

Derby Horizon



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Special Library Vote Set For October 16

At the June 12, 2007 City Council meeting, the governing body voted to hold a special election on **October 16** for the registered voters of Derby to decide whether a new library should be built. It would be financed using a half-cent sales tax, which would begin after the aquatic park half-cent sales tax ends, which will likely be in 2010.



Proposed Library Design

Where and when to vote

All residents should mark **Tuesday, October 16** on their calendar, and plan to vote. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Polls will be set up on the 16th for registered voters in Derby as follows:

Precincts 11, 14, 21

Pleasantview Baptist Church, 1335 N. Buckner

Precincts 31, 41, 42

Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn

Precincts 12, 13, 22, 32

Calvary Baptist Church, 1636 E. Patriot Avenue

Advance voting will be available at the Historic County Courthouse, 510 N. Main in Wichita, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. October 3-5 and 8-12, and from

8 a.m. to Noon on October 15. Or, you can vote at Woodlawn United Methodist Church, 431 S. Woodlawn, on October 11 & 12 from Noon to 7 p.m. and on October 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you're not registered to vote, you can register by contacting the Sedgwick County Election Office at www.sedgwickcounty.org or 660-7100; Derby City Hall or the Derby Public Library, both located at 611 Mulberry; the Sedgwick County Tag Office, 206 W. Greenway; Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market; or either Dillon's store in Derby. If you have moved or changed your name since you last voted, you need to register again. Registration closes on October 1.

Why a new library?

For the past several years, there has been

talk about the need for more space than the current library building provides. The 9,000 square foot facility is often busting at the seams with people. Library patrons wait in line to check out materials, the Video/DVD section is widely used and the public-access computers are busy most every day.

The city has been growing at a fairly strong pace for more than 20 years. The Census Bureau estimates that Derby has a population of 21,101, and the projections are that the population will reach 25,000 around 2018 and top 31,000 in 2030.

Where would a new library be built?

The proposed location is a portion of the lot owned by the Derby Public Schools at the corner of Walnut Grove and Sumac, just east of Tanglewood Elementary School. The City and school district developed a land-swap agreement if the voters approve the project.

How big should a library be?

Standards for public libraries in Kansas indicate that a city of Derby's current size should have a library between 12,600 and 21,200 square feet. The current library is smaller than the standards recommend for a city with a population half our size.

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Derby Named A Top Town for Families

On July 2, Derby was named a "Top 10 Town For Families" by *Family Circle* magazine. Thanks in part to terrific schools, efficient public services, growing business opportunities, outstanding parks and recreation programs and positive community spirit, Derby has been singled out as a Top 10 community.

Family Circle wanted to identify the best communities across the country that combine big-city opportunities with suburban charm, locations that offer an

ideal blend of affordable houses, good jobs, top-rated schools, wide-open spaces and a lot less stress. The results appeared in the August 2007 issue of *Family Circle*.

Family Circle singled out small towns, where living costs, commute times and crime rates are low, and the educational and cultural scenes are way above average. In all of them, moms and dads are stepping up to



help their children thrive; they volunteer in schools, coach sports teams and keep bike trails clean.

The magazine partnered with On Board, a New York City research firm providing real estate and demographic data to assemble a list of places with populations between 15,000 and 150,000 and a high concentration of households with an average income of

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Message from the Manager

Full-Time Fire & Rescue Services Add Safety, Value

Two years have passed since the residents of Derby got a full-time fire department. Previously, only volunteers comprised the department.

How has this enhanced level of fire and rescue service affected the quality of life in Derby? Well, during times when most volunteers are working at their paying jobs and are unavailable for fire response, the full-time firefighters arrive at emergencies in minutes. When significant events occur, full-timers and volunteers work side-by-side to protect lives and property.

Fire departments require a great deal of time spent on training. These people, whether full-time or volunteer, must be prepared for so many different types of emergency situations - not just fires. Injured people trapped in vehicles, medical emergencies in locked homes, natural disasters, and hazardous materials, to name a few.

Fire crews are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week,



yet they are not supposed to be busy every hour responding to calls. They train on confined space operations, mass casualty triage, oxygen therapy, extrication, and many types of equipment and fire apparatus. Knowledge of high-tech equipment is a key part of modern-day fire fighting. The department also has policies and procedures to develop, learn, and live by.

Besides responding to more than 100 medical and fire calls per month, your Derby Fire and Rescue Department also provides building

inspections for all commercial businesses in Derby. Business owners learn where their



Fire Prevention Week

facilities are susceptible to fires and where they don't meet fire codes.

