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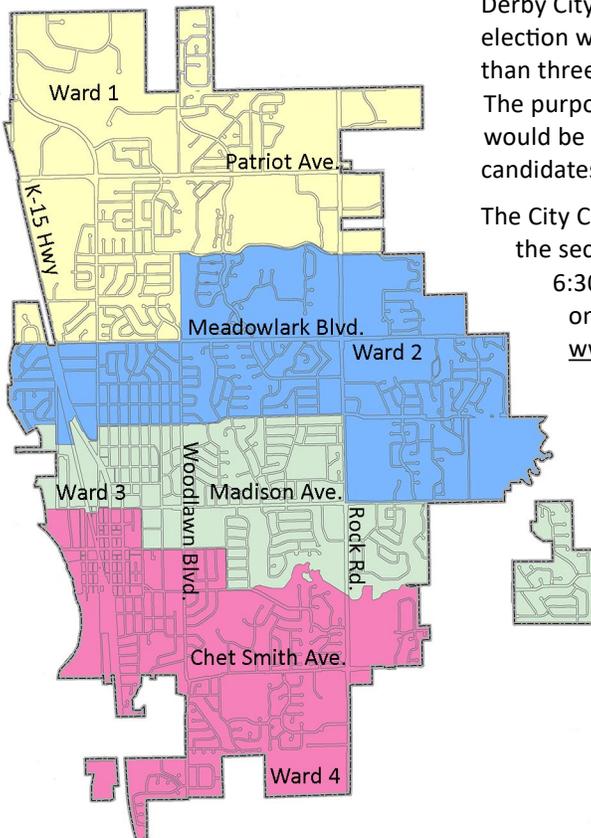
Wanted: City Council Candidates

With a seat up for election in each ward of the city this year, Derby residents have an opportunity to file for election to serve on the City Council. The term of office is four years beginning in January 2018.

Registered voters living inside the city limits must file with the Sedgwick County Election Commissioner by noon on June 1, 2017. The election will be held Nov. 7. City Council elections are non-partisan in nature, meaning candidates need not declare a political party.

Four positions are up for election, one in each ward, and the following people currently serve on the City Council:

- Ward I: Tom Keil (plans to file)
- Ward II: Vaughn Nun (undecided)
- Ward III: Chuck Warren (undecided)
- Ward IV: John McIntosh (plans to file)



Any registered voter residing within the city limits of Derby must file their candidacy at the Sedgwick County Election Commissioner's Office in the Historic Sedgwick County Courthouse in downtown Wichita at 510 N. Main, Suite 101 (Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). The filing fee is \$20, or a petition with 25 signatures of qualified electors living in the council ward could be submitted.

Find information about the election at www.SedgwickCounty.org/elections or by calling 660-7100. Several forms are available on this county website and must be filled out, and one additional form must be obtained and signed in person at the Election Commissioner's Office.

If a primary is needed, it will be held Aug. 1, 2017 to determine the candidates on the general election ballot. For the Derby City Council election, a primary election will be held Aug. 1 only if more than three people file for any given ward. The purpose of the primary election would be to narrow the field to two candidates for the Nov. 7 election.

The City Council meets twice a month on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Information about serving on the city council is available at www.Derbyweb.com/Council or by contacting City Manager Kathy Sexton at 788-3132 or KathySexton@Derbyweb.com.

Due to changes in state law in 2015, city council and school board elections moved from April to November beginning in 2017.



Sunday, April 23
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Madison Avenue Central Park
512 E. Madison Ave.

Mark your calendar now to check out Derby's newest event to celebrate the arts on a lovely spring day at the park.

Spring Into Art will include live music and performances by school groups and local artists, interactive art demonstrations, art for sale, farmers market, food trucks and more.

We are looking for art vendors/exhibitors who would like to participate. We have space for 30 booths on the Event Lawn. Inclement weather will move activities inside. Event held rain or shine.

Learn more and register at www.derbyweb.com/springintoart. If you have questions, call Janae' Springer at 788-1519 ext. 232 or email janaespringer@derbyweb.com.

Art Reception

Thursday, March 30
5:30 to 7 p.m.
Derby Public Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove

The Derby Arts Council is holding a public reception for its upcoming Derby Public Schools/St. Marys Elementary Art exhibit. Artwork from various elementary schools will be on display from March 30 through May.



Learn more about this exhibit and upcoming exhibits at www.derbylibrary.com/for-adults/derby-arts-council

Rules of the Road

As the weather warms up, there will be more walkers, runners and cyclists on streets and sidewalks in Derby. Here are a few reminders about sharing the road with bicyclists:

1. Remember, bicyclists have the same rights on the road as motorists.
2. When passing a cyclist, pass to the left and allow plenty of space for the bicyclist to be safe. Kansas law requires at least three feet of separation when passing bicyclists.
3. Be patient. This may mean waiting until it is safe to pass a bicycle, refraining from tailgating, and allowing extra time for cyclists to go through intersections.
4. Look for cyclists when turning right. A bicyclist may be to the right of you and planning to go straight at the same intersection.
5. Look for cyclists when turning left. Cyclists crossing straight through the same intersection in the opposite direction may be going faster than you realize.
6. When backing out of your driveway always look to see if someone is riding or walking in your path. Children on bikes may be hard to see. Drive slowly and look carefully.



Derby has a designated bike lane on Red Powell Dr. and more than 25 miles of off-street bicycle/pedestrian pathways. The City's goal is to maintain a safe traveling environment for all modes of transportation, including bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists.

Responsibilities of Cyclists/Pedestrians

While rules for motorists are important, cyclists and pedestrians should remember the following:

- **Be visible:** Wear bright colored clothing and use lights and reflectors to maximize your visibility.
- **Be predictable:** Ride/walk/run in a straight line and avoid sudden movements. Communicate your turns by properly signaling.
- **Be safe:** Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle. Make sure your bicycle and safety equipment is in good working condition.

News Briefs

Derby is seeking a few good **volunteers** to serve on City boards and commissions. The deadline to apply is March 15. Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/news

The City is offering a **Landscape Conversion Rebate Program** this spring. Derby is offering a rebate of \$1 per square foot for removal of irrigated, well-maintained cool-season grass and replacement with a more water-efficient, drought-tolerant landscaping or artificial turf. Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/landscapeconversion



A **Severe Weather Safety Program** will be held on March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Derby Public Library. Free and open to the public. Presented by Cody Charvat, Sedgwick County Emergency Management. Sponsored by Derby Police and Derby Fire & Rescue.

Come learn about **Homestead Senior Living** on March 9 at 6 p.m. at the Derby Welcome Center, 611 Mulberry Rd. Homestead Senior Living is a new senior housing complex to be built off of Tall Tree Road behind Target later this year. Registration is required; RSVP by March 7 by calling 788-0223.



The development will include one- and two-bedroom apartments; and a community center with library, dining area and exercise room. The units should be move-in ready in 2018. A similar development is located at 200 E. Rock Rd. Court in Mulvane.

Citywide Garage Sale May 11, 12 & 13

Register in April at most banks in Derby and the Derby Informer, 219 E. Madison Ave. Learn more at www.derbyweb.com/garagesale



The Derby Recreation Commission is creating a **Strategic Master Plan** to lead us into the next decade and we want your input. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and vision for Derby Recreation Commission for the next 10 years as we discuss recreational programs, services, operations and management of recreation facilities. This event will be facilitated by PROS Consulting.

Who: USD 260 residents

Where: Derby Welcome Center— Austin Room

When: Monday, March 13 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Questions? Contact us at 788-3781

