



# DERBY NEWS

April 2017

## Road Construction Kicks off in April

The **Madison Avenue Improvement Project** from Derby High School to High Park will widen Madison Ave. to three lanes, including a two-way left turn lane. The project adds curb and gutter, a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side, and stormwater sewers. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-April and be completed in early 2018.



Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times. Throughout most of construction, traffic will be one-way westbound. Eastbound traffic will be detoured on Rock Rd., Meadowlark Blvd. and Greenwich Rd.

The **Nelson Dr. and Meadowlark Blvd. Improvement Project** realigns Nelson Dr. away from the K-15 & Meadowlark intersection. It will curve eastward around the back side of Burger King, QuikTrip and Ultra Modern Pool & Spa. Nelson Dr. will remain a two-lane road with curb and gutter and an improved drainage system. Construction is scheduled to begin in late April and be complete by late fall.



Access to adjacent properties will be maintained at all times. Access from the existing Nelson Dr. will be restricted, and the connection from Overlook Dr. to Meadowlark Blvd. via Fulton Dr. will be closed. Traffic impacts to K-15 and Meadowlark Blvd. will be minimal.

If you have questions about these projects, contact Ky Louanghaksaphone, P.E., at [kylouanghaksaphone@derbyweb.com](mailto:kylouanghaksaphone@derbyweb.com) or 788-6632.



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

Join us for Derby's newest event to celebrate the arts. 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, face painters and more.

There is still space for art vendors who would like to participate. Learn more and register at [www.derbyweb.com/SpringIntoArt](http://www.derbyweb.com/SpringIntoArt).

Inclement weather will move activities inside The Venue.

## Youth Open House

**Sunday, April 30 - 1 to 4 p.m.**  
**Derby Police Department**  
**229 N. Baltimore**

The Derby Police/Derby Fire & Rescue Youth Open House is a perfect opportunity to get to know your Derby police officers and firefighters.

Youth and family members can tour the police department and Fire Station #81, enjoy interactive displays, and talk with Derby police officers and firefighters to learn about career options in law enforcement, firefighting and emergency medical rescue. Refreshments will be provided by Derby Walmart.

Special guests will include McGruff the Crime Dog, Daren the Lion, Sparky the Fire Dog and Pluggie the Fire Hydrant.



## Explore Derby

2017 Spring Parade of Homes

April 22-23, April 29-30 & May 6-7

Noon to 6 p.m.

[www.derbyks.com/POH](http://www.derbyks.com/POH)



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## Wanted: City Council Candidates

"I enjoy making a difference and helping guide the future of the City," said Cheryl Bannon, City Council member. "I also enjoy hearing from people about what they think about the direction we are going or maybe helping them with an issue they are having."



Cheryl Bannon

If you have a similar mind set, 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.

Four positions are up for election, one in each ward. Two current Council members have announced their plans to run in the election, while two are undecided.

The election will be held Nov. 7. A primary will be held Aug. 1 if more than three people file for any given ward.

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 Wichita (510 N. Main, Suite 101) no later than June 1. The filing fee is \$20, or a petition with 25 signatures of qualified electors living in the Council ward can be submitted.

"If you plan to run for City Council, understand you are not always right," said Jack Hezlep, Council member. "Be willing to put in the needed time to understand the issues and go the extra mile to learn the history and available options."



Jack Hezlep

Find information about the election at [www.SedgwickCounty.org/Elections](http://www.SedgwickCounty.org/Elections) or calling 660-7100.

Information about serving on the City Council is available at [www.derbyweb.com/Council](http://www.derbyweb.com/Council) or by contacting City Manager Kathy Sexton at [KathySexton@Derbyweb.com](mailto:KathySexton@Derbyweb.com) or 788-3132.

## New Pavilion Hours

There are new hours for The Pavilion at Madison Avenue Central Park (building located next to the playground). The building is now open to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily unless rented for a private event.

The building is a great place to meet friends for lunch, play cards, knit and more. Check the building availability at [www.MeetInDerby.com](http://www.MeetInDerby.com) by viewing the park calendar.



## Drug Take-Back Day

**April 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
**Derby Police Department**  
**229 N. Baltimore**

Residents are encouraged to drop off their expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications for destruction and proper disposal. Needles and inhalers will not be accepted.

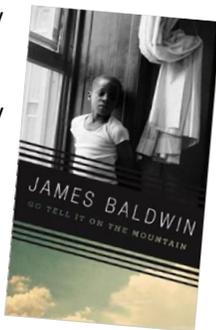


The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while educating the public about the potential for abuse and medications.

Event coordinated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and Derby Police Department. Questions? Call 788-1557.

## Book Discussion Series

The Derby Public Library will host a three-part book discussion series this spring sponsored by the Kansas Humanities Council. The topic is Faith in Fiction: Christianity. The book talks will be held at 1 p.m. on April 22, May 27 and June 24.



The April title is "Bless Me, Ultima" by Rudolfo Anaya. There will be 20 titles of the book available for check out at the library. Diane Quantic of Derby will lead the discussion. May's book is "I Hear the Reaper's Song" by Sara Stambaugh, and June's title is "Go Tell it on the Mountain" by James Baldwin.

## Thank You Volunteers

April 4 marks the **Mayor's Day of Recognition for National Service**. This is volunteer service that residents give to their community through the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal program that promotes civic engagement through service and volunteering.

A part of this program is the Senior Corps, which connects citizens 55 years and older to volunteer opportunities that help strengthen their community through a program called RSVP.

RSVP works with more than 90 different nonprofit agencies in Sedgwick County. In Derby, volunteers give their time at the Senior Center, Historical Society and provide tax aid, Medicare counseling and more. Derby residents have volunteered more than 3,500 hours to local projects.

## Citywide Garage Sale

**May 11, 12 & 13**

Register at most banks in Derby and the Derby Informer, 219 E. Madison Ave. Learn more at [www.derbyweb.com/GarageSale](http://www.derbyweb.com/GarageSale)