Education about and enforcement of fire and life safety codes is

a critical part of any fire department's job. Prevention is less costly than the financial losses caused by fires.

Since firefighters work a 24-hour shift, they must spend time on shift eating and exercising. Perhaps you have seen a fire truck at a local restaurant, at the DRC, or at High Park? Both Derby fire crews and Sedgwick County's crews from Station 36 at Rock Road & 63rd Street often eat and exercise in Derby. They drive the fire trucks and carry their radios because if

they get a call, they must respond quickly to the scene of an accident, fire, or medical emergency.

So, if you see a fire truck more frequently

than you used to, you should take comfort that the protection that Derby residents receive is more than just response to fire and medical calls. It is also fire prevention, health promotion, and readiness to respond to any disaster.



KU Burn Trailer Training

Firefighters Provide:

- Blood pressure checks at the Senior Center at 9:30 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month.
- Fire prevention activities and educational presentations at Derby elementary schools.
- CPR classes.

"top 10" cont.

\$65,000. From that list, 800 localities were selected based on family-friendly criteria, including cost of living, jobs, schools, health care, air quality, green space and crime rate. *Family Circle* assessed which towns best met those standards

and ranked them according to state. The winners were selected from the highest-rated towns in the top 10 states nationwide.

"This recognition should come as no great surprise to our 21,000 residents," said

Mayor Dion Avello. "The award confirms what we already know - that Derby is a great place to live and raise a family."

To learn more, visit www.derbyweb.com.



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City Charts Course for Success

A ship without a course will miss its destination. That's why strategic planning is critical to guiding an organization toward its goals efficiently and successfully. Your elected leaders, the Derby City Council, value goal-setting and strategic planning. In April, the Council convened its strategic planning workshop. Joined by City Manager Kathy Sexton and led by facilitator John Divine, a former elected city commissioner from Salina, the Council discussed the past, present, and future of Derby. The meeting was open to the public.

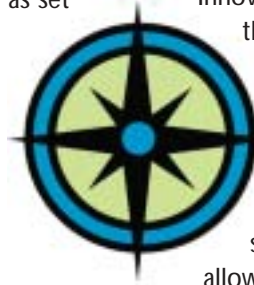
The result of the workshop was a short list of strategic goals that would chart the course for the City for the next 1 to 5 years. The goals reflect the Council's best perspective on the needs, wants, and values of the Derby community. Over the next several months, the City Council refined the list until it finalized six priorities with an affirmative vote at its meeting on June 26, 2007.

The foremost strategic priorities for the City as set by the Council are:

1. Develop a marketing plan for the community.
2. Work to obtain All-America City status.
3. Update the 1999 Park Master Plan.
4. Plan for services to seniors, especially housing.
5. Develop and implement a performance measurement system for City services.
6. Ensure future growth is sustainable and respects Derby's history.

These six priorities sit at the top of a lengthier priority list that the Council affirms quarterly for the City Manager.

Actions are already well underway for at least one of these priorities—the fifth one. In beginning research on the goal of developing a performance measurement system for city services, City staff was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from the



National Center for Civic Innovation. The grant allows the City to involve residents, elected officials, and staff to determine reasonable expectations for city services. This not only allows the City to track its performance but also makes services more responsive to the needs of the community.

Throughout August, public comment will be sought through surveys, focus groups, and open house meetings hosted at City Hall. If you have the opportunity to participate in this public input process, we hope you will.

If you have questions regarding the performance measurement program being developed, contact Mandy Wagner at 788-1519 or mandywagner@derbyweb.com. Otherwise, stay tuned to City communications for more information on the results and success of the performance measurement project and other strategic priorities.

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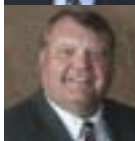


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New Features on City website

Clean Indoor Air Ordinance

It's time to check out the City website! You will find updated, comprehensive information on the Clean Indoor Air Ordinance that was approved by the City Council earlier this year.

Whether you're a business owner or resident, the information provided will be helpful and educational. You can find it all at

www.derbyweb.com/departments/ciao-info.cfm/.

If you have questions, please call City Hall at 788-1519.

2008 Budget

For those of you interested in the 2008 budget, you can find this document online. You can simply view it or print any pages that interest you.

Just visit www.derbyweb.com/departments/2008budget. The final budget will be approved by the City Council in August. So, there may be some changes to the final document.

