

# DERBY

NEWS

May 2017

## Rock River Rapids Provides Summer Fun

The water fun begins Memorial Day when Rock River Rapids opens its doors for its 13th season. The water park is one of Derby's favorite summertime hot spots. Here are a few things you need to know:



### Party Rentals

Rock River Rapids has two birthday party packages and is also available for private rentals after regular operating hours. You can rent the entire park or just portions of it for your event.

### Season Passes

Act now to get your season passes 10% off before opening day (\$63 a person). Purchase them at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market, or online at [www.RockRiverRapids.com](http://www.RockRiverRapids.com).

### Tot Time Exploration

#### Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tot Time gives you access to the shallow pool with two tunnel slides, a boat slide, play features and floatables. When Rock River Rapids opens to the public at 12:30 p.m., you may stay and swim. This activity is for children five years old and younger. They must be accompanied by a patron 16 or older. Regular park admission.

### Dive-In Movies

#### June 15: Back to the Future

#### July 6: Top Gun

The theme this summer is the 80s. Get ready to re-live big hair and tight-rolled jeans at the aquatic park. Enjoy these two movies in the lap pool beginning at 8:30 p.m. for just \$5 each.

*New this year:* Skip the lines and get your tickets online. Order by 5 p.m. the day of the movie at [www.DerbyRec.com](http://www.DerbyRec.com). Concessions will be available.

Visit [www.RockRiverRapids.com](http://www.RockRiverRapids.com) to learn more about all the fun happening at the aquatic park this summer. Don't miss out!

## Farmers Market Returns

**Open May 6 - Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to noon**  
**Madison Avenue Central Park**  
**512 E. Madison Ave.**

The Kansas Grown! Farmers Market returns to Derby in a new location this year - the parking lot of Madison Avenue Central Park.



The market offers fresh, seasonal produce, locally made products and handmade crafts along with a variety of non-produce items.

The Farmers Market is a member of Kansas Grown farmers markets. Interested vendors with Kansas-grown or Kansas-made products may contact market manager Trena Bradley at 706-5535 or visit [www.KansasGrownInc.com](http://www.KansasGrownInc.com). Food trucks (with city permits) are welcome and should contact Trena.

A special event will be held at the June 17 market. The Army National Guard "Rock and Jazz Band" will perform from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

## Public Storm Shelters

During tornadoes and severe weather, the City of Derby encourages residents to shelter in place if possible. If you don't have a storm shelter, there are three public storm safe room options in the City:



### Fire Station #82

#### 1401 N. Rock Rd.

- Open during tornado warnings.
- Park north of the fire station and enter the east door upstairs. The handicap accessible entrance is on the west side.
- Animals are allowed, and crates are available for use.

### Pleasantview Baptist Church

#### 1335 N. Buckner

- Open during tornado warnings.
- Enter the church on the south side.
- Animals are not allowed.

#### *New in 2017*

### Woodlawn United Methodist Church

#### 431 S. Woodlawn Blvd.

- Open during tornado warnings.
- Enter the church using the south door on the east side of the building. The basement is just inside the doors to the left.
- Animals are not allowed.

**DERBY Kite FESTIVAL** **FREE**

**Saturday, May 20**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**  
**High Park**  
**2801 E James St,**  
**Derby, KS 67037**

- RC Airplanes / Helicopters
- Kite Making
- Candy Drops
- Clowns
- Face Painting
- Kite Vendors
- DJ
- Kona Ice Truck

Sponsored By: Walmart, Pepsi, MedExpress, Calvary Church

## Wanted: City Council Candidates

Do you have a desire to get more involved in your community?

If so, a seat on the Derby City Council may be the place for you. The Council is comprised of nine members - the

Mayor, who is elected at large, and eight Council members (two from each ward).

Learn more about the duties of Council members at [www.Derbyweb.com/Council](http://www.Derbyweb.com/Council).

If you are a woman or minority, you are encouraged to get involved. Women are underrepresented on the City Council (one of nine). Check out [www.SheShouldRun.org](http://www.SheShouldRun.org) to learn more about how and why to get involved.

Council members Tom Keil (Ward 1) and John McIntosh (Ward 4) have announced their plans to run in the election. Chuck Warren (Ward 3) has decided not to run after 17 years of service, and Vaughn Nun (Ward 2) is undecided.



The term of office is four years beginning in January 2018.

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.

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

If you have questions about serving on the City Council, contact City Manager Kathy Sexton at [KathySexton@Derbyweb.com](mailto:KathySexton@Derbyweb.com) or 788-3132.

## Library Art Exhibit

### Artists Reception

**June 2, 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

**Derby Library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove**

Join the Derby Arts Council for a reception to recognize artists in the "Oh, The States I Have Traveled" photography exhibit. Artists include Gary Behrens, Don Birmingham, Nicole Brown, Mike Ciskowski, Bill Fales, John Gabor, Sheila Maksimowicz, Steve Marler, and Barney Tull. The exhibit runs from May 26 through Aug. 14.



*Alaska Mountains by John Gabor*

## Summer Reading

### Derby Public Library

#### Summer Reading Program

Registration begins May 30

This year's theme is "Build A Better World." Register online and pick up kid's reading logs at the library, 1600 E. Walnut Grove.

Adults can log their books online or by using a reading log. All participants age 18 and older who read at least four books will be entered in a weekly drawing for a tote bag filled with books and swag. There will also be three grand prize drawings for a Kindle Fire HD and a \$50 Amazon gift card for all adult participants who read at least four books.

All reading logs must be turned in or logged online by July 23 at 5 p.m.



## Coffee with a Cop

### Coffee with a Cop

**June 10, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

**Riverside Cafe, 824 N. Baltimore**

Enjoy a cup of coffee and a chance to talk with Derby police officers in a relaxed setting. Coffee with a Cop is held on a quarterly basis at different restaurants around town. If you have questions, call the Police Department at 788-1557.



*Police officer Astacia Keller visits with Rachel and Ainsley Buller at Chick-fil-A in March.*

## May is Bike Month

May is Bike Month. Here are a few ways to get involved:



### Bike to Lunch Day

May 19

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Show your bicycle helmet at the Derby Chipotle for a buy one, get one deal. Learn more at [www.DerbyRec.com/bikemonth](http://www.DerbyRec.com/bikemonth).

### 2nd Annual Tour De Derby

May 21 at 2 p.m.

High Park

Mayor Randy White will lead this family-friendly bike ride. Choose from the park path, 10-mile ride or 35-mile ride. Register to be eligible for give-a-ways.

The **Derby Gravel Grinder** will take place at the same time. Gravel riding is one of the fastest-growing cycling styles. Choose between an 11-mile or 24-mile ride.

Share your experience by using #IBikeDerby on social media. Learn about more events at [www.DerbyRec.com](http://www.DerbyRec.com).