

Derby Horizon



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Caution: Orange Cones Ahead

Rock Road will be improved from James Street to Patriot Avenue (63rd St.) beginning in Spring 2007. The pavement between James St. and Meadowlark Blvd. will be reconfigured to provide a 5-lane section with a continuous left turn lane in lieu of the current intermittent right turn lanes. The majority of this work will be accomplished between the existing curbs with little effect on traffic.

Rock Road between Meadowlark Blvd. and Patriot Avenue (63rd St.) will be completely reconstructed to an urban section with storm sewers, curbs and gutters. The construction in this area will provide a minimum of 5 lanes including a continuous left turn lane. The traffic signals at Meadowlark Blvd. will be reconfigured, and new signals will be



installed at Tall Tree Rd. as part of the project.

A minimum of two lanes will remain open to traffic, and access will be maintained to adjacent properties throughout construction. 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.

Construction is anticipated to last more than a year and is planned to be completed by August 2008.

Parking Ordinance

A new city ordinance was passed in October 2006 to address an ongoing issue. People have been using commercial parking lots for purposes other than what they were intended by the business or property owner.

An example is when people park vehicles with "for sale" signs in a parking lot without permission of the business or land owner. This is often an unwelcome practice.

The City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting "trespassing for the purpose of parking." It says that no person can stand or park any vehicle, boat, trailer or other piece of equipment upon the property of another without the consent of the property owner or his/her agent.

The ordinance requires property owners to post adequate information on the property or give verbal notice to vehicle owners that parking is for authorized purposes only – for example, customers.

The sign needs to be 12 inches by 12

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National Speech & Debate Tournament

The National Forensic League National Speech and Debate Tournament will be held in Derby and Wichita on June 17-22, 2007. Competition locations include Derby High School, Derby Middle School, Derby Sixth Grade Center, Wichita East High School, Century II and the Hyatt Hotel.

The tournament will provide a \$6-\$10 million benefit to the local community. Over 5,000 competitors, judges and coaches will be in attendance.

Your help is needed!

1) In order to host the tournament, at least \$50,000 will need to be raised by those involved. The NFL is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 educational society, and all

donations are tax deductible. There are six donation levels, ranging from \$1 all the way up to \$5,000.

2) The tournament will also need a large number of volunteers. Opportunities include judging, hospitality, set up, providing general information, sales and odd jobs.

3) Tournament staff are looking for help providing food and drinks for competitors and tournament personnel. Any businesses that would like to sponsor a meal would be welcomed.

If you're interested in helping with the tournament, contact Dalvin Yager, Derby High School at 788-8500 or dyager@usd260.com.

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Message from the Manager

Finding Ways to Help our Youth

At a very young age, children are taught what to do during an emergency.



Three simple numbers - 911 - are never forgotten. Throughout the school years, kids are reminded to call 911 if something bad happens, such as a fire, robbery, assault, or health problem. I think many people forget about this valuable resource and the many other hotlines provided through organizations that are designed to help people.

Despite these lessons, police tell us that many crimes and violations of the law go unreported. To encourage reporting of dangerous crimes, there are a number of anonymous toll-free hotlines that have been established to take reports aside from 911.

Kansas School Safety Hotline

1-877-626-8203

This hotline's goal is to stop school violence. Over the last decade, the increase of school violence has escalated to a new level. Students are now

educated about the warning signs other students might display that could result in violent actions. Teachers and students are taught how to respond to emergencies other than tornadoes and fire drills.

CrimeStoppers of Derby 788-TIPS

The goal of CrimeStoppers is to take anonymous reports of crimes in the Derby area. Information leading to arrests could result in a cash award. All callers are anonymous.

It's the Right Call 1-866-MUST-B-21

School violence isn't the only issue that our young people face. Underage drinking is a common problem in schools around the country. This hotline was established by the Kansas Department of Transportation to help curb underage drinking. The toll-free tip line operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is available for citizens to anonymously report parties involving underage drinking, plans to purchase alcohol for underage persons, and retailers who sell alcohol to underage persons.

