derby's future growth. Opportunities are available to serve on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** and the **Derby Recreation Commission**. Applications are available at www.derbyweb.com or City Hall (Mon.-Thurs. from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fri. from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.) The application deadline is April 13.



Longtime Parks & Urban Forestry Board members, Dave Peebler (foreground) and Jason Griffin (background) help at the Arbor Day Celebration.

The **Board of Zoning Appeals** meets on an as-needed basis, usually not more than once a year. This board reviews appeals, variances, conditional use requests and related zoning matters. Recent cases have included a request for a variance of a residential fence setback and a variance from the

maximum fence height. Each of the five members serve a three-year term and cannot hold any other public office within the City, except a position on the Planning Commission.

The **Derby Recreation Commission** meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The Commission governs and hires a superintendent to manage the DRC, 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 serve a four-year term. The City appoints two members to the DRC Board.

Register to Vote



The 2015 General Election is set for Tuesday, April 7. To register to vote online you must have a valid Kansas driver's license or non-driver's identification

card. Online registration can be done at www.sedgwickcounty.org/elections/. If you do not have either document, register to vote using a paper form. You must

re-register if you change your name, address or party affiliation.

Register to vote in person at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. or the Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove.

Feb. 10: Last day to register to vote for City/School Primary Election on March 3.

March 17: Last day to register to vote for City/School General Election on April 7.

Academy Award® Nominated Short Films

Saturday, Feb. 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Orpheum Theatre, 101 N. Broadway

Animated, live action and documentary categories will be shown.

**Thursday, Feb. 19,
5 to 8:30 p.m.**
Derby Public Library
Documentary

**Friday, Feb. 20,
6 to 10 p.m.**
Derby Public Library
Animated and live action

Saturday, Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Warren Theatre, 9150 W. 21st St.

Animated, live action and documentary categories will be shown.

For more information and a complete list of showings, visit www.wichita.lib.ks.us



Citywide Garage Sale

May 14, 15 and 16

www.derbyweb.com/garagesale

\$20K Available for Water Conservation Rebates

In your January water bill, you should have found a \$100 water conservation rebate coupon. Some of the items eligible for the \$100 rebate are **high-efficiency washing machines, dishwashers and smart irrigation controllers** (example at right).



This program is part of the City of Derby's effort to encourage residents to take water conservation measures to reduce their water usage year round.

The program is funded by the City of Wichita and the City of Derby. Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis through May 28, 2015 or until the funds run out. Any device purchased between Jan. 1, 2014 and May 28, 2015 is eligible for the program.

Applications and supporting documentation are due to the City by June 30, 2015. Customers need to fill out a rebate application and attach all receipts. Customers may apply for up to five rebates. Online applications are available at www.derbyweb.com/rebateprogram and paper applications are available at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. If you have questions, call City Hall at 788-1424.

Derby Senior Services Water Conservation Rebate Program Presentations

Are you 55 or older? Here are two opportunities to learn more about the program:

- March 16 at 1 p.m.
- March 25 at 10 a.m.
- Derby Senior Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.
- Presented by Steve White, Assistant Public Works Director

Water Bill Payment Options

The City of Derby wants to make it easy for you to pay your monthly water bill. Here are payments options that will save you time:

Auto-Pay Plan

Your bill will be automatically deducted from your checking account each month for free. You will still receive a paper bill in the mail for your records. Sign up at City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd. Bring in a voided check. Customers must have a zero balance on their water account to set this up.

Online Payment

Pay your bill online at www.municipalonlinepayments.com/derbyks. There is a \$1.25 processing fee for online payments.

You can also drop off your payment anytime at the 24-hour drop box outside City Hall or call 788-1424 to make a payment over the phone free of charge. Questions? Call City Hall Water at 788-1424.



West End Study Update

West End Study Community Meeting
Thursday, March 26 at 4 p.m.
Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Are you interested in the redevelopment of the West End of Derby? If so, attend this meeting to learn more and tell your ideas to City officials.

The West End is located generally along both sides of K-15 and west to the Arkansas River, bounded by Songbird St. on the north and the south City limits. It is comprised of a mix of business and industrial uses interspersed with single-family homes.

Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/westendstudy.

Help DHS Students



The Derby Community Foundation has worked with area donors to create a **Career Technical Education Assistance Fund**, which provides grants to Derby High School to assist students with supplies needed to pursue technical certifications from local

public community and technical colleges. The fund was established in response to the growing number of students who are enrolling in technical courses as a result of Senate Bill 155.

Many thanks to Derby residents Vicki Decarsky and Judy Greteman and the Derby Rotary Club for helping establish this fund.

The Derby Community Foundation welcomes additional contributions to the CTE Assistance Fund. For more information, call the Foundation 788-9815 or email admin@derbycf.org.

Operation Holiday Thank You

During the 2014 holiday season, Derby Operation Holiday provided non-perishable food items, vouchers for perishable foods, and toys to 991 individuals, including 23 families with children in Derby Public Schools. Organizers would like to thank the individuals, businesses, schools, churches, small groups, civic groups, City of Derby and other organizations for their generosity.