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NEWS

April 2015

“Listening to Derby” Community Forum

**Thursday, April 23
6:30 p.m.
Derby Welcome Center
611 Mulberry Rd.**

The fourth annual “Listening to Derby” Community Forum will provide Derby residents with an opportunity to talk with their neighbors, Derby City Council members, and city staff about issues important to them. Facilitated table discussions will occur about:

- Redevelopment of the West End
- Social service needs in Derby and how to address them
- Future project to widen Madison Avenue east of Derby High School

People of all ages are welcome to participate in conversations in response to the



Robert Mendoza, Director of Public Works, speaks to a Derby resident at the 2014 forum.

question, “When you think about the future of Derby, what concerns you the most?” Bring your ideas to start conversations, or just 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 the city manager at KathySexton@derbyweb.com or call 788-3132. Comments will be shared with the Mayor and City Council.

National Police Week

National Police Week is May 11-15. This is a special week to recognize police officers for their hard work and dedication. It is also a time to recognize those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

If you’d like to show your support for local law enforcement, yard signs are available for purchase for just \$5. Signs can be purchased at the Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd., or the Derby Police Department, 229 N. Baltimore. Please place them in your yard during National Police Week to show your support of your Derby police officers.



Officer Mike Cooter gives a tour of the Derby Police Department.

FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Open House

**May 14, 1 to 8 p.m.
Derby Public Library
1600 E. Walnut Grove Rd.**

The City of Derby is hosting an open house for the proposed FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map changes.

Dane Bailey with the Kansas Department of Agriculture/Water Resources Division, and Andy Megrail, Community Coordinator with FEMA, along with support staff, will be available to answer questions and explain the proposed changes.

Arbor Day Celebration

**Thursday, April 30 at 6 p.m.
High Park, 2801 E. James St.
Zimmerman Family Shelter**

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 enjoy fun crafts and games as well as free hot dogs with all the fixings. Tree experts will be on site to answer questions about planting and water conservation.



Tree & Shrub Guide

The Derby Parks & Urban Forestry Board would like to share its 2015 Tree and Shrub List & Planting Guide with Derby residents. Find the brochure at 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.



Derby Farmers Market

**May 2 thru Sept. 26, 2015
7 a.m. to noon
611 Mulberry Rd.**

The Derby Farmers Market will be at a new location this spring. You will find local vendors at the corner of Madison Ave. and Mulberry Rd. in the Senior Center parking lot.

Learn more about Kansas Grown Farmers Markets at www.kansasgrowninc.com. If you have questions or want to be a vendor, contact Trena Bradley at 316-706-5535.



New Park Takes Shape

Madison Avenue Central Park construction is well underway. The earthwork is in progress, and renovations have started inside The Venue building. Interior walls have come down and the space is being reorganized to provide new meeting rooms, a catering kitchen, accessible bathrooms and a lift to the mezzanine.



Work on The Venue is underway. The former St. Mary's school gym is undergoing a complete renovation to become an events center for weddings, reunions and meetings.

that will open up the large event space and bring in natural light. They will also provide a great view of the finished park. The Venue is scheduled for completion at the end of the year. Information on rental rates and reservations will be available this summer.

This park is being constructed thanks to the Derby Difference Sales Tax, passed by Derby voters in October 2013.

On the east side of the building, you can see the beginnings of two large windows

Water Rebate Program Ending Soon

The City is currently involved in its second water conservation rebate program which provides rebates for high-efficiency devices purchased through May 28, 2015, or until the funding runs out.

Derby residents have responded enthusiastically to the program, and all funding approved for rebates (\$41,150) ran out in March. In response, the Derby City Council recently approved an additional \$14,000 for rebates. Turn in your receipts soon while funding is still available.

Learn more about the water conservation rebate program at www.derbyweb.com/rebateprogram. You can submit your application online or in person at 611 Mulberry Rd. Questions? Call 788-1424.



Golf Tournament

Derby MacMulligan Chamber Golf Tournament
Friday, May 8 | 1 p.m. shotgun start

Derby Golf & Country Club
2600 Triple Creek Drive
\$400 per team of four
Includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and top prizes.

Call Tim at 788-3421 or email tim@derbychamber.com to reserve your spot.



Citywide Garage Sale

May 14, 15 and 16
\$10 entry fee
Organized by Crime Stoppers of Derby

Registration: April 13 - May 8 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 or visit www.derbyweb.com/garagesale

Derby Kite Festival

Saturday, May 16, 1 to 4 p.m.
High Park, 2801 E. James St.
Free

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

Participants may make a kite, and enjoy clowns, candy drop at 2:30 p.m., face painting, kite vendors, parachute races, music, mega kites, remote control airplanes, helicopters and more.



Sponsored by the Derby Recreation Commission and the City of Derby.

Your Sales Taxes at Work



Derby Hires Six Firefighters



Back: Alex Clark, Joe Jacob, Chad Sterrett
Front: Garrett Plush, Lonnie Carr, Brad Conrady

Chip Site Hours Change

Beginning April 1, the High Park Chip Site hours will change to the following:

- Monday - Friday
7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Saturdays
8 a.m. to noon

The Chip Site is a service offered to residents within the Derby city limits only. Free mulch is available for use by Derby residents as well.

What's allowed: Tree trunks/limbs up to 10 inches in diameter.

What's not allowed: Grass clippings, leaves and thorny brush.