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Council Approves Water Conservation Plan

In June, the Derby City Council approved a Water Conservation Plan for the City of Derby. To read the entire plan, visit www.derbyweb.com.

Derby's plan includes measures to encourage long-term conservation as well as short-term water emergency plans needed during prolonged drought or when a major main, pump or other equipment failure occurs and water cannot be delivered through the pipes to customers.

Derby continues to be in severe drought, which is not as bad as the extreme drought in western Kansas but still poses a threat to our water supply. While there has been rain, the drought has not ended. Future water supplies must be protected through conservation. Conservation means changing water usage habits, which takes time and energy.

Here are three stages outlined in the plan:
Water Watch

Goals of a Water Watch are to heighten public awareness of water conditions and maintain the integrity of the water supply system.

If the city council declares a Water Watch, city staff will step up efforts to encourage Derby residents and businesses to conserve water. Lawn and landscape watering only before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. will be encouraged but not mandated.

The city will contact Home Owner Associations to request they reconsider their lawn watering requirements. The city will also develop a rebate program or other financial incentive to encourage reduced consumption.

Water Warning

Goals of a Water Warning are to reduce peak demands by 20% and reduce overall weekly consumption by 10%.

Under this warning, the city could limit lawn irrigation and landscape watering to hose or drip irrigation to before 10:00 a.m. and after 8:00 p.m. Outdoor watering from rain barrels and household re-use water is encouraged. Other restrictions could follow.

Water Emergency

Goals of a Water Emergency are to reduce peak demands by 50% and reduce overall weekly consumption by 25%.

At this stage, outdoor water use would be banned.

Due to drought conditions, the City of Derby has already curtailed water usage by city staff, and more efforts will occur. No city lawn sprinklers have been turned on yet, except those watering ball fields. Because the pond at James and Rock Road is fed by a well and recirculates water, there is not a reason to turn off the waterfall feature. Water used to flush fire hydrants is reused to water trees on city-owned property.



The city gave away three rain barrels at its annual Arbor Day Celebration.

Recycle Your Waste

Household Hazardous Waste

Recycle Day

Saturday, July 27

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Madison Avenue Central Park

512 E. Madison

Items accepted include most all chemical items from a residential house such as paint, aerosols, batteries, used oil, gasoline, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, garden chemicals, household cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, propane, and old medication (no controlled substances).

Sponsored by the City of Derby and Sedgwick County.

Pie Bakers Wanted!

Are you the type of person who loves eating pie, but your version of baking pie includes buying



one at the store? Now's your chance to learn how to bake a great pie at this hands-on Pie Baking Clinic on Thursday, July 18 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Learn how to make a perfect crust, receive great pie baking tips, and enter your name for a chance to win a free entry to the pie baking contest that is a part of the National Bar-B-Que Derby on Sept. 6 & 7 at High Park.

Only apple and cherry pies may be entered in the contest, so these will be the focus of the clinic. Attendance at the Pie Baking Clinic is not required for participation in the contest.

If you plan to attend the Pie Baking Clinic, please RSVP by calling 788-9003. Learn more about this year's Pie Baking Contest at www.derbyweb.com.

National BBQ Derby

September 6 & 7

High Park

Get there early for the live music, kid's activities, BBQ, beer and car show! Competition includes the Open & Backyard categories, apple & cherry pie baking contest and the Kid's Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest.



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Derby Difference Sales Tax

This fall, Derby voters will get an opportunity to vote on a sales tax proposal that has the potential to make a big difference for the community. Is it a tax increase? No.

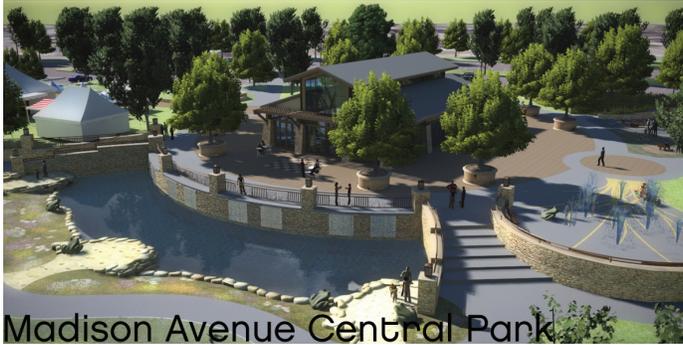
It is a half-cent sales tax to replace the current half-cent library sales tax. The Derby Difference sales tax would be used for improvements at several Derby parks and operations at Derby Public Library and Derby Fire & Rescue Department.

You may recall that in 2003, Derby voters decided that a half-cent sales tax would be a good way to pay for a new aquatic park. Rock River Rapids was built, and the tax ended in 2009.

Then, Derby voters overwhelmingly approved a half-cent sales tax to build and pay operational expenses of a new library. That tax has been collected since 2010 and could end after 2014 because it is projected to have raised enough to pay for the library building.

Such early payment would leave the city short of funding annual operating expenses of the library unless a new funding source is approved. So, the City Council likely will only end this tax if the voters pass the proposed Derby Difference sales tax.

The Derby Difference sales tax would last 10 years and provide funding for much-



Madison Avenue Central Park

needed firefighters and equipment. Demand for first responder medical calls has increased in Derby as traffic and retail trade have increased over the past few years. Currently, the primary funding source is property taxes, meaning that only those who live or own businesses in Derby pay for fire, medical and rescue services.

The Derby Difference sales tax also would fund a new Central Park at the former site of St. Mary's school on Madison Avenue (see park rendering above). While the City bought the land and razed most of the buildings, the park master plan calls for an accessible playground, a splash pad, lighted walking path, and indoor space for weddings and events. Such extensive park development, plus new ball fields and a dog park at other sites, would be funded by the Derby Difference sales tax. To learn more, you can watch a five-minute video of the proposed Central Park at www.derbyweb.com.

Derby Featured at Airport

In June, Derby debuted a new feature at Wichita Mid-Continent Airport. The vision for the project was to create a space that gives people the feeling of being in one of Derby's parks. The backdrop is a photo of High Park taken by Bill Fales.

The City's goal is to reach people who are new to the metro area - perhaps visiting Wichita for their first time. The estimated annual number of passengers who will see the display is more than 1.5 million.

The city's Public Works crews built and installed the display with the help of the Community Marketing Director, Jennifer Keller. Monitors on two free-standing signs feature photos of people and scenic areas in Derby. The brochure rack features information about the City of Derby, Derby Public Schools and our unique Derby Pocket Map.



National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Rock River Rapids
Free Admission!

National Night Out is designed to bring friends and neighbors together in the fight against crime.

The Derby Police Department and Derby Fire & Rescue Department will have displays outside the water park, a bike rodeo and free swimming and ice cream for everyone!

If you have questions about this event, contact MPO Matt Liston at 788-1557.



Emergency Info

In light of recent severe weather in the area, Sedgwick County would like to remind residents about its multi-layered warning system that includes media alerts, NOAA radio alerts, Emergency Alert System (EAS) for areas served by Cox Communications, and outdoor warning devices.

Tuning into local media is always a good first step to learn about potential warnings, and the Sedgwick County Emergency Information Log found at www.scksel.info. This log offers a direct source of information regarding any type of emergency affecting the area, including severe weather. The log is updated in real time by emergency management personnel.

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