

DERBY

NEWS

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What's Coming in 2017

Madison Avenue Reconstruction

Madison Avenue from Derby High School to the east city limit near High Park will be reconstructed in 2017. The goals are to improve driver and pedestrian safety and widen the street to three lanes.

Improvements include stormwater sewers, curb and gutter, sidewalks and a continuous left-turn lane. A five-foot sidewalk will be added on the south side of the street, and the existing 10-foot bike path will remain on the north side. A pedestrian crosswalk will be added west of Valley Stream Drive.

City, state and federal funding together will provide approximately \$2.2 million for this project.

During construction, traffic will be one-way westbound. In specific areas where the street elevation will change, the street will be closed completely for about a month. Access to local residences will be maintained during all phases of the project.

The project is expected to take a year to complete, weather permitting.

Warren Riverview Park

One park down, two more to go. Warren Riverview Park, which is located off Market St. on the east side of the Arkansas River bridge will go out for bids in January. It will be located on the former site of the City's Public Works yard. Construction will start in 2017, and the park will open in 2018.

The park includes a lodge for family events and a ropes course playground targeted to 12+ year old kids.

Fire Station Design

The City of Derby plans to construct a new fire station at the southwest corner of Madison Ave. and Woodlawn Blvd. (former site of the Derby Sixth Grade Center). Design work will take place in 2017 with construction expected in 2018. This station will replace current Fire Station 81 at Baltimore Ave. and Market St. to improve response times and provide a modern facility to meet future needs.



Nelson Drive at Meadowlark

Slated to begin this spring, this project will realign Nelson Drive, moving it east of QuikTrip, Ultra Modern Pool & Patio and Burger King. It should be completed before the end of the year.

The intersection has been a trouble area for traffic accidents. This is the second of three projects to improve safety and traffic flow on Nelson Drive. The first project was at Red Powell and the third and final project will be at

Patriot Ave.

Quiet Zone Study

The City of Derby will conduct a study to explore the possibility of establishing a quiet zone along the BNSF Railroad line through Derby. A quiet zone would remove the requirement for train engineers to sound their horn at each crossing.

Crossings will be evaluated in coordination with the railroad. The study will give the City an idea of the feasibility, impacts and costs involved. The results of the study will be presented to the City Council to determine if it makes sense to consider budgeting for implementation.

Process for Success

Derby Public Schools is seeking your input! The community is invited to provide feedback on



a long-range facility plan proposed by the Process for Success (PFS) Committee. In March 2016, the committee began the task of reviewing the school district's current facilities, looking at enrollment projections and assessing the best way to meet the facility needs of all students in an efficient and effective manner. The PFS committee is made up of community members, parents and staff who have invested significant time and effort reviewing information.

The school district looks forward to gathering input on these ideas and putting together a long-range facility plan that addresses and meets the educational expectations of our community. The district is holding two community meetings to present findings and receive public feedback.

Community Meetings

Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 6:30 p.m.
Cooper Elementary, 4625 Juniper (Wichita)

Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m.
Derby High School, 920 N. Rock Road

If you are unable to attend a meeting, visit www.derbyschools.com to learn more and provide your feedback.

Tree Recycling

Open thru Jan. 23
6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
High Park Chip Site, 2801 E. James

Drop off *undecorated* trees during regular park hours in the special area marked for Christmas trees.

Mayor's Award of Excellence

Woodlawn United Methodist Church is the recipient of the 2017 Mayor's Award of Excellence. The award was established in 2002 as a way to honor an individual, family, organization, or business that has contributed significantly to the Derby community.



The award will be presented at the Jan. 24 City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Woodlawn United Methodist Church has been a fixture in the Derby community since 1955. This award is for the church's sustained and devoted service to the Derby community, regardless of its religious doctrine. Some examples are as follows:

- Provides a polling place for voting in county elections.
- Woodlawn Thrift Shop profits are contributed to Derby Operation Holiday and other social services.
- Derby Community Family Services provides food and utility assistance to those in need.
- Members serve the homeless in downtown Wichita each month at United Methodist Drop-In Center.
- Members volunteer at the annual Derby BBQ Festival to benefit McConnell Air Force Base.

- Members send monthly care packages to active-duty military members.
- Friends University provides free counseling at the church.
- The Derby Community Choir, scout troops and high school teams use church facilities.
- Victory in the Valley, AA, Al Anon, and several grief support groups routinely meet at the church.

Past Award Recipients

Larry and Wanda Gould, 2002
 Ray and Virginia Warren, 2003
 Charles and Rebah Hubbard, 2004
 Jack and Dayle Pulley, 2005
 Peggy Unkel, 2006
 Derby Community Foundation, 2007
 Glen Goering and Ross Hearn, 2008
 Darrell Butterfield, 2009
 Ken and Judy Greteman, 2010
 Bob Cook Homes, 2011
 Bill and Reba Smith, 2012
 John and Linda Bode, 2013
 Betty Wilken, 2014
 Colene and Gary Read, 2015
 Pat and Susan Swaney, 2016

Are Dinosaurs Coming?



The City plans to sell STAR bonds in February to finance a destination development called Field Station: Dinosaurs to be located west of Rock Road and north of Calvary Baptist Church (near the water tower). Stay tuned to our March newsletter for more information. Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/dino.

Massage Regulations

In September 2016, the City Council approved an ordinance regulating massage therapy businesses in Derby.

City staff worked with local massage professionals to develop an ordinance, which is similar to the City of Wichita's ordinance.

The ordinance includes requirements for business licenses and therapist licenses. Regulation of massage therapy should prevent unprofessional activities from taking place, provide law enforcement the ability to stop any unscrupulous activity, provide professional therapists with a greater level of legitimacy, and add a level of confidence to customers looking for trained and experienced massage therapists.



Licensed businesses and therapists will display a sign at the front of their business so customers can see the therapist is licensed by the City of Derby. Learn more and read the ordinance at www.derbyweb.com/massage.

The Derby Recreation Center will get you on track towards a healthier you in 2017!

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- NO** out of district fees

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For more information, visit www.DerbyRec.com or call 788-3781.