



# Derby Horizon

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## Derby Top 50 "Best Place to Retire"

U.S. News and World Report designated Derby as a "Best Place to Retire," ranking it 49th out of 1,000 cities in the nationwide search.

"It stands to reason that if we're one of the best places to live that we are also one of the best places to retire," said Derby Mayor Dion Avello. "It's representative of the people of Derby and our values."

The report said Derby features "small-town values combined with the resources of a growing community."

The U.S. News & World Report web site allows visitors to rank top locations throughout the U.S. according to self-selected

criteria. Visitors can find the places that best match personal preferences about region, weather, cost of housing, recreational and cultural activities, social environment, healthcare availability, and crime levels.

Other Kansas towns recognized include Great Bend, Hays, Lawrence, Lenexa, Manhattan, Newton, Olathe, Overland Park, Prairie Village and Shawnee.



Lillian Frazier, Al Lemcke and Frankie Norris fold newsletters at the Derby Senior Center.

In July 2007, Derby was also recognized as a Top 10 Town for Families by *Family Circle* magazine.

For more information, visit [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) and go to the "rankings" link.

## WSU South Campus Slated for Towne Center

Derby is the proud home of the Wichita State University South Campus. Classes will be held in a renovated facility in Towne Center, 200 W. Greenway beginning in January 2008.

The 10,000 square foot, one-level facility is conveniently located off K-15 Highway and will serve the education needs in the southern part of Sedgwick County.

"As an urban-serving research institution we have a responsibility to provide higher education opportunities throughout the county," said Keith Pickus, associate provost with responsibilities for WSU's satellite campuses. "We've determined that there are unmet educational needs in south

Sedgwick County and beyond."

The new building will feature six classrooms, each with a capacity ranging from 35 to 55 students, one computer lab with about 30 workstations and a range of offices and student-service space.

Initially, the WSU South Campus will be the site of more than 35 late-

afternoon and evening education and business classes in the spring semester, with room to grow. The accelerated nursing program in the College of Health Professions will be offered at the campus in May 2008.

This fall, WSU offered about 20 classes at Derby High School.



## Holiday Event Guide

Derby has several fun, family events scheduled for the upcoming holiday season.

The first event is the City Tree Lighting on November 29 at 6 p.m. It will be held at the enclosed shelter at High Park, 2700 E. Madison. There will be live music, hot drinks and snacks along with a special visit from Santa Claus. The official "city tree" will be lit with more than 3,000 sparkling lights. The event is free and open to the public. Operation Holiday will be on hand to collect donations for its 2007 fundraising drive.

After the Tree Lighting, you can visit a variety of retail shops in Derby to sign up for "Christmas in our Town" prizes. The Derby Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this fun "shop in Derby" event. It runs from November 29 to December 8. Shoppers can sign up for free door prizes at participating merchants. The prizes will be awarded after the Christmas Parade on December 8.

The Christmas Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Panther Stadium. It will proceed west on Madison to Georgie, south on Georgie to Market, and east on Market back to the football stadium. After the parade, enjoy a visit from Santa Claus, hot chocolate and "Christmas in our Town" door prizes at the Valley State Bank building parking lot, 330 E. Madison.

If you're interested in participating in the parade, call Cliff or Iva Helms at 788-5503.

Other city events include the Derby Recreation Commission's Art Fair on December 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The DRC will also host Breakfast with Santa on December 8 at 9:30 a.m. and Swimming with Santa on December 15 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.derbyrec.com](http://www.derbyrec.com).



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# Message from the Manager

## 360 Performance Program

I'm excited to tell you about a great new tool we have at our disposal. Have you ever heard of



"performance measures?" Performance measures have been used for a number of years in municipal governments to track and quantify what we do. Typically, they track outputs such as the percentage of responses when the fire department arrives on scene in less than four minutes. These measures have frequently been used to judge performance as a reflection of the employee's or the department's individual performance.