If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at 788-1519.

www.derbyks.com

This website is the new community portal site that was initiated by the Community Marketing Committee, comprised of members from the City, Chamber, Community Foundation, Derby Recreation Center and USD 260.

Check out the community pictures, information and calendar. Do you have a community event you want everyone to know about? Submit your event to the community calendar and it will be posted for all to see!

The Derby City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Meetings are broadcast live on Derby Channel 7.

You may contact the City Council at 788-3132.

channel 7 programming

City Council Meeting
2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the month at 7 p.m.

Rebroadcast Meetings
Sunday, Wednesday
& Friday at 2:30 p.m.

Monday, Thursday &
Saturday at 7 p.m.

Sedgwick County
Commission Meeting
Rebroadcast
Tuesday & Saturday at Noon



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Derby Senior Center

Upcoming Events at the Senior Center

Iris Folding Cards September 25 at 9:30 am

Iris folding is a paper folding technique that looks difficult but is really very simple to master. It originated in Holland. Basically, folded narrow strips of paper are placed and taped on a numbered pattern in order. The swirling effect comes from this placement and the use of different colors and prints of paper in a repeated sequence. Excellent as greeting cards, iris cards can be used in scrapbooks and altered books. Everything you need will be supplied in this class except for scissors. Sign up early as class size is limited.

Anger Management September 28 at 12:30 pm

Do you know what your anger management style is? Kytt Balee from Saint Raphael will talk

about the different anger management styles, ways to manage your anger, things you can do to help understand anger and lifestyle changes you can make to manage it.

Health & Wellness Fair October 12, 8:30 am-1 pm

You don't have to be a senior to enjoy the senior Health & Wellness Fair. The Derby Senior Center and Right at Home are sponsoring the 3rd annual fair. There will be a wide variety of vendors to visit as well as speakers, demonstrations, blood draws, blood pressure checks, random glucose tests, refreshments and much more. Don't miss this fun-filled morning, and be sure to sign up for one of the many door prizes we will give away.

Vim & Vigor 10:00 am

Sarah Elliott with the Sedgwick County Extension office will conduct a three-part series on health for older adults. She will discuss ways to keep the brain healthy, stay vital and safety tips for medicine and herbs.

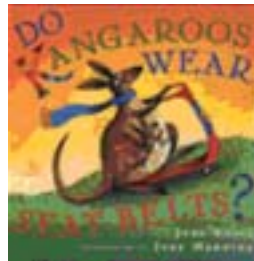
Session 1: September 28th
Eat Smart! Be Smart! A "Recipe" for keeping your brain healthy.
Session 2: October 1
Live Smart! Be Smart! How a healthy lifestyle promotes mental and emotional vitality.
Session 3: November 5
Medicine & Herbal Safety. Easing your mind.

Derby Senior Center
611 Mulberry
788-0223
Open Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fall Events at the Derby Public Library

The Derby Library fall schedule includes two evening family story times. The first family story time will be on October 18 at 7 p.m. Stories with the fall season theme will be featured along with some fun activities for the family. Family story time is free and open to the public. Advance registration is not required. The program is recommended for adults and children ages 2 to 10.

The 3rd annual Kansas Reads to Preschoolers project has a safety theme this year. Governor Kathleen Sebelius will be the honorary chair of the project. 2007 Kansas Reads to Preschoolers coincides with Children's Book Week, November 11-17. The goal is to have every Kansas child between the ages of 0 and 5 years read to



during Children's Book Week. Books featured this year include *Do Kangaroos Wear Seatbelts?* by Jane Kurtz, *Look Both Ways: A Cautionary Tale* by Diane Z.

Shore, and *It's Time to Call 911: What to do in an Emergency*.

As part of the Children's Book Week activities, the library, in partnership with USD 260, will host author Jane Kurtz on November 13. Kurtz will be at the library from 7 to 8 p.m. for a presentation and book signing. During the day, Kurtz will visit Swaney and Pleasantview Elementary schools. Kurtz, a Kansas resident, won the Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrator's Golden Kite Award in 2000 for the book *River Friendly, River Wild*.

The second fall family story time is on Thursday, November 15 at 7 p.m. All three safety books for the preschool project will be featured along with several fun activities. No advance registration is required for Jane Kurtz's visit or the family story time. Both events are free and open to the public.

The 2008 Kansas Reads One Book, One State has been selected. The book is *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote. Plans are underway at the library for book discussion groups as was done for this year's book, *The Learning Tree* by Gordon Parks.