Young people are killed in car accidents and make poor

decisions due to being under the influence of alcohol. There's a reason why the legal drinking age is 21. Sometimes those under the age of 21 lack the proper judgment to make smart decisions due to how alcohol affects the brain. Many of those poor decisions result in lifelong consequences.

Derby Police Department 788-8888

Of course, people often discover a crime or other issue affecting public safety that they may be concerned about and which requires attention by a police officer. If you are a victim of a crime, see a crime in progress, or observe a situation that is detrimental to public safety, please notify the Police Department by calling 788-8888, or 911.

Resources abound for Derby citizens to help reduce crime, especially crime involving young people. I encourage you to pay attention to what your children and their friends are doing and talk to your children about the issues they face each day at school. The Derby community wants the best for them just as you do!

Fair Housing Statement

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18



living with parents of legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and handicap (disability).

If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact HUD at 1-800-669-9777 or visit the fair housing section of the HUD website at www.hud.gov.

parking ordinance cont.

inches and read "Parking for Authorized Patrons Only."

The ordinance not only affects parking vehicles for sale, but for other purposes not intended by the owner of the parking lot. Business owners finding vehicles in violation of this ordinance may contact the Derby Police Department at 788-1557. Officers will issue citations if a violation is found. If convicted, violators may be fined up to \$200.



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Derby City Council

Legislative Priorities Determined by Council

At the February 13 City Council meeting, the Council approved the 2007 Legislative Agenda.

Maintaining communications with legislators and tracking legislative issues are important administrative functions to ensure that the City stays aware of and involved in state and federal legislation affecting the organization and the community.

In Derby, legislative relations are achieved through relationships and partnerships. The tools in our toolkit are:

- 1) Maintaining strong relationships with Derby's legislative representatives;
- 2) partnerships with other

organizations to identify issues and support legislative action; 3) tracking issues; and 4) publishing a legislative agenda.

Legislative agendas are "wish lists" for legislators from a constituent group. Derby partners with Visioneering Wichita and the Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP) to develop legislative agendas for state and federal legislators that represent the best interests of the south central Kansas economic region. The League of Kansas Municipalities also represents Derby's interests, publishing a legislative agenda and lobbying on behalf of municipalities in Kansas. Derby endorses the

legislative agendas published by the League, Visioneering Wichita, and REAP.

The legislative agenda presents Derby's core legislative principles and its legislative priorities. Derby's legislative priorities are:

- 1) Restoration of the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction (LAVTR) Program; and
- 2) a statewide smoking ban.

The agenda also supports Derby's partnerships with the League, Visioneering Wichita, and REAP, and provides their legislative agendas.

You can view our Legislative Agenda at www.derbyweb.com.

2006 Mayor's Award of Excellence

Peggy Unkel was honored with the Mayor's Award of Excellence at the February 13 City Council meeting.

Unkel is a well-known member of the Derby community. She raised nine children

here, and worked as a secretary in the Derby High School office for 30 years. She now serves as a greeter at the high school once a week and is a Derby High School athletics booster.

Unkel is an active member of the Derby Senior Center, and has been involved with the center for over 20 years. She supervises the monthly community breakfast, serves as a kitchen helper at the monthly birthday and anniversary luncheon, delivers Homebound Red Cross Good Neighbor Meals weekly, serves as a card hostess, and is a member of the Senior Center Readers Theatre and Red Hatters organization.



She is a member of First Christian Church in Derby, where she is a former choir member and is now in charge of table cloths and funeral lunches.

Unkel also assists with Operation Holiday in Derby. She enrolls families and assigns them to a family or organization for adoption.

Finally, Unkel has served as the Library Board secretary since 1990. As the secretary, she is in charge of keeping the monthly minutes. She recently began typing the minutes on a computer rather than on a typewriter.