Recently, however, there's been an evolution in performance measurement – away from the "gotcha" system of evaluation and towards true assessment of what we do as an organization. The point is to be quizzical, not critical. The benefit of this is that we can ask the questions that truly get to the heart of that performance result, better understanding how we came by it and strategizing how we can maintain that level of performance or achieve a different or higher level of performance. Thanks to a grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation (NCCI), Derby is on the cutting edge of this movement.

Earlier this year, the City was awarded a Trailblazer Grant by the NCCI for developing a system of performance measurement that includes

public participation in creating the measures and targets public outreach in reporting the outcomes. NCCI is a non-profit organization based out of New York City and underwritten by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Derby was one of only a dozen municipal entities in North America that received the funding.

The grant helped underwrite a contract facilitator to conduct the research and public input process originally envisioned by City staff in the grant proposal as the 360 Performance Program. Why 360? Because, unlike most other performance programs, Derby's program used input from every stakeholder group, getting input from 360 degrees around. We used focus groups, department work sessions, open houses, and an online survey to ask department directors, mid-level managers, frontline staff, elected leaders, advisory board members, residents, business owners, community groups, youth, seniors, and city customers what they value as critical services and how they evaluate success in those services.

The result is a system of performance measures tailored to each department. How does this affect our daily duties? For the most part, it doesn't. City staff will continue providing professional, responsive services to its customers. Department directors are responsible for setting up systems to track and report these measures. Then, each year beginning in October 2008 we'll publish a reader-

friendly performance report that discusses our performance throughout the past year.

Why report on performance? We're a public agency. Every resident, business owner, and visitor to this community is a stockholder (i.e. stakeholder) in our "company." More than any other industry, government owes it to its customers – its stakeholders – to report on the value of services. In order to report value, we have to assess our performance, and in order to assess our performance, we have to measure it.

What's the result of measuring performance? Performance measures get us where we need to be by asking the right questions. Performance measures help us understand if and how we're meeting our customers' needs and expectations. For example, a low scoring performance measure may indeed indicate poor performance, but why? It may be an indicator that resources should be addressed. Perhaps it's a policy decision that the Council may consider. Perhaps it's something else.

Bottom line: The new generation of performance measurement is all about the tools to equip us with the information we need to bring the best possible services to our customers. I hope you'll share my excitement on this adventure with the 360 Performance Program. Let's get excited about service and continuing excellence for Derby!

# City Council

## Derby Voters Say "Yes" to a New Library

In a Special Election on October 16, Derby voters approved a 1/2 cent sales tax for a new Derby library.

According to the Sedgwick County Election Office, 63% of voters said "yes" to a 1/2 percent sales

tax to fund a new library facility.

The vote follows several years of discussion by the Derby Library Board of Trustees, consideration by the City Council, and a campaign effort by the Committee for a New Derby Library. According to national standards, at 9,000 square feet, the current library facility is undersized to meet Derby's current or future needs. As



Derby continues to experience sustained growth and an expanding reputation as a

premier suburban community, a quality library facility will help meet the needs of the area and attract new visitors and

residents to the community.

The new library will be financed using a half-cent sales tax to begin after the Rock River Rapids aquatic park half-cent sales tax ends, likely in 2010. When issued on April 1, 2003, the aquatic park tax was originally projected to end December 31, 2016. Due to favorable city-wide sales tax collections, the sales tax is now

anticipated to sunset early, likely in 2010. At that time, the Library tax would begin.

The new library will be built at the corner of Walnut Grove and Sumac, just east of Tanglewood Elementary School. The preliminary design includes 36,620 square feet. Anticipated features include a large computer room, community meeting room, more room for books and materials, space for teen activities, children's reading program and special events, private and/or group study space, genealogy research area and a pick-up/drop-off window. Construction could begin as early as Fall 2008.

For more information, visit [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

## Nun Appointed to City Council

Vaughn Nun, former Planning Commission member, was appointed to the City Council at the October 9 City Council meeting and sworn in at the October 23 meeting.



Nun retired from a 21-year career in the military in 1993. He worked in a number of different areas, including flight crew member, strategic planner, intelligence officer, data base manager, and aircraft maintenance officer.

