

# DERBY

## NEWS

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## Have Fun and be Safe on July 4

Independence Day is a popular time of year for Derby residents. If you're planning to purchase and shoot fireworks in Derby, here's what you need to know:

### When to Buy

**Fireworks can be purchased between June 27 and July 5.**

- ♦ Shoot fireworks in the city where you buy them. Fireworks purchased out of state or outside the Derby city limits may be illegal to shoot in Derby.
- ♦ Possession of illegal fireworks, such as bottle rockets, is a misdemeanor and may result in confiscation and a fine.

### When to Shoot

June 27-July 2	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.
July 3 & 4	8 a.m. to midnight
July 5	8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## Firecracker Race

**34th Annual Derby Firecracker Race**  
**July 4**  
**4-Mile at 7:30 a.m. / 1-Mile at 8:30 a.m.**  
**High Park, 2801 E. James**

### Entry fees

\$25 for 13 and older  
(\$5 discount for Derby Running Club members)  
\$15 for 12 and under

Register beginning June 12 at the Derby Recreation Center or [www.runwichita.org](http://www.runwichita.org).

Questions? Email [derbyrunningclub@gmail.com](mailto:derbyrunningclub@gmail.com).



### Where Not to Shoot

It is illegal to shoot fireworks in the following places:

- ♦ On public property, including streets and parks in the Derby city limits.
- ♦ Within 100 feet of a gas pump, filling station or building in which gas or flammable liquids are sold.
- ♦ Within 100 feet of a fireworks stand or facility where fireworks are stored.
- ♦ From, into, out of, on, under, or in the direction of a car, whether moving or parked.

Learn more at [www.derbyweb.com/july4](http://www.derbyweb.com/july4).



photo by Barney Tull

## Parade

**Independence Day Parade**  
**July 4 at 10 a.m.**

239 Years of Freedom - Thank a Vet

*Sponsored by Derby VFW Post 7253 and American Legion Post 408*

The parade begins at Panther Stadium (just east of Madison Ave. & Woodlawn Blvd.), proceeds west on Madison to Georgie, south on Georgie to Market, east on Market back to Panther Stadium.

Questions? Contact Mike Corbin, Junior Vice Commander, Derby VFW Post 7253, at 644-7292 or [corm88@yahoo.com](mailto:corm88@yahoo.com).



## Fireworks at High Park

**July 4 at 7 p.m.**

**Fireworks begin around 9:30 p.m.**  
**High Park, 2801 E. James**

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a relaxing, family-friendly evening at High Park.



photo by Mike Beauchamp

The sand volleyball court near the enclosed shelter will be turned into a large sandbox with items to build sand castles. Sure to entertain your kids for hours!

Cornhole game sets will be available and there will be three bounce houses.

Hiland Dairy will give away free ice cream. Food will be available for purchase from B.S. Sandwich Press, Kona Ice and Black Sheep Kettle Korn. Arrive early to avoid parking delays.

## Problems & Clean Up

Be a good neighbor and follow the fireworks rules outlined by the City of Derby.

### Emergencies

To report the illegal use of fireworks or any other emergency, call 911.

### Reporting Non-emergencies

A non-emergency phone line for reporting fireworks, noise or party complaints around the July 4 holiday will be established by Sedgwick County. This phone line is staffed by Sedgwick County employees. Please visit [www.sedgwickcounty.org](http://www.sedgwickcounty.org) after June 12 for more information.

### Clean Up Your Mess

Please make sure to clean up your fireworks debris. Not only is the debris litter, it can clog the stormwater drains if it washes away or is blown into the drains. City staff will enforce littering violations.

## Mayor Randy White: Small Town Values

by Mayor White

I hear the term “small town values” all the time. It’s usually part of a discussion concerning the growth of our city and what makes Derby a special place to live. Communities seem to use titles like quality of life, small town values, and destination community to summarize activities, opportunities, and services available. When you hear these terms, what do you think of?



Mayor Randy White

Derby is blessed with great schools, a wonderful library, and safe neighborhoods. Annual festivals and parades, well-maintained streets, outstanding recreational facilities, and many other opportunities enhance our city and make Derby a great place to live.

So that leaves “small town values.” Once we identify them, what can we do to protect and enhance them? When I think about what our community values are, my first thoughts are about people helping people or neighbors becoming lifelong friends and working together to keep our neighborhoods safe. I also think about local community events, clubs, and organizations. Together as a community, we share common interests.

A “destination community” usually describes a place where everything you want and need is close by. In the last 10 years, Derby has established itself as a place with lots of restaurants, shopping, and activities to choose from. We have come a long way from a one stop-light town and having to go to Wichita for most things. “Quality of life” is often used to describe the services and entertainment available.

My hope is that as you read this article you will have your own thoughts about what our “small town values” are and what we can do as a community to maintain them. I would appreciate you sharing your thoughts with me at rgwhite58@cox.net. I look forward to summarizing what I receive and sharing it with you in my next column.

## Honor a Veteran

Honor a special Derby-area veteran with a brick on the Walk of Freedom Veterans Memorial at Garrett Park. There is a memorial for each branch of the military. Bricks are \$50 each.



photo by Bill Fales

The deadline for submitting brick orders is Aug. 1. Bricks will be placed at the memorial by Veterans Day 2015.

Order forms are available online at [www.derbycf.org](http://www.derbycf.org) or at the Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd. For more information, call the Derby Community Foundation at 788-9815.

## Book Sale

Friends of the Derby Public Library  
Book Sale  
June 27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
June 28, 1 to 4 p.m.  
1600 Walnut Grove Rd.

If you’d like to get involved, you can volunteer to help at the book sale or donate books for the sale. Drop books off at the library beginning June 1.



If you become a Friend of the Library, you can attend a preview sale on Friday, June 26 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A one-year membership is \$10 and lifetime membership is \$100. Stop by the library to learn more.

## Coffee with a Cop

Saturday, June 20  
8 to 10 a.m.  
Riverside Cafe, 824 N. Baltimore

Derby residents are invited to Coffee with a Cop. This is a time to enjoy coffee and conversation with your local police officers. There is not an agenda or a presentation, just a time to ask questions, voice your concerns and get to know your local police officers.



Derby police officers will have the Crime Scene Unit and Special Operations Team vehicle on site as well.

## Recycle Your Waste

Saturday, June 27  
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Derby High School parking lot

Sedgwick County will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Day at Derby High School, 920 N. Rock Rd.



Items accepted include almost all chemical items from a residence, including: paints, aerosols, batteries, used oil, gas, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, garden chemicals, household cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, propane, and old, unwanted medication (no controlled substances allowed).

## Save the Date Derby BBQ Festival



9 to 3:30 p.m.  
Sept. 12  
[www.DerbyBBQ.com](http://www.DerbyBBQ.com)