Unkel is the fifth recipient of the award. Previous recipients of the Mayor's Award of Excellence include Larry and Wanda Gould (2002), Ray Warren (2003), Charles and Rebah Hubbard (2004) and Jack and Dale Pulley (2005).

Vote on April 3

The 2007 General Election will be held on Tuesday, April 3. Three candidates are running for the City Council unopposed. They are:

- Jim Meidinger (Ward 1)
- Chuck Warren (Ward 2)
- Cheryl Bannon (Ward 3)

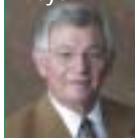
Two residents are running for Ward 4 - Thomas Haynes and Mark Staats.

There are six residents running at-large for the USD 260 School Board. They are Ron Meadows, Barbara Meidinger, Diana Pearce, John Roberts, Sue Robinson and John Stuhlsatz.

A Candidate Forum, sponsored by the Derby Chamber of Commerce, will be held for both City Council and School Board candidates on Thursday, March 29 at City Hall at 6:30 pm. For more information, call the Chamber at 788-3421.

city council

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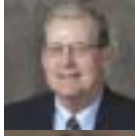


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Vacant seat

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 Meetings
2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the month at 7 pm

Rebroadcast Meetings
Sunday, Wednesday
& Friday at 2:30 pm

Monday, Thursday &
Saturday at 7 pm



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Derby Senior Center

Derby Dash Ride Cards on Sale

The Derby Dash, the City's new transportation system, will be in operation soon. Ride cards are on sale now at the Derby Senior Center and City Hall, both located at 611 Mulberry.

A ride card must be purchased to ride the bus. They come in increments of \$5, \$10 and \$20.

A dispatcher and two part time bus drivers have been hired to staff this newly added service. It will operate out of the Senior Center, but any Derby resident may use the service.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Each ride costs \$1 one way.

Reservations can be made by calling 788-RIDE at least 24 hours in advance.

The 16-passenger bus can accommodate the needs of the elderly and disabled.

Fitness Classes

There are a variety of fitness classes offered at the Senior Center, ranging from restorative yoga, which can be done sitting in a chair, to weight and strength class. Weight training improves strength, flexibility, balance and arthritic conditions.

Yoga and restorative yoga focuses on joints, flexibility and balance and is good for fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, arthritis and osteoarthritis.

Exercise with a Purpose, which works to enhance balance for fall prevention and flexibility, includes the use of dyna bands and other aids to keep it fun.

Tai Chi combines deep breathing and relaxation with many fundamental postures and graceful movements.

Stop by the Senior Center and register for any of these classes. Take a quick tour to see our on-site Fitness Room while you're here!

Senior Dream Day

Attention seniors! You're invited to the Derby Senior Activity Center's premier event of the year - Senior Dream Day. This exciting event is on Wednesday, April 18 at 11 a.m. at the Derby Recreation Center, 801 E. Market.

Nationally recognized staff from Music Theatre of Wichita will entertain us with a summer lineup of Spotlight on Youth performances. Heidi Rickarts from Tanglewood Elementary and Diana Unkel's Sixth Grade Center choir will also perform.

Lunch will be served by St. Mary's eighth grade students.

Mark your calendars now and get ready for a wonderful day of entertainment, food and fun.

The cost is \$8 per person. Call 788-0223 or drop by the Senior Center at 611 Mulberry to register.

Derby Library Website Databases Now Available

The Derby Library's website, www.derbylibrary.com, is the library's virtual branch. It's open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can find an endless amount of information, games and stories - something for all ages and interests. To get there, click on the Databases icon on the left hand side of the page.

You may be required to have a current Derby Library card (with no fines or overdue items) to use some of the databases.

Some of the features include the following:

America's Newspapers

You will have access to more than 600 U.S. newspapers and a selection of America's news magazines including *Time*, *Time for Kids*, *Teen People* and *Sports Illustrated*. Articles are full text and available to read online.