Nun is now a financial consultant and branch manager for Verus Financial Group in Derby.

He earned his bachelor of science in education from the University of Nebraska and his

master of science in management and human relations from Abilene (Texas) Christian University.

He is active in his church, Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, is a member of the Derby

Chamber of Commerce and Derby Rotary Club.

Nun and his wife, Susan, have four grown children, Staci, Alicia, Tamara and Eric, along with five grandchildren.

The Nun's moved to Derby in 1988. He said he has seen the community grow substantially over the past 19 years and wants to be involved in the decision-making process regarding future growth.

## ACE Grant Coming Soon

Mark your calendars, community groups! The City will begin accepting grant proposals for the A.C.E. Grant (Artistic, Cultural & Entertainment Grant) in February 2008.

The A.C.E. Grant (formerly known as the Community Enrichment Program) was created by the City Council in 2006. The spirit of the grant program is to encourage development of artistic, cultural or entertainment activities to bring people to Derby or, likewise, keep Derby residents in town for their leisure time.

Grants can be awarded up to \$2,500. For more information, visit [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

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The Derby City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Derby City Hall, 611 Mulberry Rd.

Meetings are broadcast live on Derby Channel 7.

You may also contact the City Council at 788-3132.

## channel 7 programming

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

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

Thursday & Saturday  
7:00 p.m.

Sedgwick County Commission Meeting  
Rebroadcast  
Tuesday & Saturday, Noon

USD 260 Board Meetings  
Airs Live  
4th Monday of the month  
6:30 p.m.  
Rebroadcast  
Friday & Sunday, 7:00 p.m.



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# Senior Center & Public Library

## Brown Bag Check Up

The Brown Bag Check Up is the single best thing that you can do to avoid medication mistakes and cut down on unnecessary medications. A brown paper bag may hold the key to safer use of medications.

In your next Horizon newsletter you will find a brown paper bag. Simply put all of your medication in it (prescription and over-the-counter) and take it to a Derby pharmacist for review.

A few of the benefits of the Brown Bag Check Up are:

- It evaluates the right medicine for your medical condition
- Eliminates drug duplication
- Avoids drug interactions
- Corrects inappropriate dosages
- Removes drugs that may counteract with one another
- Gives peace of mind and health of body

The benefits are not limited to seniors. Parents of young children can increase their awareness of mixing over-the-counter drugs. The American Association of Poison Control reports more than 30,000 cases of acetaminophen overdoses each year. With the Brown Bag Check Up, a pharmacist considers the age of the children and the medicines they currently take to see ensure the proper doses are given and that improper drugs are not being mixed.

Adults that take more than one type of medicine, whether it is prescription, over-the-counter or a natural product, can consult with the pharmacists to see if what they are taking is safe, duplicates or could be fatal.

Look for your brown bag in the next Derby Horizon and do the "Brown Bag Check Up."

## Old Cowtown Christmas Show

Join the Derby Senior Center for a Christmas Show at Old Cowtown Museum. The Diamond W Christmas Show will bring back memories of an old-fashioned holiday evening.

After a fabulous meal of BBQ brisket and smoked chicken you can sit back in your chair and enjoy the world famous Prairie Wranglers, who will entertain you with a variety of Christmas tunes.

**Date:** Thursday, December 13

**Time:** 5:00 pm

**Cost:** \$29.00/person

## Derby Senior Center

611 Mulberry Rd.  
788-0223

**Derby Dash**  
788-RIDE (7433)

## Derby Library Celebrates 50th Anniversary

In 2008 the Derby Public Library will celebrate its 50th Anniversary with numerous special activities. The first event is "Family Reading Double

Feature: Books to Movies" that will be presented January through March. Three books that have been made into movies will be featured. The books are: Babe the Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith;

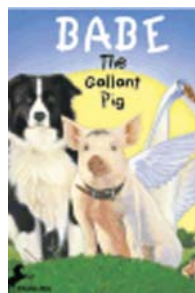
Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo; and How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell. The "Premiere Party," scheduled for late January, will introduce the books, and families attending will enjoy snippets of each book performed by special guests. Each family will also

receive a copy of the book they choose to read.

