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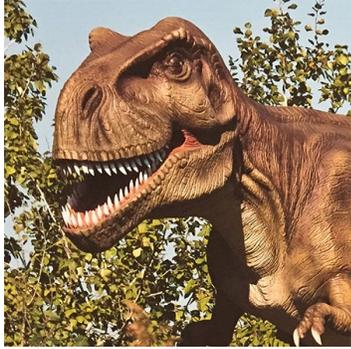
NEWS

July 2016

Public Hearing: July 12

The proposed destination development themed on dinosaurs as part of a STAR bond project will be the subject of a public hearing before the Derby City Council on Tuesday, July 12 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 611 N. Mulberry Rd.

The project includes a unique park with life-size animatronic dinosaurs with interactive experiences for kids to dig for fossils, play on an indoor ropes course (first of its kind in North America), and play miniature golf. A similar Field Station: Dinosaurs is located in New Jersey.



part of the up front costs of the development. STAR bonds are proposed to total \$24 million, which in turn would leverage \$135 million in private investment.

An estimated 132,000 people looking for family fun could visit the dinosaur attraction each year. Half are expected to live within 100 miles. The idea

of adding a unique family edu-tainment experience to the metro area should complement other area attractions and provide another option for families. Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/dino.

The proposed location is on Rock Rd. across from Derby North Middle School between the water tower and QuikTrip. Also included are a specialty medical facility, hotel, restaurant and possible daycare. All these new ventures would be on the property tax roll, thus benefiting Derby schools and city and county coffers.

The STAR bond project also proposes retail stores (unnamed at this time) south of Patriot Ave. to Meadowlark (west of Rock Rd.) and possibly filling in vacant lots in the Derby Marketplace (east of Rock Road). The regular sales tax collected when people shop at stores in this area would be used to pay for the STAR bonds, which would pay

The various businesses would take several years to construct. The dinosaur attraction likely would begin construction in 2017, and the medical facility could start as early as fall 2016.

Once the Council hears from the public and asks questions of the developer, it will consider adoption of the project plan. If the City Council approves the plan, it will be sent to the Kansas Department of Commerce for consideration and approval.

Send your questions or voice your support or opposition by emailing KathySexton@derbyweb.com or attending the public hearing on July 12.

New Educational Garden



The front yard of the Derby Welcome Center at 611 Mulberry Rd. has recently been refurbished. City Parks staff installed flowers, shrubs, a sample of artificial turf, and various types of ground covers with signage to identify them. The goal is to provide an educational landscape that demonstrates how low-water, locally-purchased native plants can enhance your home or business. If you have questions about what you see, call 788-0301 (7 a.m. to 4 p.m. M-F).

Library Book Sale

Friends of the Derby Public Library Book Sale

July 30

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

July 31

1 to 4 p.m.

With thousands of books to choose from, you are bound to find one — or maybe a dozen — you can't live without. Paperbacks are 25 cents and hard-covers 50 cents. Music CDs will be on sale for \$1 and all other digital media (books on CD, DVDs, etc.) will be \$2.



A **Preview Sale** for members of the Friends of the Library is July 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Not a member of the Friends of the Library and would like to attend the Preview Sale? Membership is \$10 a year or \$100 for a lifetime membership. Applications are available at the front desk in the library, and memberships will be available at the door of the sale as well. Learn more at www.derbylibrary.com/for-adults/friends-of-the-library.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2

6 to 9 pm

Rock River Rapids

1900 E. James

FREE ADMISSION

Join friends and neighbors for a night of swimming, food and fun.

Sponsored by the Derby Police Department and Derby Fire & Rescue

City Council Feature: Ward III

Get to know your City Council members a little better. This month is the third installment of this feature.



Cheryl Bannon

Elected: April 2003
 Place of work: Retired
 Hobbies: Beading, reading and spending time with grandchildren
 Favorite restaurants: Madrocks and La Hacienda
 Best way to reach me: 788-3132 or lcbannon@cox.net



Chuck Warren

Elected: April 1999
 Place of work: The Warren Family LLC (commercial real estate development) & Licensed Broker with Coldwell Banker Plaza Real Estate (residential sales)
 Hobbies: Golf and traveling to see my kids in California and Brazil
 Favorite restaurants: Pizza John's, Little Firehouse Café and Old El Paso BBQ
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Derby City Council Ward III Map



Time to Enroll

Enrollment time is here! Online enrollment for returning students begins July 18. If you are new to Derby Public Schools, you will need to enroll in person at your child's school. To get started, visit www.derbyschools.com and click the "Enrollment" icon under Quick Links on the right-hand side. If you have questions, call the Administrative Office at 788-8400.



In-Person Enrollment Elementary Schools

July 18 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
 July 19 (Noon to 7 p.m.)

Derby Middle School/ Derby North Middle School

July 20 (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
 July 21 (11 a.m. to 7 p.m.)
 July 22 (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

Derby High School

Aug. 2 (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
 Aug. 3 (9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
 Aug. 4 (Noon to 6:30 p.m.)

Eisenhower Airport Offers New Connections

Looking for affordable and convenient flights out of Wichita? Eisenhower National Airport has announced Southwest Airlines has new daily, nonstop flights to St. Louis and Phoenix that allow travelers to connect both east and west.

The flights are designed for business travelers and those who want to minimize layovers (some as short as 30 minutes), optimize travel times and enjoy low fares. Learn more at www.FlyWichita.com.

Travel sites, such as Expedia and Travelocity, pull together options to help find the best deal. These sites do not include Southwest.

Southwest cuts out the middleman and third-party aggregators to save travelers money and allow travelers to work directly with the airline. Visit www.Southwest.com to see fare options and book your flight.



Honor a Veteran

Purchase a brick in honor or memory of a Derby area veteran. Bricks are \$120 and will be installed by Nov. 11 at the Derby Area



Veterans Memorial Walk of Freedom at Garrett Park, 1100 E. Chet Smith.

The memorial, which recognizes veterans from Derby and the surrounding area, includes five stations - one for each branch of the military. The deadline to order a brick is Aug. 1. Forms are available at the Derby Welcome Center or online at www.derbycf.org.

Questions? Call Theresa Hearn at 788-9815.