EBSCO Databases

Are you looking for a few good books to read? Do you have questions regarding health issues? Do you need to read an article in *Good Housekeeping*? Full text articles from magazines such as *Golf*, *Good Housekeeping* and *Yankee* can be found here.

Literary Reference Center

This center contains information on the most studied authors and their works. Need a picture of Anne Tyler and a list of her works? Type in her name and it will be available in a matter of seconds.

Health Source Database

This provides information on health topics and is updated daily.

Issues and Controversies in American History

This is a great database to explore history. It provides

quick access to biographies, timelines, charts, interviews, and more. Find reliable information on the space race or the Iraq War with a simple search.

The Learning Express Database

This provides practice tests to prepare for the ACT, GED, ASVAB, Firefighter, Postal Worker, and EMT basic exams.

Printable Forms Database

This has over 14,000 easy to access printable forms to help with financial aid, rental documents, and tax forms.

Visit www.derbylibrary.com for information on the Derby Public Library, to view the library catalog, and to find a variety of fun links to games, stories, and helpful information for any school project.

Backflow Testing

It's that time of year to perform your backflow device testing. Backflow devices are required to be tested annually, preferably when your sprinkler system is activated.

Backflow preventers are mechanical devices that keep your drinking water system safe from hazardous contaminants found in lawn sprinkler systems. Contaminants include herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, bacteria and organisms that may originate in the soil around sprinkler heads.

A State-Certified Backflow Installer/Tester must perform this service. The El Paso Water Company's rules and regulations are required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in accordance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

If you have a private well that is not connected to the potable water supply, please contact the El Paso Water Company at 788-1424 so your records can be updated.

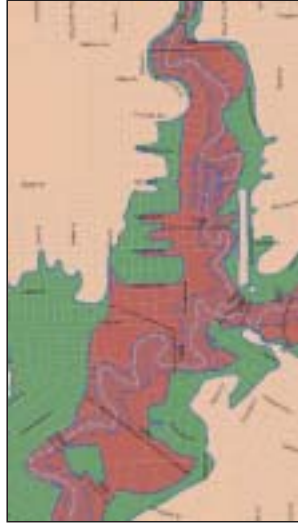
New FEMA Flood Plain Maps Available

The City of Derby has been a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) since the 1970s. As a participant, the City is required to maintain a Floodplain Management Ordinance and is required to be a repository for up-to-date maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The City has had several versions of "official maps" through the years and the most recent map updates went into effect on February 2, 2007.

The most recent maps have reduced the flood hazard zones

along Oak Forest Drive and Osage south of Madison and along Mulberry, Pin Oak Court and Evergreen Court north of Madison.



In most cases, the mortgage lender has the authority to require flood insurance based on the official maps. However, the City will provide an opinion to builders, developers, realtors, and citizens as to whether a particular property may be in the FEMA flood zone.

If you have any questions regarding your flood insurance, contact your insurance provider or Charlie Brown, Director of Community Development at 788-6632.

Derby Skate Park Awards

The Derby Skate Park at 424 E. Market is the recent recipient of two statewide awards.

The city received the 2006 Municipal Concrete Award, sponsored by the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association (KRMCA). This award is given annually to municipalities in recognition of the use of ready-mixed concrete on public improvement projects.



The City also received the Concrete Construction Award sponsored by the Kansas Chapter of the American Concrete Institute (ACI). As a state award winner, the project will be

submitted for competition for the national award.

The park, which officially opened in September 2006, was built at the site of the former municipal pool. The park sits on 2.13 acres and includes parking, restrooms and concessions along with a skate shop. The concrete skating area covers 17,860 square feet, including 9,000

square feet of flat deck with nine major concrete deck structures. The park also includes a three to four foot deep bowl with varied side slopes, including ramps, stairs and rails. In all, 455 cubic yards of concrete were used on the project.

