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NEWS

October 2015

Hear the Beep Where You Sleep

The Derby Fire & Rescue Department will conduct fire prevention activities during National Fire Prevention Week October 4-10. The goal is to teach Derby's youth about fire safety and prevention.

This year's fire theme is "Hear the beep where you sleep." This is an important reminder for all of us that we need to have smoke detectors in our homes, especially in bedrooms.

Fire Prevention Week activities are designed for preschool through second grade students. They learn about home fire safety, fire engines, why firefighters wear special clothing and breathing equipment, and about things that can sometimes be scary to young children, such as masks and air tanks.

Students will also experience the Smoke House to learn what to do if there is a fire in their home. Non-toxic smoke is used to simulate real smoke.

Fire Safety Tips:

- Test your smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.
- Children and older adults may need help waking up. Make sure someone wakes them up when an alarm sounds.
- When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Call 911 from your cell phone or a neighbor's house.



If you have questions about fire prevention or would like to schedule a tour, contact Lt. Chuck Stansfield at 788-5819 or chuckstansfield@derbyweb.com.

BBQ Thank You

The Derby BBQ Festival on Sept. 12 was bigger and better than ever before. Presented by Security 1st Title, this was the fifth annual event and for the first time included a free BBQ lunch for 800 McConnell Air Force Base airmen and their families.

Derby businesses sponsoring the festival set a new record too. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered, especially Woodlawn United Methodist Church.

Interested in helping next year as a sponsor or volunteer? Call City Hall at 788-1519. You can see photos and a video of the event at www.derbybbq.com.



photo by Bill Fales

Derby PD Youth Day

Sunday, Oct. 18
2 to 5 p.m.
229 N. Baltimore

Derby youth of all ages are invited to tour the Derby Police Department and learn about careers in law enforcement.



Derby police officers will provide tours of the police department and answer questions about how to get started in a career in law enforcement. Tours will also be available of Derby Fire Station 81 (next door).

If you have questions, call 788-1557.

Senior Speed Dating

Thursday, Oct. 22
3 p.m.
Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Meet a new friend or companion at the Derby Senior Center's first speed dating event for older adults.



Speed dating is a fun, unique way to meet like-minded singles in a safe environment without commitment.

Whether you're seeking a friend or a soulmate, this event is a chance to get to know a variety of people during five-minute chats. Refreshments will be served.

Register by calling 788-0223.

Pumpkin Patch

Saturday, Oct. 24
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Rock River Rapids, 1900 E. James

Weigand Realty and Verus Bank invite you to the Pumpkin Patch Block Party at Rock River Rapids. This is a great event for kids 12 and under. Here's what to expect:



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- Free pumpkins, while they last
- Hot dogs and treats
- Princess Pros Entertainment
- Lions Club Vision Screening Van
- Derby Optimists Club bounce house
- Derby Police Department police cars
- Derby Fire & Rescue Department Fire Safety House

Experience Derby: Fall Parade of Homes

The 2015 Fall Parade of Homes will be held the first three weekends of October. This is the perfect opportunity to invite friends and family to experience Derby.

As someone who lives and plays here, you are an expert on Derby, our schools, where to shop and everything this community has to offer.



Mayor White

Derby is committed to providing inviting parks and green spaces for residents. When you drive through town, it is hard to miss construction of the new Madison Avenue Central Park and the sparkling new Derby North Middle School. Derbyites are proud of our schools. Go Panthers!

For a map and a list of the Derby homes on the Parade, visit www.derbyks.com/POH.

Need other ideas to keep your guests busy while in Derby? Get a glimpse of local history at the Derby Historical Museum at 208 N. Westview (open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or visit the Derby Antique Market at Rock Road and Madison Avenue or other retail shops. On October 10, you can stop by the Community Health Fair at Woodlawn United Methodist Church (8 to 11 a.m.). Learn about these and other events on our Community Calendar at www.derbyks.com.

This year's Parade includes seven new homes in a variety of styles and price points in The Coves, The Oaks, Courtyard at The Oaks and Spring Ridge additions. The homes are open to the public from noon to 6 p.m., October 3-4, 10-11 and 17-18. Wouldn't it be fun to see how new homes are being built these days? Just out of curiosity, my wife Pam and I plan to check out a couple of them.

In recent years, Derby has been recognized as one of the most affordable suburbs in America, a best place to retire in Kansas, and one of the safest cities in Kansas. Derby also has the second lowest property taxes in the Wichita metro area.

Visit Derby
during the Fall
Parade of Homes!

OCT. 3 & 4
OCT. 10 & 11
OCT. 17 & 18

Open Houses
Noon - 6 pm
each day

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Derby Operation Holiday

Derby Operation Holiday has provided holiday assistance to families in the Derby school district for 30 years. Assistance for qualifying families includes boxed and canned foods, food vouchers for turkeys and perishable items, and toys for children 14 and under.

To qualify, provide:

- Proof of identification (photo ID).
- Proof of address (bill or letter from the last 30 days). *Must live in the Derby School District.*
- Legal proof of Social Security numbers for all family members registering for assistance (tax return, legal ID card, work visa, green card or birth certificate).
- Birth dates of all family members.
- Proof of income for all members of the household for the past two months.
- Telephone number or number where a message can be left.



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Registration Dates/Locations:

Oaklawn Community Center
2937 E. Oaklawn Dr.
Nov. 9 & 12 1 to 6 p.m.
Nov. 10 & 13 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Nov. 11 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Derby Public Library
1600 E. Walnut Grove Rd.
Nov. 10 1 to 7 p.m.
Nov. 13 2 to 6 p.m.

Items will be distributed to families in mid-December.

Halloween Hullabaloo

Saturday, Oct. 24
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
High Park, 2801 E. James

This long-running, free event, sponsored by the Derby Recreation Center, will move to High Park this year. Includes games, food, bounce houses, zombie shooting range, hay rack rides, trick or treating, haunted theater performances, Pumpkin' Chunkin' and music. This year's new feature, Pumpkin' Chunkin', is a contest for teams to create a slingshot launcher to see who can launch their pumpkin the furthest. The winning team will receive a \$200 prize. Learn more at www.derbyrec.com.



Need Event Space?

While construction of Madison Avenue Central Park will take until summer 2016, the remodeled building named The Venue will be available for rental in March 2016.



Cori Dodds

If you are planning an event, contact Cori Dodds at the Derby Public Library, to determine if this new event center might be right for you. Rental rates and other details are being developed. If Cori knows what your needs are, she can provide you with pertinent information as soon as it is available. Reach her at cori@derbylibrary.com or 788-0760.

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