Following the Premiere Party will be three Wrap Parties, one for each of the books. They will

be held in February and March. The parties will feature a brief book discussion, a private viewing of the movie, trivia games about the book and refreshments. The events are sponsored by a grant from Target. All events

are free and open to the public. Contact the Derby Library at 788-0760 for details, stop by the library at 611 Mulberry Rd. Suite 200 or watch for event announcements on the library's website: [www.derbylibrary.com](http://www.derbylibrary.com).



## A Golden Anniversary

The Derby Library has provided for the informational, recreational, and educational needs of the citizens of Derby for nearly 50 years. The library's humble beginnings came when Lorraine Dewey approached the City Council and got approval for the use of two rooms in the back of City Hall for a library. Girl scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and the Derby 4-H Club helped with a book drive where over 800 books were obtained to put on the shelves of that first library.

Since those first 800 books, the Derby Library collection has grown to over 68,000 books, 2,700 DVDs, 1,800 music CDs, 2,800 videos, 300 playaways, and nearly 2,000 individual magazine issues. In addition, the library's virtual collection includes several databases making over 600 newspapers, 1,000 magazines, and other research tools available from your home computer anytime.

# Community Development

## Council Greenlights Hotel Incentives

Whether it's having accommodations for family and friends or attracting business travelers, Derby has eagerly anticipated its first hotel development. Attracting a hotel development project has been a top priority for the City Council, especially in recent years. And it appears that Derby will soon achieve its goal.

At its meeting on October 9, the Derby City Council approved a resolution for intent to issue Industrial Revenue Bonds for a hotel development project in Derby. This action effectively greenlighted the private development group to proceed with its financing and franchising arrangements and

directed city staff and bond counsel to make the final arrangements for the public incentives.

The hotel is planned for a site along the west side of Rock Road, about halfway between Patriot Avenue and Tall Tree Road. As a three-story building, the facility will have good visibility from both thoroughfares. The development group is a Kansas corporation known as Derby Hotel, Inc., which is led by Mr. Raju Sheth of



Hotel Prototype

Wichita. Mr. Sheth and his business partners have hotel experience both in Kansas and out of state.

The hotel will offer suites, which appeal to both family and corporate travelers. The franchise may either be a Hampton Inn & Suites, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, or

Comfort Inn & Suites. The City Council is expected to approve the final agreements in January.

Construction would begin Summer 2008.

## Rock Road Construction Update

Rock Road construction is well underway. Traffic has been reduced to one lane each direction between Patriot Ave. and Meadowlark Blvd. The existing pavement on the west side has been removed and storm sewers have been installed.

The contractor is now grading and placing reinforced rock base and will work to complete paving on the west side for the next few months. Following

completion of the pavement on the west side, traffic will be moved to the newly constructed lanes and construction will begin on the east side (Phase 2) of the project.

During phase 2, three lanes should be available to traffic which will allow for left turns which will enable the traffic signal at Meadowlark Blvd. to function more efficiently.

Ultimately the project will

reconstruct Rock Road between Meadowlark Blvd. and Patriot Ave. to an urban section with storm sewers and curb and gutter. The pavement between James St. and Meadowlark Blvd. will be reconfigured to provide a 5-lane section with a continuous left turn lane. The intersection and traffic signals at Meadowlark will be reconfigured, and new signals will be installed at Tall Tree Rd.

## Now's the Time to Winterize

It's that time of year when Old Man Winter pays us a visit...don't let him catch you unprepared this year.



Follow these five simple steps to prepare for the upcoming winter season.