Changeable copy signs

There's a chance that you have noticed the bright, flashing, computer-controlled signs in the Wichita area and also here in Derby. These signs are designed to get the attention of passing motorists and direct them into a particular business. However, these signs can be a distraction and may cause unsafe driving conditions.

The Derby Zoning Regulations consider these types of signs as "Changeable Copy Signs" and are not outright permitted unless approved by the City's Board of Zoning Appeals.

Business owners – before you invest in these signs, please contact Don Losew, Zoning Administrator, at 788-6632 to discuss the required permitting process.

It appears that commercial development in Derby will continue to be strong in 2007 as several projects are under construction or in the planning stages.

Verus Bank has completed its temporary bank facility at Madison and Rock Road and demolished the existing bank building to construct an entirely new 5,730 square foot bank. The new bank is scheduled to be open around November 1.

Construction continues on the Tokyo Steak House, on the west side of Rock Road north of James. This building will also be home to two office/commercial suites. Completion is scheduled for spring of this year.

Site work has begun for the new Kohl's department store located on Patriot Avenue (63rd St.) just east of Lowe's in anticipation of an October opening.

The Derby Planning Commission recently completed a Site Plan Review for a Taco Bueno Mexican Restaurant at the southeast corner of Patriot Avenue and Buckner; a new Boeing Wichita Credit Union on the west side of Rock Rd., just north of Meadowlark; and a Target Department Store on the east side of Rock Road at Tall Tree. Construction dates are not known at this point.

Building Permits Issued

as of February 28, 2007

37 building permits
(22 permits are for single family housing)

preparing the family for emergencies

A disaster, whether man-made or an act of nature, can occur suddenly and without warning. Any disaster can be frightening for adults, and especially traumatic for children.

Children need to know that in an emergency, their parents will look after them.

1) Include children in the planning process for disaster preparation.

2) Talk to children about what to do if a disaster strikes. Direct them to the basement or interior bathroom or closet.

3) Talk to them about what happens if you get separated. After the danger is over determine a safe meeting place.

4) Create a disaster supply kit as a family. Store supplies in a plastic tub or small suitcase. Items to include:

- Cash and credit cards
- First aid kit
- Battery-operated radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- Extra medication such as aspirin, antacid, etc.
- Three-day water supply (three gallons of water per person, per day), and a three day supply of non-perishable food
- Hygiene products, paper towels, disinfectant and trash bags
- Extra clothing and shoes
- Blankets and sleeping bags
- Baby supplies, if necessary, including formula, baby wipes, diapers and food

For an extended list of items to include in a family disaster kit, visit www.nfpa.org/disaster.

Public Safety

Traffic Ordinance and Public Offense Code Update

2006 Edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance Changes

Passing Near Emergency Vehicles

Drivers are required to change lanes on 4-lane roads or slow down on 2-lane roads when approaching a stationary emergency vehicle using emergency lights. This requirement was expanded to prohibit passing another vehicle moving in the same direction when within 100 feet of a stationary emergency vehicle using emergency lights.

Child Passenger Restraints

When riding in a motor vehicle, passengers under the age of 4 years, and passengers who are 4 years of age but under 8 years of age and weighing less than 80 pounds or are less than 4 feet 9 inches tall must be in an appropriate child passenger safety restraining system that meets or exceeds the standards found in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 213.

Passengers who are 8 years of age but less than 14 years of age, or who weigh more than 80 pounds or are more than 4 feet 9 inches in height must be restrained by a safety belt.

Lighted Headlights Required

Headlights are required from sunset to sunrise and when insufficient light or reduced visibility does not allow vehicles or people to be seen at a distance of at least 1,000 feet ahead. Legislation now mandates that headlights also have to be on when windshield wipers are in continuous use due to rain, sleet or snow.