For more information on library programs and activities call 788-0760; visit the library at 611 Mulberry; check out the library website at www.derbylibrary.com; or watch for program announcements on Derby Channel 7.

Community Development

Rock Road Construction Update

Rock Road will be improved from James Street to Patriot Avenue (63rd St.) beginning in August. Cornejo and Sons, Inc., will serve as the contractor.

The pavement between James St. and Meadowlark Blvd. will be reconfigured to provide a 5-lane section with a continuous left turn lane.

The majority of this work will be accomplished between the existing curbs with little effect on traffic.

Rock Road between Meadowlark Blvd. and Patriot Ave. will be completely reconstructed to an urban section with storm sewers, curbs and gutters. The



construction in this area will provide a minimum of five lanes, including a continuous left turn lane. The traffic signals at Meadowlark will be reconfigured, and new signals will be installed at Tall Tree Rd. as part of the project.

Construction will begin on the west side with the existing northbound lanes being utilized to carry traffic. After construction of the west side improvements, traffic will be moved to the newly constructed pavement while the east side is constructed. Three lanes of traffic, including a continuous left turn lane, will be provided during this phase of construction.

Controlling Yard Waste

Yard waste is defined as leaves, grass clippings, vegetation prunings, animal manure, tree trimmings, branches and stumps.

The Derby Municipal Code prohibits the discharge of such yard waste into the City Stormwater System, which includes streets, storm sewers, man-made channels and natural creeks.

Yard waste will decompose over time and in the decomposition process may emit odors. Also, when clippings are dumped into the streams, the decomposition process uses oxygen in the water, reducing oxygen levels for fish and other marine life. If severe enough, fish may be killed.

Your assistance is appreciated and will result in a reduction in storm sewer maintenance costs, while protecting the environment.

What can you do to help?

- Use a mulching mower rather than bagging the grass clippings.
- When mowing, remove no more than 1/3 of the grass blade. Short, fine pieces of grass will fall and settle to the ground, providing nutrients and reducing the need for fertilizer and water.
- If grass clippings are bagged, dispose of them through your normal trash service – do not dump them into the creeks or storm sewers.
- Sweep up all clippings from the street that could be washed into the storm sewer.



Don't Flush It!

Whatever you flush down the toilet goes to the City of Derby Wastewater Treatment Facility, which removes biosolids and returns clean water to the Arkansas River. The City must comply with federal EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and KDHE (Kansas Department of Health and Environment) regulations. These regulations require that nitrogen and phosphorous are removed from the water.

Nitrogen and phosphorous promote algae growth in the receiving stream or river. Algae uses nitrogen and phosphorous as a food source, which creates problems in the environment. Excessive algae growth can cause odors and may also cause a depletion of oxygen in the water. Fish and other aquatic wildlife rely on this oxygen for survival.

Phosphorous is found in many everyday household items such as baking soda, cleaning agents, fertilizers, and some pesticides. Please read the labels on your products before disposal. If they contain phosphorous or any other environmentally unfriendly ingredients, don't dispose of them in a sink or toilet. Keeping phosphorous out of the sanitary sewer system will result in a healthier environment and reduced treatment costs for everyone.

Cleaning agents, fertilizers and other hazardous materials can be taken to the Sedgwick County Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 801 Stillwell in Wichita.

Don't pour down the drain or flush items containing phosphorous or nitrogen. Items include baking soda, cleaning agents, fertilizers and some pesticides. Read product labels and dispose of items properly!

development update

Family Video

A Family Video store is currently under construction on Meadowlark just east of Woodlawn in Derby.

This store is the 16th in Kansas. Other area stores are in Bel Aire, Haysville and Wichita.

For more information, visit www.familyvideo.com.

Kohl's

Kohl's is on schedule to open in Fall 2007. The store will be approximately 88,000 square feet, similar to the Kohl's stores in Wichita.

The store will employ about 150 people and hiring is currently underway.

Quik Trip

Quik Trip is building its second location in Derby on the northwest corner of Rock Road and Patriot Avenue. The store is expected to open in Spring 2008.

The new store should be a little larger than the present store, with 4,600 square feet and 16 fuel bays.

Building Permits Issued

as of July 31, 2007

128 building permits
(71 permits for single family housing)

practice your escape plan!

National Fire Prevention Week is set for October 7-13, 2007. The theme this year is "Practice Your Escape Plan!" The week is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association.

During fire prevention week, the Derby Fire Department will visit all elementary schools to talk about fire safety with kindergarten, first and second graders. This year, the firefighters will focus on escape plans for the home.

