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Mayor Invites Public to Venue Tours



Randy White
Mayor

Sure wish you could feel the excitement I'm feeling about Derby's new event center opening. For many years, Derby High School alumni have struggled to find places to hold their class reunions, people who grew up here had to get married in Wichita due to lack of facilities here, and even the Derby Chamber of Commerce holds its big events out of town. I invite you to come see the new facility this month.

The Venue at Madison Avenue Central Park, 512 E. Madison

Public viewing and tours:

Friday, March 11, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. & Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

You will see the main room is plenty big enough to seat 365 for dinner (pictured at right), three small rooms are perfect for breakout sessions, and the Fireside Patio provides a cozy spot for intimate gatherings of 100 or so guests. That patio is my favorite (see a snapshot at top right).



As mayor, I admit to being a bit sentimental, but I view weddings, class reunions, graduation and anniversary parties, quinceaneras and bar mitzvahs as pretty important—monumental even—in family life. This new event center and the park surrounding it, which will be completed in the fall, provide a striking addition to the fabric of Derby as a community of strong families.

Get a sneak peek on Facebook (search for Madison Avenue Central Park) or at www.MeetInDerby.com. Hope to see you at one of the open house events.

Your Mayor,
Randy White

More on The Venue

Even though the park will be under construction throughout the summer, the main event center



is available for rental for private events beginning March 14. The Venue was formerly the gymnasium at St. Mary's Catholic School until the City purchased the ten-acre parcel in 2011 and demolished all church and school buildings except the gym built in 1984. All other buildings were decades older.

WDM Architects designed the remodel, and National Builders is the general contractor. The Derby Difference Sales Tax provided \$1.8 million to fund the project.

Rental information is available at www.MeetInDerby.com. If you have questions or want to make a reservation, contact Cori Dodds, Event Coordinator, at 788-0760 or cori@DerbyLibrary.com.

Pancake Feed

Derby Chamber Pancake Feed

Saturday, March 19, 8 to 10 a.m.

Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Benefits the Derby Food Pantry

Bring a friend and a canned good to this fun pancake feed with the Derby Chamber of Commerce and Chris Cakes. Open to the public.



Admission is just \$5 per person for all-you-can-eat pancakes. Proceeds benefit the Derby Food Pantry, which serves families in the Derby School District.

If you have questions, call the Chamber at 788-3421.

Police/Fire Open House

Derby Police Department/Fire & Rescue

Youth Open House

Sunday, April 17, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Derby Police & Courts, 229 N. Baltimore

Youth of all ages are invited to the Derby Police Department and Derby Fire & Rescue Youth Open House.

This event will feature facility tours, static and interactive displays, food and drinks, goody bags and visits by McGruff, Darren the Lion, Sparky the Fire Dog and Pluggy.



After Prom Support

Have extra RecycleBank points? Consider donating your points to help support Derby High School After Prom. Donations can be made for \$1 (250 points) or \$10 (2500 points) now through April 30.

After Prom is organized by the Derby Community Coalition Promoting Healthy Choices and offers a safe post-prom celebration for Derby High School students.

www.recyclebank.com/rewards/local-rewards

Volunteers Needed for Boards & Commissions



Derby Mayor Randy White is looking for volunteers to serve on the City's boards and commissions. Interested residents may pick up applications at City Hall, 611 Mulberry, or download an application at www.derbyweb.com.

The application deadline is March 30 at 5 p.m. Appointments must be approved by the City Council and will be effective in May 2016.

Vacancies

ADA Board

2 vacancies, 2-year term

Meets on the second Monday of each quarter at 4 p.m.

The board was established by the Derby City Council in 2006 to work towards

full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act with respect to all City facilities and activities. One position requires the applicant have a disability; have a spouse, child or parent with a disability; or be representatives of an organization or group that provides services to individuals with disabilities. The board makes recommendations to the City through the City's ADA Coordinator.

Planning Commission

2 vacancies, 3-year term

Meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Duties are to review the Comprehensive Plan; prepare, adopt and maintain the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations; hold hearings on special uses, zoning changes, and vacation requests; review and approve plats, commercial site plans, and lot splits; and make

recommendations to the City Council. One position is for a City resident, and the other is for someone who resides outside of the City but within the designated planning area of the City. This area is generally bound by MacArthur Street on the north, 143rd on the east, 111th on the south and Hydraulic on the west.

Library Board

1 vacancy, 4-year term

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Library Board governs the Derby Public Library and oversees the Library Director. The Board establishes policies and regulations to govern the library property, operations, and safety.

If you have questions, contact Rebecca Likiardopoulos at 788-3132 or RSVP@derbyweb.com.

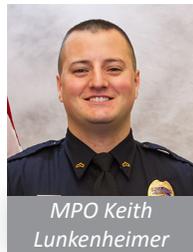
Connect With Your Beat 3 Team Leaders

The Derby Police Department strives to have open communication with citizens. One way this is accomplished is through the use of Beat Teams, which are groups of officers who work in assigned areas of the community. Each Beat Team has a Beat Team Leader or two.

This month, we are featuring the Beat Three Team Leaders, Master Police Officers Keith Lunkenheimer and Caleb Rue. These officers oversee the area from Madison on the north, Arkansas River on the west, Rock Road on the east and the south city limit.

If you live in this area and have any non-emergency questions or concerns, call the Police Department at 788-1557 or fill out an online form at www.derbyweb.com/beatteam. The officers can also be reached at keithlunkenheimer@derbyweb.com and calebrue@derbyweb.com.

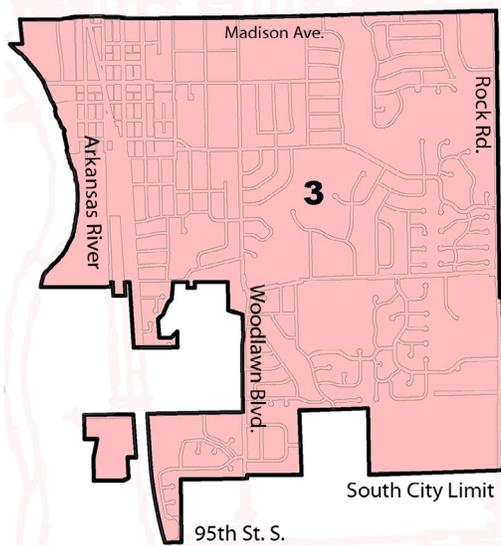
To learn more about ways to connect with the Derby Police Department, visit www.derbyweb.com/police.



MPO Keith Lunkenheimer



MPO Caleb Rue



Recyclebank for Business

Attention Derby Business Owners:

Become a rewards partner with Recyclebank to enable Derby residents to use their Recyclebank points at your business.

Residents earn points for recycling bi-weekly. They can redeem points for discounts and offers from businesses, such as yours. Becoming a rewards partner with Recyclebank is free. Simply choose the discount you would like to offer, and Recyclebank will do the rest. Your offer and business will be promoted in Recyclebank's Rewards catalog.

Recyclebank wants to grow participation with coffee shops, restaurants, entertainment and services.

Why your business should participate:

- Increase sales: Acquire new customers and drive return visits.
- Strengthen your community connection: Participate in a high-profile community initiative.
- Make an impact: Advance education around greener actions and increase recycling in the community.

If this interests you, contact Herschel West at herschelw@wasteconnections.com or rewardpartner@recyclebank.com.