2006 Edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code Changes

Unlawfully Hosting Minors

Consuming Alcoholic Liquor or Cereal Malt Beverage

It is unlawful to permit a person's residence, land, building, room or structure to be used by a guest of a person, or the guest of a person's child, in a manner that

results in the possession or consumption of liquor or cereal malt beverage on that premises by a person under the age of 18. Violation of this section was increased from a Class B violation with a minimum \$200 fine, to what is now a Class A misdemeanor which carries a minimum fine of \$1,000.

Concealed Carry of a Firearm

The UPOC adopted limitations on concealed carry found in Chapter 32 of the 2006 Session Laws of Kansas. This section includes over 20 limitations, including property posted by the owner as prohibiting firearms. The City of Derby amended this section to also restrict firearms from certain parks and other city-owned facilities.

Complete copies of the Standard Traffic Ordinance and Uniform Public Offense Code are available for on-site review at the Derby Police Department, 229 N. Baltimore.

Severe Weather Preparedness

After enduring a snowy and icy winter, we now look forward to the spring season. The down side of warmer temperatures is severe weather. In February, a Florida community was destroyed by a tornado that hit in the middle of the night. This can happen to any of us, especially in Kansas.

Severe weather brings with it a terrifying power, but with preparation and awareness of warning systems, you can prepare for the severe weather season.

There are several things to do to prepare for severe weather:

- Attend a Storm Spotter class. Sedgwick County Emergency Management hosts several in the Spring throughout the county. These classes will give you a better understanding of

what to look for as severe weather develops.

- Be alert to what's going on in the community. Watch the weather forecasts on TV or listen to the radio.
- Purchase a NOAA weather radio at Wal-Mart or Radio Shack. A weather radio will alert you in the home if severe weather is possible.
- Make sure you have a plan if severe weather approaches. Do you have a basement or a safe room in your home? Do you have a battery-operated radio? Do you have a flashlight or battery-powered lantern? How about food and water if utilities are lost for a few days?
- If you have elderly loved ones who live alone, check on them. Do they have the necessary supplies to last for

a couple of days without services?

- Keep a list of emergency numbers handy - utilities, emergency responders, and family.
- During severe weather, avoid using phones or taking baths/showers. Turn off and unplug electrical appliances. Lightning strikes cause power surges that can damage electrical appliances.
- Stay away from windows and doors. Breaking glass can be a danger.

If you have any questions, call Fire Chief Brad Smith at 788-3132. To read more about preparedness, visit the Red Cross at www.redcross.org, the National Weather Service at www.noaa.gov or the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org/disaster.

Public Works & Parks

2007 Rock River

Rapids Update

Attention swimmers! Listed below are several important changes in the operations at Rock River Rapids.

2007 Season

May 28 - August 14

General Admission Tickets

\$6 for adults (18 and up)

\$5 for youth (3-17)

2 and under are free

Season Passes

\$55/person

10% discount offered from

March 1 to May 26

Season passes can be purchased

at the Derby Recreation Center,

801 E. Market.

Season Pass Scholarship Program

Derby residents who meet the income eligibility guidelines for reduced lunches at USD 260 schools will receive 25% discount off each season pass. Those who meet income eligibility requirements for free lunches will receive a 50% discount for each season pass.

Group Rates

\$5 for adults (18 and up)

\$4 for youth (3-17)

Hours of Operation

Monday thru Friday

12:30 pm - 8 pm

Saturday & Sunday

12:30 pm - 7 pm

For more information, log onto

www.rockriversrapids.com.

Questions? Call the DRC at

788-3781.



Area Recreational Efforts

Two area organizations are working to deliver additional recreational services to the Wichita metro area, including the City of Derby.

The City of Wichita and the Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks formed a coalition to fund development of a master plan for recreational access to the Arkansas River. The Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan (ARCAP) project partners believe the Arkansas River can become one of the longest (100 mile) recreational access systems in Kansas and perhaps the U.S.