1. Disconnect and drain outdoor water hoses. Detaching hoses allows water to drain from

pipes. Otherwise, a single, overnight freeze can burst either the faucet or the pipe it's connected to.  
2. Find the master water shutoff valve and label it. It may be near the water heater or the washing machine. If a pipe bursts anywhere in the house, this valve turns off all water to the house to prevent flooding. Be sure everyone in the family knows where the master shut off valve is and what it does.  
3. Seal off access doors, air vents

and cracks, and repair broken basement windows. Winter winds whistling through overlooked openings can quickly freeze exposed water pipes.  
4. Insulate pipes or faucets in unheated areas. If you have water pipes in an unheated garage or cold crawl space under the house, wrap the pipes before temperatures fall.  
5. Cold spells. During extreme cold spells, it may be necessary to leave a pencil lead thin stream of water flowing from a faucet.

## development update

### Dillons Marketplace

Site Plans have been submitted and reviewed by the Derby Planning Commission for a Dillons Marketplace east of the corner of Rock Road and Meadowlark in the Derby Marketplace Addition. The store is expected to be 118,000 square feet and similar to the store at Rock Road and Central.

Construction is expected to begin in early 2008.

### The Reserve at Hamilton Estates

This new senior townhouse development is planned for Hamilton Air Field, just east of Rock Road on 71st St./Meadowlark. Zoning and platting are now underway.

Visit [www.360wichita.com](http://www.360wichita.com) or call 316-393-0463 for more information.

### Springcreek Plaza

A number of businesses are planned for the Spring Creek Plaza Shopping Center at the southeast corner of Rock Rd. and Madison. They include Golf USA, Madrocks's (smoke-free sports bar), Nifty Fifty, Nail Elements and more.

### Target

Site work (utilities, grading, paving and lighting) is nearing completion for the new Target store on Rock Road in the new Derby Marketplace Addition. Building plans have been approved and construction of the building is expected to start in November.

### Wal-Mart

The store is nearing completion of its \$3 million remodel project.

### Tokyo Steakhouse is now open!

## pd program

### Citizens' Police Academy

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a police officer? Well, the Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) is just for you!

The CPA is generally held once a year, depending upon response from the community. CPA classes are on one evening per week for approximately 12 weeks.

At each class, professional police officers, investigators and staff will lecture and provide hands-on demonstrations in their field of expertise. Topics include patrol procedures, traffic enforcement and accident investigation, criminal investigation, evidence identification and collection, and crime prevention programs.

Anyone interested in participating can call the Derby Police Department Community Education Coordinator at 788-1557. Future dates will be announced on Channel 7, in the local newspapers, and on the City website, [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

### Sparky the Fire Dog says:

Every year 2,000 Americans die from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning. Every resident should purchase a carbon monoxide detector for their home, and have furnaces checked for leaks in flues, and chimneys checked to ensure they are clear from any obstructions. If you suspect you may have CO poisoning, leave the area immediately and get to fresh air, then call 911 or your local gas company.



# Public Safety

## Protecting Your Personal Property

Protecting your property against theft is a year-around responsibility. With the holidays approaching, this is a good time to review steps that can be taken to reduce the opportunity for your property to be stolen.

### Vehicles

- Park your vehicle in a closed garage whenever possible, especially at night. If a garage is not available, park as close to your house as possible and make sure the area is well lit. Vehicles parked in the street are more susceptible to break-ins and vandalism.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle when it's left unattended. Leaving valuables visible to someone is an invitation to steal. Locking property in the trunk is also a good idea as well.
- Lock your vehicle when it is left unattended – even when there are no valuables inside.

Entry into your vehicle still gives a thief access to garage door openers and trunk releases.

### Homes

- Use exterior lighting at night. Well-lit neighborhoods are a deterrent to thieves and helpful to officers as they patrol.
- Avoid making your home a storefront. Close drapes and shades at night and when you are away from home.
- Secure windows and doors with locks at night and when you are away from home. Deadbolt locks are best for doors. Reinforce the locking mechanisms on sliding windows and doors with a piece of wood in the tracks as well.
- If you are going on vacation, take advantage of the Derby Police Department's Vacation Home Watch program. You fill out a form that provides the police department with your

address, contact information, and names of anyone who may have access to your house in the event of a problem at your home that requires you to be contacted while you are away. Call 788-1557 to learn more or to get a form.