It's not enough just to have a fire escape plan. To escape safely from a home fire you've got to make sure that everyone in the home has practiced the plan as well.

According to a recent poll conducted for NFPA, while the majority of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, most haven't practiced it. And three-quarters of Americans believe they have 10 minutes or less until a fire turns deadly.

When it comes to escape plans, practice is key. Whether you're a firefighter, a teacher or a parent, it is important to practice an escape plan with your family in the event of a home fire.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org.

Sparky the Fire Dog says, "Practice your home fire escape plan!"



Public Safety

Blood Alcohol Test Strips Available

In its ongoing effort to help curb underage drinking, the Derby Police Department is making saliva tests that detect the presence of alcohol in the blood available to the public.

"The alcohol test strips are available to parents who suspect their teen may have consumed an alcoholic beverage," said Police Chief Jay Reyes. "This is one way we are partnering with parents in the fight to stop and prevent underage drinking."

Tests can be purchased at the Derby Police Department, 229 N. Baltimore, for \$2 each.

Alco Screen makes the single-use test that indicates the presence of alcohol in the bloodstream. It only takes two minutes to achieve results. The test strips can be used for many situations, but they are primarily for parents who may have concerns about underage drinking issues.

If you have questions, call the Derby Police Department Community Education Section at (316) 788-1557.



School Zones Back in Effect

School is back in session and the school zone speed limits are in effect. Please slow down and use caution in neighborhoods and around schools during busy times.

The fines for speeding in school zones are doubled. If you drive 10 miles over the speed limit in a school zone, you can expect to pay a \$70 fine along with \$65 court costs for a total of \$135.

The Derby Police Department advises motorists to slow down and be cautious. Allow extra time for travel in the morning if you expect more traffic or slower speeds. And as always, buckle up.

Derby Fire Responds to Medical Calls

When you call 911 for a medical emergency, the Derby Fire & Rescue Department responds as well as Sedgwick County EMS. The concept of firefighters giving medical care is not a new one. Fire departments across the country respond to medical calls as first responders.

In the past, Derby's EMS and fire protection services were provided solely by volunteers. The Derby volunteer EMS crews responded to medical calls but eventually, with work restraints and increased call load, no longer could.

In 2004, the City of Derby signed an agreement with Sedgwick County EMS for the City to provide medical first response and County EMS to provide Advanced Life Support and transport to a hospital, when necessary.

In July 2005, when full-time staff was hired for the Derby Fire and Rescue Department, Derby firefighters took over the responsibility of answering medical calls with backup support provided by volunteer

firefighters who have EMT training. This provided a faster response for medical emergencies because of the close location of Fire Station #2 on Rock Road. It also provided a more dedicated response since the fire department's only responsibility is to the citizens of Derby.

Sedgwick County EMS currently operates out of Derby Fire Station #2. While there are

two ambulances, only one crew is provided full-time. An EMS crew is available in the City the majority of the time, but there are times when they may be answering calls in the County or transporting patients to a

local hospital. When that happens, having trained firefighters as first responders becomes very important. Firefighters carry airway equipment, defibrillators, splints, backboards and any equipment to provide lifesaving service on each truck and engine. Providing quick and efficient customer service is the City's number one goal.



Public Works & Parks

Concert, Fireworks Set for September 29 at High Park

Join us on September 29 at 5:30 p.m. for the Derby Recreation Center's third and final concert in its concert series. The concert will be held at the High Park Amphitheater, 2700 E. Madison.

This family blues evening is sure to be a fall hit! Come out and hear Ray



Cashman and his down home Texassipi style. Moreland and Arbuckle will also appear with their fused elements of Hill Country, Delta and Chicago blues. Listen to a sample of their music at www.derbyrec.com.

Emcee Stephanie Bergmann, Derby resident and KSN news anchor, will kick-off the concert.



Don't miss the popular City T-shirt gun for your chance to catch a concert shirt.

The evening will conclude with the City of Derby's fireworks grand finale at 7:30 p.m. These are the fireworks from the 4th of July celebration.

Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and coolers. Vending will also be available.

Recycling Asphalt Materials for Re-use on City Streets

The City of Derby Public Works and Parks Department has found a new use for asphalt materials used on streets. The City Weld Shop built a device that screens the large asphalt pile at High Park.

Asphalt from past milling and overlay projects is recycled into a re-usable road surface material for road maintenance on the millings streets.