For more information or to get involved with this project, visit www.visioneeringwichita.com/arkriveraccess

WAMPO, also known as the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, leading various efforts to improve the

quality of life in the Wichita metro area, including the Regional Pathway System Plan.

This plan establishes a backbone pathway system to connect existing and future bicycle and pedestrian paths throughout the metropolitan area. The plan was developed as a cooperative effort that included extensive participation by various stakeholders, including WAMPO, federal, state and transit agency representatives, pathway users and 21 local jurisdictions throughout the region.

The plan is designed to enhance connectivity, improve safety and encourage bicycling and walking to destinations.

For more information or to get involved, visit www.wampopathways.org

Rock River Rapids Sales Tax Update

In November 2002, Derby voters approved a 1/2 cent city-wide sales tax to provide for the construction of an aquatic park, the operation and maintenance of the park, and to fund a \$1.5 million reserve fund.

General Obligation Bond Series 2003-A in the amount of \$7.0 million was issued to finance the construction of the Rock River Rapids Aquatic Park.

Due to commercial development that occurred after the bonds were issued, sales tax collections have exceeded initial estimates at the time of debt issuance.

In February 2005, the governing body directed the establishment of a bond redemption account on the city's ledger within the Sales Tax Revenue Fund. Revenues from sales tax and interest proceeds totaling \$1,508,110 have been deposited to this account as of December 31, 2006.

The Finance Department developed a model of the Sales Tax Revenue Fund activity over the life of the bond issue. Based upon projected sales tax revenues and expenditures, the bond redemption account will be used to defease the 2003-A Series bond earlier than the current June, 1, 2017 maturity.

The city's financial advisor, Piper Jaffray & Company, has developed an analysis reflecting a defeasance date of February 1, 2010. In order to defease the bonds, an escrow account would be established with the proceeds of the bond redemption account and then used to retire the non-callable bonds at maturity.

Once the bonds are defeased, the sales tax would sunset at the end of the quarter or March 31, 2010, based up on the assumptions in this analysis. Both the February and March dates are estimates and are subject to change.

pw & parks news briefs

Patriot Avenue Signage

The City of Derby Sign Shop produced 16 "Patriot Avenue" signs for the formerly named 63rd Street. Signage was installed during the week of February 26.

Equipment Maintenance

The Parks & Streets Division employees repainted 23 pieces of equipment this winter. Painting equipment is preventive maintenance and preservation. It improves the overall appearance throughout the years.

Prepping the Park

In the months leading up to the opening of Rock River Rapids, City Public Works and Parks crews will repaint the pools, spruce up the landscaping, ensure that the water filters and pumps are working correctly and much more. Many hours of preparation are needed to open the water park and keep all equipment in good working order.

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

1st Wednesday @ 1 pm, Senior Center

News Briefs

Summer Concert Series

The Derby Recreation Commission's free Summer Concert Series will be held three consecutive Saturday evenings in June at the High Park Amphitheater.



The dates are as follows:

June 16: Bluegrass and Country

June 23: Rock-n-Roll

June 30: Blues

It will be a perfect place to gather on beautiful summer evenings with friends and family. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs.

Bands and times will be announced at a later date! Check your local papers or www.derbyrec.com for more information.

The DRC received a \$2,500 Community Enrichment Grant from the City of Derby to help sponsor this new and exciting event.

Recycling Update

Abitibi Recycling, which was advertised in the December 2006 newsletter, is no longer providing recycling services at area schools.



Waste Connections Recycling has stepped up to provide similar recycling services. The company will accept office paper, school paper and junk mail in their bins along with magazines and catalogs.

There is a recycling bin located at the Rock Road Dillons (317 N. Rock Rd.) in the southwest part of the parking lot. Residents may also drop off newspaper and aluminum cans at this location.

If you have questions, contact Sedgwick County Environmental Resources at 660-7200.

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