### Reserve Officer Program Seeking Volunteers

- Pick up an application at the Derby Police Department, 229 N. Baltimore
- Participate in the interview process.
- If accepted, participate in training just like full-time officers.
- Work in patrol, traffic enforcement, criminal and accident investigation, traffic control and special events.
- Commit to 16 hours per month.
- Interested? Call Lt. Jimmy Queen at 788-1557.

## Home Fire Safety During the Holidays

The holidays are approaching and there are thoughts of food, family, fun and fellowship. Before the festivities begin, it's also important to review fire safety in the home.

### Smoke detectors

The smoke detector is the first line of defense against a fire, so it's important to make sure your smoke detector is working properly. This is a good time to replace batteries if you have a battery-operated detector. You should have a smoke detector installed on every level of your home, including the basement. Many fires begin late at night or in the early morning when people are still sleeping and early warning is important. It is good practice to replace your smoke detectors every 10 years. This includes both battery and hard-wired detectors.

### Candles

In 2004 there were an estimated 17,000 home structure fires started by candles with 200 civilian deaths. Most fires started by candles occur because they are left unattended or individuals fall asleep with them burning. Do not leave candles unattended; keep candles at least one foot away from things that can catch fire, use sturdy candle holders, avoid carrying candles and do not leave candles burning in a child's bedroom.

### Cooking fires

Cooking fires are the No. 1 cause of home structure fires. Every year they result in more than 275 fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires. Some safety tips are to keep your cooking area clean and clear of combustibles such as pot holders, paper towels and

food packaging. Keep children away from the cooking area and always keep a potholder, mitt or a lid handy to smother a fire that may start in a pan. Never pour water on a grease fire and never try to carry a burning pan fire outside. Turn off the source of heat and use a lid to smother the flames.

### Heating equipment

One way to cut down on heating bills is by using portable space heaters. Buy a unit that carries an independent laboratory testing seal. Install all stationary heaters according to manufacturer's instructions. Do not plug an electric space heater into an extension cord. Make sure wood-burning fireplace chimneys have been inspected and cleaned. Make sure screens and protective covers are in place and when not in the room, put out wood-burning fires and turn off portable space heaters.

# Public Works & Parks

## Tall Tree Road Opened From Triple Creek to Woodlawn

This fall a new section of Tall Tree Road opened for traffic. Motorists can travel west on Tall Tree from Rock Road to Woodlawn.

The intersection of Tall Tree Rd. and Triple Creek Drive now has a fully-operating round-about which was constructed as part of the golf course project.

Motorists should use caution in this area due to Derby Hills Elementary School and a widely-used playground. Please obey all traffic laws and use caution in the morning and mid-afternoon as kids are walking home or riding bikes in the area.



## Holiday Decorations

Derby Public Works & Parks employees are preparing for a busy holiday season. Right after Thanksgiving, employees will replace the fall lightpole banners with winter and holiday-themed banners. They will also decorate Ward Clements Park, the waterfall at Rock Road and James as well as the City Hall complex at Madison and Mulberry.

The Public Works & Parks Department also plays a big role in the City Tree Lighting event. For more information on the event, see page one, check your November water bill for a complete overview of holiday events or visit the city website, [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com).

## tree recycle lot

Do you need a place to take your live Christmas tree after the holidays? The City of Derby Tree Recycle Lot is the place to go. It's located in the northwest corner of High Park by the baseball complex. Dates and rules are listed below:

### When:

Dec. 19, 2007 to Jan. 13, 2008

### What:

Undecorated trees

### Where:

High Park Chip Site  
2700 E. Madison

### Holiday Hours:

7:00 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day

### Rules:

Only Christmas trees will be allowed during this time period. If you have questions, call the Public Works & Parks Department at 788-0301.

### More Information

The High Park Chip Site is open year round and accepts tree limbs and branches. Stumps larger than 10 inches in diameter are not accepted.