The screening device allows material to pass through the screen that is graded one inch

or less in size. This material is stockpiled for millings used for street repairs.

The larger material that cannot pass through the screen is vibrated off the screen. It is collected and put in the re-stock pile to be crushed in the future.

Equipment used for the recycling process includes an excavator, generator, loader, and screening device.



The recycled material result is an improved, smoother driving surface on streets that are milled.

Play, Walk or Run at Garrett Park

Garrett Park, located at 1100 E. Chet Smith, has plenty to offer the whole family. The park features 40



acres of land that include the Hike and Bike path, soccer fields, football fields, baseball and softball fields, a playground complete with a crumb rubber play surface, picnic tables and

restrooms.

The park land was "sold" to the City of Derby by Margaret Garrett for \$1 in 1974.

At that time,

the land was appraised at \$34,000. The park was established in 1980. Most of the ground work, pole installation, fields and parking lot were constructed by the Red Horse

Company out of McConnell Air Force Base.

According to the contract, the land can only be used as a public park and recreational facility.

A future addition to the park includes a Veterans' Memorial, just north of the playground pictured at left. For more information on the memorial, call Deb Nelson at 789-0770 or dnelson@usd260.com.

Garrett Park
1100 E. Chet Smith

right-of-way responsibility

The question regarding who mows and maintains right-of-way (ROW) is a frequent one asked around City Hall, especially during the summer months.

All property owners are responsible for mowing and maintaining the ROW on their property. That means mowing between the sidewalk and the curb, in the ditch, behind fences and in alleyways.

Property owners should also be aware that landscaping in the ROW could be disturbed if the City or a utility company needs to access an underground water line, sewer line or other piece of infrastructure. Fences may also have to be displaced if they are built in the ROW.

If you have questions, call City Hall at 788-1519.

city meetings

ADA Advisory Board

1st Monday @ 4 pm, City Hall

Board of Zoning Appeals

case-by-case basis

Thursdays @ 7 pm, City Hall

City Council

2nd/4th Tuesdays @ 7 pm, City Hall

Construction Trades Board

case-by-case basis on Tuesdays, City Hall

Economic Development Board

3rd Monday @ 5:30 pm, City Hall

El Paso Water Company Board

4th Tuesday following the
City Council Meeting

Library Board

4th Wednesday @ 7 pm, Derby Library

Ordinance Review Advisory Board

3rd Tuesday @ 6 pm, City Hall

Parks & Urban Forestry Board

2nd Thursday @ 11 am, City Hall

Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7 pm, City Hall

Senior Center Advisory Board

1st Wednesday @ 1 pm, Senior Center

Vote October 16

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The standards also indicate that cities with a population of more than 25,000 should have a library somewhere between 21,200 and 58,000 square feet.

In 2006, the City Council established a Library Design Committee to determine the needs and desires of the community - including hearing comments and ideas from the public. That committee of Derby residents considered the standards and the population projections for

the city and agreed that a new library should be

designed to handle the city's growth for the next 20 to 25 years. The design committee recommended a building that is 36,620 square feet to the City Council.

The proposed library would include a larger computer room with more computers available for public use, a community meeting room which will fill a great need, and additional space for not only housing books but also for hosting activities and programs for children and teens. Public meeting rooms and gathering spaces are one of the most commonly requested items by Derby residents.

Yes Vote = New Library
No Vote = No New Library

Ballot Question

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall the City of Derby, Kansas be authorized, upon the expiration of the existing one-half percent (1/2 %) city-wide retailers' sales tax imposed in the City to finance the costs of a municipal aquatic park facility and related appurtenances thereto and payment of operating and maintenance costs thereof (the "Aquatic Park Sales Tax"), to: (1), impose a one-half percent (1/2%) city-wide retailers' sales tax (the "Library Sales Tax"), the proceeds of which shall be used only to finance the costs of construction and equipping of a new public library and related appurtenances thereto (the "Derby Public Library Project") and payment of operating and maintenance costs thereof; the collection of such Library Sales Tax to commence upon the expiration of the Aquatic Park Sales Tax and shall terminate upon the earlier of the following: (a) accumulation of sufficient revenues to provide for: (i) payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds and (ii) provision of an operation and maintenance reserve; or (b) ten years after its commencement; and (2) issue sales tax/general obligation bonds in a principal amount of not to exceed \$9,435,000 to pay the costs of the Derby Public Library Project and associated financing costs; all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended and K.S.A. 10-101 *et seq.*, as amended?

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