### Regular Hours:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
7:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

### Saturday

8:00 a.m. to Noon

(From November through March, the Chip Site is only open on the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to Noon).



## Garrett Park, High Park and English Park Upgrades

### Garrett Park

Garrett Park, located at 1100 E. Chet Smith, will see a facelift this fall. Improvements include new lighting, seating and fencing. All projects are scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

Improvements include:

- New lighting at Baseball field #3.
- A new chain link fence on ball fields #1 and #2. This includes the backstops and side lines with new backboards for the back stops.
- The wooden bench bleachers will be replaced with new aluminum bench bleachers with back and side rails.

### High Park

Several improvements have occurred at Derby's largest park, High Park, located at 2700 E. Madison. Three different

parking lot projects increased the total number of parking spaces to nearly 700 to accommodate the large crowds for sporting events throughout the year.

- The chip site/tree recycle lot was moved northeast to create overflow parking for baseball and soft ball tournaments. The new parking lot was constructed with millings, and concrete blocks were placed around the border of the new lot.
- A new parking lot was constructed by the soccer fields in the northeast part of the park. This lot

connected two existing parking lots.

- In the same area of the park, the upper parking lot near the



High Park Parking Lot

open shelter and playground was paved. The parking lot was extended and striped,

adding more parking for soccer and t-ball games.

### English Park Bridge

A new bridge is being constructed at English Park, 500 E. Crestway. The bridge will make the playgrounds more accessible to one another and provide a safe way to cross the drainage canal.

## city meetings

### ADA Advisory Board

1st Monday @ 4 p.m., City Hall

### Board of Zoning Appeals

case-by-case basis

Thursdays @ 7 p.m., City Hall

### City Council

2nd/4th Tuesdays @ 7 p.m., City Hall

### Construction Trades Board

case-by-case basis on Tuesdays,

City Hall

### Economic Development Board

3rd Monday @ 5:30 p.m., City Hall

### El Paso Water Company Board

4th Tuesday following the City Council meeting

### Library Board

4th Wednesday @ 7 p.m., Derby Library

### Ordinance Review Advisory Board

3rd Tuesday @ 6 p.m., City Hall

### Parks & Urban Forestry Board

2nd Thursday @ 11 a.m., City Hall

### Planning Commission

1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7 p.m., City Hall

### Senior Center Advisory Board

1st Wednesday @ 1 p.m., Senior Center

## News Briefs

### Report a Street Light Out

To report a street light out or a light on during the day, contact Westar Energy at 1-800-383-1183 or visit [www.westarenergy.com](http://www.westarenergy.com) and go to the “residential customers” link.

It is important to give an accurate location or even the ID number off the light pole. Lights in the City of Derby are maintained by Westar Energy.

### Call Before You Dig

Are you making plans to plant a tree, put up a fence or do some landscaping?

Remember to call before you dig:

1-800-DIG-SAFE or visit

[www.kansasonecall.com](http://www.kansasonecall.com).

There are four important steps to keep in mind before starting any excavation. They include:

- 1) Making the call;
- 2) Waiting the required amount of time (see website);
- 3) Respecting the markings; and
- 4) Digging safely.

### Did You Know?

Did you know that the City of Derby now accepts credit/debit card payments for business licenses, building permits, and all construction-related permits and licenses at City Hall? No more checks or cash needed!

Have you ever visited the city website, [www.derbyweb.com](http://www.derbyweb.com)? If so, you will find city job listings, lost animal listings, the most up-to-date news and information on the city, permits and applications for your home remodeling projects and more!

Also, have you heard about the new community portal website, [www.derbyks.com](http://www.derbyks.com)? The portal provides links to USD 260, Chamber of Commerce, Derby Recreation Center, Derby Community Foundation websites and more! You can also add your community event to the community calendar. Check it out today!

### Christmas Present Idea!

Purchase your Rock River Rapids season passes now and make your family happy.

Visit the Derby Recreation Center at 801 E. Market today. Questions? Call 788-3781.

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